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Author Visit

Kevin J Anderson and Rebecca Moesta

Infinitas will be hosting these two well published authors on Wednesday 26th September at 5.30pm. They will be signing copies of their books. All welcome to attend, bring books to be signed, our purchase them that night. Kevin's latest books are:

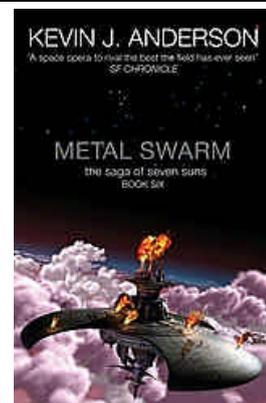
Metal Swarm (Seven Suns #6, TP)

Of Fire and Night (Seven Suns #5, PB)

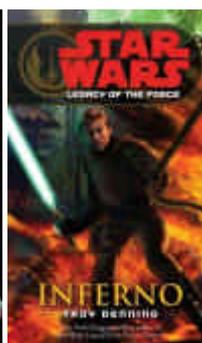
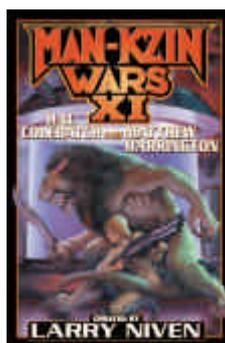
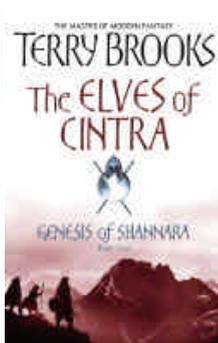
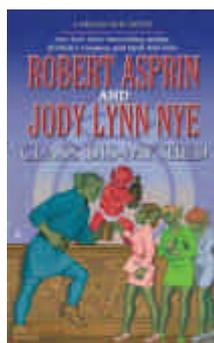
Slan Hunter (with A E Van Vogt, *Slan* sequel, HC)

Sandworms of Dune (Dune #8, with Brian Herbert)

If you can't visit on the night, but would like to get your books signed, please contact us and we will make arrangements.



Featured Books



Robert Asprin and Judy Lynn Nye

Terry Brooks

Larry Niven, et al

Troy Denning

Christine Feehan

William Gibson

Peter F Hamilton

Elizabeth Moon

S M Stirling

Anne McCaffrey and Elizabeth Ann Scarborough *Acorna's Children: Second Wave* in paperback.

Class Dis-Mythed in paperback.

The Elves of Cintra in trade paperback and hardcover.

Man-Kzin Wars XI in paperback.

Star Wars Inferno Legacy of the Force 6 in paperback.

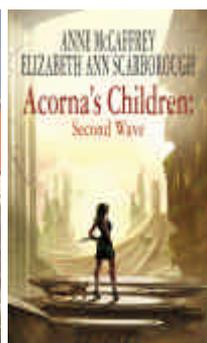
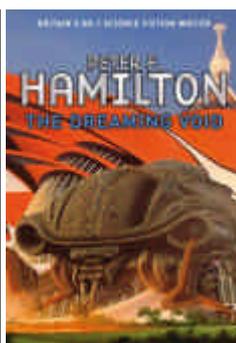
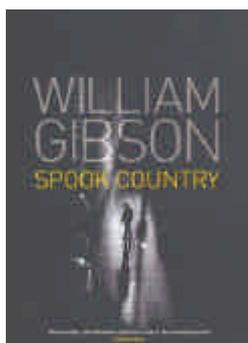
Dark Possession in trade paperback and hardcover.

Spook Country in trade paperback and hardcover.

The Dreaming Void in trade paperback.

Moon Flights a hardcover collection of short stories.

A Meeting At Corvallis in paperback.



Live From Phobos

By Alison Pearce

“And now, live from Phobos, the entertainment satellite of the solar system, we return you to Terry.... Martian.....From.....Space!!!!!!”

‘Welcome back viewers,’ Terry said as the voice over and applause died down, his perfectly coiffed purple hair framing the stunningly handsome green features that had gained him an intergalactic fan base, ‘If you’ve just tuned in, today we are discussing the issues surrounding Pluto’s desperate struggle to be reinstated as a fully fledged planet so they can finally cast off the shackles of being an oppressed dwarf planet!’

The cameras panned out over the auditorium, Plutonions sat on one side of the arena, three to a chair, with legs crossed defensively and triangular faces jutting out angrily towards the Earthlings.

Mostly made up of astronomers, the Earthlings ignored the little, spider-like beings, haughtily staring forward. A small contingent of viewers from Mars, Saturn and Jupiter sat in the rows between, some shuffling their feet uncomfortably.

‘Terry, if I may make a point?’

‘Go ahead Hindle,’ Terry said smugly, ‘we’re all ears.’

Earthlings burst out laughing at the little jibe, knowing full well that the Plutonions were very sensitive about being the only species present without them.

Hindle’s grey face blanched of colour and then flushed blue with anger. The Plutonions all bared their tiny sharp teeth at the Martian talk show host, ‘I shall endeavour to ignore that Terry, I expected no less from the Earth loving Martians,’ the Martians in the audience booed and jeered, even those who were sympathetic to Pluto’s cause. Hindle went on, ‘For almost three hundred years you big planets have been keeping us from our rightful place in the solar system! August the twenty-fourth of the year 2006 was a black day indeed for inter-species relationships. Since that time, every other planet in the system has treated us like second class citizens and we will not take it anymore!’

‘Oh come off it Hindle!’ Carl Ulster, the International Astronomers Union of Earth’s spokesman drawled, ‘You have simply been relegated as a dwarf planet, not completely struck off! Frankly I believe that the whole universe is tired of Pluto’s “poor us, we’re not a real planet” moaning and groaning.’

‘And yet you consider your own moon, which is totally devoid of intelligent life, more important in the solar system than us!’

‘Some would say Pluto has no intelligent life either,’ Ulster smirked.

‘Eruk ta, boteruka!’

‘Should we have bleeped that?’ Terry turned towards his producer, ‘I think that should have been bleeped.’

‘I’ve got a question Terry.’ Rising to his feet, a huge hairy, red giant from Jupiter reached out for the potable microphone.

Terry handed it to him, ‘What’s on your mind?’

‘It seems to me that this is a lot of kerfuffle about nothing,’ he faced the Plutonions opposite him, ‘Why can’t ya all accept that there is no place for you with the real planets and try and get on with the other dwarfs?’

‘Why you rotten specist!’ an elderly female Plutonion leapt from the chair she was sharing with two others and leapt on to the giant’s face, wrapping her segmented legs around his chest and sinking her fangs into his neck.

The giant threw her to the ground with a startled curse and many in the audience jumped to their feet, shouting and yelling, as she scuttled back to her seat on the Plutonion side of the room. Many of them clapped as she sat back down and all of them looked mutinous.

‘You see Terry!’ Ulster cried out triumphantly, ‘There is simply no room in this solar system for these violent insects amongst decent, hard working primates!’

‘So now you’re an acrachnophobe Ulster?’ Hindle screeched, ‘I can’t say I’m surprised! And who is the violent species? It wasn’t Plutonions that created nuclear weaponry.’

‘Hindle? How will you handle this latest attack from the human astronomers?’ Terry, his face set in a poorly contrived mask of concern, leaned in close to the seat on the stage where Hindle was perched on top of a stack of Martian phone books.

‘I’ll tell you Terry. We are moving our planet, and our moons, to the Zeta Reticula system where we will be appreciated!’

‘That is so typical of dwarf dwellers!’ an Earth astronomer in the studio interjected loudly, ‘You want all or nothing and you have no sense of humour! Get over yourselves.’

Hindle jumped from his chair and directed the Plutonions to exit the studio to a waiting transport shuttle. Before he walked off stage, Hindle turned to the audience and snarled, 'Screw you specist primates! You'll regret this.'

He stalked off, ignoring the catcalls and insults flung at him.

'This is why the Plutonions could never be taken seriously as a planet,' Ulster claimed pompously, 'If you can't handle the smoke, get out of the kitchen, that's what I say.'

'Well it certainly seems that the Plutonions were quite serious about moving systems,' Terry addressed the spokesman directly, 'but I have to ask how you think the United Nations President will react if the only planet that produces driktill, the ore that has enabled interstellar space flights possible, leaves the solar system?'

Silence fell across the arena as this thought sank in. Without driktill, they would all go back to being

unable to travel further than their own moons. Carl Ulster stood abruptly, his face deathly pale. For a moment he looked stunned and frozen to the spot as everyone watched his reaction. His pasty face went through a varied hue of colours as he stood there, worried and undecided.

Looking as green as the Martians, Ulster suddenly took off after the Plutonions calling out desperately, 'Wait Hindle! I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Please come back.'

Totally composed, Terry turned to the nearest camera and smiled brightly, 'Well that's it for today folks. Tune in tomorrow as Saturn's favourite basketball player, Saldi Iceron, faces off against two ladies from Neptune who claim he fathered both their children. See you tomorrow on 'Terry Martian From Space' broadcast live from Phobos!'

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News

Iain M Banks has a new Culture novel coming in February. It is titled *Matter*.

The **2007 Hugo Awards** were announced in Japan on September 1st

Best Novel: *Rainbows End* by Vernor Vinge

Best Novella: *A Billion Eves* by Robert Reed

Best Novelette: *The Djinn's Wife* by Ian McDonald

Best Short Story: *Impossible Dreams* by Tim Pratt

Complete results are available at <http://www.thehugoawards.org/?p=134>

World Fantasy Awards nominations have been announced <http://www.worldfantasy.org/awards/>

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.

The Serpent Bride by Sara Douglass, reviewed by Hayden

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732282882>

Sara Douglass makes a welcome return to the world of Tecendor with her latest novel, the Serpent Bride, Book One of Darkglass Mountain. Although the land of Tencendor has been destroyed, some of its people have yet survived. Their story has traveled to into other lands, and is beginning to entwine with the peoples from her other fantasy novels.

The events of this book are set about 5 years after Crusader, and about 8 years after Beyond the Hanging Wall. As a novel, I felt that it was more of a follow on to the stories being told in Beyond the Hanging Wall and Threshold then a new Tencendoran novel and would recommend that they are read before starting this book. Yes, the surviving characters from Tencendor are here, along with Axis SunSoar who is returned from death, but the storyline is tied tightly into the events of the other books, and the characters from Crusader only seem to float around the edges of the storyline.

Kanubai/Chaos was imprisoned under the Darkglass Mountain millennia ago, but has been slowly struggling to break free ever since the events of Threshold. His ancient enemies, Light and Water, have taken on physical forms in order to oppose him. Manipulating the people and the world around them, they begin to prepare the way for the enigmatic Lord of Elcho Falling, the one person who can save the world from Kanubai.

***Rainbows End* by Vernor Vinge, reviewed by Brian Walls**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780812536362>

What a mindblowing book this is! When I read Damien Broderick's LOCUS review I supposed this must be the SF book of the year and sure enough it is on the short-list for the Hugo.

The plot revolves around a world famous old poet Robert Gu (Ezra Pound being the obvious model) who suffers from Alzheimer's but is fortunate to be revived (in the year 2025) with all his memories & health intact - in fact he looks almost like a teenager! (Weirdly enough, I heard about a possible cure for Alzheimer's with ones memories restored, the day after I finished the novel). And now, Gu must go back to high school in San Diego to catch up with the world! The strangest world meets him - books are just about gone, people can basically communicate with their contact lenses, or clothes or electronically read gestures ie telepathically. Buildings are low-rent - unless you are "wearing", then they appear as anything you wish. Future Shock is rife, at least in California.

In the background, world-shaking events are happening. Grand scale terrorism, college pranks and a talking rabbit foreshadow the apocalypse. But Gu's family is military & up the challenge of saving the world on a monthly basis whilst still managing crotchety Robert and their hyperactive 13 year old daughter, Miri.

This book is for young teens, university age students as well as computer buffs! Highly recommended.

***Blue Dragon* by Kylie Chan, reviewed by Lynn**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732282981>

'Blue Dragon' is the third instalment of the Dark Heavens series by Kylie Chan. 'White Dragon' starts with Emma Donahoe taking on the job of full-time nanny to Simone, a special little girl. Emma realises just how special Simone is when she realises that Simone's father is none other than Xuan Tian Shang Di - the Black Turtle of the North, the North Wind. Her first encounters with demons and gods leave her realising her world is not as safe as she once thought. The dangers escalate in 'Red Phoenix' as Xuan Wu's powers fade and the demons attack. In 'Blue Dragon', Emma is now the acknowledged love of John Wu's life and is a much desired target for demons.

By turns witty and sarcastic, there is also a great depth of heartache that runs through this story of love that cannot be due to John's god status and Emma being a mortal. In the end, love does triumph but not without exacting a heavy penalty. The story for John and Emma does not appear to be finished here and I cannot wait to find out what fate has in store for them.

For those who enjoy Juliet Marillier's 'Sevenwaters' trilogy, this may interest you. The pantheon is Chinese but there are many similar themes.

***Magic of Recluse* by L E Modesitt Jr, reviewed by Stuart Wark**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781857232011>

Lerris is the main character in the Magic of Recluse, an individualist growing up on the island of Recluse, a haven of order and conformity. He must undertake a dangergeld, a form of banishment, with another four exiles, until he can reconcile himself with life on the island. He is sent to Candar, a country where Chaos seems to dominate.

Lerris becomes the main, albeit unwilling, protagonist in the battle between Order and Chaos. His journey of self-discovery leads him to assist Candar in defeating the white wizards and saving his fellow exiles. Unlike many 'unknown youngster becomes world's greatest hero' fantasies, Modesitt manages to retain some semblance of believability during Lerris' transformation. Modesitt's interest and knowledge in engineering and science is clear, with both Chaos and Order defined clearly and plausibly within the context of the series. Importantly, the inherent rules of this universe are both rational and credible.

The Magic of Recluse is the first book in the Recluse of Saga that now stretches to twelve volumes. The premise of the saga revolves around the ongoing struggle between the white wizards, masters of Chaos, and the Order masters. Modesitt portrays the battle between good and evil well, utilising the unusual but well conceived concept of magic based upon chaos and order.

Unlike most fantasy series, the Saga of Recluse can be read with no prior knowledge of previous books, with the stories moving back and forth through history and based around different characters. It is very possible to read any novel in the series without needing to be familiar with the previous history. The Saga of Recluse stands up exceptionally well when compared to similar series such as the Wheel of Time or Sword of Truth novels.

In my opinion, Modesitt is one of the leading writers within the fantasy field, and doesn't get the credit or recognition in Australia that his novels deserve.



