



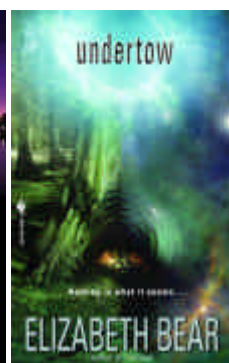
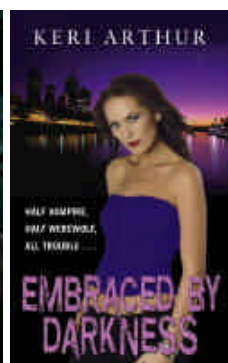
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Featured Books



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Dan Abnett

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Lois McMaster Bujold

Kylie Chan

Jasper Fford

Sergei Lukyanenko

Battlestar Galatica

C J Cherryh

Joanne Harris

The Company of the Dead, a new time travel story in trade paperback.

The Saint, the second Gaunt's Ghosts omnibus from Warhammer 40K.

Embraced by Darkness, a new Rile Jensen paperback.

Undertow, in paperback.

Miles, Mutants and Microbes, a hardcover omnibus.

Blue Dragon, Dark Heaven 3 in paperback.

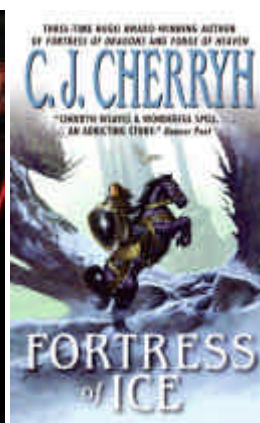
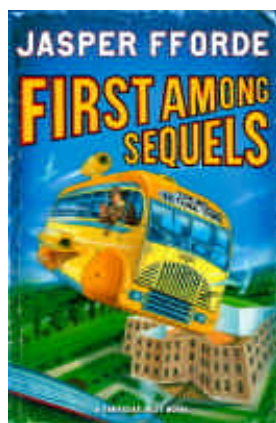
First Among Sequels, Thursday Next book 5, in trade and hardcover.

The Twilight Watch, Night Watch 3 in trade and hardcover.

Battlestar Galatica Role Playing Game Corebook

Fortress of Ice, in paperback.

Runmarks, in trade paperback.



News

Kevin J Anderson and Rebecca Moesta will be visiting Infinitas 26th September. Details will be posted on our forums at: <http://infinitas.com.au/forums/viewtopic.php?t=769>

The Colour of Magic is to be made into a TV miniseries.

Elizabeth Moon and Anne McCaffrey were both named winners of the Robert A. Heinlein Award, for works of science fiction that inspire human exploration of space.

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.

***Runemarks* by Joanne Harris, reviewed by Hayden**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385611312>

Runemarks is set in a world loosely based on Norse mythology. Ragnarok has come and gone 500 hundred years earlier. The world has moved on and the gods are no longer revered as once they were. A young girl, Maddy grows up in a small village dominated by the Order, a quasi-religious group that has arisen since the time of Ragnarok. She has been born with a rune on her arm, a sign of the old gods, and as a result is an outcast amongst her own people. She has no friends in the village... in fact, there is only one person that she considers to be a friend, the Outlander simply known as One-Eye. One-Eye is a stranger to the village, a wanderer who travels around the world. He has taught Maddy the old, forbidden knowledge... runes, cantrips, glamours and enchantments. However, now One-Eye wants Maddy to open the gate upon Red Horse Hill and to descend to the World Below. If she doesn't... it could be the end of all she knows.

The book is targeted towards younger readers and it follows a basic and well worn pattern in fantasy. A young child, unaware of their destiny... a mysterious old person who turns out to be much more than they first seem to be... a world on the brink of destruction. The story flows along smoothly, the book is an easy read and as such it is not hard to follow the events as they occur.

However, having said all of that, I did enjoy reading this book. It was an enjoyable break from the usual convoluted plotlines that are found in the multi-book series that dominate fantasy nowadays. Also, as it is a standard alone novel and not part of a series, it makes for a nice change not to have to wait for years to be able to reach the end of the story.

***The Man With the Golden Torc* by Simon R Green, reviewed by Greame**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575079397>

This book centres around a character who uses with the pseudonym Shaman Bond. From the outset it tries to be a parody of the James Bond character set in a world where daemons, elves, witches and worse secretly influence our modern world. Shamans job is to secretly protect humankind and eliminate these nasties. This much is much is given away by the back cover.

The book is fast paced and the dialogue is extremely entertaining. The characters can tend to be a bit over the top, with some of the powers these characters possess, and the damage they do making the whole concept of secrecy very implausible. It is a light entertaining read that is fast paced full of magical gadgets, characters that tend to be one dimensional and a plot line interwoven with both humor and predictability.

The style that Green has used here is different than his Deathstalker series. It is lighter with more magic and humor and it takes itself far less seriously.

So as long as you don't expect too much of this book and are looking for some escapism, this book is worth the portion of your life that you lose reading it.

I know I will be getting and reading the sequel "Daemons are Forever"

***The Company of the Dead* by David Kowalski, reviewed by Tim**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781405038041>

This is a time travel thriller with science fiction elements. It is firstly a suspense mystery with secrets and cold war espionage, and a conspiracy of staggering ambition, but at the core of the story is time travel. Most of the story is set in an alternate near future earth, of similar technical level to ours but with refreshingly different science applications. I was a little perplexed that an Australian writer would set most of the story in America, even if an alternate America, not the USA. However, one could argue that the past 100 years or so has seen the rise of America and as this story shows, history could easily have been different. Kowalski has Germany still triumphant from the Great War and Japan its major rival. North America has suffered proxy wars and partitioning. The plot repeatedly revisits the sinking of the Titanic and follows the unfolding understanding of its significance to the protagonists. Some are subverted to be true believers, some go mad and some oppose because they cannot understand.

There are many characters and this can get confusing, but their ranks thin as the plot thickens. Once I was well inducted into Kowalski's world (say 100 pages) I was as hooked as I would be to a Matthew Reilly action adventure. This is of very different style, however, and reminded me of "Ash" by Mary Gentle, "The Scar" by China Meville and "Marrow" by Robert Reid. In his storytelling, he achieves where many new writers fail, he shows rather than tells. There is plenty of exposition, but it is in the action that we see the characters develop. His medical background shows in some of the language use, but appropriately as when we read from the perspective of a character who is a doctor. The story jumps often in perspective from character to character and has many short chapters. This reminded me of the flicker of old B&W newsreels, as it imparts a sense of history happening, with the flickering unknowability of historical fine details. After all, who knows what really happened on board the Titanic, and how the 20th century could have turned out, and what conspiracies are true.

***New Moon* by Stephenie Meyer, reviewed by Lynn**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781904233879>

A vampire love story filled with the angst and innocence of first love. 'New Moon' by Stephenie Meyer is the sequel to 'Twilight' and continues the tale of Isabella Swan's romance with Edward Cullen, her new friendship with Jacob, an old friend, and the choices she needs to make for her life to work. Edward happens to be a vampire; one of the good guys who feeds on animals, not people. Jacob is not quite what he seems either; the one thing he and Edward have in common is their love for Isabella. Dealing with high school, relationships and a quick trip to Italy to save her true love, Isabella's life is certainly anything but dull.

'New Moon' and 'Twilight' are both written for the teen market with the emotional extremes that characterise relationships during this age. If you enjoy LJ Smith's 'Vampire Diaries' and 'Nightworld' series, then these books are definitely worth picking up.

Diacon

By R J Astruc

The Diacon sprite was fraying his nerves—but then they always did get snappy when they thought you were trying to shut them down.

It stood behind Singh with its tiny hands on its hips, its patent-leather shoes floating above the runnel of cracked concrete he'd had to claw through to rip out her surveillance connections. Physically it looked like a little girl—they were *always* little girls. A fluffy 'fro stuck up around her head, a bow stuck on the right side. The bow was pink; the bows were *always* pink. Singh had met ex-sprite programmers before and wasn't surprised.

He slid under the primary Diacon console on his back, feeling more like an automechanic than ever, and used a broken aircon grate to jimmy open the sprite's systems. A quake had shattered most circuits, but the sprite's main functions remained intact, a tiny prism of code gleaming amidst multicoloured wires.

"I order you to stop right now," said the sprite. It was speaking in English now; it had previously tried Hindi to no avail. "Otherwise I'll be forced to take serious action."

"If you could have taken 'serious action' you'd have done so by now, kiddo. But don't worry, I'll get what's coming to me. How much radiation are you emitting right now?" He diddled her circuits one-handed, slowly undermining her perfect tech-qi with data-blocks as sharp and fine as acupuncture needles. "In five years when I get leukaemia, I'll go out cursing your name and karma."

"I couldn't be nuclear." She was offended by the suggestion. Singh guessed the last time someone had switched her on had been when the power stations in Mumbai started combusting. Maybe the fall-out had reached as far as Diacon by then; she would have seen pieces of the city raining down around her, dust and ashes that glowed like false stars at night. "I'm responsible for... for *lives*."

Lives. There was a familiar tinge of despair in her voice. Singh had heard it from other sprites he'd woken. There was always that moment when they realised that they'd failed, that their systems had been destroyed by a combination of quakes, pulses and the apocalyptic Mumbai nuke-plosion. That the people they'd been protecting had died. That their reason for existing was gone.

Most of them decommissioned themselves after that, flicking whatever internal *off* switch they used to commit electronic suicide. Singh had hopes for this one though—the more indignant a sprite was, the more likely it'd stick around. "What did Diacon do? Medical?" he asked.

"Cryogenic." The sprite started to pace—he heard the tinny, fake sound of her audio simulating foot falls.

"I suppose they're all *really* dead now." She laughed unexpectedly. "Not that anyone would want to come back to life in this burnt out old world."

Singh sighed. His old sprite, Millie, had been a pleasant kid, too polite to talk about human mortality, who sang when he was feeling down. She'd come from a children's hospital in Beijing; being *nice* was part of her core module. Evidently the Diacon sprite's programmers had no such construction requirements. "We get by," he muttered.

The sprite snickered. "Barely. Look at you, dressed in rags, breaking into a broken-down cryogenics factory to survive... Wait. What on earth do you need from me anyway?"

"My truck's broke. Need spare parts."

"Your *truck*?" Now she was really offended. "I may have been officially out of order for over a decade, but I'm still a multi-million dollar corporate sprite with a 98% perfect artificial intelligence. I co-ordinated one of the largest cryogenic networks in the world. They wrote an article about me in *Time* magazine. And you want to steal bits of me to stick in your stupid truck?"

"It's not a stupid truck." With the last data-block squeezed snugly into place, Singh plugged in a hard drive and started the file-shift. He crawled out from underneath the console to find the sprite glaring down at him. Up close she was visibly translucent. He could see dusty health and safety signs behind her, slightly distorted like objects viewed through a balloon. "It's a clever automated truck—or it used to be, before some punks with a pulse-gun fried out Millie. I needed a new sprite fast and Diacon was on my way."

"Wait. You're stealing *me*? For your car..." The sprite looked thoughtful. "Like... in *Nightrider*?"

"With you, kid? More like *Christine*."

She pouted, then blinked out of vision for a second as the file shift finished, and reappeared four metres away looking out of focus and two dimensional. Sprite in a travel bag, Singh thought, scooping up the hard drive. She grumbled as she followed him, unhappy in her stripped-down form, but Singh could tell the idea of being his onboard AI appealed to her. Maybe it was the thought of being useful to a living human for once, even if he did have to live in *this burnt out old world*. Or maybe, more likely, her cryogenic programming had instructed her to preserve human life, no matter how desperate things looked.

Singh grinned. He could work with that.



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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 6th September: Companion animals in science fiction.

Thursday 4th October: Anti-Heroes

Thursday 1st November: The Lure of the Apocalypse

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 16th August:

John Marsden *Tomorrow When The War Began* (SF)

Karen Miller *Empress of Mijak* (F)

Thursday 20th September:

Glenda Larke *The Aware* (F)

China M ieville *The Scar* (SF&F)

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

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/WritersGroup.php>

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

Bestsellers for July

General Release

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	J K Rowling
Renegade's Magic	Robin Hobb
For a Few Demons More	Kim Harrison
Final Impact	John Birmingham *
Reaper's Gale	Steven Erikson
Sharing Knife: Legacy	Lois McMaster Bujold
Ghost Brigades	John Scalzi
Safe Harbour	Christine Feehan
Forest Mage	Robin Hobb
James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion *	
	* Australian titles

Media and Games Related Titles

Fulgrim	Warhammer 40,000
Roswell	Stargate SG-1
Galaxy in Flames	Warhammer 40,000
Sacrifice	Star Wars
Made of Steel	Doctor Who
Rebel Winter	Warhammer 40,000
Horus Rising	Warhammer 40,000
Flight of the Eisenstein	Warhammer 40,000
Brothers of the Snake	Warhammer 40,000
False Gods	Warhammer 40,000

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Hell Beasts

A detailed manual covers everything readers need to start drawing a plethora of gruesome creatures, including tips on tools, setup, references, and getting started, as well as more than twenty-five step-by-step demonstrations for drawing a variety of fearsome beasts, including goblins, zombies, demons, and more. **TP \$40.95**

How to Draw Fantasy Art: Dragons **PB \$19.99**

How to Draw fantasy Art: Magical Kings and Queens **PB \$19.99**

How to Draw Fantasy Art: Orcs, Elves and Dwarves **PB \$19.99**

Michael Dobrzycki

Dragons: Art of Drawing **PB \$34.95**

Sunny

Lucinda, Darkly (Demon Princess Chronicles)

After centuries of boredom and darkness, Lucinda, daughter of the High Lord of Hell, is suddenly confronted by an erotic new reality when she encounters Stefan, a warrior of the Monère, whose love forces her to choose between the world of the living and the dead. By the author of *Mona Lisa Blossoming*. **TP \$28.95**

Daniel Abraham

A Shadow in Summer (Long Price Quartet 01)

A business manager, her apprentice, and a pair of outskirters become the only protectors of a financially powerful, technologically advanced city that is being threatened by the conquering armies of Galt, which are plotting against the city's top citizen, the poet-sorcerer Heshai. **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Amber

Nicholas (Lords of Satyr)

Nicholas, the heir to a vineyard in Tuscany and the last in an ancient line of satyr men, is forced by the dying king of ElseWorld to marry his half-human, half-faerie daughter, who, eager to learn his carnal secrets, makes him realize that he can be satisfied by just one woman. **APB \$26.95**

Kevin J Anderson

Of Fire and Night (Saga of Seven Suns 05)

After many years of hardship and bravery, the human race faces its greatest challenge. The sweeping war between titanic races -- a conflict that has obliterated planets, extinguished entire stars, exterminated whole races -- is reaching its end game. Allies become betrayers, strangers become fast friends, and enemies clash in a struggle that will rock the galaxy.

For years, the alien Klikiss robots have pretended to be humanity's friends, but their seeming help" has allowed them to plant an insidious Trojan Horse throughout the Earth Defence Forces, and the sudden rebellion of Earth's own companies leaves millions dead and the Terran Hanseatic League defenceless. In a desperate attempt to save his own race, the Ildiran Mage-Imperator Jora'h is forced into a devil's bargain with the evil hydrogues, which will require him to ambush and destroy what remains of the human race. But the gypsy Roamer clans and the green priests of the towering worldforest -- scattered stepchildren of humanity -- have found innovative ways to fight, as well as strange allies of incomprehensible power. As the climactic battle is engaged, the Ildiran Solar Navy, the Earth Defence Forces, the Roamers, green priests, Klikiss robots, and hydrogue warglobes collide in a fury that will destroy many and change the landscape of the Spiral Arm forever. **APB \$21.95**

Virginia Andrews

If There Be Thorns (Flowers in the Attic 03)

The family were now living as far as possible from the haunting scenes of their past, and, in the sunshine and joy of their new life, with the children and their shared love, were trying to forget the anguish of their loveless inheritance. But the hidden secrets of the past rose up to trouble them. Their parents' dark heritage began to haunt them once more. The rage and hatred they felt returned to torment and twist the next generation. It was only if they could forgive their mother and forgo their final revenge, that peace could at last return to the family **APB \$19.95**

Seeds of Yesterday (Flowers in the Attic 04)

Cathy and Chris, haunted by the tragedies and sins of the past, return at last to Foxworth Hall where they were hidden so long ago. Despite every endeavour, they find that they are prisoners of a past they cannot escape, and with a terrifying certainty, the past comes back to prey upon them once more... *Seeds of Yesterday*: the final, heartbreaking story in the compelling saga that began with *Flowers in the Attic*. **APB \$19.95**

Christopher Anvil

The Trouble with Humans

Alien invaders are baffled when it comes to trying to take over humankind and their planet, as they find themselves dealing with pollution, below-zero temperatures, flash floods, tornados, earthquakes, volcanoes, and other natural disasters--not to mention human belligerence and ingenuity.