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Legend: PB = paperback
HC = hardcover
TP = trade paperback (C format)
Cass = cassette
CD = compact disc
GN = Graphic Novel, usually TP or BPB
APB = mass market paperback (A format paperback)
BPB = B format paperback approx 20cm x 13cm

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

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

Thursday 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 20th September:
Glenda Larke *The Aware* (F)
China M ieville *The Scar* (SF&F)
Thursday 18th October:
Dhampir by Barb and JC Hendee (F)
The Fear Principle by B.A. Chepaitis (SF)

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

<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 August General Release

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	J K Rowling
In Fury Born	David Weber
James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2008 *	
Second Wave	Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough
Blue Dragon	Kylie Chan *
Of Fire and Night	Kevin J Anderson
Eclipse	Stephenie Meyer
Undead and Uneasy	MaryJanice Davidson
For a Few Demons More	Kim Harrison
Gods of Amyrantha	Jennifer Fallon *

Media and Games Related Titles

Fulgrim	Warhammer 40,000
The Saint	Warhammer 40,000
Dark Apostle	Warhammer 40,000
Darth Bane: Path of Destruction	Star Wars
Flight of the Eisenstein	Warhammer 40,000
The Inquisition	Warhammer 40,000
Reap the Whirlwind	Star Trek
Road of the Patriarch	Forgotten Realms
Lord of Ruin	Warhammer
Palace of the Plague Lord	Warhammer

(* = Australian author)

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Calendar 2008: Zombie Survival Guide (Zombie Survival Guide) \$22.99

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Start Fiction:

“Bad Sushi” – Cherie Priest

“Daydreams” – Lavie Tidhar

“Memory of the Knacker’s Yard” – Ian Creasey

“Pigs and Feaches” – Patrice Sarath

“Cain Xp11 (Part 2): The Henry Lee Lucas Memorial Highway” – Geoffrey Girard

“Monument” – Nancy Fulda

Non-Fiction:

Interview with Cherie Priest

Interview with William F. Nolan

“Route 666 – The Road to WHC 07” – Essay by Alethea Kontis **MAG \$9.95**

Calendar 2008: Paper Plane - Fold it and Fly It (Day to Day) \$24.99

Fantasy Characters

Would-be artists learn how to draw a wide variety of fantasy characters as they follow the entire drawing process, from initial pencils through to shaded and colored finished illustrations, by starting with extremely easy, basic anatomy and then moving on to more interesting and complex characters. **TP \$40.95**

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

Locus 558 July 2007 **MAG \$16**

Locus 559 August 2007 **MAG \$16**

Shana Abe

The Dream Thief

In eighteenth-century England, Lia, the daughter of the leader of the drákon tribe whose members possess the ability to transform from human to dragon, uses her own talents to locate a powerful diamond, hidden deep in the Carpathian mountains, a gem that could allow a human to control or destroy the drákon. **APB \$17.95**

Daniel Abraham

A Betrayal in Winter (02)

A sequel to *A Shadow in Summer* finds Otah Machi recalled from exile to the house of his ruling family when he is rendered its only surviving heir, a situation during which he is falsely accused with conspiring with a formidable enemy. **HC \$51.95**

Kevin J Anderson

Metal Swarm (Saga of Seven Suns 06)

The alien hydrogues have been defeated, driven back into the cores of their gargantuan planets by an alliance of the Earth Defence Forces, the ancient Ildiran Empire, the gypsy-like Roamer clans and fantastic water elemental beings as well as gigantic living ‘treeships’. But as the various factions try to pick up the pieces and recover, the deep-seated wounds may prove fatal.

The Hansa’s brutal Chairman Basil Wenceslas struggles to crush any resistance even as King Peter breaks away to form his own new Confederation among the green priests on Theroc, the Roamer clans and an ever-growing number of breakaway colonies who have declared their independence. Like jackals smelling wounded prey, swarms of ancient black robots built by the lost insectoid Klikiss race continue their depredations on helpless worlds with stolen and heavily armed Earth battleships. A race of capricious and terrifying fiery elementals, the faeros, has joined with an Ildiran madman to declare war against all life. And the original, voracious Klikiss race — long thought to be extinct — have returned, intent on conquering their former worlds and willing to annihilate anyone who happens to be in the way... **TP \$32.95**

Toni Andrews

Beg For Mercy

Alienating herself from everyone around her due to her dangerous power, Mercy Hollings, gifted or cursed with the ability to control people, must learn to use her anger for good when a new threat emerges. **APB \$17.95**

Vivi Anna

Blood Secrets (Valorian Chronicles)

Caine Valorian and his Otherworld Crime Unit crack all the unusual cases before any humans take notice. When a young woman is found ritually murdered it’s his team of professionals with paranormal gifts who must stop the nameless evil stalking the streets. But the toughest case of Caine’s 200-year career gets even harder when a new member, Eve Grant, is assigned to their unit. Not only is she green and eager to impress, she’s human.

As they sink deeper into the workings of the case, Caine’s attraction to the alluring Eve is causing his blood to boil. And with war brewing between species, the all-consuming passion between a human and a vampire won’t be the only thing to spill on the city’s mean streets.... **APB \$14.95**

Alex Archer

Secret of the Slaves (Rogue Angel 08)

Hired to find the lost city of Promise in Brazil, which is rumored to hold the key to eternal life, archaeologist Annja Creed soon discovers that its residents will go to extreme lengths to protect their ancient secret as she becomes trapped in a land where spirituality collides with the material world. **APB \$16.95**

Catherine Asaro

The Fire Opal (Topaz Cycle 01)

BPB \$19.95

Neal Asher*Polity Agent*

From 800 years in the future, a runcible gate is opened into the Polity and those coming through it have been sent specially to take the alien "Maker" back to its home civilisation in the Small Magellanic cloud. Once these refugees are safely through, the gate itself is rapidly shut down - because something alien is pursuing them. The gate is then dumped into a nearby sun.

From those refugees who get through, agent Cormac learns that the Maker civilisation has been destroyed by pernicious virus known as the Jain technology. This, of course, raised questions: why was Dragon, a massive bioconstruct of the Makers, really sent to the Polity; why did a Jain node suddenly end up in the hands of someone who could do the most damage with it? Meanwhile an entity called the Legate is distributing pernicious Jain nodes... And a renegade attack ship, "The King of Hearts", has encountered something very nasty outside the Polity itself. **APB \$21.95**

Jennifer Ashley*The Gathering (Immortals)*

When she finds a gorgeous half-naked warrior in her lion's pen, taming the temperamental beast, Lela Stowe surrenders her body and soul to this dangerous Hunter as they join the other Immortals in a battle against great evil. **APB \$17.95**

Robert Asprin & Jody Lynn Nye*Class Dis-Mythed (Myth 15)*

Skeeve is now an inter-dimensional legend, taking students to tutor in the art of practical magik. While trying to teach himself some new tricks, he discovers that his little proteges have something rather special and deadly up their sleeves. Another adventure for Skeeve, Aahz, Massha, Chumley, and Markie. **APB \$19.95**

James Axler*Remember Tomorrow (Deathlands 79)*

Warrior Ryan Cawdor and his band of rebels must save their friend, J. B. Dix, a victim of amnesia after a devastating earthquake, when he is forced to work for the ironfisted ruler of Duma, a wasteland of depravity where sex and alcohol is worth more than human life. **APB \$16.95**

J G Ballard*Kingdom Come*

Richard Pearson, unemployed advertising executive and life-long rebel, is driving out to Brooklands, a motorway town on the M25. A few weeks earlier his father was fatally wounded at the Metro-Centre, a vast shopping mall in the centre of this apparently peaceful town, when a deranged mental patient opened fire on a crowd of shoppers.

When the main suspect is released without charge thanks to the dubious testimony of self-styled pillars of the community - including Julia Goodwin, the doctor who treated his father on his deathbed - Richard suspects that there is more to his father's death than meets the eye, a more sinister element lurking behind the pristine facades of the labyrinthine mall. Determined to unravel the mystery, Richard soon realises that the Metro-Centre, with its round-the-clock cable channel and sports clubs, lies at the very heart of his father's death. Consumerism rules the lives of everyone in the motorway towns and feeds the cravings of this bored community with its desperate need for something new, whatever the cost. Riots frequently terrorise the streets, immigrant communities are set upon by roving bands of hooligans and sports events mushroom into jingoistic political rallies. Gradually, Richard finds himself drawn into this world, caught up in the workings of the mall, exposed to the insides of the consumer dream, and starts upon dismantling this wayward vision his advertising career helped to found... **BPB \$22.99**

Stephen Baxter*Navigator (Time's Tapestry 03)*

Stephen Baxter's new series is full of page-turning action, intriguing mystery and awe-inspiring scientific speculation. Full of evocative historical detail and characters who jump off the page, NAVIGATOR is the third of the series and delves deep into the discovery of America. **TP \$32.95**

David Bilborough*The Wanderer's Tale*

Many generations ago was destroyed the arctic stronghold of Drauglir. 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 embroils them regularly with a wide array of races, creatures, giants and sorcerers - and with terrifying adventures which will affect each of them differently. **TP \$32.95**

Jenna Black*Shadows on the Soul*

Crowning himself the Master of Baltimore after defeating his mother in battle, Gabriel, a five-hundred-year-old vampire, is forced into an uneasy alliance with his father, Eli, Master of Philadelphia and leader of the Watchers, vampires who have vowed to protect humans, when an ancient enemy targets the woman Gabriel loves. **APB \$17.95**

Ben Bova*The Aftermath (Asteroid Wars 04)*

Running a galactic ore carrier with his family in the wake of the Asteroid Wars, Victor Zacharius flies their ship into the middle of a military attack and bravely saves his family, only to find himself in the clutches of the seductive Cheena Madagascar. By the author of Powersat. **HC \$51.95**

Ray Bradbury*Now and Forever: Somewhere a band is Playing & Leviathan '99*

A two-in-one volume by the Academy Award-nominated writer includes the novellas Somewhere a Band Is Playing, in which a young writer discovers that all is not as it seems in a nostalgic community, and Leviathan '99, in which Ishmael Hunnicut Jones prepares for a first interstellar hunt. **HC \$51.95**

Marion Zimmer Bradley*The Door Through Space*

Out of print for more than forty-five years, this thrilling novel from the best-selling master of science fiction and fantasy follows a Terran agent as he searches for the secret of The Door Through Space while navigating a deadly planet known as Wolf. **APB \$17.95**

Terry Brooks

The Elves of Cintra (Genesis of Shannara)

The second book in Terry Brooks' landmark new series linking the worlds of Shannara and The Word and The Void.

Fifty years from now, our world looks very different. Governments have fallen. Thousands live in fortified strongholds; others roam the landscape as either predator or prey. Standing against the forces that have tipped the balance from good to evil are very few heroes, men and women imbued with powerful magic and sworn to a higher destiny. Logan Tom is one of those heroes. He's on a desperate quest to deliver the street kids he rescued in Seattle to safety. So, too, is Angel Perez, who is leading a second group in the Oregon wilderness where she encounters the long-hidden Elves of Cintra. And Hawk - just learning his magic - has an encounter with the mystical King of the Silver River, who promises safety for both humans and elves - if only they can reach him... **TP \$32.95 HC \$54.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Magic Kingdom for Sale/Sold (Landover 01)

Landover was a genuine magic kingdom, complete with fairy folk and wizardry, just as the advertisement had promised. But after he purchased it for a million dollars, Ben Holiday discovered that there were a few details the ad had failed to mention... Such as the fact that the kingdom is falling into ruin. The barons refuse to recognise a king and taxes haven't been collected for years. The dragon, Strabo, is laying waste to the countryside, while the evil witch, Nightshade, is plotting to destroy no less than everything. And if that weren't enough for a prospective king to deal with, Ben soon learns that the Iron Mark, terrible lord of the demons, has challenged all pretenders to the throne of Landover to a duel to the death - a duel no mere mortal can hope to win. But Ben Holiday has one human trait that even magic can't overcome. Ben Holiday is stubborn. **BPB \$22.95**

The Black Unicorn (Landover 02)

A year has passed since Ben Holiday bought the Magic Kingdom and claimed his throne - despite the machinations of the wizard Meeks. Three loyal friends have come to his aid: the incompetent Court Wizard, Questor Thews; the court scribe, Abernathy, a talking dog; and the lovely Willow, who is sometimes a tree. When Ben dreams that a former partner, Miles Bennett, is in grave trouble, he travels back to Earth - only to find Miles in the best of spirits. But his return to Landover is not so uneventful: not only has Willow disappeared and Questor's books of magic been destroyed, but no one seems to recognise Ben himself. Looks like the magic kingdom is in real trouble... **BPB \$22.95**

Wizards at Large (Landover 03)

The third enchanting instalment of the Magic Kingdom of Landover series. Ben Holiday, the High Lord of Landover, is back in his rightful place. The evil wizard Meeks has finally been dealt with, and all seems well with the world. But, even in a Magic Kingdom, peace never lasts long. It was all Questor Thews' fault, really - whether the inept Court Wizard would like to admit it or not. His bumbling attempt to return Abernathy from the body of a dog to his original human form, resulted in the Court Scribe being transported to Earth, to be replaced by a multi-coloured bottle. Furthermore, Abernathy was wearing the High Lord's medallion at the time, without which Ben's powers are drastically reduced. Ben and Willow set out to find Abernathy, which means following him to Earth. Which means leaving Questor in charge. And that's when things start to go horribly wrong... **BPB \$22.95**

The Tangle Box (Landover 04)

Danger! Revenge! Magic! Horris Kew, conjuror and confidence-trickster, has returned to the Magic Kingdom of Landover, and a chorus of disapproval immediately assaults Ben Holiday's ears. Both Questor Thews, the Court Wizard, and Abernathy, the Court Scribe (currently, magically transformed into a dog) urge Ben to lock him up or exile him. Fair as ever, Ben decides to consider the problem rather than act immediately. Alas, this leads to disaster, for Horris's return is not what it seems, and Ben soon finds himself in deadly peril. Only his lady, Willow, holds the means to save him. But Willow has disappeared on a mysterious mission of her own... **BPB \$22.95**

Witches' Brew (Landover 05)

The fifth instalment of Terry Brooks' acclaimed Magic Kingdom of Landover series. With peace reigning in the Magic Kingdom at last, Ben Holiday is finally free to lie back and enjoy the finer things in life - like watching his daughter grow, which she does by leaps and bounds. Born a seedling and nourished by soil from Landover, Earth and the fairy mists, Mistaya is a unique child, fully as dazzling as her mother, the sylph, Willow - but fiery and impatient with those who can't keep up with her lightning-fast development. But Ben's idyll is not to last. The dark and pitiless Rydall, king of lands beyond the fairy mists, arrives at the gates of Sterling Silver. His armies are ready to invade if Ben will not accept his challenge: to face and defeat seven different champions of Rydall's choice. And accept he must, for Mistaya has been snatched from her guardians by foul magic and only Rydall holds the key to her fate... **BPB \$22.95**

Orson Scott Card & Aaron Johnston

Invasive Procedures

In a near future world in which genetic therapy holds both great promise and deadly dangers, Frank Hartman, a brilliant virologist working for the government's top-secret biohazard agency, is the only man capable of stopping George Galen, a pioneering geneticist who has come up with a way to "improve" humans by making them stronger, healthier, and compliant to his will. **HC \$52.95**

Orson Scott Card

Shadow Puppets (CD unabridged)

After Ender Wiggin's triumph over the Formics, Earth and its society have been forever altered by the destruction of unity between the nations, which now desperately seek to control the skills and loyalty of the children from the Battle School, but Peter Wiggin, Ender's older brother, is determined to restore the Earth's unity with the help of Bean and the young warriors. **CD \$78**

P C Cast

Divine By Blood (Partholon)

Raised as a normal girl in Oklahoma, Morrigan discovers her true heritage, which leads her back to the world of Partholon. She expects to be welcomed back with open arms as the daughter of the goddess Incarnate. However, she is shunned and feels the forces of darkness pull her toward them. **TP \$30.95**

Jayne Castle

Silver Master

Escaping scandal, psychic Celinda Ingram arrives in Cadence City to start a new life only to find herself drawn into a mystery involving a powerful relic and a gorgeous fellow psychic and security specialist who introduces her to a whole new world of ecstasy. **APB \$19.95**

Lisa Childs*Damned (Witch Hunt)*

Police officer Ty McIntyre was cursed to find a girl no one had seen in twenty years. And it was his job to save her from the dark forces swirling around her. He found her locked away in a psychiatric hospital, where she thought she was losing her mind. Born a witch, Irina Cooper was able to read other people's thoughts. She had never known the source of her power, or her true heritage—until now.

Irina could read Ty's true intentions and sense his deepest desires. But with a witch killer seeking to destroy the Cooper legacy, could these ill-fated souls embrace Irina's gift and end her family's curse? And beyond that, would they be able to save each other? **APB \$14.95**

Persecuted (Witch Hunt)

Elena Jones thinks that her dream-visions are why her life has been a living nightmare. She would do anything to stop them—anything to give her daughter a normal life. But when her dreams show her long-lost sisters in danger, Elena has the chance to transform her curse into a gift. To stop death, before it strikes.