TP \$30.95

Jennifer Armintrout

Ashes to Ashes (Blood Ties 03)

When the Voluntary Vampire Extinction Movement headquarters are destroyed and the horrific Oracle is freed to wreak havoc, it is a race against time to stop the Oracle before she joins forces with the Soul Eater, a bloodthirsty alliance that could threaten the very existence of all humankind. **APB \$17.95**

Keri Arthur Australian Author

Embraced By Darkness (Riley Jensen)

Just when guardian Riley Jensen thought her life was getting back on track, fate throws another curve ball. The alpha of her estranged pack - and the man who tried to kill her by throwing her off a mountainside - demands her help to find his missing granddaughter. Riley would love to refuse, but if she does, her mother dies. And if that isn't enough, something is tearing humans to shreds, and it's up to Riley to track down the killer before another soul is embraced by darkness... **APB \$19.95**

Neal Asher*Hilldiggers*

During a war between two planets in the same solar system – each occupied by adapted humans – what is thought to be a cosmic superstring is discovered. After being cut, this object collapses into four cylindrical pieces, each about the size of a tube train. Each is densely packed with either alien technology or some kind of life. They are placed for safety in three ozark cylinders of a massively secure space station. There a female research scientist subsequently falls pregnant, and gives birth to quads. Then she commits suicide – but why?

By the end of the war one of the contesting planets has been devastated by the hilldiggers – giant space dreadnoughts employing weapons capable of creating mountain ranges. The quads have meanwhile grown up and are assuming positions of power in the post-war society. One of them will eventually gain control of the awesome hilldiggers... **HC \$59.95**

James Axler*Satan's Seed (Outlanders 42)*

The Cerberus warriors are confronted by the most terrifying ordeal of their career as they discover dangerous secrets that link alien technology, Nazi time-travel experiments, the occult, and a horrific 260-year-old nightmare that has been brought through time as part of a ruthless quest for ultimate power. **APB \$16.95**

Elizabeth Bear*Undertow*

On a remoted, frontier planet, hired assassin André Deschênes wants nothing more than to escape his murderous past and to find someone who can teach him the art of conjuring--the ability to manipulate odds and control probability--only to discover that his latest target is the lover of the one person who can help him escape his past. **APB \$17.95**

David Bilborough*The Wanderer's Tale*

Many generations ago the arctic stronghold of Drauglir was destroyed. Five hundred years later, rumours spread of the evil demigod's second coming, with terrible consequences for the world of Lindormyn. In the remote northern town of Nordwas, a ramshackle group is assembled by the ambitious warrior Nibulus, under the guidance of a mage-priest, to set off on the long and perilous journey back to Melhus to ensure that Drauglir is properly dispatched this time round.

This quest includes two foreign mercenaries, three bickering priests, a young esquire... And, last but not least, Bolldhe the unsociable "wanderer". Their eventful progress through a desolate terrain regularly embroils them with a wide array of races, creatures, giants and sorcerers – and with terrifying adventures which will affect each of them differently. **HC \$45**

David Bishop*Fiends of the Rising Sun (Fiends of the Eastern Front 04)*

This exciting new novel reveals the involvement of Japanese vampyrs in the Pacific War, from the build-up to the devastating attack upon Pearl harbor to American troops landing at Guadalcanal eight months later. Seen through the eyes of US Marines, sailors and pilots as they battle against an enemy that would rather die than admit defeat. But in this war, death is where the hell truly begins... **APB \$16**

Annette Blair*Sex and the Psychic Witch*

When a Celtic ring leads her to the Paxton castle on the coast of Salem, Massachusetts, psychic Harmony Cartwright, a buyer for her sister's curio shop, sees love in her future when she tries to convince the castle's sexy new owner that the property is being haunted by an angry ghost.

APB \$17.95

Gary A Braunbeck*Mr Hands*

When Lucy discovers that her late daughter's doll is actually a living, terrifying being with horrific power, she unleashes him on the man responsible for her daughter's murder, as well as on others whom she thinks deserve to die. **APB \$17.95**

Patricia Bray*The Sea Change (Betrayal 02)*

With his soul magically transplanted into the body of Prince Lucius, the condemned leader of a failed rebellion against the rightful rulers of Ikaria, Josan finds himself the prime suspect in the vicious slaughter of the Ikarian royal family--and the sole remaining legitimate heir to the throne--in the sequel to *The First Betrayal*. **APB \$17.95**

Terry Brooks*Armageddon's Children (Genesis of Shannara 01)*

Fifty years from now, our world is unrecognisable. Pollution and warfare have poisoned the skies, the water and the soil. Pockets of society still exist, living in highly fortified strongholds, while those outside the walls roam the landscape - either predator or prey. But even these isolated compounds are not safe; armies of demons and once-men assault their defences, and inevitably, one by one, they succumb. Civilisation has fallen and anarchy is the only law. Logan Tom and Angel Perez are the last two Knights to stand against the forces of chaos. These two extraordinary people have the ability to resist the dark tide, and to them will fall twin tasks: to find and protect a very old and a very new magic. They are humanity's last hope. Although the odds are stacked against them, Logan and Angel have the power to halt the destruction of the Old World. It will be up to others to usher in the New. **BPB \$22.95**

Mark Budz*Till Human Voices Wake Us (Idolon 02)*

Three desperate people, separated by time--a brain-damaged soul in near-future California, a Depression-era San Francisco architect with an inoperable brain tumor, and a post-human space traveler trapped by a cosmic accident--hold the key to preserving the future. **APB \$17.95**

Lois McMaster Bujold*Miles, Mutants and Microbes (Vorkosigan)*

When engineer Leo Graff discovers hundreds of helpless children called quaddies being exploited for corporate gain on Cay Habitat, he must teach them the meaning of freedom, in the Nebula-winning novel *Falling Free*, and in *Diplomatic Immunity*, Imperial Auditor Lord Miles Vorkosigan and his wife are called in to untangle a series of diplomatic snafus, treachery, conflicting loyalties, and dark secrets before it is too late. **HC \$38.95**

Lois McMaster Bujold*Borders of Infinity (Vorkosigan Anthology)*Contains the short stories The Mountains of Mourning, Labyrinth and Borders of Infinity **HC \$55****Emma Bull***Territory*A historical fantasy by the author of War of the Oaks finds late-nineteenth-century college student Jesse Fox summoned by a magician friend to the western city of Tombstone, where he witnesses the supernatural powers of such figures as Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp. **HC \$51.95****L G Burbank***The Soulless (Lords of Darkness 01)***APB \$17.95****Rachel Caine***Thin Air (Weather Warden 06)*After preventing Mother Earth from destroying the planet, weather warden Joanne Baldwin loses her memories at the hands of a vengeful djinn and, finding her tenuous grip on life slipping fast, must recover her identity before she disappears into thin air. **APB \$17.95****Jeff Carlson***Plague Year*When the nanotechnology designed to fight cancer evolves into a machine plague, killing nearly five billion people, a group of survivors, struggling to stay alive, places their faith in a top nanotech researcher who has discovered the plague's one weakness. **APB \$19.95****Jack Cavanaugh***Hideous Beauty (Kingdom Wars 01)*Seeking out a long-time rival in the hopes of flaunting his recent Pulitzer Prize, Grant Austin experiences a spiritual epiphany that proves the existence of angels and reveals how he has been set up to participate in an assassination plot targeting the president. **TP \$26.95****Kylie Chan Australian Author***Blue Dragon (Dark Heavens 03)*The forces of Hell are poised to strike... When Emma's relatives come to visit her, they are totally freaked out by what they learn... Emma's beloved, John Chen, is a 3000 year old Chinese god. Not only that, John is becoming weaker by the day. Demons pursue him relentlessly, hoping to use Emma, and his child, Simone, as bargaining tools against him. Emma battles to defend Simone as John's energy is drained by the effort of both living in the mortal world and protecting them. While Emma is nagged by doubts about her own nature, she must find the courage to go on. **APB \$20.99****C J Cherryh***Fortress of Ice (Fortress)*A new installment of the popular series that began with Fortress in the Eye of Time follows the newly crowned Cefwyn, whose efforts to rebuild his kingdom are challenged by a sinister force that threatens the land's precarious peace through Cefwyn's own son. **APB \$19.95****Patricia Clapp***Jane-Emily*Restored to print after more than thirty years, a classic supernatural tale follows the story of Jane, a nine-year-old orphan, who spends a New England summer with her aunt and grandmother, only to encounter the spirit of another girl who once lived in the house, a ghost that becomes desperate to keep Jane with her. **TP \$26.95****Steve Cockayne***The Good People*A dark fantasy novel for young readers from one of Britain's most highly acclaimed new fantasy writers. Deep in the English countryside, Kenneth Storey and his older brother have discovered the land of Arboria - a kingdom of adventure waiting for them through a gate in the garden wall. As the world outside plunges deeper into global conflict, the Arborians wage their own war against the Barbarians - an ancient foe seemingly as old as the forest itself. But for Kenneth, Arboria is more than a world of make-believe and the Barbarians more than a figment of his imagination. For Kenneth, Arboria is more important than the real world... and perhaps, in some ways, he may be right. **BPB \$16.95****Allan Cole***When the Gods Slept (Timuras Trilogy 01)*A best-selling author takes readers into a fantastical and deadly realm where they will meet an unforgettable cast of characters. **APB \$17.95****Cecilia Dart-Thornton Australian Author***Weatherwitch (Crowthistle Chronicles 03)*

Asrathiel, once Astariel, grand daughter of the Stormlord of Ellenhall, has come of age and received her title of weathermage. As she sets out into the world, her happiness is marred only by her inability to wake her mother from the enchanted sleep that holds her captive, and by curious visits from a perverse yet intriguing faerie-creature.

But rumblings of discontent have begun to circulate in the Four Kingdoms of Tir: the bandits known as the Marauders are attacking the populace with greater frequency, and taxes are being raised to fund the defence against them. Then the people begin, seemingly unprovoked, to turn against the weathermasters, whom they have always held in such high esteem... **APB \$19.95****L Sprague De Camp & Fletcher Pratt***Mathematics of Magic: The Enchanter Stories of de Camp and Pratt (Enchanter)*Table of Contents: Introduction by Christopher Stasheff; The Roaring Trumpet; The Mathematics of Magic; The Castle of Iron; The Wall of Serpents (aka The Enchanter Completed); The Green Magician; Fletcher and I; Sir Harold and the Gnome King (L. Sprague de Camp); Sir Harold of Zodanga (L. Sprague de Camp); Arming the Incomplete Enchanter by Jerry Pournelle; An Enchanter Bibliography. **HC \$60**

David Devereux*Hunter's Moon*

'My name is unimportant, but you can call me Jack. I'm a musician by choice, a magician by profession and a bastard by disposition. I'd been doing the magic thing for about five years when they found me. They said I had a talent, that I was smart enough and fit enough and enough of a shit that I could serve my country in a way most people never even get to hear about. And I did want to serve my country, didn't I? I didn't want to contemplate what might happen if I said no.' And so Jack found himself on the front line of a secret war that most people wouldn't believe was possible, working for a secret organisation tasked with defending the country from whatever supernatural threat faces it. Whether wiping out a group of demon summoners, infiltrating a coven determined to assassinate the Prime Minister or rooting out a Neo-Nazi sect who are trying to bring Hitler back from the dead, Jack is a very modern magician - trained in a variety of dark arts but also skilled in unarmed combat and electronic surveillance.

TP \$32.95 HC \$55

Arthur Conan Doyle*The Lost World*

High above the Amazon rainforest lies the hidden dangers of a lost world... Ed Malone, a reporter for the London Journal, is convinced by the larger-than-life Professor Challenger to join him on a scientific expedition to explore a hidden plateau in the depths of the Amazon, that remains frozen in a time when dinosaurs still roamed the earth. Seemingly impossible to penetrate, this lost world holds great danger for the expedition team, as they become embroiled in a war between a tribe of Indians and brutal ape-men, and surrounded by terrifying prehistoric creatures. **BPB \$12.95**

David Drake*The Mirror of Worlds (Crown of the Isles 03)*

A conclusion to the trilogy that began with *The Fortress of Glass* finds the kingdom of the Isles in the throes of a magical upheaval that causes the ocean to recede, a situation that reveals the Isles to be a high ground on a broader continent with past and future ties. **HC \$52.95**

Steven Erikson*Memories of Ice (Malazan 03)*

A third volume of the fantasy epic that began with *Gardens of the Moon* finds the uneasy alliance between Onearm's army and Whiskeyjack's Bridgeburners against the Pannion Domin empire further challenged by rumors that the Crippled God has escaped and is out for revenge. **HC \$56.95**

Ian Cameron Esslemont*Night of Knives (Malazan)*

It gave the Empire its name, but the tiny island and city of Malaz is now a sleepy, seedy back-water port. However this night things are a little different. This night its residents are bustling about, barring doors and shuttering windows. Because this night a once-in-a-generation Shadow Moon is due and threatens the good citizens of Malaz with demon hounds and other, darker, beings...

And it was also prophesied that on this night the Emperor Kellanved, missing for all these years, will return. As factions within the greater Empire battle over the imperial throne, the Shadow Moon summons a far more alien and ancient presence for an all-out assault upon the island. Indeed the cataclysmic events that happen this night will determine the fate of the Malaz and of the entire world beyond. **TP \$32.95**

David Farland*Sons of the Oak (Runelords 05)*

Eight years after the events of *The Lair of the Bones*, the death of Gaborn, the supernatural Earth King, ignites a revolution sparked by powerful immortal beings who are targeting Gaborn's son Fallion, whose potential power could transform the world. **APB \$19.95**

Jasper Fforde*First Among Sequels (Thursday Next 05)*

Fourteen years after *Thursday Next* pegged out at Superhoop '88, her Jurisdiction job has been downgraded due to a potential conflict of interest, since her previous adventures are now themselves in print. Thursday's time is spent worrying about her teenage son Friday and tutoring new recruits. This being fiction, however, jeopardy is never far away. Sherlock Holmes is killed at the Rheinbach falls and his series is stopped in its tracks. Before this can be righted, Miss Marple dies in a narratively inexplicable car accident, bringing her series also to a close. Thursday, receiving a death-threat clearly intended for her written self, realises what is going on - there is a serial killer is loose in the Bookworld. Meanwhile, Goliath have perfected a 22-seater Prose Portal Luxury Coach, and plan on taking literary tourists on a holiday to the works of Jane Austen. Thursday alone realises the true intent of Goliath's unwanted incursions into fiction, but she can't fight all these battles at the same time - or can she?

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F Scott Fitzgerald*The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*

A stand-alone edition of the thought-provoking Fitzgerald short story follows the adventures of Benjamin Button, who is born as an old man and who ages backward so that, at the end of his life, he is a baby. **TP \$22.95**

Eric Flint & Dave Freer*Pyramid Power (Pyramid 02)*

The alien pyramidal device sent by the invading Krin to dominate Earth has been sitting inactive in the middle of Chicago, until a power-hungry Washington bureaucrat sends the survivors of the first expedition back into the pyramid, which hurtles them into the world of the Norse gods.

HC \$49.95

Alan Dean Foster*The Candle of Distant Earth*

Location is everything. In Chicago, Marcus Walker was a hotshot commodities broker. In the cargo hold of the alien Vilenjji spaceship, he and a laconic dog named George, who has been speech-enhanced to increase his value, are just two more primitive creatures being shipped to the civilized part of the universe, where the market for cuddly extraterrestrial "pets" is busting wide open.

Though Walker and George manage to escape, man and dog are far from overjoyed, being even farther from Earth-billions of miles, in fact-and without a clue as to whether the direction home is up, down, or sideways. Possessing universe-level social skills, Walker becomes the leader of his own armada. Yet even a fleet commander is hard pressed to find a piece of space that no one's ever heard of, much less cares to find.