Joseph Dolce is her grandmother's right-hand man, with violence in his past and darkness in his soul. Elena dreams of him, too—sweeter dreams, but just as dangerous. Joseph doesn't want to be her knight in shining armor. But his generous lovemaking and selflessly heroic actions cause Elena to have a change of heart. Now, instead of seeing unwanted visions, she'll do everything in her power to make a special one come true.... **APB \$14.95**

Douglas Clegg*The Queen of Wolves (Vampyrion 03)*

After rescuing Pythia, the creature who had transformed him into a vampire, Aleric follows her back to the land of the Saracens, where he must raise an army and undertake his destined role as the Messiah of the Damned to lead the undead in an epic confrontation with the Mother of Darkness and her minions, including his lost love, Enora. **HC \$49.95**

The Lady of Serpents (Vampyrion 02)

Hailed as the messiah of the vampyre, Aleric is captured by the sorceress Enora, imprisoned, and forced to battle in the arena for her amusement, and to stop her reign of terror, Aleric must somehow escape, locate the alchemist behind her power, and unleash his old nemesis, Pythia, Lady of Serpents, who may hold the key to the survival of the vampyres and humankind alike. **APB \$19.95**

Cynthia Cooke*Rising Darkness (Dark Enchantments)*

Demon hunter, vampire and member of the Cadre, Damien Hancock has come to Wolvesrain to help Emma McGovern defend herself against a powerful demon. For if Emma finds love—and consummates that love—the demon Asmos will fulfill a generations-old curse and claim her soul. Damien knows just how powerful the ancient demon is, but he never anticipated the all-consuming effect courageous Emma would have on him.

Having led a sheltered life within the walls of her ancestral estate, Emma senses that Damien, like her, carries too much pain and loneliness in his heart. But as their attraction proves impossible to resist, Emma fears it is the curse that is drawing them together. Can the love she has found in Damien's strong arms now help her fight the rising darkness? **APB \$14.95**

Sydney Croft*Riding the Storm (01)*

Parameteorologist and ACRO (Agency for Covert Rare Operatives) Agent Haley Holmes, a specialist in unusual meteorological phenomena, comes to the aid of Navy SEAL Remy Begnaud, a man cursed by the ability to conjure and control powerful storms, storms that make him sexually insatiable, in the first volume in a new series of paranormal erotic fiction. **TP \$26.95**

Julie E Czerneda*Reap the Wild Wind (Stratification 01)*

The Clan are a people divided into seven small tribes, which are scattered across the world and prevented from advancing by two other races that control both technology and terrain, until one young woman masters the mysterious power of the M'hir, which changes everything. **HC \$51.95**

Lori Devoti*Unbound*

Risk Leidolf was a hellhound—a legendary, otherworldly creature who was both man and beast. For centuries, he'd been bound to do the bidding of a cruel witch queen. But after being ordered to destroy novice witch Kara Shane, the man within him rebelled. And the beast within him was held at bay—for now.

Fiercely drawn to each other, Risk and Kara soon formed a passionate alliance as they set out to find her missing sibling—and the key to his salvation. For the power unleashed by the twin witches could free him from the witch queen's bondage. But that freedom came at a steep price. For the fierce battle would put more than one soul at stake—and two hearts on the line! **APB \$14.95**

Jennifer Fallon Australian Author*The Gods of Amyrantha (Tide Lords 02)*

Arkady has gone into exile with her husband following the disaster of Cayal's escape. No one is beyond suspicion, and Stellan's niece is using her new position as a Princess to be to wreak havoc. The Tide is on the rise, and so is the magic of the Immortals, who are jockeying for positions of power in the human world. **APB \$20.95**

David Farland*Worldbinder (Runelords 06)*

In the sequel to Sons of the Oak, Fallon and Jaz, the sons of the Earth King Gaborn, are secretly living as fugitives in their own kingdom, hiding from the evil supernatural invaders that control their land and waiting for a time that they can regain their rightful position, until Fallon's actions have unexpected repercussions for all. **HC \$51.95**

Christine Feehan*Dark Guardian (Carpathian)*

He is the dark guardian of his people. So how, after centuries of a bleak, soulless existence has he, Lucian Daratrazanoff, suddenly come to crave petite, curvy, colourful policewoman Jaxon Montgomery, who foolishly makes it her life's work to protect others from harm? Fiercely daring, Jaxx will sacrifice anything to shield others. And piercingly erotic Lucian is powerfully, perilously mesmerising—oddly gentle yet clearly a born predator. He has vowed to possess her, to guard her for all time. Yet with his every thirsty kiss, is he drawing Jaxx more deeply into danger ... and his dark, mysterious desires? **APB \$17.95**

Christine Feehan

Dark Legend (Carpathian)

For two thousand years Carpathian twins Gabriel and Lucian were vampire hunters. But then, Lucian turned vampire, forcing Gabriel to hunt him. Lucian and Gabriel battled each other for centuries until two hundred years ago, when Gabriel sacrificed his freedom, trapping Lucian and himself in the earth of a Parisian cemetery. Now, modern construction work within the cemetery has disturbed their resting place and Gabriel and his dark brother Lucian are raised from the rubble. Weakened and in desperate need of blood, Gabriel fears he will lose his own soul before he can restore his strength. Fate is on his side when Francesca, a uniquely gifted healer, comes to his aid. Gabriel instantly recognises that she is his lifemate, and must convince Francesca before it is too late: Lucian is on their trail, and will let nothing stand in the way of his eternal conflict with his brother...

APB \$17.95

Dark Possession (Carpathian)

On the verge of becoming a vampire, Manolito De La Cruz is called back to his Carpathian homeland and unexpectedly finds his destined lifemate, MaryAnne Delaney, a counselor for battered women who has no use for the aggressive tendencies of Carpathian males and who has no idea of the lengths that Manolito will go to to keep his mate. **CD \$54.95 HC \$51.95 TP \$32.95**

Mark J Ferrari

The Book of Joby

Lucifer and the Creator have entered once again into an old familiar wager, but this time, the existence of creation itself is balanced on the outcome. Born in California during the twilight of a weary millennium, Joby Peterson dreams of blazing like a bonfire against the gathering darkness. Instead, he is subjected to a life of crippling self-doubt and relentless mediocrity inflicted by an enemy he did nothing to earn and cannot begin to comprehend.

Though imperilled themselves, the angels are forbidden to intervene. Left to struggle with their own loyalties and the question of obedience, they watch Lucifer work virtually unhindered to turn Joby's heart of gold into ash and stone while God sits by, seemingly unconcerned.

Grown to manhood, Joby's once luminous love of life seems altogether lost, and Lucifer's victory assured. What hope remains lies hidden in the beauty, warmth, and innocence of a forgotten seaside village whose inhabitants seem to defy the modern world's most inflexible assumptions, and in the hearts of Joby's long-lost youthful love and her emotionally wounded son. But the ravenous forces of destruction that follow Joby into this concealed paradise plan to use these same things to bring him and his world to ruin. As the final struggle unfolds, one question occupies every mind in heaven and in hell. Which will prove stronger, compassion or rage? **HC \$55 TP \$32.95**

Pamela Freeman Australian Author

Blood Ties (Castings 01)

Book one in the most refreshing fantasy series you'll ever read! Bramble, a village girl whose grandfather is a Traveller, witnesses a warlord's man wound a wolf in the woods. As she is an experienced tracker she finds the wolf and puts it out of its misery. The man finds out and confronts her, and in self-defence Bramble kills him and steals his horse. Worried that the warlord will discover her crime and threaten her family, she takes to the Road so they are not in danger. Ash is a young man, also a Traveller, who has recently left the Road which he travelled with his musician parents. They have found him an apprenticeship with a safe guarder house in Turvite, the largest town in the region. Safe guarders are part security guards/part mercenaries. Ash's story begins when he kills a young woman one night - a thief who is trying to kill him. The murder throws his life into turmoil and he decides he needs to find another career - or set out on the Road once more. **TP \$24.95**

P R Frost

Moon in The Mirror (Tess Noncoire)

Best-selling fantasy writer Tess Noncoire, who is also a martial arts master trained by the Sisterhood of the Celestial Blade Warriors to fight evil, returns home after saving the world, only to discover that trouble has followed her, when a Windago demon, garden gnomes, and a vengeful spirit make her life miserable. **HC \$51.95**

P R Frost

Hounding the Mage (Tess Noncoire Adventure)

Once a successful writer until fantasy turned into reality, Tess Noncoire, after falling ill with a strange virus, is taken to the Sisterhood of the Celestial Blade Warriors where she, trained in martial arts to fight the demons that plague our world, must stop a hound from hell who is attacking Navajo children. **APB \$19.95**

Terri Garey

Dead Girls Are Easy

A young Goth girl whose near brush with the hereafter has left her with a talent to see and communicate with the dead, Nicki Styx suddenly finds herself in the position of cleaning up the messes left behind by the departed, a task that threatens to come between Nicki and her gorgeous boyfriend, Dr. Joe Bascombe, the surgeon who had saved her life. **APB \$15.95**

William Gibson

Spook Country

In New York, what you've got on your iPod can be bad for your health . . .

Tito, a young and athletic Cuban, has been asked to pass iPods to the 'old man' in Washington Square. He doesn't know why and he's not stupid enough to ask, either. But the old man likes to speak Russian, and he knows a great deal about Tito's family; reason enough for Tito to make sure the old man gets what he wants.

Across the country in LA, journalist Hollis Henry has been asked to investigate Bobby Chombo, a man who knows the ins and outs of military navigation systems - and who never sleeps in the same space twice. Unfortunately for Hollis and one or two other interested parties - Bobby has very good reasons for not wanting to be found. Reasons that involve iPods and nothing whatsoever to do with music . . .

Spook Country is a thriller of the here and now, of what happens when old spies come out of the woodwork to play one last game. **TP \$32.95 HC \$49.95**

Christopher Golden & Thomas E Sniegowski

Crashing Paradise (Menagerie)

When Eve, mother of all humanity and of all vampires, agrees to help the Legion of Doom find the hidden realm of Eden in exchange for her freedom, Doyle and the Menagerie must stop them from turning a blessed garden into a cursed wasteland. **APB \$19.95**

Christopher Golden & Mike Mignola

Baltimore, Or the Steadfast Tin Soldier and the Vampire

After unwittingly awakening the wrath of a vampire on the World War I battlefields, Lord Henry Baltimore vows to vanquish the evil that he has unleashed on the world, in an illustrated tale of the paranormal that serves as an allegory for the nature of war. **HC \$51.95**

Steven Gould

Jumper: Griffin's Story (Jumper)

Hiding a secret ability to teleport to any place he has previously visited, Griffin vengefully remembers the dangerous men who murdered his parents when he was a child and plots to avenge himself against the people who would kill him for his powers. By the author of *Reflex*. **HC \$51.95**

Simon R Green

Guards of Haven (Hawk and Fisher)

The strong savage the weak in the sinister metropolis of Haven, but do-gooder cops Hawk and Fisher will set the scales right wherever they can, in an omnibus edition containing three adventures--Wolf in the Fold, Guard Against Dishonor, and The Bones of Haven. **TP \$32.95**

Ed Greenwood

Dark Lord (Falconfar 01)

Dark Lord is the first of three novels in The Falconfar Saga, from the bestselling author Ed Greenwood. Rod Everlar is a writer who mysteriously finds himself drawn into a fantasy world of his own creation. Once there he discovers that three dark wizards dominate the land. Facing danger at every turn, he must learn how to seize control of Falconfar and find a way of defeating the spreading corruption before it's too late. Dark Lord displays all the hallmarks of Ed's reputation for creating a richly realised fantasy setting, and characters that shine. **HC \$50**

Dark Warrior Rising (Niflheim)

Kidnapped as a child by the Nilfghar dark elves, Orivon Firefist has grown up as a slave, forced to use his great strength to serve his captors, but now he yearns to return to the surface world and is willing to do anything, even destroy the entire dark elf empire, to escape. **HC \$51.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

The Harlequin (Anita Blake 14)

Anita's ties to the community of the undead and the non-human are growing ever stronger. As she juggles a (very) complicated love life, a busy career raising zombies and a sideline as a US Marshall can she still remember how to set her own agenda (and how to stay alive)... **HC \$49.95**

Peter F Hamilton

The Dreaming Void (Void 01)

At the centre of the Intersolar Commonwealth universe is a massive black hole. This Void is not a natural artefact. Inside there is a strange universe where the laws of physics are very different to those we know. It is slowly consuming the other stars of the galactic core – one day it will have devoured the entire galaxy.

It's AD 4000, and a human has started to dream of the wonderful existence of the Void. He has a following of millions of believers. They now wish to Pilgrimage to the Void to live the life they have been shown. Other starfaring species fear their migration will cause the Void to expand again. They are prepared to stop the Pilgrimage fleet no matter what the cost.

The Pilgrimage begins... **TP \$32.95 HC \$59.95**

Michele Hauf

Kiss Me Deadly (Bewitching the Night)

Death cocktail is what the vampires call a witch's blood. It's poisonous—a drop will destroy a vampire within minutes. Nikolaus Drake is the rare vampire who has survived his first taste. Now he's on the hunt for the witch who almost brought him to his demise—Ravin Crosse. A witch who spends her nights hunting vampire tribes, Ravin has three obligations to fulfill to set her soul free. One of those obligations—crafting a love spell—twists her world upside down when Nikolaus draws the spell from her veins. Natural enemies rarely make the best bedfellows—but is it possible their intentions are really, truly the same? Can Nikolaus's tribal loyalty survive if he surrenders to desires far darker than his own? **APB \$14.95**

Familiar Stranger (Dark Enchantments)

Recruited by a secret paranormal organization to hunt demons, Jack Harris never guessed the revenge he sought for his partner's death would be this complicated. Jack's worldview is black-and-white—until he is ordered to follow Mersey Bane, a beautiful woman who is also a familiar with shape-shifting abilities. Mersey belongs to the Cadre—a peaceful hermetic order that captures and studies Otherworldly Entities—which is at odds with Jack's organization. As Jack delves deeper into the inner workings of the Cadre, he finds himself drawn to Mersey like a moth to a flame.

She may challenge all his beliefs, but she brings color and passion to his world. Jack doesn't know whether what he feels for Mersey is love or lust. But if he doesn't figure it out soon, they may become the hunted instead of the hunters. **APB \$14.95**

Lian Hearn Australian Author

Heaven's Net is Wide (Tales of the Otori 05)

Heaven's Net is Wide is the first and last Tale that both closes the circle and introduces readers to the strange and beautiful world of the Otori. It is an epic historical fantasy of revenge and betrayal, honour and loyalty, beauty and passion, and the overwhelming power of love set in a mythical, medieval Japan, which will enthral readers the world over. The world of the Otori has entranced readers since the first book in the Trilogy, *Across the Nightingale Floor*, was published in 2002. Now Lian Hearn again takes us back to the beginning; to a land that might be feudal Japan or may be another place altogether in the astonishingly beautiful prequel, *Heaven's Net Is Wide*. **HC \$39.95**

Frank Herbert

Dune Messiah (CD unabridged) (Dune)

The scheming sisterhood of the Bene Gesserit plots to seize control of the galaxy-wide empire of their supernatural leader, while on Arrakis, the Maud'dib, the heir to an unimaginable power, confronts new challenges. **CD \$78**

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson

Sandworms of Dune (Dune 08)

Using Frank Herbert's final outline - hidden in a bank safe deposit box for eleven years - Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson now tell the grand climax of the story left unfinished in *CHAPTER HOUSE: DUNE*, and continued in *HUNTERS OF DUNE*. As the no-ship *Ithaca* flees through space, the heroes of *HUNTERS OF DUNE* finally meet the Enemy who followed the violent fanatics, the Honored Matres, back to their universe. The thinking machines vanquished by Serena Butler's jihad were not destroyed, only driven into exile - and now, tens of thousands of years later, they are back. Can the resurrected heroes on board the *Ithaca* save our race from annihilation? **TP \$32.95 HC \$56.95 CD \$115**

James P Hogan*The Two Worlds (Giants)*

A continuation of the acclaimed Giants series features Giant's Star, in which Earth becomes trapped in the middle of a power struggle between benevolent aliens and renegade humans, and Entoverse, in which human society on Jevlen begins to crumble, while sorcerers in another universe become unwitting participants in the seeming possession of the Jevlenese. **APB \$19.95**

Morgan Howell*Clan Daughter (Queen of the Orcs 02)*

After their disastrous defeat, Dar and a handful of surviving orc warriors flee King Kregant's army to seek shelter in the orc mountain homeland, and Dar must assume leadership of their small band to guide them safely through the perils that surround them, including a potentially lethal trial by magic that could ensure her acceptance in orc society. **APB \$17.95**