To make matters worse, it seems the Vilenjji are proving to be notoriously sore losers. Even if Walker does pull off the impossible and pinpoint his needle of a solar system in the universe haystack, there's a good chance that the unrelenting Vilenjji will get to him before he ever gets to Wrigley Field. Yep, it's a wide-open universe out there, bursting with possibilities- and Walker's going to get hit with all of them. **APB \$14.95**

Neil Gaiman

Stardust CD

This complete and unabridged audiobook is read by the author Neil Gaiman himself. It is 6 hours in length and includes 5 CD's. Life moves at a leisurely pace in the tiny town of Wall - named after the imposing stone barrier which separates the town from a grassy meadow. Here, young Tristan Thorn has lost his heart to the beautiful Victoria Forester and for the coveted prize of her hand, Tristan vows to retrieve a fallen star and deliver it to his beloved. It is an oath that sends him over the ancient wall and into a world that is dangerous and strange beyond imagining... **CD \$45**

David Gerrold

The Involuntary Human

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Rob Grant

Colony

The far future, deep space: the remnants of the human race are in trouble. They have decided that Dr Piers Morton is their last hope for rescue from a nasty, messy death.

There is a problem though.

Not only is Dr Morton not the man the crew of the Willflower think he is, but he isn't even the man they have mistaken for Morton. That's OK though, because his real identity is that of a total loser who was until recently trying to avoid being chucked out of a high window by a psychopath with terrible socks.

So Eddie O'Hare was distinctly relieved to swap places with an important man on an amazing mission to colonize a far-off planet. Definitely an improvement on defenestration. Though perhaps not much of an improvement, given that Eddie has just woken up to find that he is now just a head in a jar attached to a malfunctioning robotic body, has misplaced several centuries, and is stuck on a huge, badly-damaged spaceship staffed by a collection of inbred madmen and idiot clones. Who are looking to him to save them and humanity itself . . . **PB \$18.95**

Susan Grant

How to Lose an Extraterrestrial in 10 Days

Rescued from a thug by a tall, handsome stranger, Evie Holloway, a suburban soccer mom and proprietor of a fledgling chocolate business, accepts Reef's offer to protect her in exchange for hiding him from his pursuers, only to discover that her unlikely rescuer is an extraterrestrial hitman on the run. **APB \$17.95**

Joe Haldeman

The Accidental Time Machine

Working as a lowly research assistant at MIT, grad-school dropout Matt Fuller is working on a project to measure quantum forces related to time changes in gravity and electromagnetic force, when his calibrator is transformed into a time machine, which Matt decides to use to escape his dead-end job and a romantic break-up. **HC \$49.95**

A Separate War and Other Stories

Spanning more than thirty-five years in the writing career of the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author, a collection of short fiction includes fifteen never-before-collected stories that feature such works as his first sold tale, "Out of Phase," and "For White Hill," based on a Shakespeare sonnet. **APB \$19.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

Danse Macabre (Anita Blake 13)

The thirteenth book in the New York Times bestselling Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter series: sharp, sassy, sexy and bloody good fun. Anita Blake should be concentrating on a dangerous situation: the ardeur, the sexual power that flows between Anita and Jean-Claude, Master Vampire of the City - and Richard, the volatile werewolf who loves her passionately - is reaching new levels, perhaps evolving into something entirely new. It seems to be choosing new lovers for Anita, acting with a will of its own. The unexpected effect of this is that Jean-Claude's own powers as a Master Vampire have grown to new levels - and Richard, always unpredictable, is changing too. However, as the days pass Anita finds herself less interested in vampire politics than in an altogether more personal concern. She may be pregnant. And if she is, whether the father is a vampire, a werewolf or something else entirely, she knows full well that being a Federal Marshall, known for raising the dead and executing vampires, is no way to bring up a baby... **APB \$21.95**

Warren Hammond

Kop

Having grown up on a colony world that was thrust into poverty by an opportunistic company, corrupt cop Juno takes bribes from a powerful organized crime syndicate, until a secret cabal plots to enslave the planet for its own profit. **HC \$50**

Lori Handeland

Hidden Moon (Nightcreature)

Returning to her hometown of Lake Bluff, Georgia, after a devastating betrayal, Claire Kennedy, now the new mayor, finds trouble stalking her small town when a tourist claims to have been mauled by a vicious wolf, the attacks turn deadly, and she becomes suspicious of the strange behavior of Malachi Cartwright, the mysterious new stranger in town. **APB \$17.95**

Robert Holdstock

Iron Grail (Merlin Codex 02)

Seven centuries have passed since Merlin journeyed with Jason and his Argonauts to find the Golden Fleece. Merlin is immortal but when he uses the charm that is knit deep in his bones, his body ages and he has no wish to be old, so rather than squander his magic he prefers to rely on his own intelligence and cunning. Now the mage finds himself in Alba. The Island of Mists beset by enemies both dead and Otherworldly, seeking both the children of the warlord Urtha, who have been kidnapped and taken to Ghostland and Jason's younger son, Kinon (Little Dreamer), hidden by his enchantress mother Medea in the Otherworld. So now Merlin must use not just his own cunning and centuries of knowledge but also the magic that permeates his body if he is to save his friends from fates truly worse than death itself. **APB \$22.95**

Robert E Howard*Best of Robert E Howard, Volume 1: Crimson Shadows*

Representing a broad spectrum of genres and chronicling the adventures of the author's most iconic characters, a collection of short fiction and poetry features such works as "Hawk of the Hills," "The Valley of the Worm," "The Shadow Kingdom," "Red Shadows," "The People of the Black Circle," and "The Curse of the Golden Skull," among others. **TP \$32.95**

Morgan Howell*King's Property (Queen of the Orcs 01)*

Bound into slavery to a fearsome regiment of orcs after being betrayed by her family, Dar spends her time learning the culture and language of her orc captors, survives the betrayal of allies and enemies alike, and struggles to understand and master her mystical talent of prophetic visions in order to gain her chance at freedom, in the first volume in a new fantasy trilogy. **APB \$17.95**

Ian Irvine Australian Author*Torments of the Traitor (Song of Tears 01)*

After ten years of servitude, Nish is about to be released from the blackest prison of the maimed God-Emperor, Jal-Nish Hlar, Nish's corrupt father. Jal-Nish holds the two sorcerous quicksilver tears, Gatherer and Reaper, and controls the Secret Art. All opposition having been crushed, he has begun to remake the world in his evil image.

The only hope of overthrowing him lies in Nish, whom the oppressed peoples of the world see as a messianic figure, the Deliverer. As Nish was dragged off to prison, he had wildly promised to return and cast down his father.

Unfortunately, Nish is powerless and without allies. But worse, his father wants Nish to become his lieutenant, as corrupt as he is. Faced with the unbearable alternative of another ten years in prison, Nish isn't sure he can resist the temptation. **APB \$23.95**

Elaine Isaak*The Eunuch's Heir*

Carousing and womanizing in his ongoing efforts to forget the legacy of his sainted father, pampered prince Wolfram duRhys finds his carefree days ended by a shattering assassination attempt that forces him to flee to a distant and magical land. **APB \$19.95**

Matthew Jarpe*Radio Freefall*

When a power-hungry billionaire computer magnate plots to take over the world, a motley band of rock stars and misfits becomes Earth's only defense, in a tale featuring a mysterious blues musician whose superhuman technical skills may have rendered him a pawn for artificial intelligences. **HC \$51.95**

Paul Kearney*This Forsaken Earth (Sea Beggars 02)*

Nothing moved in all that tangled mass of wreckage and shredded cordage and shattered spars. All along the decks, flesh, wood and iron had been beaten into one unholy, pulped mess from which trickled streams of blood that brightened the brown stains venting from the scuppers. The enemy vessel was a dead thing, which even the wind could no longer stir to life. The Revenants stared around themselves in heavy wonder, as if uncertain as to who could have brought such a thing to pass. A silence fell, broken only by the weary creak and groan of seaborne wood, the death rattle of a tall fighting ship. There was a moment almost of reverence.

'This' Rol said, 'is victory.'

But no-one can outrun their past, as Rol Cortishane discovers when his old acquaintance in murder, Canker, King of Thieves, turns up unannounced to make Rol an offer that cannot be refused. To safeguard the hidden pirate city that has become his home, Rol must leave behind his beloved ship, Revenant, and take to the mountains of Bionar, where his sister, Rowen, is fighting to take possession of the mightiest kingdom in all the world. Amid siege, pitched battle and betrayal, Rol will discover that his world is not the place he thought it was, and he must relearn his assassin's skills in order to survive. **PB \$23.95**

Brian Keene*Dead Sea*

As zombies, driven by the need to kill and feed off human flesh, terrorize the streets, a small group of survivors finds a safe haven in an old Coast Guard ship out at sea where their isolation soon becomes their downfall. **APB \$19.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*Devil May Cry (Dark Hunter)*

Stripped of his godhood by Artemis, Sin seeks revenge by kidnapping a woman he believes to be the deceitful goddess, only to discover instead that he has abducted her servant, Katra, an irresistible and compassionate young woman who persuades him to save Artemis from an enemy who threatens all human life. **HC \$40.95**

Caitlin Kiernan*Low Red Moon (Threshold 02)*

In the sequel to Threshold, Chance and Deacon, now married, work to rebuild their lives, looking forward to a bright future and trying to put the past to rest, until a woman with a need for violence enters their lives, a woman followed by something even more terrifying. **APB \$19.95**

David Kowalski Australian Author*The Company of the Dead*

He could feel it. The flutter of butterfly wings that would herald a brighter, better world. He looked out to the flat, calm ocean, the moonless night. Beyond the ship's illumination the dark waters rose up so that he felt as if he and the ship lay at the centre of a vast opaque bowl. Then at a distance, under the starlight's dim flicker, he saw it. First, a jagged edge, then two irregular peaks, riding black against the black night sky.

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Unaware of this birth, his original mother, the goddess Saftri, has begun her own search for her lost love Athluan... while elsewhere the black and shining ones, the Children of Chillel, seek to establish claims on the ice-locked planet. Beyond, over, under all, the evil god Zzth rages and plans the ruin of these separate and immortal lives.

Strafed by the tumult of such conflicting powers, the be-wintered realm of mortals can only wait to learn its destiny. **TP \$32.95**

Bentley Little

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When a wealthy CEO slaughters his whole family, leaving behind a cryptic message, and children across California fall victim to a monstrous change, social worker Carrie Daniels and reporter Brian Howells join forces to find the link between these puzzling events, which draws them even closer to unimaginable darkness and evil. **APB \$19.95**

Sergei Lukyanenko

The Night Watch (Night Watch 01)

Walking the streets of Moscow, indistinguishable from the rest of its population, are the Others. Possessors of supernatural powers and capable of entering the Twilight, a shadowy parallel world existing in parallel to our own, each Other owes allegiance either to the Dark or the Light.

THE NIGHT WATCH, first book in the Night Watch Trilogy, follows Anton, a young Other owing allegiance to the Light. As a Night Watch agent he must patrol the streets and metro of the city, protecting ordinary people from the vampires and magicians of the Dark. When he comes across Svetlana, a young woman under a powerful curse, and saves an unfledged Other, Egor, from vampires, he becomes involved in events that threaten the uneasy truce, and the whole city... **PB \$24.95**

The Twilight Watch (Night Watch 03)

With wife Svetlana and daughter Nadya still away, spending the last of the summer on a dacha not far from Moscow, Night Watch Agent Anton Gorodetsky is trying to enjoy his last day off. But when a call comes in from Gesar - his Boss and Night Watch head - requesting a private meeting, it quickly becomes clear he's going back to work early.

Gesar has received an anonymous note, stating that an Other has revealed the full truth about their kind to a human, and now intends to do the supposedly impossible: convert that human into an Other. Even more worryingly, the note has been sent to Zabulon head of the Day Watch, and to the Inquisition's offices in Berne - and only the very highest-level Others know the address. So the Inquisition has ordered the Night Watch to cooperate with the Day Watch and unmask the culprit. Anton will be the Night Watch representative, while the Day Watch is sending Kostya Saushkin, once Anton's teenage neighbour and idealistic friend, now a Higher Vampire and, at the age of twenty, the youngest in Europe.. **TP \$32.95**

Brian Lumley

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This omnibus edition contains the three concluding titles in the Titus Crow saga: "Spawn of the Winds", "In the Moons of Borea" and "Elysia!". Brian Lumley is the author of "Necroscope". **APB \$23.95**

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With the arrival of the "Three Great Vampires" on Earth, humans soon fall under the ruthless control of these mighty lords of the undead, but a group of psychically gifted men and women will move against them. **APB \$17.95**

Scott Lynch

Red Seas Under Red Skies (Locke Lamora 02)

Escaping from the attentions of the Bondsmagi, Locke Lamora, the erstwhile Thorn of Camorr and Jean Tannen have fled their home city. Taking ship, they arrive in the city state of Tal Varrar where they are soon planning their most spectacular heist yet: they will take the luxurious gaming house, The Sinspire, for all of its countless riches. No-one has ever taken even a single coin from the Sinspire that wasn't won on the tables or in the other games of chance on offer there. But, as ever, the path of true crime rarely runs smooth and Locke and Jean soon find themselves co-opted into an attempt to bring the pirate fleet of the notorious Zamira Drakasha to justice. Fine work for thieves who don't know one end of a galley from another. And all the while the Bondsmagi are plotting their very necessary revenge against the one man who believes he has humiliated them and lived: Locke Lamora. **TP \$32.95**

Violette Malan

Sleeping God (Dhulyn and Parno)

After mercenaries Dhulyn Wolfshead and Parno Lionsmane, masters of weapons and martial arts, save one of the Marked, who is gifted with special powers, they take on a seemingly simple assignment that leads them into a deadly trap. **TP \$30.95**

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When Max Ravenhill, a history professor, meets Cassandra, he enters the realm of Faerie, where he discovers his true identity as the Prince Guardian and must choose between his old life and becoming someone else to fulfill his destiny as the savior of the Natural Cycles of the Lands. **APB \$17.95**

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Beth Massie

Homeplace

After inheriting her family's ancestral home, a struggling artist discovers that she is not alone in the old farmhouse as something evil waits in the shadows to claim her, keep her, and never let her go. **APB \$17.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough

Third Watch (Acorna's Children 03)

A conclusion to the series that began with First Warning and Second Wave finds the rebellious Khorii risking everything in order to protect the universe from a mysterious plague-spreading enemy, an effort that is compromised by threats closer to home. **HC \$51.95**

Anne McCaffrey, Elizabeth Moon & Jody Lynn Nye*Planet Pirates Omnibus (Planet Pirates 01, 02, 03)*

Escaping the life of a pirate's slave, Sassinak eventually becomes a Fleet ship captain, and with the help of her greatgrandmother, Lunzie Mespil, just unfrozen after a century of cryogenic sleep, saves the confederation, in an omnibus edition containing the three novels: Sassinak, The Death of Sleep, and Generation Warriors. **TP \$36.95**

Ian McDonald*Brasyl*

Ian McDonald's River of Gods painted a vivid picture of a near future India, 100 years after independence. It revolutionised British SF for new generation by taking a perspective that was not European or American. BRASYL will do the same for South America's largest and most vibrant country. A story that begins in the favelas, the slums of Rio, and quickly expands to take in drugs, corruption and a frightening new technology that allows access to the multiple worlds that slip into existence in other planes everytime we make a decision. **TP \$32.95**

Bevan McGuinness Australian Author*The Awakening (Triumvirate Cycle 01)*

The first instalment of a stunning trilogy about power, decay and the hard path to redemption. In a remote coastal outpost of the Asan Empire, Hwenfayre is an outsider, taking pleasure only in her beautiful driftwood harp. The harp has extraordinary powers, and when Hwenfayre tries to use it she finds herself in mortal danger. In the decadent Asan capital, Shanek, the third most important man in the Empire, becomes disturbed by a growing ability to sense the thoughts and feelings of others, while in a quiet village, a young man unleashes forces within himself that compel him to journey into the wider world. But these strange powers will not be allowed to emerge unchecked, especially when Shanek becomes aware that the Empire's ancient enemy is on the rise once more ... **APB \$20.99**

Fiona McIntosh Australian Author*Emissary (Percheron)*

Odalisque Ana is resigned to life in Percheron's famed harem and has little more than a blood-soaked veil to remind her that Spur Lazar, the man she loves, is dead. She is closely watched by the scheming Grand Master Eunuch, Salmeo, and the cunning and cruel Valide Herezah. The Valide, unhappy at Ana's influence over the young Zar, contrives a shrewd plan to bring about the beautiful young woman's demise. But greater forces are at work. The demon Maliz has taken the guise of Percheron's Grand Vizier in order to stalk Iridor, the traditional accomplice of the Goddess. And a war is brewing. A longtime enemy, Galinsea, intends to exact a vicious blood price for the death of its crown prince, Lucien, at the hands of the Percherese. However, the only person in the Stone Palace who can undertake the dangerous journey to Galinsea and negotiate for peace is about to die ... **APB \$20.99**

Sarah Monette*The Virtu*

A powerful wizard until his former mentor seizes his magic and uses it to shatter the Virtu, an orb that serves as the magical source and protection for the city's wizards, Felix Harrowgate's only chance of reclaiming his power is to restore the Virtu, joining forces with Mildmay the Fox, a cursed assassin and cat-burglar whose fate is linked with that of Felix. **APB \$19.95**

The Mirador (03)

In a continuation of the series that began with Mélusine and The Virtu, wizard Felix Harrowgate returns to the Mirador, the citadel of power and wizardry, unaware that enemies from the Bastion, a rival school of wizards, plan to use him to destroy the Mirador, unless Felix's half-brother, Mildmay the Fox, can stop them. **HC \$51.95**

Christopher Moore*A Dirty Job*

Chris Moore tackles death - make that Death - in his latest wonderful, whacked-out yarn. Charlie Asher is a pretty normal guy. A little hapless, somewhat neurotic, more of a Beta than an Alpha Male. Charlie's been lucky, though. He owns a building in the heart of San Francisco, and runs a second-hand store with the help of a couple of loyal, if marginally insane, employees. He's married to a bright and pretty woman who actually loves him for his normality. And she, Rachel, is about to have their first child. But normal service is about to be interrupted. As Charlie prepares to go home after the birth, he sees a strange man dressed in mint-green at Rachel's hospital bedside - a man who claims that no one should be able to see him. But see him Charlie does, and from here on out, things get really weird... People start dropping dead around him, giant ravens perch on his building, and it seems that everywhere he goes, a dark presence whispers to him from under the streets. Yep, it seems that Charlie Asher has been recruited for a new job, an unpleasant but utterly necessary one: Death. It's a dirty job. But hey, somebody's gotta do it. **PB \$22.95**

Alexis Morgan*In Darkness Reborn (03)*

Alexis Morgan continues her red-hot paranormal series with a mysterious warrior and his forbidden love for a woman who's allegiance lies with his sworn enemy. . . . Once a warrior for the Others, Barak q'Young is caught between two worlds -- exiled from his homeland, and a pariah among his enemies, the Paladins. While hunting a betrayer who's selling the precious blue gems that light the Others' world, Barak must aid geologist Lacey Sebastian in her research for the Paladins. Barak is instantly drawn to the fiery, beautiful woman, but Lacey initially despises the enemy intruder. Soon she sees beyond his violent past, though, finding the dark warrior intriguing -- and extremely sexy. Though neither can resist the passion that blazes between them, Barak is torn between loyalties, hiding a secret gift that could prove useful to Lacey's research, at the sacrifice of his own people. But when Lacey is kidnapped and held hostage, Barak realizes he will do anything to save her . . . even risk his own life. **APB \$14.95**

Catherine Mulvany*Something Wicked*

Rescued from a vicious biker gang by reclusive philanthropist Charles Cunningham Nash, reporter Regan Cluny unwittingly binds herself in the middle of a centuries-old feud between Nash, a two-hundred-year-old vampire searching for his humanity, and the bikers, a deadly gang of rogue vampires seeking revenge. **APB \$17.95**

Joy Nash*The Awakening (Immortals)*

When the beautiful woman he has been dreaming about appears in the flesh at his isolated Scottish castle, in desperate need of his help, Kalen, an Immortal warrior, embarks on a dangerous mission to stop a growing evil that could destroy the world. **APB \$17.95**

Andrew Neiderman*Unholy Birth*

Determined to have a baby, a lesbian couple from Palm Springs visits Genitor, a fertility clinic with a hidden agenda, for an artificial insemination, unaware that the members of the company--all loyal followers of Satan--plan to insure that the child that is born will be the Antichrist. **APB \$19.95**

Ben Okri*Starbook*

'We are listeners at the oracle. Those who truly hear are touched and changed.'

At one level, Starbook tells the delicate story of a prince and a maiden who are both tested by trials in a mythical land where art, initiation and dynamic stillness are supremely important. At another level, this rich and stimulating novel opens up the nature of reality, where the essence of life is revealed, and the source of enchantment can be ours - where beauty, regeneration and fulfilment are perhaps possible.

A dazzling achievement of the imagination, and a profound work of literature of the kind that won Ben Okri the Booker Prize for The Famished Road, his new novel is a pleasure to read, with an unforgettable radiance of its own. For, no matter where we live and who we think we are, we all have access to the oracle, and a vision of life far greater than ourselves, which comes from 'the book of life among the stars'. **HC \$55**

Anthony O'Neill*The Empire of Eternity*

The Chamber of Eternity is said to contain a hieroglyphic code to the future, the meaning of life and the secrets of immortality. For thousands of years its site has been fiercely guarded, its existence defended by preposterous rumours and outright lies. Learning of the mysterious vault, Napoleon Bonaparte launches an expedition to Egypt to locate the Chamber. When its extraordinary secrets are revealed to him in the heart of the Great Pyramid, he returns to Paris and swiftly becomes Emperor of France. Forty years later Queen Victoria becomes infatuated with the legend and recruits Alexander Rhind, a modest young Scot, to infiltrate a secretive cabal of archaeologists known as the 'Brotherhood of Eternity'. But when Rhind himself is seduced by the mystery, he is compelled to undertake his own expedition to Egypt to uncover the truth. With its cast of emperors, popes, queens, generals, sheikhs, artists and archaeologists - every one of them real - The Empire of Eternity is a spellbinding novel about the wonders of Egypt, the secrets of the gods, and man's desire to achieve immortality at all costs. By turns awesome and intimate, its revelations endure far beyond the final page. **BPB \$23.95**

Sharon Page*Blood Rose*

Serena Lark, tormented by erotic dreams of vampires, joins forces with two vampire hunters who, while helping her find the truth about her past, introduce her to a dark world, beneath the London streets, that takes her to new levels of ecstasy. **TP \$26.95**

Diana L Paxson*Ravens of Avalon (Marion Zimmer Bradley's Avalon)*

A prequel to Marion Zimmer Bradley's The Forest House follows the story of the Roman conquest of Britain, a tale in which a Celtic princess becomes her people's defender against brutal conquerors while her priestess mentor becomes a guardian of Druid traditions. **HC \$52.95**

Steve Perry & Dal Perry*The Gangster Conspiracy (Chris Bunch's Star Risk)*

When the Star Risk, Ltd. security team is hired by Reverend Josiah Williams, who represents a group of oppressed union workers from the Artegal System, to put a stranglehold on all shipping in the area, they wonder if they will be able to stay alive long enough to cash the check. **APB \$19.95**

H Beam Piper*Little Fuzzy*

When the Zarathustra Company takes over a supposedly uninhabited planet, reaping it for all that it is worth, Jack Holloway, a sunstone prospector, and his family of Fuzzies are determined to save this world from utter destruction, in a new edition of the 1963 Hugo-nominated classic. **APB \$17.95**

John Ratcliffe*The History of the Hobbit: Volume 2: Return to Bag-End (Lord of the Rings)*

The History of the Hobbit presents for the first time, in two volumes, the complete unpublished text of the original manuscript of J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit, accompanied by John Rateliff's lively and informative account of how the book came to be written and published. As well as recording the numerous changes made to the story both before and after publication, it examines - chapter-by-chapter - why those changes were made and how they reflect Tolkien's ever-growing concept of Middle-earth.

As well as reproducing the original version of one of literature's most famous stories, both on its own merits and as the foundation for The Lord of the Rings, this new book includes many little-known illustrations and previously unpublished maps for The Hobbit by Tolkien himself. Also featured are extensive annotations and commentaries on the date of composition, how Tolkien's professional and early mythological writings influenced the story, the imaginary geography he created, and how Tolkien came to revise the book years after publication to accommodate events in The Lord of the Rings.

This second volume picks up Bilbo Baggins' story half-way through his journey and chronicles how, after much adversity, he must still face the mighty dragon, Smaug, carry out the burglary for which he has been recruited, and return safely home to Bag-End. But not everything goes to plan... **HC \$49.99**

Kat Richardson*Poltergeist (Greywalker 02)*

A Greywalker capable of negotiating the shadowy realm between the living world and the paranormal, private detective Harper Blaine is hired by a university research group attempting to create an artificial poltergeist, a project that succeeds all too well when one of the group is killed in a brutal and inexplicable manner. **TP \$28.95**

Chris Roberson*Set the Seas on Fire*

1810. While Europe burns and the Napoleonic Wars set the world aflame, the HMS Fortitude patrols the sea lanes of the South Pacific, harrying the enemies of the British Crown. The Fortitude's captain has set his sights on a Spanish galleon weighted down with a fortune in gold and spices, but Lieutenant Hieronymus Bonaventure thinks the prize not worth the risk.

When the ship is smashed by storms and driven far into unknown seas, the galleon and her treasure lost in the tempest, Bonaventure and the rest of the Fortitude's crew find themselves aground on an island in uncharted waters. They soon discover that beneath the island's veneer of beauty lurks a dark secret: an ancient evil buried at the living heart of a volcano. **TP \$30**

A R R R Roberts

Doctor Whom

Doctor Whom, the grammatically correct TimeLord (or should that be Time Lord? Or is it Timelord?), has come to save our universe from the terrors of sloppy syntax and bad grammar. With his intrepid assistant Lynne: hes here to correct greengrocers sign's, popular fiction and government memos (memoes?) before inaccurate and lazy communication rips apart the very fabric of the space-time continuum. Is it any wonder that the rise of global warming has coincided with the decline in the teaching of Latin in our schools? I don't think so. Will the Doctor save us all? Or will his evil nemisises (nemisiss? nemisi?) The Dalek's triumph and rule over a universe where no-one has any clear idea of the correct usage of semi-colons? **PB \$22.95**

Adam Roberts

Land of the Headless

LAND OF THE HEADLESS is set in a far future where mankind has taken his religious dogma and the divisions that result from it out into space. On a planet where society is shaped by a strict adherence to the word of God as laid out in the Old Testament and Quran, a poet is accused of the rape of a woman. Found guilty, he must face the punishment laid down in the Good Book: beheading. Beheaded, he is fitted with a neck valve, ordinator and basic sensory equipment and sent out into the world. But he bears a terrible and very visible stigma - the only way he can make a living is to join the army and serve in the war against the neighbouring planet... and plan his revenge against the man he believes is really guilty. LAND OF THE HEADLESS is a searing satire of religious fundamentalism, a novel of love and war and a study of self-delusion. **TP \$32.95**

James Rollins

The Judas Strain

Buried deep within a jungle lie ancient ruins that conceal a deadly secret. Buried in a tomb in Venice, a great explorer hides a truth that could shatter history. Buried in our own genetic code, a mystery like no other. But nothing stays buried forever - and it will be up to Sigma Force to face what will be unearthed: a plague beyond any cure, a scourge that turns all of nature against mankind. From the high seas of the Indian Ocean to the dark jungles of Southeast Asia, from the canals of Venice to the crypts of ancient kings, Sigma Force must piece together a mystery that, unless solved, will end all life on our planet. But even this challenge may prove too large for Sigma Force alone. With a worldwide pandemic growing, Painter Crowe and Commander Gray Pierce turn to their deadliest adversaries for help, teaming up with a diabolical foe who thwarted them in the past. But can the enemy be trusted even now? **TP \$32.95**

Stephanie Rowe

He Loves Me, He Loves Me Hot

Working as the VP of Vic's Pretzels by day and as Satan's right-hand woman by night, Becca Gibbs is trapped in her unpleasant job by the fact that her life force is tied to that of her hellish boss, but she finds herself falling for Nick Rawlings, a gorgeous gun-for-hire, who has arrived to kill Satan and rescue his kidnapped sister. **APB \$17.95**

Michelle Sagara

Cast in Courtlight

After she successfully completes a perilous task, Teela must now enter a realm of deceit and treachery known as the Barrani High Court where she must save the life of the High Lord's heir, which, she soon learns, is only the beginning of her mission. **BPB \$19.95**

Cast in Secret

Still avoiding her magic lessons, Corporal Kaylin Neyla is delighted to be investigating a normal theft, until she discovers that the mysterious ancient box may have ties to the world of magic and to a lost young girl whose image Kaylin sees in a reflective pool, in the sequel to Cast in Shadow and Cast in Courtlight. **TP \$30.95**

Brandon Sanderson

Mistborn

Experiencing an epiphany within the most daunting prison of the monstrous Lord Ruler who has enslaved his people for a thousand years, half-Skaa Kelsier finds himself taking on the powers of a Mistborn and teams up with ragged orphan Vin in a desperate plot to save their world. By the author of Elantris. **APB \$19.95**

The Well of Ascension (Mistborn 02)

Charged with the task of rebuilding the world after the defeat of the brutal Lord Ruler and the death of his mentor, former street urchin Vin finds herself worshipped for her Mistborn powers and worries about the strange behavior of the mists since the death of the Lord Ruler. **HC \$56.95**

Martin Scott

Thraxas and the Dance of Death (Thraxas 06)

In the corrupt, magical city of Turai, portly private detective Thraxas embarks on a search to recover a missing magical jewel, only to come face to face with an insidious and mysterious death that is plaguing the city. **APB \$19.95**

Brian Francis Slattery

Spaceman Blues

Investigating the disappearance of Manuel Rodrigo de Guzmán Gonzáles, Wendell Apogee finds himself in an upside-down underground city where he must counter an array of bizarre parties, urban eccentrics, and religious cults. A first novel. **HC \$45.95; TP \$26.95**

Sherwood Smith

Inda

Inda, the second son of the Prince and Princess of Choraed Elgaer, is sent to the King's Academy where, while training to become his brother's military champion, he is subjected to cruelty at the hands of the other students and decides to fight back, but this is only the beginning of the trials and betrayals he must face. **APB \$19.95**

The Fox (Inda)

While attending the King's Military Academy, Inda unwittingly becomes a pawn in a vicious political struggle among the nobility after he tries to save the life of a classmate, which compromises his honor and sparks a civil war, forcing him to start a new life as a ship's boy on a merchant vessel where he must hide his true identity as he grows into manhood. **HC \$52.95**

Scott B Smith*The Ruins*

In Cancun, Mexico, for a peaceful vacation, a group of tourists sets off in search of one of their group who disappeared during an excursion to some nearby Mayan ruins, only to come face to face with an insidious evil that threatens their very lives. By the author of *A Simple Plan*. **APB \$19.95**

K Snow*Wix and a Half (MirrixWorld 01)*

The introduction to the world of the Mirrix--a planet entirely unlike what anyone might reasonably expect. Meet Wix, a love-struck knoll builder, Aunt Papilda, the wisest washerwoman in town, and Fortune, an immortally bothersome troublemaker. Journey with this colorful band of friends as they try to avoid being trampled by giant chickens while paving a path to avert their own destruction. **TP \$26.95**

Gregory Spencer*Guardian of the Veil (Welkening 02)*

A sequel to *The Welkening* finds four misfit teens returning to the alternate world of Welken in order to rescue entrapped friends and help resist an attack by a formidable army, an effort during which they work to develop their burgeoning magical abilities. **TP \$26.95**

Michael A Stackpole*The New World (Age of Discovery 03)*

In the conclusion of the *Age of Discovery* trilogy, an escalating war in heaven echoes a war in the human realms of Earth, as a group of heroes is forced into an uneasy alliance to save the only world they know from utter destruction. **TP \$30.95**

Allen Steele*Spindrift*

Return to the stunningly realised future of Coyote. Earth and its young colony Coyote have a difficult relationship, yet together they must face the astonishing truth that mankind is no longer alone...The starship Robert E. Lee is bearing a controversial cargo on its return to earth: the only surviving crew of the EASS Galileo. This ship and all aboard it vanished decades previously, while examining an apparently alien artefact. As John Shillinglaw, director general of the European Space Agency, waits nervously for the vessel to dock, he ponders the mystery. Theodore Harker, 1st Officer; Jared Ramirez, astrobiologist; and Emily Collins, pilot; have been missing for fifty-six years. Where have they been? And why have they come back now? **APB \$20.95**

Anna Tambour*Monterra's Deliciosa & Other Tales* **TP \$24.95****Julia Templeton***Return to Me*