Hannah Howell & Lynsay Sands*My Immortal Highlander*

A tale of passion, intrigue, and betrayal that follows identical twins, Bothan and Calum MacNachton, as they, roaming the highlands at night to satisfy their unquenchable thirst, search for the mortal women who can break their eternal curse. **APB \$17.95**

Tanya Huff*The Quarters Novels (Volume 1) (Quarters)*

In Sing the Four Quarters, Princess Annice renounces her royal heritage in order to pursue her gifts as a Bardic caller of elemental spirits, and in Fifth Quarter, siblings Bannon and Vree of the Havalkeen army face a terrible choice when the evil Gyhard steals Bannon's body and forces the pair to coexist in Vree's body. **APB \$20.95**

Charlie Huston*No Dominion (Joe Pitt)*

Joe Pitt is back in this explosive sequel to Charlie Huston's stunning UK debut, ALREADY DEAD

New York's favourite rogue detective, Joe Pitt, is about to find himself caught in a nasty power struggle between competing Vampyre clans. Down to his last few bags of blood and behind on rent, Joe takes on a decidedly dirty job: finding the source of a powerful drug that's hit the street, one strong enough to affect Vampyres and make its users do unpredictable things, things that could bring unwelcome exposure to New York's Vampyre community. Unfortunately, that entails crossing the mid-Manhattan turf of the Coalition into the equally fearsome territory of the Hood in Harlem. One thing about Vampyres: they have plenty of time on their bloodstained hands to engage in complex, violent feuds. Worse, Joe might be some powerful player's idea of a sacrificial pawn... **PB \$22.95**

Lisa Jackson*Sorceress*

Tormented by strange visions and voices, and bound by destiny to save the life of an innocent, Bryanna, the only one who can lift the curse of darkness, must place her trust in a mysterious and darkly sensual stranger when she is surrounded by evil. **APB \$19.95**

Brenda Joyce*Dark Seduction (Masters of Time)*

Malcolm of Dunroch is a newly chosen Master, a novice to his extraordinary—and dangerous—powers. But he has already broken his vows—and a young woman's death is on his hands. Malcolm is determined to fight his darkest desires, denying himself all pleasure...until fate sends him another Innocent, the beautiful bookseller Claire Camden. Since her mother's murder, Claire has done everything possible to make a safe, secure life for herself in a city where danger lurks on every street corner, especially in the dark of night. But nothing can prepare her for the powerful and sexual medieval warrior who sweeps her back into his time—a treacherous, frightening world where the hunters and the hunted are one and the same. Claire needs Malcolm to survive, yet she must somehow keep the dangerously seductive Master at arm's length. For Malcolm's soul is at stake—and fulfilling his desires could prove fatal.... **APB \$14.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*Devil May Cry (Dark Hunter 10)*

Ever since that moment his status as a god was revoked by Artemis, Sin has done nothing but plot his revenge. He kidnaps a woman he believes to be the goddess, but she's Artemis' servant, Katra. And instead of imprisoning her, Katra captures him and refuses to release him until he promises not to seek vengeance on her mistress. Despite himself, Sin finds himself intrigued by Katra, who is nothing like the goddess she serves. She's fierce, true, but she's also compassionate and loyal. However, Sin is not the only enemy Artemis has and it quickly becomes apparent that he must help Katra save her mistress or the world as we know it will end. What's a wannabe god to do? **TP \$32.95**

Angela Knight*Warlord*

An omnibus edition set in an erotic, fantasy world features the novel Jane's Warlord, in which reporter Jane Colby, destined to become the next victim of a time-traveling serial killer, meets a new protector, a genetically engineered warrior from the future, as well as the novella Warfem and two previously unpublished short stories. **TP \$28.95**

Tom Kratman*A Desert Called Peace*

On a distant, Earth-like planet divided into dozens of nation states, the Federated States of Columbia take on the oppressive regime of Earth's corrupt Caliphate, aided by a legendary warrior known as Carrera, the scourge of Salafism, a vengeful man born when Salafi fanatics intent on a new jihad slaughtered FSC Captain Patrick Hennessey's entire family. **HC \$47.95**

Katherine Kurtz & Scott MacMillan*Knights of the Blood*

Los Angeles policeman Jack Drummond travels back to 1972, World War II, and the time of the Crusades to investigate a bizarre series of murders in which the murder weapon had been a stake through the heart. **APB \$17.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Rosemary Edghill*Music to my Sorrow (Bedlam's Bard)*

In the sequel to Mad Maudlin, after rescuing his young brother Magnus from a killer demon, Bedlam's Bard Eric Banyon is forced into a high-stakes custody battle with their tyrannical parents, unaware that his parents have joined forces with evangelist Billy Fairchild, a tool of the evil Unseleighe elves. **APB \$19.95**

Victoria Laurie

Crime Seen (Psychic Eye Mystery)

When her FBI agent boyfriend asks her to review a few case files, professional psychic Abby Cooper, while recovering from a gunshot wound, discovers that there is an innocent man in prison and goes undercover to bring the real killer to justice. **APB \$17.95**

Richard Laymon

Laymon Collection 13

FIENDS: It's only a trip to the movies but it turns into Marty's worst nightmare when she sees the guy sitting behind her. Willy. The man who raped her ten years ago. Now he's out of jail—and looking for Marty ...

AFTER MIDNIGHT: Alice likes house-sitting for her friend. Best of all is the outdoor swimming pool. But it all goes wrong just after midnight when a man walks out of the woods and jumps naked into the pool. Alice knows about men. So she fetches the Civil War relic that hangs on the wall. The cavalry sabre ... **PB \$19.95**

Julie Leto, Rhonda Nelson & Mia Zachary

Witchy Business

CASE FILE #1:

Regina St. Lyon's powers have been waning. Maybe she did betray love, but what else could a duped girl do? At the time, banishing hotter-than-thou Brock Aegis to the Middle Realm seemed like a good idea. But now Brock is back....

CASE FILE #2:

Benedict DeWin is practically wizard royalty—and as magically gifted as a stale loaf of bread. But then he meets Bryony Flynn, another magical "failure"- whose only gift is to make certain things grow. Not that Benedict is complaining...

CASE FILE #3:

Born to a family of seers and shamans, Siobhan Silverhawk has accepted her magicless lifestyle. But when she meets recent widower J. B. Pendleton, Siobhan figures she has magic enough to make a love potion—which seems to have worked a little too well! **APB \$15.95**

Tom Lloyd

The Stormcaller (Stormcaller 01)

Isak is a white-eye, feared and despised in equal measure. Trapped in a life of poverty and hated and abused by his father, Isak dreams of escape; but when his chance comes, it isn't to a place in the army as he'd expected. Instead, the Gods have marked him out as heir-elect to the brooding Lord Bahl, the Lord of the Farlan. Lord Bahl is also a white-eye, a genetic rarity that produces men stronger, more savage and more charismatic than their normal counterparts. Their magnetic charm and brute strength both inspires and oppresses others. Now is the time for revenge and the forging of empires. With mounting envy and malice, the men who would themselves be kings watch Isak, chosen by Gods as flawed as the humans who serve them, as he is shaped and moulded to fulfil the prophecies that are encircling him like scavenger birds. The various factions jostle for the upper hand, and that means violence; but the Gods have been silent too long and that violence is about to spill over and paint the world the colour of spilled blood and guts and pain and anguish... **BPB \$22.95**

Twilight Herald (Stormcaller 02)

The eyes of the Land are on the minor city of Scree, which could soon be obliterated as the new Lord of the Farlan plots his revenge against Scree's rulers. Suffering under an unnatural summer drought and surrounded by volatile mercenary armies that may be its only salvation, the city is a strange sanctuary for a fugitive abbot to flee to, but he is only the first of many to be drawn there. There is a malevolent will at work in Scree and one that has a lesson for the entire Land; nations will be manipulated, prophecies perverted and Gods denied. Nothing lies beyond the reach of a shadow and, no matter how great a man's power, there some things he cannot be protected from. **TP \$32.95 HC \$55**

Jeff Long

Deeper (Descent 02)

A sequel to *The Descent* finds humanity once again searching a subterranean world inhabited by a savage hominid race for its demonic leader, who has orchestrated a series of terrorist attacks that have resulted in an all-out clash of civilizations. **HC \$51.95**

Sergei Lukyanenko

Night Watch (Night Watch 01)

All that stands between the darkness and the light is *The Night Watch*.

Walking the streets of Moscow, indistinguishable from the rest of its population, are *The Other*. Possessors of supernatural powers and capable of entering the *Twilight*, a shadowy world that exists in parallel to our own, each owes allegiance either to *The Dark* or *The Light*. The two factions, having long before realise that an open struggle can only create chaos and disaster, coexist in an uneasy truce, each side aware of, and keeping a close eye on, the other's activities around the city. Despite their leanings towards good and evil, their aim is not mutual destruction, but rather the maintenance of the precarious balance between the two.

Anton, a young *Other*, who owes allegiance to the *Light*, is a *Night Watch* agent, patrolling the streets and *Metro* of the city, as he protects ordinary people from the vampires and magicians of the *Dark*. On his rounds, Anton comes across a young woman, Svetlana, who he realises is under a powerful curse that threatens the entire city, and a boy, Egor, a young *Other*, too young to have committed to either *The Dark* or *The Light* and as yet unaware of his own enormous power, whom Anton narrowly saves from vampires.

Anton is assigned a partner, Olga, a powerful female *Other* who is in the form of an owl in punishment for a past error of judgement. Together with their colleagues in the *Night Watch*, they struggle to remove Svetlana's curse and to protect Egor from the vampires that pursue him.

Set in a vividly realised post-Soviet Russia, where vampires operate under license and Good and Evil exist in a Cold War-like balance of power, *THE NIGHT WATCH* is a page-turning fantasy thriller, an international bestseller that represents the most original writing in its genre since Anne Rice's *AN INTERVIEW WITH A VAMPIRE*... **HC \$65.95**

Brian Lumley

Necroscope: The Touch (Necroscope)

Scott St. John is mourning the death of his wife when he is struck by a fragment of the soul of Harry Keogh, the original *Necroscope*. Soon after, Scott finds that he possesses powers he does not understand. As a result of this rare gift, he is drafted into E-Branch, where the best of their psychic fighting forces will be required to take on a entirely new evil. An insane triad of malevolent aliens called the *Shing't*, who have left a trail of destruction in their own solar system, have found a new target: Earth. *The Touch* is the long-awaited start of a brand new *Necroscope* series, which is sure to delight his massive fan base. **APB \$16**

Ken MacLeod*Stone Canal*

The acclaimed second novel in the Fall Revolution sequence. Life on New Mars is tough for humans, but death's only a minor inconvenience. The machines know their place, and only the Abolitionists object; until a young man walks into Ship City, a clone who remembers Jon Wilde's life as an anarchist with nuclear capability, who was accused of losing World War 3. He also remembers Dave Reid, the city's boss, who haunts Wilde's memory to the end...a cold death in Kazakhstan. In Reid's cyborg concubine, Dee Model, both men see the image of their obsessions, and information that wants to be free. But she has ideas of her own... THE STONE CANAL moves from the recent past into a distant future, where long lives and strange deaths await those who survive the wars and revolutions to come. **APB \$19.95**

Nancy Madore*The Twelve Dancing Princesses*

In this erotic fairy tale, twelve princesses, each living a charmed life, yearn for something more and, with the help of a great and powerful wizardess, discover the secret to satisfying their carnal cravings and desperate desires. **TP \$28.95**

Juliet Marillier Australian Author/New Zealand*The Well of Shades (Bridei Chronicles 03)*

Sent home to Ireland on a secret mission for King Bridei of Fortriu, Faolan must first deliver the news of a brave warrior's death. But Bridei's chief assassin and spy also finds himself facing the demons of his family's dark past, with wholly unexpected results. By the time he tracks down the powerful Christian cleric who may be a threat to the stability of Bridei's pagan kingdom, Faolan has become responsible for a child, a dog and Eile, a troubled, volatile young woman.

For Eile, the journey to Fortriu is confronting. Accustomed to a life of deprivation and struggle, she finds herself facing an unfamiliar world, full of new lessons. For her, the hardest challenge of all will be learning to trust.

At Bridei's court in White Hill, disturbing news from the neighbouring kingdom of Circinn prompts the king to call his chieftains to council. But after the disappearance of Bridei's closest adviser and the tragic death of a young maid, the threat posed by the encroaching influence of Christianity appears to be the least of the dangers at hand... **APB \$19.95**

George R R Martin*A Dance of Dragons (Song of Ice and Fire 05)*

Please note that release date and price are not yet confirmed. **HC \$60**

Kat Martin*The Summit*

The dream came again and again—a little girl abducted from her own yard...

Autumn Sommers knows the danger of ignoring such powerful omens. Twelve years earlier, she could have prevented a tragic accident if only she had acted on those horrible nightmares. This time, she knows what she has to do.

Her research into local missing persons suggests that the girl in Autumn's dreams could be Molly, the daughter of businessman Ben McKenzie. Still emotionally shattered from his loss and unwilling to trust this stranger, Ben is angered rather than relieved to hear her theory that Molly is still alive. Certain that she may be the girl's only chance, Autumn persists, until Ben grudgingly agrees to explore this tiny, if improbable, shred of hope.

As Autumn's dreams become more and more vivid, she and Ben pursue their leads...leads that point to more murders, and to the only person in control of whether they live...or die. **APB \$17.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough*Second Wave (Acorna's Children 02)*

Khorii, the rebellious daughter of the legendary Acorna and her lifemate, Aari, must contend with an overwhelming legacy to forge a path of her own through a universe filled with new adversaries and adventure.

In Acorna's Children: First Warning, she became a hero in her own right as she fought to save the universe from a mysterious plague that not even the healing powers of the Linyaari could stop. Now she and her genius android 'brother' must find the malevolent cause of the deadly disease before those behind it cripple the star system. **APB \$21.95**

Erin McCarthy*My Immortal*

In exchange for the gift of immortality, Damien du Bourg, a tortured soul forced into an eternity of servitude, is unable to resist the lure of a woman for the first time in his life when Marley Turner, who is searching for her missing sister, stumbles upon his plantation on the outskirts of New Orleans. **APB \$19.95**

Cheyenne McCray*Wicked Magic*

Rhiannon Castle, a D'Anu witch possessing unique and powerful magic gifts, and Keir, a rugged Tuatha D'Danann warrior, share a passionate alliance that is threatened when a demon goddess unleashes her evil, and only Rhiannon's secret power can stop her, but unleashing it could destroy the man she loves. **APB \$17.95**

Sophia McDougall*Rome Burning (Romanitas 02)*

Three years after a conspiracy against his life forced him into hiding, the young heir to the throne, Marcus Novius, must take command of the greatest power on Earth. But his ambitious cousin Drusus - spurred on by a Sybilline prophecy - threatens this last chance to avoid a world conflict and Una, a former slave whose love for Marcus seems out of place at the Roman court, is drawn into the political intrigue and a dangerous enmity. Though many of Marcus' friends and supporters are scattered, he can rely on the driven, sharp-witted Una, her idealistic brother Sulien, now working to relieve the suffering of slaves, and Varius, wounded and disillusioned by the past but still committed to the vision of a better Rome. But even these three will find their lives at risk and their loyalties tested, as they encounter unforeseen conflicts and the manoeuvrings of shadowy forces. Both within the Empire and far beyond its borders, simmering tensions are starting to reach boiling point. **HC \$45 TP \$32.95**

Lindsay McKenna*Dark Truth (Warriors For the Light)*

Ana was spawned by the Dark Lord himself, but every instinct she possesses screams that she isn't evil. She is good—just as her mother was. But Ana has to know the truth about her shape-shifting abilities and mystical origins. Her jaguar senses and dreams lead her to the jungles of Peru—and to a kind stranger with haunting green eyes.