Betrayed by her uncle and forced into an unwanted betrothal, a magically gifted Lady Gabrielle Wentworth must turn to a seductive five-hundred-year-old vampire for assistance to avoid being branded a witch. **TP \$28.95**

Dawn Thompson*The Brotherhood*

After discovering that he is the son of two half-created vampires, Joss Hyde-White leaves London in search of answers about his heritage and, along the way, rescues a chestnut-haired beauty from the deadly creatures of the night. **APB \$17.95**

Harry Turtledove*In at the Death (Settling Accounts)*

After launching World War II, the Confederate States of America is confronted by the bitter reality of imminent defeat, as the United States of America and its German allies make a final push to end the conflict, and CSA President Jake Featherston faces the decision of whether or not to unleash a desperate last ditch effort with the help of the ultimate weapon, a uranium bomb. **HC \$54.95**

A E Van Vogt & Kevin J Anderson*Slan Hunter*

A posthumously completed sequel to the twentieth-century classic follows the adventures of persecuted Jommy Cross who, alongside his fellow mutants, survives terrible genocidal wars only to encounter a new danger that threatens the entire human race. **HC \$51.95**

Rachel Vincent*Stray*

After narrowly escaping an attack by a Stray, Faythe, a shape-shifting young werecat and rebellious member of a Pride, discovers that two of her fellow female werescats have disappeared and launches a personal campaign to find her missing friends and stop the kidnappers before it is too late. **BPB \$19.95**

Tevis Walter*Mockingbird (SF Masterworks 70)*

The future is a grim place in which the declining human population wanders drugged and lulled by electronic bliss. It's a world without art, reading and children, a world that people would rather burn themselves alive than endure. Even Spofforth, the most perfect machine ever created, cannot bear it and seeks only that which he cannot have: to cease to be. But there is hope for the future in the passion and joy that a man and woman discover in love and in books, hope even for Spofforth. A haunting novel, reverberating with anguish but also celebrating love and the magic of a dream. **BPB \$22.95**

J R Ward*Dark Lover (Black Dagger Brotherhood 01)*

In the shadows of the night in Caldwell, New York, there's a deadly turf war going on between vampires and their slayers. There exists a secret band of brothers like no other--six vampire warriors, defenders of their race. Yet none of them relishes killing more than Wrath, the blind leader of the Black Dagger Brotherhood. The only purebred vampire left on earth, Wrath has a score to settle with the slayers who murdered his parents centuries ago. But, when one of his most trusted fighters is killed - leaving his half-breed daughter unaware of his existence or her fate - Wrath must usher her into the world of the undead - a world beyond her wildest dreams... **APB \$19.95**

J R Ward

Lover Eternal (Black Dagger Brotherhood 02)

Possessed by a deadly beast, Rhage is the most dangerous of the Black Dagger Brotherhood...Within the brotherhood, Rhage is the vampire with the strongest appetites. He's the best fighter, the quickest to act on his impulses, and the most voracious lover - for inside him burns a ferocious curse cast by the Scribe Virgin. Possessed by this dark side, Rhage fears the times when his inner dragon is unleashed, making him a danger to everyone around him. Mary Luce, a survivor of many hardships, is unwittingly thrown into the vampire world and reliant on Rhage's protection. With a life-threatening curse of her own, Mary is not looking for love. Her faith in miracles was lost years ago. But when Rhage's intense animal attraction turns into something more emotional, he knows that he must make Mary his alone. And while their enemies close in, Mary fights desperately to gain life eternal with the one she loves... **APB \$19.95**

Heather Waters

The Devil's Possession

When a violent encounter leaves her with child, Highland chieftain Faith Maitland, rescuing Draven the Devil from being executed for witchery, finds herself betrothed to a man with frightening powers who could either be her savior or her downfall. **APB \$17.95**

David Weber

In Fury Born (Path of the Fury rewrite)

When her world is destroyed by seemingly unstoppable planet pirates and her family is slaughtered, former commando leader Alicia DeVries turns pirate herself, steals a cutting-edge ship from the Empire, and launches a campaign to seek revenge on those responsible, only to find that her fellow veterans are equally determined to stop her, in an expanded new version of the classic novel Path of the Fury. **APB \$19.95**

Steve White

Blood of the Heroes

Getting tired of his job nursemaiding scholarly parties through Earth's history, Jason Thanou of the Temporal Regulatory Authority gets more than he had bargained for when he is assigned to accompany gorgeous Doctor Deirdre Sadaka-Ramirez on a trip to Bronze Age Greece and discovers that there is more to the ancient myths than he had ever expected. **APB \$19.95**

Kit Whitfield

Bareback

Lola Galley is used to doing things she doesn't want. She certainly doesn't want to be assigned the case of Richard Ellaway, the man who, under a cold full moon, mutilated a good friend of hers. But being a bareback, what she wants and what she gets are seldom the same. For those born feet-first, life is comfortable, and one night a month they lock themselves in a secure room to fur up in peace. Barebacks, trapped in their human skin and drafted at eighteen into the Department for the Ongoing Regulation of Lycanthropic Activity, don't have it so easy. A full moon means patrolling the silent night in search of transformed citizens breaking the curfew. The rest of the month, DORLA agents mop up the after-effects of the trespasses, the fights and the maulings. Resignedly, she takes the case - but before Ellaway can be tried, her maimed friend is murdered. Lola wants justice. She'll settle for the truth. But in a divided world, asking for the truth may bring answers that you don't want to hear. **BPB \$21.95**

Sean Williams Australian Author

Saturn Returns (Astropolis 01)

A galaxy-spanning space opera balancing cosmic-level threats with a very human murder mystery. When former mercenary commander, Imre Bergamasc, awakes in the 879th Millennium, 200 years after he died, he understandably has a few questions, such as: why are large chunks of his memory missing? And why is he now a woman? Resurrected from information stored in a partially destroyed time capsule, he finds that things have changed during the two centuries he was dead. Now, following a galaxy-wide disaster known as the Slow Wave, the Continuum has collapsed, the bright galactic empire reduced to millions of disparate systems in various states of disarray. Reunited with his old team-mates - or, at least, reasonable facsimiles thereof - Imre must piece together both the fragments of his memory and the story of civilisation's fall. The more he digs the more suspicion dawns that the two issues are far from separate. Was the Imre Bergamasc he no longer remembers an unwitting pawn in the fall of civilisation? Or was he, in fact, the architect? And if unknown parties have gone to such extreme lengths to resurrect him, why are they now trying to kill him? Again. **TP \$32.95**

Tad Williams

Shadowmarch (Shadow 01)

Now in B Format (previously in A Format). At the uppermost edge of the northern kingdoms, towers shrouded in mist, lies Southmarch Castle. For hundreds of years it has remained hidden from the affairs of empire. Now its isolation can protect it no more. Southmarch is under siege; from both its neighbours, without, and the more insidious enemies who would destroy it from within. Even further to the north, within the ancient walls of Qulna-Qar, in a land of silence and gloom, the Twilight People gather to hear Ynnir, the blind king, pronounce the dark fate of human kind. In the south, the Autarch, the god-king who has already conquered an entire continent, now looks to extend his domain once more. It is upon Southmarch that the armies advance, and to its people that darkness will speed. **BPB \$24.95**

Robert Charles Wilson

Axis (Spin 02)

A sequel to Spin brings readers to an engineered planet connected by the mysterious Hypotheticals to the planet Earth, where Lise and her companions witness the planet's seeding by remnant Hypothetical machines that would render the planet hostile to human life. **HC \$52.95**

David Zindell

The Diamond Warriors (Ea Cycle 04)

The world of Ea is an ancient world settled in eons past by the Star People. However, their ancestors floundered, in their purpose to create a great stellar civilisation on the new planet: they fell into moral decay. Now a champion has been born who will lead them back to greatness, by means of a spiritual - and adventurous - quest for Ea's Grail: the Lightstone. His name is Valashu Elahad, and he is destined to become King. Blessed (or cursed?) with an empathy for all living things, he will lead his people into the lands of Morjin, into the heart of darkness, wielding a magical sword called Alkadadur, there to recover the mythical Lightstone and return in triumph with his prize. But Morjin is not to be vanquished so easily...

This is the fourth and final volume of the epic Ea Cycle. The battle will be fought, mysteries unravelled, the courage of Valashu tested to its limit. The reason the Valari came to Ea from the stars will be made known. **TP \$32.99**

Zoran Zivkovic

Seven Touches of Music

This striking mosaic novel by a World Fantasy Award-winning author with a growing American following explores the unusual experiences of seven men and women as they each privately encounter music. They won't be the same again... but not for the reasons you might think. **HC \$49.95**

Anthologies

Patricia Briggs, Karen Chance, Eileen Wilks & Sunny

On the Prowl

This wickedly sensual collection, featuring stories of inhuman passion and dark desire, includes Patricia Briggs's "Alpha and Omega," in which a beautiful werewolf uncovers her true power with the help of a werewolf prince, along with tales by Eileen Wilks, Karen Chance, and Sunny.

APB \$19.95

Keith Brooke & Nick Gevers

Infinity Plus: The Anthology

Infinity Plus: The Anthology collects together stories from many of the leading names in speculative fiction. In 1997 www.infinityplus.co.uk was launched to showcase some of the best in SF, fantasy and horror fiction. Infinity Plus: The Anthology features the work of some of the site's major contributors stories chosen by the writers themselves, stories dearest to their hearts and deserving renewed attention. This book is a must for all lovers of science fiction.

Featured authors include: Kim Stanley Robinson, Adam Roberts, Kim Newman, Stephen Baxter, Michael Moorcock, Mary Gentle, Lucius Shepard, Paul McAuley, Ian McDonald, Michael Swanwick, Charles Stross, Jeff VanderMeer and many, many more. **BPB \$30**

Gardner Dozois Editor

Year's Best Science Fiction 24th Edition

The latest edition of the critically acclaimed annual anthology collects a broad spectrum of outstanding science fiction tales written during the previous year, including contributions by Stephen Baxter, Ian McDonald, Kage Baker, Walter Jon Williams, Alastair Reynolds, and other talented masters of the genre, along with a recommended reading guide and a summation of the year in science fiction. **HC \$70 TP \$44.95**

Johanna Edwards, Julie Kenner & Serena Robar

Fendi, Ferragamo and Fangs

Presents, in one continuous story, different points of view of Vamp Modeling, Inc., as three teens--one brilliant and studious, one content to be plump, and one party girl--are selected to be groomed as supermodels, unaware that success depends on their becoming vampires. **PB \$22.95**

Martin H Greenberg & Jean Rabe Editor

Pandora's Chest

Featuring contributions from some of fantasy's finest storytellers, this brand-new collection dares to open Pandora's closet, revealing a vast array of magical items, from a Ring that brings its wearer infinite wealth at a terrible price, to a red hoodie that transforms one young woman's entire world.

APB \$19.95

David G Hartwell & Kathryn Cramer Editor

The Space Opera Renaissance

An anthology of "space opera" tales selected by the editors as some of the best representations of the genre includes pieces written between the pulp magazine era and the present. **TP \$51.95**

Stephen Jones

The Mammoth Book of Monsters

An anthology of short horror works features a colorful array of formidable otherworldly creatures and includes contributions by top genre names, from Clive Barker and Harlan Ellison to Ramsey Campbell and Brian Lumley. **TP \$28.95**

Young Adult

Paddington Abroad (Paddington Bear)

PB \$19.95

Paddington Takes the test (Paddington Bear)

HC \$29.95

Rupert Annual 2008 (Rupert)

"The Rupert Annual" is a national institution, and Egmont are giving it a new lease of life. While retaining the mix of pictures, rhyming text and story paragraphs that gives traditional "Rupert" its charm, Egmont has updated the artwork and stories to create an annual with universal appeal. Rupert's world is timeless, and Egmont are bringing it to a new generation! **HC \$28.95**

How to Draw Fantasy Art: Witches and Wizards

PB \$19.99

Buzz Aldrin

Reaching For the Moon

An Apollo 11 astronaut takes readers on his journey that began in his childhood and led him to achieve his dream of walking on the moon, bringing to life an unparalleled moment in history for a new generation and showing how everyone can strive to achieve their dreams. **HC \$24.95**

J B Arensen

Charlie Webb and the Dragonmaster's Quest

PB \$18.95

Carol Baauw Australian Author

Journey of the Seeds Origins (Journey of the Seeds)

GN \$25

Meg Cabot

The Merlin Prophecy (Avalon High Coronation 01)

Meg Cabot's magical Arthurian epic continues... MANGA STYLE!

Being a new student at Avalon High has been exciting for Ellie, to say the least... she's an honour student, a star on the track team, and oh, yeah, dating the super-hot class president, Will. Who also happens to be alleged reincarnation of King Arthur.

Ellie couldn't be happier to have Will in her life, but she's also worried that his estrangement from his parents is tearing him apart. To make matters worse, Will's doubt that he really is King Arthur could prevent the Merlin Prophecy – an age of enlightenment – from occurring. Can Ellie convince Will to believe in something that even she isn't sure about? And more importantly, can she get him to give his parents another chance? **APB \$12.95**

Stephen Cole*Star Pirates (Astrosaurs 10)*

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

When several spaceships carrying valuable cargos go missing in the same part of space, the astrosaurs investigate - and when some of the treasures turn up on a carnivore world, it seems that meat-eaters are involved. Determined to find out what's happening, Teggs and his crew swap their amazing ship the Sauropod for an old banger that's a much softer target - and soon find themselves under attack from star pirates! These space-faring bandits are the scourge of the stars and are looting any ships they can find for the bounty. But what secret goal are the pirates working towards? Will Teggs find out before he is made to walk the plank, and his loyal crew end up as pieces of 'ate'...? **PB \$14.95**

Alex Duval*Legacy (Vampire Beach)*

Jason lives in hyper-cool Malibu and hangs out with the cool kids. He thinks he's pretty lucky to be considered a friend of the gorgeous Sienna. But only Jason and his friend know the secret behind Sienna's IT crowd - that they are partial to the taste of blood...

Jason is blissfully happy with Sienna, the beautiful, intoxicating vampire he has loved ever since moving to Malibu and entering her wealthy, cliquey, party life. But their happiness is under threat as Sienna's parents don't believe a human-vampire relationship can work and forbid Sienna from seeing Jason. As they try to get around the ban with secret meetings, Jason's vampire aunt Bianca throws a new problem into the mix. Jason has to make a decision that could change his life for ever. There are exciting new possibilities right at his fingertips, but what hidden dangers lurk beneath the glamorous surface? **PB \$17.95**

Catherine Fisher*Incarceron***BPB \$15.95****Kate Forsyth Australian Author***I Am*

"I am Tim.

I am four and three quarters.

Next year I will go to school.

This year I'm exploring the world."

A lyrical story about the day in the life of an imaginative four-year-old boy. Written using first-person pronouns, as difficulty with pronouns is a common glitch in children's speech, a guide on how to use this book is included in the back. **Picture Book \$19.95**

Neil Gaiman*Signal to Noise*

'Signal to Noise does not entertain. It scratches, it provokes, it frightens. It tells you things you don't want to know but then twists you inside out by saying, look harder and see the poignance, the beauty of light dancing on life's edge, truth that is as simple and direct as death'- Jonathan Carroll, from his introduction. Originally commissioned and serialised in *The Face*, the comic strip *Signal to Noise* was then expanded and revised for its launch on the VG Graphics list in 1992 with an introduction by Jonathan Carroll. It tells the story of a film director, somewhere in London, dying of cancer. His life's crowning achievement, his greatest film, would have told the story of a European village as the last hour of 999 AD approached - the midnight which the villagers were convinced would bring with it Armageddon. Now that story will never be told. But he still pointlessly works it out in his head, making a film that no one will ever see. No one but the reader. **PB \$22.95**

Jessica Day George*Dragonskin Slippers*

Fifteen-year-old Creel is floored when her aunt suggests they sacrifice her to a dragon to attract the attention of a marriageable knight. But when the dragon appears, Creel bargains for her life - and ends up with an unusual pair of blue slippers. It's not until the slippers are stolen by a princess that Creel learns a terrible truth: the slippers are made from the hide of a dragon queen, and enable the wearer to control all the dragons in the land. Now under the command of the princess, who is eager to start a war, the dragons begin to attack the city. Creel must join forces with the king's son and others to break the slippers' hold before the princess and the dragons destroy the city - or before the king's archers kill the dragons - whichever comes first. **PB \$15.95**

Laura Anne Gilman*The Shadow Companion (Grail Quest 03)*

The Quest for the Holy Grail has finally begun, but now three very unusual teenagers are riding along with King Arthur's knights: young squire Gerard, a stable boy named Newt, and Queen Guinevere's maidservant, the strangely magical Ailis.