Mace Ridfort is no ordinary man. He is a trained assassin and Warrior for the Light. Though Mace is duty bound to destroy the dark forces, Ana senses he is also her salvation from a centuries-old destiny. And with Mace by her side, Ana must now withstand the most difficult battle of all—to save the world from a thousand-year darkness.... **APB \$14.95**

Walter Moers*The City of Dreaming Books*

A translation of a follow-up to *The 13 1/2 Lives of Captain Bluebeard* finds young writer Optimus Yarnspinner inheriting from his beloved godfather an unpublished anonymous short story, a bequest that takes him to the city of Bookholm in search of its writer. **HC \$54.95**

Rumo and his Miraculous Adventures

The author of *The 13 1/2 Lives of Captain Bluebeard* presents the tale of a heroic little Wolperting, who with his trusty talking sword fights his way across the very different realms of Overworld and Netherworld while encountering such characters as a death-courting female Wolperting, a weather-sensitive swordsman, and a guardian of a talking animal forest. **TP \$34.95**

Karen Marie Moning*Darkfever*

Mac is stunned to discover that her sister's murder had been far more than a random act of violence and resents the awakening of a mysterious ability to sense the Fae and their talismans, a talent that sends her on a quest to find the Sinsar Dubh, a mystical book of dark power, and to insure that it cannot fall into the wrong hands. **APB \$17.95**

Elizabeth Moon*Moon Flights*

Over the past two decades, few authors have garnered the critical acclaim and fan following of Elizabeth Moon, Nebula Award-winning author of *The Speed of Dark*, *The Deed of Paksenarrion*, and *Remnant Population*.

Moon Flights, the definitive Elizabeth Moon short story collection, represents the highlights of an impressive career. Gathering together fifteen tales of fantasy, alternative history, and science fiction, *Moon Flights* features an original story, "Say Cheese," set in the Vatta's War cosmology, and an all-new introduction by Anne McCaffrey, legendary creator of the *Dragonriders of Pern* series.

Ranging from humorous high fantasy tales of "The Ladies' Aid & Armor Society" to gritty, realistic chronicles of far-flung militaristic space opera, former marine Elizabeth Moon's storytelling mastery and eye for painstaking detail is evidenced in each of the tales contained herein. When honor, politics, and personal relationships clash against backdrops of explosive battles and larger-than-life action, the result is the breathtaking and astounding fiction found in *Moon Flights*. **HC \$54.95**

James A Moore*Blood Red*

As the quaint town of Black Stone Bay, Rhode Island, prepares for its annual Halloween celebration, the residents soon realize that this year will be different when a stranger arrives, armed with an insatiable thirst and a horrifying plan for a night no one is meant to survive. **APB \$19.95**

Justine Musk*Uninvited*

In the aftermath of her brother's return from an unexplained absence, Kelly Ruland is horrified to see their hometown terrorized by a biker gang that claims Kelly's brother owes them a steep debt. By the author of *BloodAngel*. **TP \$20.95**

Stan Nicholls*Quicksilver Twilight (Quicksilver 03)*

Desperate to find a cure for the curse of immortality and the episodes of berserk fury and debilitating visions that plague him, Reeth Caldason has traded his fighting skills for the promise of access to powerful ancient magic. But the Resistance group he reluctantly joined as part of the bargain is in disarray since their plans to found an island utopia free from tyranny were betrayed by one of their own.

Now, Reeth is trapped on the Diamond Isle, fending off the pirates that plague the surrounding waters. Despite his romantic entanglement with one of the freedom fighters, Serrah, and the responsibility he feels towards Kutch, a young magician's apprentice, he is determined to set off on the search for his cure. But as his visions grow stranger, Serrah and Kutch begin to understand his true nature and the great power it represents.

Back on the mainland, Reeth's arch-enemy, Devlor Bastorran, remains intent on destroying him. Overshadowing everything is the threat of Zerreiss, the conquering barbarian warlord who uses an enigmatic ability to sweep all before him. The spectre of war looms. **APB \$20.99**

Larry Niven, Hal Colebatch & Matthew Harrington Editor*Man Kzin Wars XI (Man-Kzin)*

In the latest installment in the series created by Larry Niven, the catlike kzin come up with an ingenious new scheme--enhanced by all new weapons, leaders, and strategies--to regain control of the galaxy from the human usurpers. **APB \$19.95**

Larry Niven*N-Space*

This retrospective collection features excerpts from some of the author's acclaimed novels, classic tales of science fiction such as "Inconstant Moon" and "The Hole Man," previously uncollected works including the novellas "Brenda" and "The Kiteman," and essays, anecdotes, and observations. **TP \$32.95**

Naomi Novik*Temeraire Boxed Set (Temeraire 01, 02, 03)***APB \$49.95****Eric Nuzum***Dead Travel Fast: Stalking Vampires from Nosferatu to Count Chocula*

A cultural exploration of vampire lore and the lifestyles it has inspired in the modern world. Recounts visits to convergence sites in New York clubs, darkened parks, and chain restaurants, in an offbeat account that also surveys the pervasiveness of vampire stories in pop culture. **HC \$49.95**

Mel Odom

Hellgate: London (Exodus 01)

London, 2038: Man has become entirely dependent on science, believing in only what he can define or create. Ancient knowledge and rituals were lost: prophecies ignored. So when the demons came there was little to stand in their way. Emerging from the swirling chaotic Hellgate, they overwhelmed humanities defences. The usual tactics of war were useless against them - only the few who still respected the old ways, with their holy, ancient and arcane rights could stand against the dark invaders, using weapons and spells forged in the traditions of their forefathers. But their scattered successes attracted vastly powerful enemies, forcing the survivors of London deep into the relative safety of the Underground. Above them London lies in ruins. A massive, sinister gash in the fabric of reality swirls and churns, dominating the horizon as it blends into a permanently darkened sky. The Burn - transforming our world into theirs - began, while the remnants of our civilisation hid. But mankind is a race of survivors. Men and women hide in the shadows of their former world, struggling to survive, yearning to strike back at their conquerors. **PB \$22.95**

Dennis J Pale

Another Darkness

At last, we have an author who has written a work of science fiction that is both exciting and entertaining from start to finish. Another Darkness, Part One of The Catalyst Cycle, is set in the war-torn world of late 2093, a terrifying post-apocalyptic era ruled by evil Clones. Filled with powerful characters from incredible worlds, Another Darkness is an original sci-fi work.

Author, Dennis J Pale is destined to become a significant participant in the genre of science fiction. This fantastic story contains action, adventure, moments of terror, paranormal concepts and battles and unique machines and technology. It has many twists and turns, all taking place within a world that has had everything - from its social structure to methods of warfare - designed from the ground up.

If you're after a story that delivers you nowhere you expected, into a universe of multi-dimensional galactic disharmony and powers beyond the imagination, then this is the book for you! **TP \$31.95**

Pamela Palmer

The Dark Gate (Esri)

Larsen Vale has a secret: she sees things. Terrible things. Deadly things. And her latest vision features a strange albino man...and her own death. Haunted and afraid, she trusts no one, not even the handsome cop who seems fascinated with her.

Washington, D.C., detective Jack Hallihan has one mission: find the man who is assaulting young women. But the police have no clues, no leads and no witnesses. And Jack has a deadly secret of his own—a secret Larsen holds the key to.

Time is running out. If Larsen and Jack can't learn to trust their attraction to each other, the Gate will be opened—and the world will be forever changed.... **APB \$14.95**

Norman Partridge

Dark Harvest

On Halloween in 1963, teenager Pete McCormick, dreaming of escaping a dead-end future in his small hometown, gets his chance to take part in the annual rite in which gangs of teenage boys await the opportunity to take on the local monster known as the October Boy, but Pete is unaware of the truth behind the local ritual and the price he must pay to escape. **TP \$26.95**

Caridad Pineiro

Blood Calls (The Calling)

But for vampire Diego Rivera, Ramona Escobar's sensuality proved even more potent. He had to resist—for there could be no such thing as love for him. Five centuries ago Diego had vowed never to turn another with the bite of the undead. And though Diego knew the dark underworld of New York was no place for a human, his unslaked desire commanded that Ramona be his for one night....

But when the artist's life was threatened by a reclusive millionaire who had used Ramona's skills to build a forgery ring, Diego needed to unleash his inner demon to save her. Then he was faced with a choice—lose the woman he loved...or turn her with a vampire's kiss. **APB \$14.95**

Robert Rankin

The Da Da De Da Da Code

Robert Rankin, the world's Master of Far-Fetched Fiction, takes us on a rollercoaster ride in his brand new bestseller, which focuses on the biggest conspiracy theory in the world, ever. Here, in the Da-Da-De-Da-Da Code, you will find the music of the angels and the music of the devil. Aliens, flying saucers from hell, the Multiverse, the Illuminati: every wacky, way-out conspiracy theory you've ever heard are all here, wrapped into a plot that will leave Dan Brown fans breathless, Michael Shea readers stupefied, Raymond Khoury lovers incredulous... Robert Rankin: the original and the best. **HC \$45 TP \$32.95**

The Toyminator

Somewhere over the rainbow and just off the Yellow Brick Road stands Toy City (formerly known as Toy Town) and things are not going well for its inhabitants. There have been outbreaks of STC (Spontaneous Toy Combustion) and there are strange signs and portents in the Heavens. Preachers of Toy City's many religions are predicting that the End Times are approaching and that a Toy City Apocalypse will soon come to pass. But can this possibly be true, or is there a simple explanation - an alien invasion, for instance? With the body count rising and the forces of law and order baffled, it is the time for a hero to step forward and attempt to save the day. Well, two heroes actually, Eddie Bear: Toy City Private Eye, and his loyal sidekick, Jack: our courageous twosome are about to face their biggest challenge yet - to save not only toykind, but the world of mankind too. Which should keep them out of the pub for a while. **APB \$19.95**

Melanie Rawn

Spellbinder

Members of the secret world of witches and wizards who make New York City their home, including successful writer Holly McClure, must use their magic to protect the city when a black coven run by a murderous psychopath threatens to unleash its terror, and nothing can stop the rampage, except for magic. **APB \$19.95**

Kit Reed

The Baby Merchant

Pregnant and relegated to a home for unwed mothers on a world where healthy babies are rare commodities, Sasha Egan finds herself on a collision course with a famous broadcast journalist whose mentally unstable, barren attorney wife has demanded that he obtain a baby for her. By the author of Thinner Than Thou. **TP \$32.95**

Kit Reed*Thinner Than Thou*

In a world that preaches a religion of youth and thinness, middle-aged Jeremy joins a cult health spa only to discover that it is actually a concentration camp, anorexic Annie and her obese friend strive to escape a health convent, and Annie's twin siblings and her boyfriend search for her throughout a gluttonous underground. **APB \$17.95**

John Ringo & Travis S Taylor *America**Vorpall Blade (Looking Glass 02)*

Sequel to Into the Looking Glass. Maverick physicist William Weaver and tough SEAL Chief Adams head for the stars aboard the SSBN Nebraska, which has been converted into a warp-drive ship, where they and the Force Recon Marines take on a new cadre of alien monsters. **HC \$51.95**

J D Robb*Innocent in Death (Eve Dallas 24)*

Eve Dallas has a mysterious homicide to solve when a popular teacher at an exclusive school turns up dead in his classroom, apparently poisoned. Dallas is baffled as to who could possibly hold a grudge against this enthusiastic young teacher. It doesn't help when a beautiful ex-girlfriend of Roarke's comes back into his life. While Eve is fighting her jealousy, she grows more and more frustrated with the case, especially as it becomes obvious that no one is as innocent as they seem. **APB \$19.95**

Adam Roberts*Splinter*

Splinter is a thought-provoking science fiction novel about faith, disaster and alien intelligence by one of the new masters of the genre. When Hector discovers his father has channelled the family fortune into a bizarre cult who await the imminent destruction of the Earth, he is wracked by feelings of betrayal and doubt. Things change, however, the night an asteroid plummets from space and shatters the planet, leaving Hector and the remnants of the human race struggling for survival on a splinter of the earth. Astonishing SF from the new master of the genre. **TP \$30**

Kristine Kathryn Rusch*Recovery Man (Retrieval Artist 06)*

A Recovery Man kidnaps Rhonda Shindo after tormenting her brilliant thirteen-year-old daughter, Talia. The authorities on Jupiter's moon Callisto search for Rhonda, while her employers, trying to gain custody of Talia, make a shocking discovery that sheds new light on this case. **APB \$17.95**

C J Ryan*Burdens of Empire (Gloria VanDeen 04)*

In the wake of Lord Kenarbin's kidnapping by insurgents, Dexta sends Gloria VanDeen to the colonized alien world of Denastri, but she soon finds her mission complicated by an attempted assassination, local factional violence, a government bureaucracy in a shambles, and a complete misunderstanding on the part of the Empire of the local alien inhabitants. **APB \$17.95**

Geoff Ryman*Was*

The story of Dorothy. Orphaned as a child in the 1870s. She goes to live in Kansas with her Aunty Em and Uncle Henry, who face drought and poverty. Alone and abused, Dorothy meets an itinerant actor called Frank and inspires a masterpiece. From the settling of the West and the heyday of the Hollywood studios to the glittering megalopolis of modern Los Angeles, WAS is the story of all our childhoods. **PB \$22.95**

Lilith Saintcrow*The Devil's Right Hand (Dante Valentine 03)*

A necromancer and bounty hunter who wants nothing more than to be left alone, Dante Valentine and her lover, Japhrimel, are forced into a reluctant pact with Lucifer when they are given the task of hunting down four demons who have escaped from hell. **APB \$17.95**

Mary SanGiovanni*The Hollower*

Dave Kohlar, plagued by guilt, doubt, and fear, is plunged into a living nightmare when a Hollower, an inhuman creature that drives its victims to their deaths by exploiting their weaknesses, comes after him. **APB \$17.95**

Charles Saunders*Imaro (Imaro 01)*

Imaro is heroic fantasy like it's never been done before. Based on Africa, and African traditions and legends, Charles Saunders has created Nyumbani (which means "home" in Swahili), an amalgam of the real, the semi-real, and the unreal. "Imaro" is the name of the larger-than-life warrior who travels across Nyumbani, always the outcast, searching for a home.

This novel tells the story of Imaro's childhood, his exile from his tribe, how he grew to manhood, and how he found and lost the love of his life. Charles Saunders has followed in the footsteps of Robert E. Howard and Fritz Leiber, creating an iconic hero along with dazzling, exotic, and mysterious world for Imaro to inhabit. But like his contemporaries Karl Edward Wagner (Kane) and Michael Moorcock (Elric), Charles Saunders brings something new to the table. As a black reader of science fiction and fantasy, Saunders discovered that black characters and African or African-inspired settings were few and far between. The sense of being an outsider in one's own "tribe" provided the core seed for Imaro. A broad knowledge of, and passion for the history and myths of Africa fertilized Charles' imagination and led to the creation of Imaro... a heroic fantasy character the likes of which has never been seen. Imaro is a rousing adventure... a tale of a young man's struggle to gain acceptance amongst his people, and upon failing that, his continuing struggle to break the cycle of alienation and violence that plagues his adult life.

At the same time, Imaro is a metaphor for Charles' experience as a black man in the white world of Science Fiction and Fantasy. It is a journey of alienation and reclamation. It is a story of triumph and discovery. A story that will dazzle, and thrill, and move you. **TP \$30.95**

The Quest for Cush (Imaro 02)

Imaro 2: The Quest For Cush is the second book in Charles Saunders' series of African inspired heroic fantasy. It begins with the reunion of Imaro, and his kidnapped lover Tanisha, who has been taken to the ruined City of Madness. With the help of their new found friend, Pomphis, a Pygmy from the eastern forests of Nyumbani, they learn of the sorcerous forces that may have been behind the dark wizard that destroyed Imaro's youth.

The trio go to Mavindi, the port capital of the Eastern Coastal kingdom of Azania, in search of the legendary Kingdom of Cush, where Imaro hopes to find answers to the questions that have plagued his life. Who is he? Who was his father, and why was he seemingly cursed, and hounded from birth by forces beyond his control. This volume further expands the world of Nyumbani, detailing the eastern coastal kingdoms, and also expands the spiritual side of the world, revealing even more of the fantastic forces that are in play in the world of Nyumbani, and their relationship to Imaro.