Packed with suspenseful action, fantastic creatures, and legendary characters, the *Grail Quest* trilogy is perfect for fans of King Arthur and anyone who loves exciting fantasies. In this spellbinding finale, talented author Laura Anne Gilman finally brings the three teens face-to-face with the dark foe that has been threatening the quest. Will Camelot's most unexpected heroes find the Holy Grail...and what will happen if they do? **HC \$19.99**

Roderick Gordon & Brian Williams*Tunnels*

Fourteen-year-old Will Burrows lives with his family in London. He has little in common with them except for a passion for digging which he shares with his father. When his father suddenly disappears down an unknown tunnel, Will decides to investigate with his friend Chester. Soon they find themselves deep underground, where they unearth a dark and terrifying secret - a secret which may cost them their lives. **PB \$16.99**

James Gurney*Journey to Chandara (Dinotopia)***HC \$60****Joanne Harris***Runemarks*

Seven o'clock, on a Monday morning, five hundred years after the end of the world, and goblins had been at the cellar again.

Maddy Smith was born with a rusty-coloured ruinmark on her hand - a symbol of the old gods and definitely cause for suspicion. For magic is dangerous. Or so everyone thinks. But Maddy enjoys working magic. Even if it is just to control some pesky goblins. And every time her friend, One-Eye - a good-for-nowt Outlander - comes by, he teaches her more and more about the gods and the runes.

Now he wants Maddy to open Red Horse Hill and descend into World Below to retrieve a relic of the old gods. Otherwise it is likely to be the End of Everything. Again . . .

An epic romp into the heart of the old Norse tales: wild, dangerous, richly inventive and superbly imaginative. **HC \$54.95 TP \$29.95 CD \$49.95**

Erin Hunter

Starlight (Warriors New Prophecy 04)

The warrior cat Clans arrive at their new home and set about exploring and fighting over the unfamiliar territory. **BPB \$17.95**

Twilight (Warriors New Prophecy 05)

After the warrior cat Clans settle into their new homes, the harmony they once had disappears as the clans start fighting each other, until the day their common enemy--the badger--invades their territory. **BPB \$17.95**

Tove Jansson

Who Will Comfort Toffle? (Moominvalley)

A tale of Moomin Valley sees Toffle driven from his home by the frightening noises of the forest. Too shy, at first, to approach the many colourful Moomin characters he passes along the way, he gains confidence by discovering a scared and lonely Miffle who needs his help. Toffle's quest to save Miffle from the dreadful Groke is an inspiring tale that every child (and many adults) are sure to identify with. **HC \$28**

Book About Moomin, Mymble and Little My (Moomin) **HC (GN) \$32.95**

Moomin: The Complete Tove Jansson Comic Strip (Moomin) **HC (GN) \$47.95**

Sherryl Jordan

The Hunting of the Last Dragon

High overhead, the dragon flies on copper wings, raining down fire and destruction on all that lies below. The last of the great beasts, it wrecks havoc everywhere it flies, while the desperate and frightened people pray for a hero to save them. Jude is no hero. Deeply traumatized after returning to find his village burned and his family dead, he is picked up by the travelling fair, where he rescues the strange yet beautiful Jing-wei from a life as a cage freak. Eluding their pursuers, Jude and Jing-wei meet Lan, a wise old Chinese woman who straightens Jing-wei's bound and crippled feet, and reveals to Jude his destiny. He alone must kill the last dragon. With Jing-wei's help and Lan's ancient knowledge, Jude and Jing-wei set out to destroy the beast, and embark on perilous journey of what becomes the hunting of the last dragon. **BPB \$16.95**

The Raging Quiet **PB \$14.95**

Secret Sacrament **BPB \$14.95**

Kathryn Lasky

The River of Wind (Guardians of Ga'hoole 13)

The adventure continues! In a land no owl knew existed, Soren, Coryn, and the Guardians find danger, knowledge, and new allies. Coryn and the Band have returned to the Great Ga'Hoole Tree and restored order. With the Ember safely hidden away, the tree shakes off its gaudy golden glow and recovers its natural majesty. Meanwhile, deep in the Palace of Mists, Bess finds an ancient map fragment that reveals that there are not five owl kingdoms - as has been thought since time immemorial - but six. Coryn and the chaw of chaws set off to find this unknown land. In a landscape of perpetual winter, they discover a monastery of serene, learned owls, the likes of which no-one has ever seen before. **PB \$10.99**

Guardians of Ga'Hoole Box Set 1 (Guardians of Ga'Hoole 01, 02, 03, 04)

Deep in the Forest of Tyto the adventure takes wing! Soren is born in a forest kingdom where barn owls have lived in peace for eons. But evil now lurks in the owl world, an evil that will shatter Tyto's peace and change Soren's life forever. In the first four books of this popular series Soren and his band make their way to the Great Ga'Hoole Tree where they will join with like-minded owls - honest, brave, wise and true - to boldly face danger and be tested in ways they never imagined. **BPB \$35**

Ursula K Le Guin

Voices (Chronicles of the Western Shore 02)

Memer is a child of rape; when the Alds took the beautiful city of Ansul, they desecrated or destroyed everything of beauty. The Waylord they imprisoned and tortured for years until finally he is freed to return to his home. Though crippled, he is not destroyed, his life has purpose. Memer is the daughter of his House, the daughter of his heart. The Alds, a people who love war, cannot and will not read: they believe that in words lie demons that will destroy the world. All the city's libraries, the great treasure trove of knowledge of ages past, are burned, except for those few volumes secreted in the Waylord's hidden room. But times are changing. Gry Barre of Roddmant and Orrec Caspro of Caspromant have arrived in the city. Orrec is a story-teller, the most famous of all: he has the gift of making. His wife Gry's gift is that of calling; she walks with a half-lion who both frightens and fascinates the Alds. This is the story of a conquered people craving freedom. **BPB \$15.95**

Jason Lethcoe

You Wish (Misadventures of Benjamin Bartholomew Piff 01)

When a miserable orphan unknowingly disrupts the balance of power between the magical realms of wishes and curses, he must join forces with the Wishworks Factory to reclaim his errant wish and set things right again. **HC \$22.95**

Cliff McNish

Breathe

Jack has always had an affinity with the supernatural, people who lived long ago and whose spirits remain in this world. Following his father's death, he and his mother move to an isolated house. Instantly, Jack senses the presence of the previous owner. But he is soon aware of other spirits reaching out to claim him ...

At the heart of the house is the Ghost Mother - long dead, but still mourning her daughter, for whose death she feels responsible - who has imprisoned four children, from different times and families. She has intercepted their passage from the living world to the afterlife and draws her strength by leeching their souls. Is it her intention that Jack meets the same fate? Or has she other plans for her latest resident?

Jack's encounter with ghosts leads him to the terrifying Nightmare Passage - a kind of purgatory to which spirits are violently, viciously condemned. His survival depends on his own powers, his understanding of the Ghost Mother's guilt, his contact with her dead daughter, and the resolution of his own grief. 'Breathe' is a compelling stand-alone novel, not for the faint-hearted but immensely rewarding for its psychological depth and the literally breathless action sequences, the hallmarks of Cliff's writing. **BPB \$15.95**

Daisy Meadows

Rainbow Magic: Jewel Fairies Slipcase

The phenomenally successful Rainbow Magic Jewel Fairies are now available in a slipcase containing books 22 to 28.

Disaster has struck Fairyland! Jack Frost has stolen all the jewels from Queen Titania's crown. Each stone controls a particular aspect of fairy magic. Without them, the fairies can't use their magic fairy dust or make pictures in ponds of water. They can't even fly!

Rachel and Kirsty have to help the jewel fairies to get the jewels back before it's too late. **PB \$45**

Stephenie Meyer*Eclipse (Twilight 03)*

The third book in the New York Times bestselling vampire romance series that has developed a cult following among teens. Readers captivated by TWILIGHT and NEW MOON will eagerly devour ECLIPSE, the much anticipated third book in Stephenie Meyer's riveting vampire love saga. As Seattle is ravaged by a string of mysterious killings and a malicious vampire continues her quest for revenge, Bella once again finds herself surrounded by danger. In the midst of it all, she is forced to choose between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob - knowing that her decision has the potential to ignite the ageless struggle between vampire and werewolf. With her graduation quickly approaching, Bella has one more decision to make: life or death. But which is which? **TP \$22.95**

Brandon Mull*Fablehaven*

For centuries mystical creatures of all description were gathered into a hidden refuge called Fablehaven to prevent their extinction. The sanctuary survives today as one of the last strongholds of true magic. Enchanting? Absolutely. Exciting? You bet. Safe? Well, actually, quite the opposite. Kendra and her brother, Seth, have no idea that their grandfather is the current caretaker of Fablehaven. Inside the gated woods, ancient laws keep relative order among greedy trolls, mischievous satyrs, plotting witches, spiteful imps, and jealous fairies. However, when the rules get broken -- Seth is a bit too curious and reckless for his own good -- powerful forces of evil are unleashed, and Kendra and her brother face the greatest challenge of their lives. To save their family, Fablehaven, and perhaps even the world, Kendra and Seth must find the courage to do what they fear most. **PB \$12.95**

Jenny Nimmo*Charlie Bone and the Wilderness Wolf (Children of the Red King 06)*

Charlie Bone has finally found his father, but he's disappeared again. However, this time Charlie knows where he is - on a second honeymoon with his mother. But there's no time to miss them, for there's a strange salty mist in the air, and chilling howls in the night. And someone has been searching Charlie's house. What are they looking for? And could Dagbert, the new boy with pale lips and cold aquamarine eyes, have something to do with it? The new boy with the power of harnessing water, whose father has Cook so rattled she's threatening to leave the school. The new boy who sticks so closely to Charlie, his friends are almost driven away.

Something is going on - and the Bloors have to be behind it. Charlie and his friends must find the creature who howls so desperately. But will they be in time? **BPB \$16.95**

Mary Pope Osborne*Blizzard of the Blue Moon (Magic Tree House 36)*

The magic tree house carries Jack and Annie to New York City in 1938 on a mission to rescue the last unicorn. In this exciting new Merlin Mission, Jack and Annie go back in time to New York City, during one of the darkest periods in the city's history --the Great Depression. Even worse, the city is in the grip of a terrible snowstorm. To stop the blizzard, Jack and Annie must save the unicorn made famous in the Cloister's medieval tapestries. But will that be enough to help a city that faces so many troubles? **PB \$13.95**

Michelle Paver*Soul Eater (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness 03)*

Torak has survived the summer and his heart-stopping adventure in the Seal Islands. He and Wolf are together again. But their reunion is all too short-lived.

As mid winter approaches Torak learns the worst from the White Fox clan - Wolf has been snatched. In a desperate bid to rescue him, Torak and Renn must brave the frozen wilderness of the Far North. They tread a deadly dangerous path as they step into a world of deceit, treachery and lies and come face to face with the the most powerful and feared mages alive. Cruel Thiazzi, the Oak Tree Mage, Seshru the Viper Mage, beautiful and manipulative, and Nef the gruff Bat Mage - here too is Eostra, the mysterious Masked One - all of them bound by their desire for all creatures to bow before them.

Under the dark wings of night Torak confronts vengeful ice bears, mistrust, broken promises and a terrifying evil.

Another step is taken on his quest to destroy the Soul-Eaters, but with it comes the burden of an utterly chilling secret of his own... **BPB \$16.99**

Philip Pullman*The Northern Lights (His Dark Materials 01)*

Winner of the Carnegie Medal, the first volume in Phillip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy, has been acclaimed as a modern masterpiece of children's literature. The story of Lyra, her daemon, and the mysterious alethiometer has thrilled many millions of children around the world.

PB \$19.99

Dietlof Reiche*Ghost Ship*

Twelve-year-old Vicki is facing another long, boring summer waitressing at her father's seaside restaurant. But everything changes when the bay goes dry and a mysterious ship appears - an eighteenth-century square-rigger called Storm Goddess. With tourists swarming, a pushy reporter nosing around, and ghosts appearing on deck, it's up to Vicki and her new friend Peter to find a way aboard Storm Goddess to unlock her ancient secrets. **PB \$17.99**

Serena Robar*Braced2bite*

When Colby Blanchard is attacked and turned into a half-vampire, her senior year of high school becomes surreal as she vacillates between trying to save her life and worrying about losing her place on the cheerleading squad. **B- PB \$22.95**

Dating4Demons

As Colby, the Protector of the half-blood vampires, continues to fight off full-bloods, take care of her sorority sisters, keep up with coursework, and decipher the prophecy that claims she will bring about the end of the world, her best friend Piper stakes a demon zombie and learns she is a demon slayer. **B- PB \$22.95**

Fangs4Freaks

As Protector of the half-blood vampires, Colby is called into action when her sisters in the newly established Psi Phi sorority house start experiencing ugly, unexpected attacks, either from a member of the Vampire Tribunal, or from a spy. **PB \$22.95**

Emily Rodda Australian Author*Deltora Quest 3 Bind-Up (Deltora Quest 3)*

Here, for the first time, the four books of the international best-selling fantasy series Deltora Quest 3 are brought together in one superb volume. The evil Shadow Lord has been banished, but still famine stalks Deltora, and only monsters thrive. As the starving people weaken, Lief, Jasmine and Barda discover a terrible secret. The Enemy left the seeds of death behind him. Four vile creations of sorcery called the Four Sisters are hidden in the land. They are slowly killing it while the Shadow Lord gloats, awaiting his triumphant return. **HC \$29.99**

J K Rowling*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (Harry Potter 07)*

Unabridged CD (choice of covers) \$199; Special Edition HC \$89.95

Kate Saunders*The Little Secret*

"Most important of all, THE BOX MUST NEVER BE OPENED. Do you understand?"

Jane is the only one to befriend the strange new girl in her class. All the other children think Staffa is weird, with her paper-white skin, strange way of speaking and funny old fashioned clothes. But Jane thinks Staffa is fun, and silly and brave. The only thing Jane doesn't like about her is her mother, Lady Matilda, who dresses in huge tweed knickerbockers, drinks a vile-smelling tea and seems to be sizing Jane up for something. Nonetheless, Jane agrees to go on holiday with Staffa.

Travelling with them is the exquisitely painted box Lady Matilda always keeps by her side. Jane is given strict instructions NEVER to open the box, but when she wakes one night to see a strange glow coming from it, she can't resist a peek inside. What she sees changes her life forever, as she finds herself plunged into the tiny world of Eck... a world of slug steaks, spider racing and a tyrannical Queen hell-bent on marrying Jane off to her son...

This is a vividly drawn contemporary fairy tale, full of mad invention, adventure and wonderfully colourful characters. **BPB \$14.95**

Darren Shan*Bec (Demonata 04)*

"As a baby, Bec fought for her life. As a trainee priestess, she fights to fit into a tribe that needs her skills but fears her powers. And when the demons come, the fight becomes a war.

Bec's magic is weak and untrained, until she meets the druid Drust. Under his leadership, Bec and a small band of warriors embark on a long journey through hostile lands to confront the Demonata at their source.

But the final conflict demands a sacrifice too horrific to contemplate ... **BPB \$14.99**

Gena Showalter*Red handed*

She's been chosen to fight the elusive enemy among us.... Phoenix Germaine has been trying to earn back her mother's trust after going into rehab and kicking Onadyn -- the drug of choice for New Chicago teens. But when a party in the woods turns into an all-out battle with the most ferocious aliens Phoenix has never seen, she's brought home in what appears to be an Onadyn-induced state. Hello, reform school. Except, what her mother doesn't know is that Phoenix has just been recruited to join the elite Alien Investigation and Removal agency, where she'll learn to fight dirty, track hard, and destroy the enemy. Her professional training will be rigorous and dangerous, and the fact that one of her instructors is Ryan Stone -- the drop-dead gorgeous, nineteen-year-old agent she met in the woods that night -- doesn't make things any easier. Especially when dating him is totally against the rules.... Wildly imaginative, action-packed, and thrilling, Red Handed launches Gena Showalter's stunning new alien huntress series.

TP \$16.95

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell*Curse of the Night Wolf (Barnaby Grimes)*

Barnaby Grimes is a tick-tock lad, running errands in his city, day and night, and 'high-stacking' around the rooftops in search of new mysteries to solve. In this first adventure, Barnaby is attacked one night by an enormous dog. He kills it - but that's not the end of this particular mystery... as Barnaby finds himself swept up in a world of crooked doctors, poor and ill-advised patients, strange tonics and very expensive furs... Could there be more to the seemingly respectable Dr Cadwallader and the tonics he doles out to the poor? Is there a link between the tonic and the huge dogs - or possibly wolves - that are roaming the city at night? When Barnaby's old acquaintance Benjamin goes missing, Barnaby fears the worst for him, and decides to dig deeper...

A fantastic romp through a Dickensian-style city, with a wonderful new hero in the guise of Barnaby. This new series from the bestselling dream team of Stewart and Riddell is a must for all fans of the Edge Chronicles - but also for fans of Horowitz and Shan, as they move into new territory and deliver a brilliantly exciting thriller-horror for boys. **HC \$27.95**

B Strange*Terror in Cubicle Four (Too Ghoul For School 01)*

St Sebastian's School is the pits - literally! Built on top of a medieval plague pit.

The school is haunted by the disgruntled ghosts of the plague victims who are looking for a peaceful resting place - not a noisy high school on top of their crypt!

To get their own back, the ghosts are continually kicking up a stink in and around the school grounds to scare away the students.

Ghosts morphing into monsters, zombies and causing much mischief by popping out of toilets and taps is just a run of the mill day at St Sebastian's.

James is a new year seven, and together with his mates he plans to get to the bottom of the ghoulish problem and flush out the ghosts once and for all.

But nothing's ever so easy at St Sebastian's and each term seems destined to be plagued with misery. **PB \$9.95**

The Bubonic Builders (Too Ghoul For School 02) **PB \$9.95**

Silent But Deadly (Too Ghoul For School 03) **PB \$9.95**

The In-Spectres Call (Too Ghoul For School 04) **PB \$9.95**

School Spooks Day (Too Ghoul For School 05) **PB \$9.95**

Ghoul Dinners (Too Ghoul For School 06) **PB \$9.95**

Kate Thompson

The Last of the High Kings (New Policeman 02)

JJ has grown-up and has a family of his own: he's married to Aisling and has four children - Hazel, Jenny, Donal and little Aidan. All his children are special in their own way but Jenny has always lived by her own rules. She forgets to go to school a lot, doesn't like wearing shoes and spends a lot of time on the stone beacon on the mountainside, talking to the ghost who guards it and the puca - the big, white goat who is also something else entirely...

The ghost is Jenny's friend. He loves people and the knowledge that he has kept humanity safe by guarding the beacon for thousands of years, makes him proud, even though he knows that people have forgotten about him. But the puca has a plan: he wants Jenny to persuade the ghost that he doesn't need to guard the beacon any more. Because then the pucas will be able to return the world to what it was before humans upset the harmony of things. It looks as though that is what will happen, but old Mikey Cullan, who is also the last of the High Kings of Ireland, has a plan of his own...

And JJ and Aisling have something that they must tell Jenny, something that will explain a lot of things and give Jenny a choice to make - a choice between the world of humans, the only world she has known, or the world of Tir na n'Og, the Land of Eternal Youth. And it's only after JJ takes Jenny and Donal to Tir na n'Og that she can decide... **TP \$27.95**

The Fourth Horseman

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

When a second rider with a bloody sword appears alongside the first, and then a third and a fourth, Laurie knows she must try to understand who they are and what they represent. With the help of her brother and his best friend, she discovers what the riders mean but will it be too late to stop the inevitable chain of events that has been set in motion...? **BPB \$17.95**

Robert Westall Editor

Spinetinglers: Ghoulish Ghost Stories

This chilling collection of ghost stories will haunt your imagination. From the ethereal beauty of 'The Piper at the Gates of Dawn' to the chilling horror of 'Thornley Abbey', this collection brings together a wide range of supernatural stories by top classic and contemporary writers. Prepare to be scared out of your wits! **HC \$17.99**

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Aliens

Cauldron

Diane Carey **APB \$17.95**

Battlestar Galactica

Cylon's Secret

Craig Shaw Gardner

It's been twenty years since the end of the Cylon war. The twelve human colony worlds are rebuilding and they are now nowhere to be found. The robotic race that tried to obliterate its creators has gone to parts unknown in deep space and scavengers like Tom Zarek are following them, scouring the outer settlements for valuable Cylon technologies and usually returning empty-handed...until he and the crew of the cruiser Lightning find the Omega Station, a secret scientific station beyond the edge of charted space. This is it, the big score: except something is wrong...the base is still occupied by Cylons! Battlestar Galactica, one of the oldest warships in the fleet, receives the Lightning's cryptic distress call 'Cylons!', and William Adama, newly promoted to second-in-command, is worried. Most of his crew are green, new recruits not prepared for anything but the most routine missions. And as Adama soon discovers, this mission is anything but routine. Not only is Omega full of Cylons, it also harbours something much more disturbing... **APB \$19.95**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Buffy the Vampire Slayer Omnibus Volume 1

The definitive comics collection of all things Buffy starts here. This first massive volume begins at the beginning-The Origin, a faithful adaptation of creator Joss Whedon's original screenplay for the film that started it all. The newly chosen Slayer's road to Sunnydale continues in Viva Las Buffy and Slayer, Interrupted. Next, Sunnydale, the Scoobies, and an English librarian lead the way into Season One continuity. Plus, The Goon creator Eric Powell provides pencils to "All's Fair," featuring Spike and Drusilla at the 1933 World's Fair.

The smash TV hit Buffy the Vampire Slayer led to nearly a decade of comics at Dark Horse-including multiple specials, one-shots, and guest miniseries. This omnibus series is the ultimate compilation of the Buffy comics Dark Horse has published, and runs along the TV series' timeline. A fitting companion to Whedon's comics-based relaunch of the show. **TP \$51.95**

Charmed

Calendar 2008: Charmed **\$35.95**

CSI New York 03

Deluge

Stuart A Kaminsky

Days and nights of heavy spring rain threaten to cripple New York City. Neighborhoods are experiencing periodic blackouts. People have been reported electrocuted by fallen power lines. Flooding of some subway lines has stopped trains in their tracks. And in the midst of the deluge, the CSI team has three cases to solve. Mac Taylor and Don Flack are on the trail of the perpetrator of a string of grisly murders with one thing in common: initials carved into the victims' bodies. When an unusual connection is found between the victims' lives, Mac realizes the killer isn't finished -- not by a long shot. Lindsay Monroe and Danny Messer investigate the death of a teacher at an exclusive Manhattan private school. The victim seems like everyone's favorite teacher on the surface -- but they soon uncover a darker secret lurking beneath. Stella Bonasera and Sheldon Hawkes are on-site at a suspicious building collapse when shifting rubble traps Hawkes in a deep pit with a mysterious stranger. Tensions rise as their oxygen starts to run out.... The intrepid members of New York's crack forensic team must race against time and the elements to bring three very different criminals to justice. **APB \$16.95**

Doctor Who

Made of Steel

Terrance Dicks

Sees the Doctor pitted against one of his most famous adversaries - the deadly Cybermen. This book features the Doctor's new companion Martha Jones. **BPB \$9.95**

Doctor Who

Mark Campbell

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Iron Legion

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The Flood

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Star Trek

Deep Space 9: Twist of Faith

S D Perry

Uneasy Peace. Worlds In Flux. Tests Of Faith. The Final Episode Was Only The Beginning. The Dominion War is over...or is it? Three months after the Allied victory against the invaders from the Gamma Quadrant, a surprise attack awakens the fear of renewed hostilities. At the same time, a senseless murder sets a space station commander on a path that will test the limits of her faith...while a strange discovery within the plasma storms of the Badlands propels an old soldier toward a rendezvous with destiny. Elsewhere, amidst the ruins of an ancient civilization, a young man is about to embark on a dangerous quest to fill the hole in his life -- one left by the loss of his father. So begins the unprecedented, authorized continuation of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, springing from the seven-year television odyssey of Captain Benjamin Sisko and his crew aboard a Federation starbase at the edge of the final frontier. Following the serial format and evolving character arcs that were the hallmarks of the TV series, the new Deep Space Nine novels pick up where the show left off, daring to imagine what happened after the final episode. Now the first five tales of that critically acclaimed storyline are collected in one massive volume. Originally published as the two-part Avatar, Abyss, Demons of Air and Darkness, and the novella **TP \$29.95**

Vanguard 03: Reap the Whirlwind

David Mack

The mystery of the Taurus Reach is about to be revealed. Ancient secrets lie on the fourth planet of the Jinoteur system, and three great rivals are fighting to control it. The Federation and the Klingon Empire want to wield its power; the Tholian Assembly wants to bury it. But the threat stirring on that distant world is more dangerous than they realize. The Shedai, who ruled the Taurus Reach aeons ago, have risen from their ages of deathlike slumber -- to gather, marshal their strength, and take their revenge. To keep Jinoteur from falling into enemy hands, the crews of Starbase Vanguard and the U.S.S. Sagittarius must risk everything: friends...loved ones...their own lives. But the sacrifices they make may prove too terrible for them to bear. **APB \$16.95**

Star Wars

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Drew Karpyshyn

Thousands of years before the rise of Darth Sidious and Darth Vader, the Old Republic was rife with the evil Sith, who were a constant thorn in the side of the Jedi. But greed and hunger for power were eating away at the Sith Order, destroying it from within. In the midst of this rose a new Sith, Darth Bane, who recognized that the Sith Order would fall if nothing was done. Thus it was he who, learning to cultivate patience and cunning, hid from the strife until it was over, and then rose to become the most powerful Sith Lord ever.

This is the story of the transformation of Des, a young miner, into the legendary Sith Lord Darth Bane. Des - like many of the disenfranchised who live on the Outer Rim - is disillusioned with the stagnancy of the Old Republic. When the Sith unite to bring the Republic down, Des is one of many to join their cause. His heroism and skill in battle - along with his remarkable connection to the Force - draw the notice of the Sith Masters, and Des eventually finds himself studying at the Sith Academy on Korriban. He takes the name of Bane and, amidst the deception and back-stabbing of the other students, he learns to unlock his latent dark-side talents. As his power grows, Bane realizes the Sith have lost their way. Under the leadership of Lord Kaan and his Brotherhood of Darkness, the Sith have turned their back on the true nature of the dark side. Through manipulation, cunning and strength, Bane destroys Kaan's Brotherhood and wipes out all the other Sith so he can found a new Order based on the rule of two: one Master, one apprentice. **APB \$21.95**

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

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

Yet the alliance will only survive if the French siege can be lifted. An allied army marches from the city to take on the more powerful French and, once again, a brilliant piece of soldiering turns to disaster, this time because the Spanish refuse to fight. A small British force is trapped by a French army, and the only hope now lies with the outnumbered redcoats who, on a hill beside the sea, refuse to admit defeat. And there, in the sweltering horror of Barrosa, Sharpe finds Colonel Vandal again. **APB \$19.99**

General Peter Cosgrove*My Story*

This book is my personal story, from boyhood to battlefield and beyond, written in my own words, reflecting on my life. In 1999, General Peter Cosgrove was thrust into the full glare of the nation's spotlight following his appointment as Commander of the International Forces in East Timor (INTERFET). Always in his slouch hat, he was a reassuring figure and we watched with pride the professionalism and concern of our peacekeeping forces who under his direction helped lay the foundations of a new nation. In his subsequent rise to Chief of the Army and then, in July 2002, to Chief of the Defence Force, the General cemented his reputation as a modern-day warrior chieftain as he displayed those characteristics we value most as Australians; strength, determination, intelligence, compassion and humour. In these memoirs, Peter Cosgrove writes colourfully of his early years and the influences that shaped him before deciding on a military career. We follow him from raw recruit at Duntroon to early duty in Malaysia and then Vietnam, where he won the Military Cross, through to major events in recent times, including 9/11, the children overboard issue, the liberation of East Timor and the conflict in Iraq. General Cosgrove is not a man who flinches from telling it how it was. The former Australian of the Year looks back over his respected and decorated military career with wit and warmth on top of the steel that made him one of Australia's most popular and widely **TP \$35**

Christina Dodd*Touch of Darkness (Darkness Chosen)*

Possessing the power to transform himself into a fierce bird of prey, Rurik Wilder is determined to break the evil pact that has enslaved his family for years, but Tasya Hunnicutt, a woman on her own mission, stands in his way. **APB \$19.95**

Joan Druett*A Watery Grave (Wiki Coffin 01)*

It's 1838 and Wiki Coffin, half-blood Maori son of a Salem ship captain, waits on the banks of the Elizabeth River, Virginia. Pistols ready, he is scheduled to fight a duel but instead discovers a boat drifting with a dead woman inside. When the law arrives he is the immediate suspect and is placed under arrest. Wiki has to watch helplessly as the ships of the US Exploring Expedition sail off on their epic voyage to the Pacific and Antarctic, leaving him - their expert linguist - behind. Luckily, Wiki proves his innocence in the nick of time and is able to join his ship. But there's a catch. The local sheriff is convinced that the real murderer is on board the expedition. Amid great peril and beset by enemies, the task falls to Wiki to catch the killer and ensure that justice is served on the high seas. **BPB \$12.95**

Janet Evanovich*Lean Mean Thirteen (Stephanie Plum 13)*

Trenton, New Jersey, bounty hunter Stephanie Plum, along with her offbeat family and associates, embarks on her thirteenth zany and perilous adventure, in the sequel to Twelve Sharp. **HC \$56.95**

Bill Evans & Marianna Jameson*Category 7*

When a corrupt business mogul uses rogue weather technology to create a hurricane of unprecedented force in order to influence the president, young meteorologist Kate Sherman and CIA weatherman Jake Baxter struggle to prevent the deaths of millions of people. **HC \$56.95**

Sean Fagan*The Master*

Dally Messenger is still an icon of Rugby League in Australia - and our first sporting superstar. 50 000 people regularly watched a game of football simply because he was on the field. Born in Sydney, he grew up in Melbourne, where he learned his kicking skills from some of the greats who played Australian Rules for South Melbourne. He represented Australia in League, and both Australia and New Zealand in Union. In the early years of Federation, when League and Australian Rules were jockeying to become the dominant code, he was courted by both sides. At the height of his career, crowds would flock to the grounds just to see him play, and he remains revered in the game to this day. **TP \$35**

Frederick Forsyth

The Afghan

When British and American intelligence catch wind of a major Al Qaeda operation in the works, they are primed for action - but what can they do? They know nothing about the attack: the what, where or when. They have no sources in Al Qaeda, and it's impossible to plant someone. Impossible, unless... The Afghan is Izmat Khan, a five-year prisoner of Guantanamo Bay and a former senior commander of the Taliban. The Afghan is also Colonel Mike Martin, a 25-year veteran of war zones around the world, a dark, lean man born and raised in Iraq. In an attempt to stave off disaster, the intelligence agencies will try to do what no one has ever done before - pass off a Westerner as an Arab among Arabs - pass off Martin as the trusted Khan. It will require extraordinary preparation, and then extraordinary luck, for nothing can truly prepare Martin for the dark and shifting world he is about to enter. Or for the terrible things he will find there... **APB \$21.95**

Diana Gabaldon

Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade (Lord John)

Against the vivid and violent backdrop of war-torn Europe, Lord John Grey pursues a deadly family secret and a clandestine love affair...

Seventeen years earlier, Grey's father, the Duke of Pardloe, shot himself just days before he was to be accused of being a Jacobite traitor. By raising a regiment to fight at Culloden, Grey's elder brother has succeeded in redeeming the family name, aided by Grey, now a Major in that regiment. But now, on the eve of the regiment's move to Germany, a mysterious threat surfaces, a threat that opens unwelcome questions about the matter of the Duke's death, and brings the Grey brothers into fresh conflict with the past and each other.

From barracks and parade-grounds to the battlefields of Prussia and the stony fells of the Lake District, Lord John's struggle to find the truth leads him through danger and passion, ever deeper, towards the answer to the question at the centre of his soul -- what is most important to a man? Love, loyalty, family name? Self-respect or honesty? Surviving the battle of Krefeld and a searing personal betrayal, John Grey returns to the Lake District to try and find the man who may hold the key to his quest: a Jacobite prisoner named Jamie Fraser. **HC \$69.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear

It Dreams in Me

Sora, the High Chieftess of the Black Falcon Nation, has been banished by her own people until she can find healing for her broken spirit. Her seductive, murderous rampages have led to war with nearby clans and caused dissension in her own, as well. If another body was to turn up, Sora will certainly be blamed - even her own clan will demand her death. Now facing her 33rd winter, she and her husband Flint are wandering the land searching frantically for the means to cure her shattered soul.