Cover art by Vince Evans. **TP \$30.95**

Steven Savile*Slaine the Defiler*

The Defiler continues the Lay of Slaine Mac Roth, Celtic warrior and son of the Sessair tribe. Slaine has captured the secret schemes of Slough Feg for Ragnarok, plans which reveal the end of all things for his people. In order to save the land as he knows it, Slaine must travel with Ukko the dwarf and enter another world: the realm of the Dishe. Once there, he must locate magical items and bring them back to his tribe. Epic fantasy and heroic bloodshed in the classic mould of Conan! **APB \$16**

Michael Schiefelbein*Vampire Transgressions*

A continuation of the series that began with Vampire Now and Vampire Thrall finds two-thousand-year-old vampire Victor Decimus, having defied a critical rule of vampire existence to remain with his lover, pursued by agents for the Dark Realm who are out to punish them both for their transgression. **TP \$30.95**

Karl Schroeder*The Queen of Candesce (Virga 02)*

A tale following the events of Sun of Suns finds Venera entering the artificial worlds of Virga far from her home and husband, where she is forced to decide who among her new allies is trustworthy while she protects the powerful Key of Candesce. **HC \$52.95**

Mary Shelley*Frankenstein*

What you create can destroy you.

One freezing morning, a lone man wandering across the arctic ice caps is rescued from starvation by a ship's captain. Victor Frankenstein's story is one of ambition, murder and revenge. As a young scientist he pushed moral boundaries in order to cross the final scientific frontier and create life. But his creation is a monster stitched together from grave-robbled body parts who has no place in the world, and his life can only lead to tragedy.

Written when she was only nineteen, Shelley's gothic tale is one of the greatest horror stories ever written **HC \$10.95**

Gena Showalter*The Darkest Night*

Determined to free herself from the voices that torment her, Ashlyn Darrow arrives in Budapest to seek help from men rumored to have supernatural abilities and finds herself drawn to a dangerous man, trapped in a hell of his own, who unleashes within her a dark hunger. **APB \$17.95**

Susan Sizemore*Primal Desires*

A master magician known as "The Beast Master" for his Las Vegas performances with big cats, Jason Cage the Prime of his vampire family, uses his remarkable telepathic skills to rescue beautiful Sofia Hunyara from a werewolf attack and sets out to teach her about her family's secret history as wolf tamers and about her role as his destined bondmate. **APB \$17.95**

John Skipp*The Long Last Call*

When a wealthy stranger arrives at a strip club right at closing time, armed with a lot of cash, he wreaks violent havoc when every dollar he spends stirs up hatred, repressed rage, and murderous intent, resulting in a night full of bloodshed and terror. **APB \$19.95**

Christina Skye*Enchantment & Bridge of Dreams (Draycott Legacy)*

Behind the walls of the fabled abbey, Cathlin O'Neill is forced to confront deepest sorrow and boundless love as she and Dominic Montserrat, haunted by his own shadowed past, race against time to solve a centuries-old mystery...and free the ancient fire that burns anew between them.

The search for a rare painting drew Kacey Mallory to Draycott Abbey—the lure of untold passion holds her there. Could enigmatic Lord Nicholas be the key to her past...and the promise of her future? **APB \$17.95**

Cordwainer Smith*When the People Fell*

A companion volume to *We the Underpeople* offers a new compilation of science fiction stories by the acclaimed author that furnishes a sweeping saga of a future world that arises in the wake of a global war to create a civilization bent on colonizing the stars, despite the opposition of the malevolent alien species out to stop the human expansion into outer space. **TP \$30.95**

Catherine Spangler*Touched By Darkness*

Dr. Kara Cantrell settled in the sleepy town of Zorro, Texas, convinced she and her child had escaped the sinister reach of a supernatural underworld. But now dark forces may jeopardize her new life. Her only hope is Damien Morgan, a dangerous, alluring man with superhuman abilities. He and Kara share a mystical link that triggers desires they must ignore. But as they work together to protect her son, and begin tracking the evil stalking them, something threatens to push them toward the edge . . . of darkness. **APB \$17.95**

S M Stirling*A Meeting At Corvalis (Change 03)*

Tensions continue among Mike Havel's Bearkillers and their allies, Clan Mackenzie under the leadership of Juniper Mackenzie and Norman Arminger, the warlord of Portland, after Arminger's daughter falls into the hands of Clan Mackenzie. **APB \$19.95**

The Sunrise Lands (Change 04)

A generation after *The Change* that rendered all technology inoperable around the world, western Oregon is finally settling down, until, in Paradise Valley, Wyoming, a man known as The Prophet, head of the Church Universal and Triumphant, begins exhorting his followers to destroy the remnants of technological civilization and those who use them. **HC \$51.95**

Valerie Stivers*Blood is the New Black*

Taking a summer job working at *Tasty*, a trendy magazine at the forefront of modern style before entering medical school in the fall, Kate McAlliston becomes concerned that her coworkers are a group of bloodthirsty vampires as she notices their strange behavior and worries that a serial killer is stalking the beautiful people of Manhattan. A first novel. **TP \$28.95**

Whitley Strieber

2012: War for Souls

On December 21, 2012, the date prophesied as the end of the world, a mysterious alien presence bursts from sacred sites across the globe, ripping human souls from their bodies and plunging the world into a time of ultimate chaos and darkness. **HC \$51.95**

Charles Stross

The Atrocity Archives (Laundry 01)

Something for everyone - a science fiction/horror humorous spy thriller! Bob Howard is a low-level techie working for a super-secret government agency. While his colleagues are out saving the world, Bob's under a desk restoring lost data. None of them receive any thanks for the jobs they do, but at least a techie doesn't risk getting shot or eaten in the line of duty. Bob's world is dull but safe, and that's the way it should have stayed; but then he went and got noticed. Now, Bob Howard is up to his neck in spycraft, alternative universes, dimension-hopping nazis, Middle Eastern terrorists, damsels in distress, ancient Lovecraftian horror and the end of the world. Only one thing is certain. It will take more than control-alt-delete to sort this mess out... **APB \$19.95**

Tawny Taylor

Real Vamps Don't Drink O-Neg

When her best friend Dao falls victim to a female vampire, paranormal researcher Sophie Hahn, determined to save him, must place her trust in a sexy college professor and vampire who needs her help in finding two ancient relics that will save his people and Dao. **TP \$26.95**

Sex and the Single Ghost

Released from Purgatory to investigate her mysterious death, solve the crime, and do good deeds for others, Claire Weiss is distracted from her mission by Jake Faron, the man she has been in lust with for ages, who introduces her to a different kind of heaven in his arms. **APB \$17.95**

J R R Tolkien

Calendar 2008: Tolkien : Children of Hurin

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Anne Ursu

The Shadow Thieves (Cronus Chronicles 01)

Something extraordinary is about to happen to Charlotte Mielswetzki.

It's not the very cute kitten that appears out of nowhere. It's not the arrival of her cousin Zee, who believes he's the cause of a mysterious sickness that has struck his friends back in England. And it's not the white-faced, yellow-eyed men in tuxedos who follow Charlotte everywhere. What's so extraordinary is not any one of these things. It's all of them.

When Charlotte's friends start to get sick, Charlotte and Zee set out to find a cure. Their quest leads them to a not-so-mythical Underworld, where they face Harpies that love to rhyme, gods with personnel problems, and ghosts with a thirst for blood.

Charlotte and Zee learn that in a world overrun by Nightmares, Pain, and Death, the really dangerous character is a guy named Phil. And then they discover that the fate of every person -- living and dead -- is in their hands. **PB \$14.95**

Elizabeth Vaughan

Warsworn (Warprize 02)

Lara is a daughter of kings, a city girl and a powerful healer in her own right; but she is the Warprize and has sworn an oath of loyalty to Keir, the barbarian Warlord, and his people. As Keir and the tribe are making their way back to their homeland, they come across a village stricken by plague, and though Lara has the tools to fight this scourge, the Warlord forbids her risking her own life. Both Lara and Keir are strong-willed and neither will bend easily, even for love. When Lara disobeys, she pays the price, for both she and Keir are struck down by the fatal disease, and so is their entire encampment. In the midst of the dying, a rival warrior gathers his followers and challenges Keir for the right to rule their tribe. If Keir, weakened by sickness, loses, he dies. And so does Lara... **HC \$45 TP \$29.95**

Jules Verne

Around The World in Eighty Days

In this classic adventure story, a wealthy gentleman, Phileas Fogg, makes a bet that he can travel around the world in eighty days. Fogg and his servant set off immediately, determined to win this race against time. Little do they know they aren't making the journey alone.... Fogg has been fingered as the culprit in a bank robbery, and a detective in hot pursuit is trailing them as they cross every continent. **PB \$6.95**

Jo Walton

Farthing

In an alternate post-World War II London in which an upper-crust political group has overthrown Churchill and negotiated peace with Hitler, Lucy, ostracized since her marriage to a Jewish man, is unexpectedly invited to a family gathering only to find her husband framed for a ritualistic murder. **APB \$17.95**

Christine Warren

Wolf at the Door

Traveling three thousand miles from his native Ireland and his wolf pack to America to warn his Other brethren about a shadowy cadre of men who will do anything to bring them down, Sullivan Quinn comes face to face with his destined mate, anthropologist Cassidy Poe, who risks everything to help him bring the Others' enemies down. **APB \$17.95**

Lawrence Watt-Evans

The Spriggan Mirror (Ethshar 09)

Tired of the "spriggans," a group of troublesome green pests, the Wizard's Guild hires Gresh the Supplier to find the magic mirror that created these nuisances, which is no easy task. **APB \$17.95**

Margaret Weis

Master of Dragons (Dragonvarld 03)

In *Mistress of Dragons* we were introduced to a world where political deception, greed, and avarice have led to a violation of the "hands off" policy of the Parliament of Dragons concerning the affairs of men. In *The Dragon's Son*, twins born out of violence and raised apart discover the secrets of their legacy and the plot to incite a war between dragons and men.

Now as the evidence of deceit, betrayal, and perdition is revealed to them, who will emerge as mankind's saviour as the Master of Dragons?

A divided Parliament of Dragons where division and self preservation incite war and threaten the order of the ages. A hidden stronghold where insidious and outlaw dragons hatch a race bent on the subjugation of all mankind. The ancient city of Seth and its mystical order of warrior priestesses who have the power to fight back against the attacks of dragons.

The twins Marcus and Ven must unlock the secrets of these places and their own powers and overcome their own personal differences as they prepare to clash in a war that may pit brother against brother and dragon against dragon to determine dominion of the world and the survival of the fittest. **APB \$14.95**

David Wellington

Monster Planet (Monster 03)

A final installment in the trilogy that began with *Monster Island* and *Monster Nation* is set in a zombie-stricken world some twelve years after the events of the prior book and pits the insatiable consumers against the planet's dwindling human survivors. **TP \$24.95**

H G Wells

The War Against the Worlds

H.G. Well's 1898 science fiction classic, *The War of the Worlds*, tapped into society's fears about worldwide security and an impending war in Europe. However, it wasn't until forty years later that *The War of the Worlds* became infamous. On October 30, 1938, the United States was certain that it was under siege by vicious Martians. Thousands of people called the police, many ran from their homes in terror, and some even sought medical attention for shock and hysteria. Martians weren't really invading: Orson Welles, a famous actor, was performing a radio dramatization of *The War of the Worlds* that convinced listeners an invasion could happen anytime and anywhere. **PB \$6.95**

Karen Whiddon

Touch of the Wolf (The Pack)

One look and shape-shifter Lucaine Herrick knew. Mate. The urge to claim the woman for himself was instant. Yet he could not. He'd come to a tiny Texas town in search of a myth—a Halfling healer who had no idea that Pack blood ran in her veins, or that she was the only being in generations with the power to heal shape-shifters with her touch. And if what he suspected about Samantha Warren was true, his people needed her too much for Luc to claim her as his own.

But someone else watched Samantha from the shadows. And soon, claiming Samantha might not be Luc's forbidden desire, but his only choice for protecting her life. **APB \$14.95**

Liz Williams

Snake Agent (Detective Inspector Chen 01)

John Constantine meets Chow Yun-Fat in this near-future occult thriller. Detective Inspector Chen is the Singapore Three police department's snake agent, in charge of supernatural and mystical investigations.

Chen has several problems: In addition to colleagues who don't trust him and his mystical ways, a patron goddess whom he has offended, and a demonic wife who's tired of staying home alone, he's been paired with one of Hell's own vice officers, Seneschal Zhu Irzh, to investigate the illegal trade in souls.

Political pressures both earthly and otherworldly seem to block their investigation at every turn. As a plot involving Singapore Three's industrial elite and Hell's own Ministry of Epidemics is revealed, it becomes apparent that the stakes are higher than anyone had previously suspected. **TP \$30.95**

The Demon and the City (Detective Inspector Chen 02)

When inspector Chen goes on Holiday, Chen's demonic partner Zhu Irzh's finds himself alone in Singapore Three. The missing body of a brutally murdered socialite and the strange experiments of a well connected, beautiful young heiress leads Zhu into a maze of murder and corruption.

Inspector Chen returns to the city just as Zhu's baser instincts seem to be getting the better of him. While the rest of the police department thinks the worst of Zhu, Chen suspects that something more malignant, particularly when the forces of heaven begin manifesting themselves in Singapore three, taking sides and leaving a trail of death and destruction in their wake. **TP \$30.95**

The Precious Dragon (Detective Inspector Chen 03)

Detective Inspector Chen and Zhu Irzh must escort an emissary from Heaven on a diplomatic mission to Hell, meanwhile a young boy born to ghostly parents in Hell ends up being the key to unlocking the mystery that is quickly spiraling out of control. **HC \$51.95**

Banquet of the Lords of Night

In such novels as *The Poison Master*, *Empire of Bones*, and *Nine Layers of Sky*, Liz Williams sparked readers' imaginations by creating worlds at once strange and familiar. Now this bold new writer brings her best short fiction together in one stunning collection. The stories featured in *The Banquet of the Lords of Night* have appeared in Asimov's, *Interzone*, *Realms of Fantasy*, and *The Third Alternative*, among others.

The stories within the covers of *The Banquet of the Lords of Night* are varied in style and subject matter, but they are all powerfully written. From the breathtaking title story, "Banquet of the Lords of Night" about an Earth plunged into a world of darkness where light is against the law to the stunning "The Man from the Ministry" in which we learn the how far a mother will go where her family is concerned; Williams displays an astonishing breadth and variety of writing styles. Williams is equally at home writing galaxy-spanning science fiction like "Quantum Anthropology" as she is weaving a tale like "Adventures in the Ghost Trade" which incorporates demons, magic, the afterlife, and private detectives. **HC \$56.95**

F Paul Wilson*Harbingers (Repairman Jack)*

Still recovering from the tragic events of *Infernal*, Repairman Jack is enlisted to search for a missing teenage girl, a seemingly innocent request that draws him into the most dangerous quest of his life and into the middle of a conflict between two supernatural forces vying for control of all human life on Earth. **APB \$19.95**

Robert Charles Wilson*Darwinia*

A winner of the 2006 Hugo Award for Spin presents an alternative history of the twentieth century in which in 1912, old Europe is replaced by Darwinia, a land of nightmarish jungle and prehistoric monsters that contains the secret of human destiny. **TP \$30.95**

Anthologies

Kate Douglas , Lacy Danes & Morgan Hawke*Sexy Beast III*

Three powerful men, gifted with shape-shifting abilities, search for their perfect mate in this sensual trio of stories that includes Morgan Hawke's *Winter's Kiss*, in which a beautiful photographer is introduced to an exotic world of exquisite pleasure in the remote mountains of Japan. **TP \$26.95**

Jeff Gelb & Michael Garrett Editor*Dark Passions (Hot Blood XIII)*

Filled with tantalizingly terrifying tales of erotic horror, this thirteenth installment in the award-winning series features contributions from some of today's hottest writers. **TP \$28.95**

Jeff Gelb & Del Howison Editor*Dark Delicacies*

An anthology of nineteen commissioned horror stories includes contributions by such genre masters and fresh talents as Clive Barker, Brian Lumley, Ray Bradbury, Chelsea Quinn Yarbrow, and Whitley Strieber. **APB \$19.95**

Martin H Greenberg & Jim C Hines Editor*Heroes in Training*

Featuring contributions from Sherwood Smith, Ed Greenwood, and Julie E. Czerneda, this all-new fantasy anthology follows the transformation of ordinary people into extraordinary heroes, including a shape-shifter who is forced unexpectedly into her first solo mission. **APB \$19.95**

Peter Haining Editor*The Mammoth book of Modern Ghost Stories*

An anthology of twentieth and twenty-first-century tales by popular writers celebrates the tradition of the literary ghost story, in a volume of twenty-five works that includes pieces by such names as Martin Amis, John Steinbeck, and P. G. Wodehouse. **TP \$28.95**

Charlaine Harris & Toni L Kelner Editor*Many Blood Returns: Tales of Birthdays with Bite*

A collection of suspenseful, surprising, sometimes humorous tales about vampires features never-before-published works including Charlaine Harris's heroine Sookie Stackhouse in "Dracula's Night," Jim Butcher's wizard hero Harry Dresden in "It's My Birthday Too," and other stories by Tanya Huff, P. N. Elrod, Christopher Golden, Bill Crider, and others. **HC \$51.95**

Theodore Sturgeon*The Nail and the Oracle (Complete Stories of Theodore Sturgeon XI)*

The eleventh volume of the series by science-fiction author Theodore Sturgeon contains stories written between 1960 and 1969, including "How To Forget Baseball," a hitherto unanthologized short story. **HC \$70**

Young Adult

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix: Dumbledore's Army (Harry Potter)

After being tried for the inappropriate use of magic and found not guilty, Harry returns to his fifth year at Hogwarts and finds everything is changing. Dumbledore's position is in question, the Ministry is interfering and nobody believes that Harry really saw "He Who Cannot be Named" . . . Relive the most exciting and magical moments, from Harry, Ron and Hermione's first meeting through to the formation of Dumbledore's Army and the horror of Voldemort's return. Learn all about Harry, Hogwarts and much, much more. **PB \$19.95**

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix: Funfax (Harry Potter)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix Funfax is a fabulous, full-colour two-ring binder that has a great 12 month calendar diary and space for children to write personal information. The Funfax is packed with exciting images from the latest Harry Potter movie, fascinating facts about all the main characters and fantastic interactive puzzles and quizzes. **\$14.95**

T E Berry-Hart*Escape from Genopolis*

Arlo lives the privileged life of a citizen of Genopolis, whose rulers have eradicated the ability to feel pain. Then the authorities discover his secret: like the despised underclass, the Naturals, Arlo can feel. And in a world where emotion is criminal and instinct obsolete, this makes Arlo different . . . and dangerous. Soon he is an outlaw, on a desperate quest to uncover the mystery of his birth **PB \$16.99**

Beverly Bishop*My Friend With Autism***PB \$22.95****Lewis Carroll***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

Alice is one of the most beloved characters of English writing. A bright and inquisitive child, one boring summer afternoon she follows a white rabbit down a rabbit-hole. At the bottom she finds herself in a bizarre world full of strange creatures, and attends a very strange tea party and croquet match. This immensely witty and unique story mixes satire and puzzles, comedy and anxiety, to provide an astute depiction of the experience of childhood. **PB \$8.95**

David Colbert

Magical Worlds of Harry Potter: a Treasury of Myths, Legends, and Fascinating Facts (Harry Potter)

Explores the sources and meanings of aspects of the literary world of Harry Potter within myths, legends, and history. **TP \$28.95**

Susan Cooper

Dark is Rising Boxed Set (Dark is Rising)

BPB \$60

Justin D'ath

Pool

Something strange has happened to the public swimming pool in New Lourdes, Victoria. The water is no longer level and is rumoured to have curative powers. When sixteen-year-old Wolfgang MulQueen takes a summer job at the pool, he meets Audrey, a blind girl who claims she's nocturnal. With the discovery of a butterfly unknown to science, and an unusual request from Audrey's father, Wolfgang finds himself inextricably drawn into an eighteen-year-old mystery, the tragic resolution of which will change his life forever. **PB \$19.95**

Charles de Lint

Little Grrl Lost

Fourteen-year-old T.J. and her new friend, sixteen-year-old Elizabeth, a six-inch-high "Little" with a big chip on her shoulder, help one another as T.J. tries to adjust to her family's move from a farm to the big city and Elizabeth tries to make her own way in the world. **HC \$36.95**

Joseph Delaney

The Spook's Secret (Spook 03)

In this third and terrifying instalment in the Wardstone Chronicles, the nights are drawing in and it's time for Tom and his master to move to Anglezarke, the Spook's winter house. Tom has heard it will be a sinister and menacing place but nothing could fully prepare him for what he finds there. For this house, and indeed the whole of Anglezarke moor is full of secrets about the Spook's youth. Secrets that are about to come to the surface and could wreck havoc on the whole County... **BPB \$17.95**

The Spook's Battle (Spook 04)

The fourth instalment of the Wardstone Chronicles. In Pendle the witches are rising and the three most powerful witch clans are rumoured to be uniting in order to conjure an unimaginable evil. Together they will be capable of raising the dark made flesh - the Devil himself.

Tom and the Spook need to set off for Pendle to avert the unthinkable. But before they go, the Spook tells Tom to journey home and collect the trunks Mam left behind for him. But what dark family secrets are contained in the trunks? And will they place Tom's family in even greater danger or provide the help Tom and his master will need in Pendle? **HC \$27.95**

Cameron Dokey

Golden (Once Upon A Time)

Before Rapunzel's birth, her mother made a dangerous deal with the sorceress Melisande: If she could not love newborn Rapunzel just as she appeared, she would surrender the child to Melisande. When Rapunzel was born completely bald and without hope of ever growing hair, her horrified mother sent her away with the sorceress to an uncertain future.

After sixteen years of raising Rapunzel as her own child, Melisande reveals that she has another daughter, Rue, who was cursed by a wizard years ago and needs Rapunzel's help. Rue and Rapunzel have precisely "two nights and the day that falls between" to break the enchantment. But bitterness and envy come between the girls, and if they fail to work together, Rue will remain cursed...forever. **APB \$9.95**

Christopher Gray

The Moondene Prince

Andrew is a lonely orphan who discovers that his destiny is more wonderful and frightening than he could have ever dreamed. He first suspects this when he is suddenly and mysteriously adopted and receives a parcel and a letter that tell him that he has, in fact, a family; and warns him "... of danger that threatens you...".

He is then abruptly kidnapped and launched into an adventure in which nothing is familiar, and nothing makes sense. That is until he meets up with his rescuer, Kereth, who at last tells him: "You are not in England, you are nowhere in the world you have come from. You were kidnapped by the Sorcerers and brought here; this is your true country."

And so Andrew must face the challenge of seeking the Runes of Arkhan, and restoring, in himself, an heir to the throne of Taren. **PB \$14.95**

Stephen Hawking & Lucy Hawking

George's Secret Key to the Universe (01)

Take a rollercoaster ride through the vastness of space and, in the midst of an exciting adventure, discover the mysteries of physics, science and the universe with George, his new friends next door - the scientist Eric and his daughter, Annie - and a super-intelligent computer called Cosmos, which can take them to the edge of a black hole and back again. Or can it? And who else would like to get their hands on Cosmos? A funny and hugely informative romp through space, time and the universe. **HC \$49.95**

Nancy Holder

The Rose Bride (Once Upon A time)

When Rose's mother dies, her only comfort is the exquisite rose garden her mother left behind. The purple blossoms serve as an assurance of her mother's love. But Rose is dealt a second blow when her father dies and his greedy widow, Ombrine, and her daughter, Desirée, move in and take over the manor in true Cinderella fashion.

Fate has been cruel to Ombrine and Desirée, too. So despite their harsh ways, Rose has compassion. But these feelings are bitterly tested when, in a rage, Ombrine tears out the garden. Rose nearly gives up all hope -- until a chance meeting with the king. Happiness might be within her reach, but first she must prevail over Ombrine. And then she must determine if she has the courage to love. **APB \$9.95**

Mary Hooper

At the House of the Magician

Lucy has been forced to run away from home as she fears for her safety from her drunken father. She is taken on as a maid at the house of Dr Dee, court magician, upon whom Elizabeth I relies heavily, even down to advising the date of her coronation. The household is strange and sinister, and Lucy has a nose for intrigue . . . And she has more than enough to satisfy her: Lucy stumbles across a plot to assassinate the queen and has to find means to warn her. **PB \$16.95**

Erin Hunter

Firestar's Quest (Warriors)

In this latest addition to this suspenseful series, Firestar, leader of the Thunderclan, encounters one of the greatest challenges in his life as he sets forth to find his lost clan, facing new creatures and dangerous battles along the way. **HC \$36.95**

The Lost Warrior (Warriors)

Graystripe, deputy leader of ThunderClan, was kidnapped by TwoLegs, but manages to escape, in the first of three manga-format books based on the best-selling Warriors series. **BPB \$17.95**

Warriors Field Guide: Secrets of the Clans (Warriors)

Illustrated and includes maps. **HC \$32.95**

The Sight (Warriors Power of Three)

The legendary Firestar's grandchildren begin their training as warrior cats, but, unbeknownst to them, they will become more powerful than any cat before them, either bringing the Clan to new heights--or destroying it. **HC \$34.95**

Diana Wynne Jones

The Game

Sent to a boisterous family gathering in Ireland by her overly strict grandmother, orphaned Hayley feels out of place until her unruly cousins include her in a special game involving travel through the mythosphere, the place where all the world's stories can be found, and where some secrets of her past are revealed. Sent to a boisterous family gathering in Ireland by her overly strict grandmother, orphaned Hayley feels out of place until her unruly cousins include her in a special game involving travel through the mythosphere, the place where all the world's stories can be found, and where some secrets of her past are revealed. **HC \$24.95**

Margo Lanagan Australian Author

The Singing Stones (Lost Shimmeron 02)

When a huge willy-willy interrupts a very ordinary trip to Grandpa's farm, Jean and Lawrence finds themselves thrust into the strange world of Scintillon, where balancing the forces of nature is a matter of survival. Before they can return home they must save Scintillon from the villainous Roses. But will the lost Shimmeron help or hinder their cause? **BPB \$12.95**

Katherine Langrish

Troll Blood (Troll 03)

When seafaring traders, Gunnar, and his sword-wielding son, Harald Silkenhair, land in Trollsvik, looking for crew to join their journey to Vinland (North America), Hilde is desperate to join the ship. She begs her parents to let her go as Gunnar's wife Astrid's companion, and when Peer agrees to go and look after her, her parents reluctantly agree.

But Gunnar and Harald are dangerous men. Harald has killed a man, and Gunnar has been cursed and is losing his wits in fear that the dead man's ghost is following him. Harald has an uncontrollable, raging temper, and a perilous rivalry develops between he and Peer.

By the time they finally reach the shores of Vinland, the settlement is looking less of an attractive proposition. And that's before they meet the "Skraelings" (the Native American people) and the terrifying Jenu – the cannibal giant with a heart of ice...

Action-packed, suspense-fuelled and with a wonderful cast of characters, Troll Blood is a truly rip-roaring read. **BPB \$15.99**

Stephen Lawhead

Hood (King Raven 01)

Stephen Lawhead's first novel for younger readers is a retelling of the Robin Hood legend. A new reign of terror has brought fear and hatred to the land, while an ancient legend stirs in the heart of the wildwood... The Norman conquest of England is complete - but for one young man the battle has only just begun. When Bran ap Brychan's father is murdered by Norman soldiers, he flees to London, seeking justice. The journey is long and hard - and the suffering of those he meets along the way fuels his anger. With his demands dismissed, Bran has no choice but to return home, but a worse fate still awaits him there. His lands have been confiscated and his people subjugated by a brutal and corrupt regime. Should Bran flee for his life or protect his people by surrendering to his father's murderers? The answer, perhaps, is known only to the Raven King - a creature of myth and magic born of the darkest shadows in the forest. Stephen R. Lawhead's Hood brings to life the legend of Robin Hood as never before. **BPB \$16.95**

Scarlet (King Raven 02)

The gripping second volume of Stephen Lawhead's extraordinary retelling of the Robin Hood legend. From his gaol cell, outlaw Will Scatlocke waits to be hanged. Before he swings, Will - known to his friends as Scarlet - dictates his story to Odo, a duplicitous monk who has been given the job of recording his confession. Odo serves the ambitions of Abbot Hugo, who is gathering evidence that will lead to the capture of the men who have plagued the aristocracy and robbed the church of treasure. Hugo seeks the destruction of the elusive King Raven and his band, the Grellon. Driven from his home in the north of England, Will has trekked to Wales to join his fortunes with that of the man whose reputation is growing throughout Britain. A forester skilled with the longbow, Will is soon part of Bran ap Brychan's inner circle. In a failed attempt to kidnap sheriff Richard de Glanville, Will is captured. With rumours of conspiracy deepening at court, the humble prisoner becomes a vital link to the outlaws who abandoned him - and on whose loyalty their lives depend - and the throne of England. **HC \$35**

Tanith Lee

Wolf Wing (Wolf 04)

Free at last, Claidi and Argul are married in a brilliant ceremony, and look forward to their life together. But, nagged by her past, Claidi decides they must return to her birthplace, the House, and rescue her fellow slaves.

On arrival they discover that a revolution has taken place, sparked by Claidi's escape. A benign regime is now in charge, headed by the valiant Dengwi. However, during a grand dinner, Dengwi - to her own astonishment - is revealed to be the daughter of a former prince. She departs with Claidi and Argul, summoned by Ironel Novendot of the Wolf Tower.

Once with Ironel, the trio are joined by Winter Raven, Venn and Ngarbo. Then Ironel breaks her news: Ustareth, mother of Argul and Venn is alive, and has invited the young people to her new land, Summer. The party, unable to refuse, knows that at the end of their journey waits a woman, the science-sorceress, who has perhaps manipulated each of them since the day they were born ...

Not only Claidi is asking - what is the answer to the riddle of Ustareth? **BPB \$15.95**

Rebecca Lisle

The Curse of the Ravens

BPB \$15.95

Thom Madley

Marco and the Blade of Night

BPB \$16.99

Sophie Masson *Australian Author*

Thomas Trew and the Klint-Kings Gold (03)

BPB \$15.95

Oisin McGann

Snall-Minded Giants

Beyond the huge domed roof of Ash Harbour, a city built inside a hollowed-out mountain, deadly storms and Arctic temperatures have stripped the Earth bare. Resources are limited and access to power is all-important. Sinister bodies reign supreme, undercover operations are rife and every move is monitored by the Clockworkers and Dark-Day Fatalists. When sixteen-year-old Sol Wheat's father goes missing and is accused of murder, Sol sets out to find out why, and in doing so uncovers the harsh reality behind Ash Harbour. **BPB \$17.95**

Eoin McNamee

The Navigator

Owen's ordinary life is turned upside-down the day he gets involved with the Resisters and their centuries-long feud with an ancient, evil race. The Harsh, with their icy blasts and relentless onslaught, have a single aim – to turn back time and eliminate all life. Unless they are stopped, everything Owen knows will vanish as if it has never been...

But all is not as it seems in the rebel ranks. While Owen is accepted by new friends Cati and Wesley, and the eccentric Dr Diamond, others are suspicious of his motives. Could there be a Harsh spy in their midst? Where and what is the mysterious Mortmain, vital to their cause? And what was Owen's father's role in all this many years before?