In the wake of the Eagle Flute Village massacre, Red Raven witnessed a woman murder Chief Short Tail of the Loon people in an exotic ritual. As word spreads, more people want Sora found and killed, but there is still hope to heal her... she must find her reflection-soul. But Short Tail's shadow-soul managed to find a home in his last breath, and, hell-bent on revenge, he'll do anything to put an end to Sora's life. **TP \$24.95**

Rachel K Gibson

Tangled Up In You

Returning home to Truly, Idaho, to unravel the mystery surrounding her sordid past, which involves the Hennessy family, Maddie Dupree discovers that she is in way over her head when she gets too close to Mick Hennessy. **APB \$17.95**

Daniel Lynn Golemon

Legend (Event 02)

In the sequel to Event, Major Jack Collins, the head of the Event Group, a top-secret government agency dedicated to solving the mysteries of the past, and his team venture deep into the perilous depths of the Amazon in search of a treasure trove of long-lost Inca gold and the legendary predator that will destroy anyone threatening to expose the dark secret of the vanished Incas. **HC \$51.95**

Carolyn Haines

Bones to Pick (Southern Belle Mystery)

When a local girl is found dead in a cotton field and her lover stands accused of the crime, southern belle and fearless P.I. Sarah Booth Delaney is hired by the suspect's brother to expose the real killer. **APB \$17.95**

James Halliday Australian Author

James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2008

James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion is the No. 1 bestselling guide to wineries and wine in Australia. Keenly anticipated by winemakers, faithful collectors and wine lovers alike, the 2008 edition has been completely revised and updated to bring you up-to-the-minute information.

Halliday shares his extensive knowledge of wine via detailed tasting notes, each of which includes vintage-specific ratings and advice on optimal drinking, as well as each wine's closure, alcohol content and price. He provides important details on wineries - including opening times, contact details and web addresses - in addition to biographies on each, and information about the winemakers.

An indispensable reference for all enthusiasts of Australian wine, the Australian Wine Companion is a must-have for anyone planning to visit a wine-growing region or to replenish their cellar or wine rack. It is the most authoritative and entertaining guide to Australian wine. **PB \$32.95**

Hank Haney & John Huggan

Only Golf Lesson You'll Ever Need

A top golf instructor offers his proven methods of virtually instantly improving one's golf game, teaching golfers how to recognize their mistakes and correct them, including suggestions on curing hooks and slices, making putts, and troubleshooting. **\$51.95**

Charlaine Harris

A Secret Rage

Nickie Callahan finds that the safety and security of her small, college-town in Tennessee is an illusion when the women of the town are stalked by a brutal rapist. **APB \$19.95**

John Twelve Hawks

The Dark River

Fear stalks our lives. In the press. On the television. Over the airwaves. Across the internet. Everywhere we go, someone somewhere is always watching. Waiting for the mistake that will reveal secrets, truths, lies, the real story or what they want to believe. No longer is anonymity a given right. We are being controlled without our knowledge and we don't appear to care. Daily we sacrifice little freedoms that will never be returned. We are all victims. There are some who will fight to the death to protect those freedoms. They will not allow the forces of commerce and ideology to dictate their lives. They are off the grid. Gabriel Corrigan is one such man. The system doesn't like it. It says that you cannot opt out, that you have to participate. And it will do whatever it takes to return Gabriel to the fold - alive or dead. He can run but he can't hide - forever... **TP \$32.95**

Glen Hudson & Alan Whiticker

Encyclopedia of Rugby League Players 5th Edition TP \$34.95

Andrew Hutchinson Australian Author

Rohypnol

Fact: Bad people do bad things.

In the new age of money, drugs and instant satisfaction, you make your own rules. You take what you want, you don't ask. There is no responsibility. There is no guilt. If someone burns you, you should do the same to them. It's an issue of equality.

Andrew Hutchinson brilliantly portrays a disturbing reality in which cold and disillusioned youths assault the comfortable middle-class world around them. This provocative, jolting novel examines the mind of a self-made monster - and questions the direction of modern life. **PB \$23.95**

Conn Iggulden & Hal Iggulden

The Dangerous Book For Boys (Australian Edition)

The surprise bestseller of 2006 - now fully revised to include dangerous Australian content The book which became an international phenomenon, Conn and Hal Iggulden's Dangerous Book for Boys, now comes with a stunning green and gold cover - and a foreword by John Doyle (Rampaging Roy Slaven). In addition to all the information which made it such a hit - how to make the perfect water bomb, how to read codes, what are the rules of cricket, who were the Kings and Queens of Europe, what are the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World - and just how do you deal with girls? - this gorgeous new edition is crammed with new Australian content. Now you can read about local heroes like General John Monash at Gallipoli and the battles of Somme, find how to skin a kangaroo, get the lowdown on creatures that crawl, bite, sting and sometimes kill (and learn the first aid which can save you from them), have a quick reference guide to the Prime Ministers, learn how Australian football is played and lots more... With beautiful accompanying photographs, this is an indispensable book for all Australian boys, from eight to eighty. **HC \$45**

Jessica Incan

When you Believe

On the run from three ruthless killers, San Francisco poet Miranda Stead unwittingly enters into a strange and secret realm where she is drawn to Sarel Valasay, a magical telepath and healer who, after one night of undeniable passion, must make her forget his world and his people. **APB \$17.95**

Terry Jones

Terry Jones' Barbarians

TERRY JONES' BARBARIANS takes a completely fresh approach to Roman history. Not only does it offer us the chance to see the Romans from a non-Roman perspective, it also reveals that most of those written off by the Romans as uncivilized, savage and barbaric were in fact organized, motivated and intelligent groups of people, with no intentions of overthrowing Rome and plundering its Empire.

This original and fascinating study does away with the propaganda and opens our eyes to who really established the civilized world. Delving deep into history, Terry Jones and Alan Ereira uncover the impressive cultural and technological achievements of the Celts, Goths, Persians and Vandals. In this new paperback edition, Terry and Alan travel through 700 years of history on three continents, bringing wit, irreverence, passion and the very latest scholarship to transform our view of the legacy of the Roman Empire and the creation of the modern world. **BPB \$24.95**

Lee Charles Kelley

Like a Dog With a Bone

When a retired general asks them to cure his dog Molly of her incessant digging, kennel owner Jack Field and his sassy new wife, Dr. Jamie Cutter, get a big surprise when Molly unearths the remains of the general's wife who supposedly ran off to Mexico twenty years earlier. **APB \$17.95**

Susan Krinard

Twice a Hero

Fascinated by the disappearance of a handsome explorer a century ago, a young twentieth-century woman sets out to retrace his footsteps through the Maya jungle, but she is suddenly thrust back in time to 1884, and into the arms of the very explorer she seeks. **APB \$17.95**

Tim LaHaye & Bob Phillips

The Europa Conspiracy (Babylon Rising 03)

Biblical archaeologist Michael Murphy embarks on a quest to uncover one of the Bible's most significant artifacts, a search that forces him to match wits with the evil Talon, a mysterious opponent working with a group of shadowy conspirators with dire plans for all humankind, in the sequel to Babylon Rising and The Secret on Ararat. **APB \$19.95**

The Edge of Darkness (Babylon Rising 04)

In the fourth novel in the Babylon Rising series, biblical archaeologist Michael Murphy stumbles upon clues to an ancient evil as he follows a trail to the long-lost temple of Dagon, the deadly Philistine deity that is half-human and half-fish. **TP \$28.95**

Anders Larsen

Sharp Practice

Scientists have concluded that 90 percent of men shave at least once a day. That works out at a colossal twenty thousand shaves, or five months in front of the mirror, in a lifetime. Yet how many men have ever been given any advice or shown how best to shave? Here to fill that gaping hole is an indispensable guide to the ultimate shave. Shaving shouldn't be a chore, but a pleasure, and Sharp Practice will tell you how.

Rich in the (sometimes strange) history of shaving, full of anecdotes and packed with tips and advice, Sharp Practice will revolutionize your morning ritual. Here you will find advice on avoiding common mistakes, preventing rashes and cuts, what aftershave to use and how to handle a cut-throat razor, as well as everyday tips and the ultimate luxury shave. You will also learn about Che Guevara's beard, Ivan the Terrible's idea of fun, Alexander the Great and the severed head, and how cavemen invented the razor.

Super-stylish, funny and practical, this is a must-have for all well-groomed men everywhere, and the perfect present for any young man beginning to shave for the first time. **BPB \$24.95**

Gary McKay*On Patrol With the SAS*

On Patrol with the SAS takes the reader into the heart and soul of the men of the Australian Army's Special Air Services Regiment. It provides a clear insight into the rigours of the SAS selection process, training for war in Papua New Guinea, then in graphic and sometimes raw and brutal detail into combat behind enemy lines in Borneo and South Viet Nam. It is an engrossing soldier's story. One in which the qualities of the men, their mental, physical and psychological toughness together with their superb battlecraft, essential for operating in small teams isolated in the "enemy's backyard", emerge as the key components for their success in these two conflicts.' Brigadier Rod Curtis, AM, MC (Retd) McKay has done what few other authors writing about the SAS achieve. He debunks the myths and lets the men who served in the Regiment tell it as it was. My children ask me what it was like to serve with the SAS in South Viet Nam: I will give them this book to read.' Brigadier Chris Roberts, AM, CSC **TP \$29.95**

Barbara Michaels*Sea Kings Daughter*

After a strange visit from the estranged father she has not seen in twenty years, Sandy Frederick agrees to do some illegal scuba diving for his archaeological expedition in Greece, but her presence brings to life a terrifying web of dark superstition, betrayal, and death that threatens to doom her. **APB \$19.95**

Patti O'Shea*In the Midnight Hour*

A troubleshooter from a society of magic users, assigned to protect humans from those who have turned to black magic, Ryne Frasier rescues Deke Summers, a private detective imprisoned within a cartoon character for more than four years, and joins forces with him to track down and destroy her former mentor, Anise. **APB \$17.95**

Michael O'Sullivan*Easter At Tobruk* **PB \$32****Don Pendleton***Orange Alert (Executioner 345)*

With the continuing conflict between the IRA and the Protestant Nationals escalating beyond the borders of Ireland, catching America in the cross fire, Mack Bolan is tasked to find out who is using terrorist tactics and threats to force U.S. intervention in Northern Ireland. **APB \$13.95**

Red Frost (Stony Man 90)

When a Russian nuclear submarine unexpectedly runs aground near the city of Seattle, the Stony Man team prepares for action to take on a powerful army of former Spetsnaz troops out to exact revenge for the lost honor of the once powerful Soviet Union and the mysterious biological weapon they plan to unleash. **APB \$16.95**

Julie Phillips*James Tiptree Jr: Double Life of Alice B Sheldon*

A profile of the successful woman author who hid behind the male pen name of James Tiptree, Jr., to publish popular short works of science fiction in the 1970s describes her childhood explorations of Africa with her mother, work as an intelligence officer during World War II, and shocking suicide. **TP \$36.95**

Matthew Reilly Australian Author*Seven Ancient Wonders*

Thousands of years ago, a magnificent golden capstone sat atop the Great Pyramid of Giza. Glorious and beautiful, it was also a source of immense power, capable of bestowing upon its holder absolute global rule for a thousand years...

But then, in 323 BC, the capstone was broken into seven pieces and spread to the corners of the earth. It would be hidden within the greatest structures of the age: structures that would become known as the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World.

Now, with the coming of a rare solar event, the time has come to locate the pieces and rebuild the capstone.

Everyone wants it. From the greatest, most powerful countries on earth, to gangs of evil terrorists... and one daring coalition of eight small nations who think no single country should possess such an awesome power source.

And so, led by the mysterious Captain Jack West Jr, this determined group enters the fray, a global battlefield filled with viciously booby-trapped mines, stupendous Ancient Wonders, gigantic evil forces, and an adventure beyond imagining. **APB \$19.95**

Jennifer Roberson*Lady of the Forest*

As Sir Robert of Locksley shuns his life of wealth and aristocracy to fight alongside Sherwood Forest's outlaws, Lady Marian of Ravenskeep, pursued by the Sheriff of Nottingham, joins her lover, embracing his life of adventure and danger. **TP \$30.95**

Nora Roberts*High Noon*

Police Lieutenant Phoebe MacNamara found her calling at an early age when an unstable man broke into her family's home, trapping and terrorising them for hours. Now she's Savannah's top hostage negotiator, defusing powder-keg situations and has a talent for knowing when to give in - and when to jump in and take action. It's satisfying work - and sometimes those skills come in handy at home dealing with her precocious seven-year-old, Carly, and her agoraphobic mother, still traumatised by the break-in after all these years. It's exactly that heady combination of steely courage and sensitivity that first attracts Duncan Swift to Phoebe. After watching her talk one of his employees off of a roof ledge, he is committed to keeping this intriguing, take-charge woman in his life. She's used to working solo, but Phoebe's finding that no amount of negotiation can keep Duncan at arm's length. And when she's grabbed by a man who throws a hood over her head and brutally assaults her - in her own precinct house - Phoebe can't help but be deeply shaken. Then threatening messages show up on her doorstep, and she's not just alarmed but frustrated. **TP \$32.95**

Rowan Scarborough*Sabotage: America's Enemies within the CIA*

Contends that CIA bureaucracy is directly undermining the Bush administration and the War on Terror through deliberate acts of sabotage, disinformation, and incompetence, citing specific activities in partisan politics that the author believes are directly responsible for current issues.

HC \$56.95

Robert Service*Comrades!: A History of World Communism*

Traces the history of communism from its earliest origins to the present day, profiling the key individuals and events that shaped communism, describing the contributions of Marx and Engels, the Russian and Chinese Revolutions, the rise of the Soviet bloc, the spread of communism, its ideology and organization, and its collapse in Eastern Europe and the USSR. **HC \$70**

Karin Slaughter*Skin Privilege***IT'S NO SIMPLE CASE OF MURDER**

Lena Adams has spent her life struggling to escape her past. She has only unhappy memories of Reece, the small town which nearly destroyed her. She's made a new life for herself as a police detective in Heartsdale, a hundred miles away - but nothing could prepare her for the violence which explodes when she is forced to return. A vicious murder leaves a young woman incinerated beyond recognition. And Lena is the only suspect.

When Heartsdale police chief Jeffrey Tolliver, Lena's boss, receives word that his detective has been arrested, he has no choice but to go to Lena's aid - taking with him his wife, medical examiner Sara Linton. But soon after their arrival, a second victim is found. The town closes ranks. And both Jeffrey and Sara find themselves entangled in a horrifying underground world of bigotry and rage - a violent world which shocks even them. A world which puts their own lives in jeopardy.

Only Jeffrey and Sara can free Lena from the web of lies, betrayal and brutality that has trapped her. But can they discover the truth before the killer strikes again? **TP \$32.95**

Mary Stewart*My Brother Michael*

Camilla Haven is on holiday alone, and wishes for some excitement. No sooner has she written to her friend Elizabeth in England, than her life suddenly begins to take off and she finds herself in the midst of an exciting, intriguing, yet dangerous adventure as she sets out on a mysterious car journey to Delphi. **APB \$19.95**

Mark Thomson *Australian Author**Makers, Breakers and Fixers*

Meet the blokes who know how engines work, what to do with discarded bicycle parts, how to fix everything from bulldozers to sewing machines to prize-winning hotrods. *Makers, Breakers & Fixers* explores the link between creativity and resourcefulness, a powerful Australian tradition forged out of isolation, drought, fire, war and the Depression. From farm to factory to artist's studio, the shed has come to be treasured as a palace of everyday creativity. It's the place where problems are solved and communities built. More than ever, the answer's in our own backyard. Mark Thomson, author of the runaway bestseller *Blokes & Sheds*, returns to lift the roofing iron and peek inside corrugated kingdoms across the nation.

PB \$24.99

Kate Wilhelm*Sleight of Hand (Barbara Holloway Legal Thriller)*

When Jay Wilkins accuses former criminal-turned-Vegas-entertainer Wally Lederer of stealing a priceless artifact, attorney Barbara Holloway must prove her client's innocence when Jay is murdered, a gamble that could destroy one life in an attempt to save another. **APB \$17.95**