As he journeys to the frozen North on a mission of destruction, Owen comes to understand his own history and to face his destiny. **BPB \$14.99**

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It's been many years since fourteen-year-old Freya's life was ruled by an obsession with angels - an obsession which destroyed her family. She has a burgeoning social life at school, and feels adjusted in the world. But then the angels return, and Freya discovers that she herself is a guardian angel. What makes matters worse is the arrival of the strange new girl, Stephanie, who craves for herself the angelic power that Freya resists. Learning to harness this difficult new friendship and her otherworldly abilities are complicated tasks, fraught with difficult decisions to make and dangerous situations to negotiate. Every time Freya helps one of her wards, she puts her own life at risk. And then there are her fellow angels - understanding what they want from her is perhaps the hardest task of all. **HC \$27.95**

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Christopher L Bennett

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Shelly Mazzanoble

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Other Books

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These are mainly non-fiction, crime, thriller, historical fiction and romance titles. Be aware we cheerfully order in any available book for our readers, including computer texts, reference books, fiction such these listed here, etc. Maximise your Infinitas Guild points, we are keen for the business, but note it will take a week or two for the book to arrive once ordered for you.

Army of Flanders and the Spanish Road, 1567-1659 **HC \$69.95**

Beer is An Answer... I don't Remember the Question **PB \$24.95**

Fitzroy **\$39.95**

Ultimate Classic Cars **HC \$24.95**

Ultimate Convertibles **HC \$24.95**

The Vietnam Experience **\$59.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Exit Strategy

A brand new crime thriller series - involving a female assassin, from the author of the bestselling Women of the Otherworld series. Nadia Stafford is an ex-cop - fired after she shot a child killer. She now works for one small mafia family: the way she sees it, no one innocent is getting hurt. But then a serial killer starts murdering innocent people in the style of a hitman. The police investigation threatens to unmask several professional hitmen, including Nadia. So she bands together with five other hitmen, including her mentor, the mysterious Jack. Together they decide to hunt down the killer - but perhaps that's just what he wants. Are they walking into a devious and brilliantly planned trap? **APB \$19.95**

Laurien Berenson

Hounded to Death (Melanie Travis Mystery)

While attending a five-day symposium for dog show judges in the Pocono Mountains with her Aunt Peg, a very pregnant Melanie Travis is fast on the scent of a killer when the dead body of an offensive guest speaker is found floating in the outdoor hot tub. **HC \$45.95**

Jo Beverley

Lady Beware

For generations, the Cave family has been marked by scandal, madness, and violence. But after earning a reputation for bravery in the army, Horatio Cave, the new Viscount Darien, has come home to charm London society and restore the family name. He means to start with the lovely Lady Thea Debenham.

The magnetism between them is immediate, but can Thea trust the dark, sexy "Vile Viscount"? And will Thea's brother Dare-the most dashing member of the Company of Rogues-believe that Horatio does not deserve the cursed Cave reputation? **APB \$17.95**

Chelsea Cain

Heartsick

"He thinks he sees a flash of emotion in her eyes. Sympathy? Then it's gone. 'Whatever you think this is going to be like,' she whispers, 'it's going to be worse.'"

When beautiful serial killer Gretchen Lowell captured her last victim - the very detective who was trying to hunt her down - she quickly established who was really in control of the investigation. So why, after ten days of horrifying physical and mental torture, did she release Detective Archie Sheridan on the brink of death and hand herself in?

Two years on Archie, shadowed by vulnerable, naïve young reporter Susan Ward, must lead a new hunt for the "after school killer", and he knows that one person can help him climb into the mind of this psychopath. But are there links between these brutal deaths and Gretchen's own unthinkable past? And will this only give Gretchen an invitation to play puppeteer once more?

In turns shocking and touching, this startling, compulsive debut introduces a complex psychopathic killer who will haunt your every waking hour long after you finish the last page... **TP \$32.95**

Dixie Cash

My Heart May Be Broken, But My Hair Still Looks Great **APB \$17.95**

Ray Chesterton

100 Years of Rugby League

In March 2008, Rugby League celebrates 100 years of history in this country. Long known as 'the greatest game of all' it is the dominant code in NSW and QLD, and in recent years it has gained a foothold in Victoria and beyond. This is the story of the game over those years: the great eras and the great games; the great players - from Dally Messenger to Andrew Johns; the always passionate (and sometimes bitter) rivalry of the State of Origin games; the overseas tours; and in recent years, the Super League turmoil, through to the present era. And it looks ahead - to increased competition from other football codes... It is a popular - yet authoritative - account, aimed at the general reader, not simply the dedicated fan. **TP \$35**

Jennifer Colt

Butcher of Beverly Hills

Kerry and Terry McAfee, identical twins who have little in common besides their appearance and their jobs as private detectives, are hired by a wealthy socialite whose boy toy husband has absconded with a fortune in jewels, and launch an investigation that brings them face to face with a host of suspicious characters, purloined cash, and an ever rising body count. **PB \$24.95**

Clive Cussler

Skeleton Coast

Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the covert combat ship Oregon have barely escaped a mission on the Congo River when they intercept a mayday from a defenceless boat under fire off the African coast. Cabrillo takes action, saving the beautiful Sloane Macintyre - who's looking for a long-submerged ship that may hold a fortune in diamonds. But what surprises Cabrillo is her story about a crazy fisherman who claims to have been attacked on the open sea by giant metal snakes in the same area. What begins as a snake hunt leads Cabrillo onto the trail of a far more lethal quarry - a deranged militant and his followers who plan to unleash the devastating power of nature itself against all who oppose them.

In his latest bestseller, Clive Cussler, the Grandmaster of Adventure, shows once again that when it comes to page-turning action, he's the man to beat. **APB \$19.95**

MaryJanice Davidson

The Royal Mess (Royal 03)

Hired to protect Princess Nicole Krenski, bodyguard Jeffrey Rodinov, who takes his job very seriously, finds himself saddled with a high-strung, stubborn beauty who refuses his protection, but not his sensual advances. **TP \$28.95**

Louise Doughty

A Novel in A Year

'The art of writing,' Kingsley Amis said, 'is the art of applying the seat of one's trousers to the seat of one's chair.' So start now. Take up a notebook and pen, and write one sentence...

Can you write a novel in a year? If you simply sit back and think about the enormity of writing a book, it will seem like a vast and unconquerable task, impossibly daunting. The way to make it less daunting is to break it down into its constituent parts, to do it bit by bit. Over the chapters herein, different aspects of technique are divided up into bite size chunks, the better to aid digestion. The book will look at different aspects of writing, with set exercises to help the reader along in their confidence and technique. It is designed to be read a chapter a week, with the aim of the fledgling writer having a body of material at the year's end which should form a solid start to their novel. Deeply practical, with sound advice at every stage, *A Novel In A Year* is essential reading for any would-be novelist. **HC \$34.95**

Sean Fagan

Pioneers of Rugby League

PB \$34.95

Christopher Forrest

The Genesis Code

When a Nobel Prize-winning geneticist is murdered just before announcing his discovery of a coded text within human DNA, his two assistants uncover a dangerous conspiracy of murder and secrets spanning all of human history. A first novel. **HC \$49.95**

Christopher Fowler

Ten-Second Staircase (Bryant and May Mystery)

First a controversial artist is found dead in her own art installation, inside a riverside gallery with locked doors and windows - and the only witness is a small boy who insists that the murderer was a masked man riding a stallion. Then a television presenter is struck by lightning while indoors.

Clearly, these are the kind of impossible crimes that only Arthur Bryant and John May of the Met's Peculiar Crimes Unit might be able to solve. But Bryant has lost his nerve following a disastrous public appearance, and May is fighting to keep the unit from closure. Worse still, the case of the Leicester Square Vampire, an unsolved mystery from the past that changed both their lives, has returned to haunt them in the present.

With a sinister modern-day highwayman bringing terror to the London streets in a series of crimes each more puzzling than the last, the elderly detectives track their suspect to an exclusive private school and a deprived housing estate. But just when they need all the help they can get to uncover a new breed of criminal, the highwayman begins to be hailed a national hero, and the public turns against them.

Bryant & May, the nation's most extraordinary investigators, are back on the case in a breathless adventure that explores the dark side of celebrity, the conflicts of youth, age and class, and the peculiar myths of old London. **BPB \$23.95**

Diana Gabaldon

Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade (Lord John 03)

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. **TP \$32.95**

Patricia Grasso

Tempting the Prince

Beautiful Belle Flambeau relishes her independence even as she dreams of a family of her own. When a vicious attack leaves her with an ugly scar, Belle retreats from society, her hopes of love and courtship dashed. Yet the darkly handsome, wounded stranger who seeks shelter on her property seems intent on proving otherwise, beginning a seduction that is slow, delicious, and utterly scandalous . . .

Prince Mikhail Kazanov wants - nay, needs - a loving, nurturing wife, not one of the shallow, empty-headed fortune hunters vying for his attentions. Drawn to Belle, Mikhail uses subterfuge to woo her. But though their heated attraction explodes into sensual bliss, the truth drives Belle away - and into danger's path. Now, as an enemy makes his violent intentions known, Mikhail must find a way to win Belle's trust again. For with their love - and her life - at stake, he cannot afford to fail . . . **APB \$14.95**

Lincoln Hall

Dead Lucky: Life After Death On Mount Everest

Foreword by Lachlan Murdoch

"The day I summited Mount Everest was the day I died"

Lincoln Hall set off for Everest in early May 2006. Five weeks after reaching Base Camp in Tibet, he began his push for the summit.

After three days of climbing higher into the oxygenless air, he was blessed with a perfect summit day. For a few minutes, Hall was the highest man on the planet. His Sherpa companions arrived, photos were taken, and the climbers commenced their long descent. Then things began to go horribly wrong. Hall was struck by cerebral oedema - highaltitude sickness - in the aptly named 'death zone'. Drowsiness quickly became overpowering lethargy, and he collapsed in the snow. Two Sherpas spent hours trying to revive him, but as darkness fell he was pronounced dead. The expedition's leader ordered the Sherpas to descend to save themselves. The news of Hall's death travelled rapidly from mountaineering websites to news media around the world, and by satellite phone to Hall's family in Australia. Early the next day, Dan Mazur, an American mountaineering guide with two clients and a Sherpa, was startled to find Hall sitting cross-legged on the knife-edged crest of the summit ridge. Hall's first words - 'I imagine you are surprised to see me here' - were a massive understatement. Much was reported in the press about Hall's resurrection, but only he has real insight into what happened, and how he survived that longest night. *DEAD LUCKY* is Lincoln Hall's own account of climbing Everest during a deadly season in which eleven people perished on the world's highest mountain. **TP \$34.95**

Emma Holly*Fairyville*

Despite her talents as a medium and her ability to communicate with fairies, Zoe Clare finds herself unable to get her boss, Magnus Monroe, the most eligible bachelor in Fairyville, Arizona, to realize her feelings for him, until she sets to make him jealous by taking up with her old flame Alex, the man who had once broken her heart. **TP \$28.95**

Kay Hooper*Blood Dreams (Bishop / Special crimes)*

When the daughter of a powerful U.S. senator becomes the latest victim of a bloodthirsty serial killer, FBI agent Noah Bishop and his Special Crimes Unit must join forces with a rogue civilian agency, structured much like Bishop's team of psychics and originally founded by Bishop as a privately funded resource team, to stop the maniac before it is too late. **HC \$51.95**

Hannah Howell & Lynsay Sands*Highland Thirst*

Two best-selling authors once again come together to present the spellbinding story of cousins Heming MacNachton and Tearlach MacAdie, who, bound by the same ancient curse, find salvation in the arms of two courageous women who will do anything to protect them. **TP \$24.95**

Jean Johnson*The Master (Sons of Destiny 03)*

Kidnapped from the Isle of Nightfall by slavers, Dominor--one of eight brothers destined to fulfill a prophecy--is sold to Lady Serina, a beautiful mage who needs his powers to re-enact a mating ritual in order to reverse a dangerous Tantric spell, in the third sizzling romance in the Sons of Destiny series. **TP \$28.95**

Bruce McAvaney Editor*Racing in Australia 2007-2008* **PB \$45****Barbara Michaels***Patriot's Dream*

Captivated by historic Williamsburg while spending the summer with her elderly aunt and uncle, young Janice Wilde is frightened to discover that she is falling in love with the eighteenth-century American patriot who appears to her in dreams. **APB \$19.95**

Denise Mina*The Dead Hour*

When Paddy Meehan, Glasgow's youngest aspiring journalist, is called to a domestic dispute at a house in a wealthy suburb in the north of the city, it seems like just another police call. The blonde bleeding from a head injury in the shadows doesn't want any help; and the well dressed man at the front door assures Paddy that everything's fine, and that she can leave. And then he slips her a crisp £50 note to keep the story out of the paper.

By the next morning the woman's dead. Paddy may have found the story she's dreamed about, but she'll lose all credibility if the word gets out about her bribe. The police who attended the call are twisting the evidence for reasons of their own.

Only Paddy cares enough to pursue a dark and brutal truth that could make her career - or kill her. **PB \$23.95**

Susan Parisi*The Blood of Dreams*

Enter a world of seduction, fantasy and betrayal . . .

Venice, 1762. As Carnevale bursts across the city revellers take to the streets in masks and lavish costumes to lose themselves in pleasure. Yet while Venetians celebrate, a nightmare is about to unfold . . .

Laudomia Codussi, a beautiful young woman tormented by terrifying visions, takes a lover and is drawn into his dangerous obsession with opium. When a series of gruesome murders is revealed, Laudomia embarks on an urgent quest to unmask the killer. Until she can separate reality from fantasy, no one is safe - least of all herself. But in a city transformed by illusion, who can say what is real and what is not?

in the tradition of Anne Rice and Patrick Suskind, Blood of Dreams is a lush and intoxicating odyssey through the grand palaces, decadent salons and sinister alleyways of eighteenth-century Venice - a journey from which no one will emerge unscathed. **TP \$32.95**

Don Pendleton*Vigilant Run (Executioner 346)*

When a vigilante with a twisted sense of justice targets local methlab gangs doing business with white supremacists, killing many innocent people in the process, Mack Bolan, while trying to stop this madman, stumbles upon a conspiracy involving power brokers and the Chinese government. **APB \$13.95**

Ripple Effect (Super Bolan 116)

When an American soldier, betrayed by the government, turns mercenary, killing for profit, and aligns himself with terrorists and organized crime, Mack Bolan has twenty-four hours to stop this deadly warrior before he unleashes a deadly campaign of revenge. **APB \$16.95**

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child*The Wheel of Darkness*

Taking Constance on an international tour to expose her to a world she has never experienced, FBI agent Pendergast visits the Tibetan monastery where he received martial arts training, only to learn that a rare and dangerous artifact has been stolen, following a trail that leads him aboard a treacherous Atlantic cruise. **HC \$52.95**

Dawn Thompson*Lord of the Deep*

Exiled to the Isle of Mists, where the selkies appear for a moonlight orgy, Meg, accused of witchcraft, must answer the call of the Lord of the Deep when he orders her to surrender her body and soul to him. **TP \$26.95**

David Thurlo & Aimee Thurlo*Pale Death (Lee Nez)*

Enlisting the aid of vampire police officer Lee Nez while investigating a series of killings that point to a vampire perpetrator, FBI agent Diane Lopez learns that the victims were performing secret experiments on captured vampire Stewart Tanner, who vowed revenge upon his escape, a case that poses a moral dilemma for Lee. By the author of Blood Retribution. **APB \$17.95**

Michael White *Australian Author*

C S Lewis

Popular biography of C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), the Oxford academic who wrote THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

In 1997, THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE was voted the most influential book of the twentieth century by teachers, librarians and parents in the UK. He was an acclaimed academic, a renowned Christian thinker and apologist, the author of dozens of non-fiction books and a founder member of The Inklings (with J.R.R. Tolkien). Lewis fought in the First World War trenches and became a famous broadcaster known as 'the apostle to sceptics' during World War II: his newspaper articles and radio programmes were well known. He led what was considered by many of his contemporaries to be a rather bohemian life in Oxford, living with a much older woman, a widow named Janie Moore. Late in life he married an American divorcee who (as documented in the movie SHADOWLANDS) died tragically of cancer four years into their marriage. Michael White's biography is an accessible yet erudite study of a subject who has immense and lasting international appeal. **BPB \$24.95**

Kate Wilhelm

A Wrongful Death

Barbara Holloway is forced to play a deadly game of murder, corruption, greed, and betrayal when she becomes the prime suspect in a high-profile kidnapping case involving a young boy, who happens to be the grandson of a wealthy family who mysteriously disappears after coming to her for help. **HC \$51.95**