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Featured Books



Kelly Armstrong
Jim Butcher
MaryJanice Davidson
Jennifer Fallon
Laurell K Hamilton
Sherrilyn Kenyon et al
Mercedes Lackey (editor)
Graham McNeil
Karen Miller
John Ringo Julie Cochrane
Janny Wurts
J K Rowling

Personal Demon Otherworld book 8 in paperback.
Princeps' Fury Codex Alera 5 in hardcover.
Fish Out of Water book 3 of Fred in paperback.
The Chaos Crystal Tide Lords book 4 in paperback.
A Lick of Frost Merry Gentry 6 in paperback.
Dead After Dark paperback anthology.
Moving Targets and Other Tales of Valdemar paperback.
Warhammer 40K: Mechanicum Horus Heresy 9 paperback.
Star Wars: Wild Space Clone Wars 2 in hardcover.
Sister Time a new Posleen paperback.
Stormed Fortress Alliance of Light book 5 in paperback.
The Tales of Beedle The Bard a hardcover Harry Potter tie-in.



News

Infinitas is on now twitter! <http://twitter.com/InfinitasBooks> Follow us to see the latest big releases as they arrive!

Christmas: Don't know what to buy for family this Christmas? We do gift vouchers in popular values, valid across all products in store. Want a gift that YOU like? Why not create a wish list with us, we can then tell your family / friends which things haven't been bought. We can keep a wish list for you at any time of year, not just Christmas.

Christmas Trading Hours. We will be closed from Thursday December 25th and will re-open on Monday January 5th. The website will still be open, however no orders (or emails) received after midday December 24th will be completed until we re-open.

Book 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.

Debatable Space by Philip Palmer, reviewed by Tim

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781841496207>

A space opera. A real space opera, as in a musical. Yes, I know it is a printed novel without audio accompaniment, but it is in the style of a musical. As I read the book, characters are introduced and developed, and the plot progresses. However, when a major event happens, there is also a major change of style. If it were a movie or stage play, this is when the characters would fall into song and dance. There are space battles but unlike other space adventure novels, *Debatable Space* does not try to make the battle sound realistic, rather they are stylistic. There are actual songs in the book, especially with the pirate leader Flanagan a musician, and occasionally the story falls into concrete poetry, which is an appropriate communication form for one of the alien races.

The prose jumps in perspective from character to character, following their thoughts or private diary/mental auto recording. Most of the characters would qualify as insane by our contemporary standards. Most attention is given to Lena, a politically important kidnap victim of the pirate gang. She is a very old woman (if in a young body) and has much to be introspective about from her life. Lena's brain chip even has a speaking role. Lena's relationship with Flanagan develops and is deliberately manipulated by both for advantage, while Lena's memories paint the history of mankind's colonisation of space.

Debatable Space reminds me of *Firefly/Serenity*. The cast are a crew of misfits travelling together through adventures, outlaws (pirates) fighting the evil galactic empire. They (mostly) survive impossible odds in battle with the overwhelming military might of the evil dictator. They are rebels with a just cause, if dubious methods.

This is a first novel and is brave for its unusual style. There are a few jarring minor errors in science but it is full of wonderful science fiction ideas and rich character development.



Devils Brood by Sharon Penman, reviewed by Josephine Crowley

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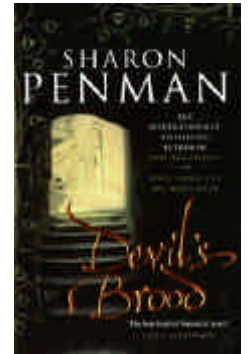
This novel is set in the 12th century over a short period - less than 20 years when Henry II and his Queen Eleanor ruled over Britain.

We follow their children; and what a tangled web they weave as their lives unfold.

History is more familiar with Richard and John but them were others, some of whom did not survive intrigue and suspense in this powerful novel.

The author has researched the history book well to give us a vivid account of life at this time in Britain and France and their monarchs, the battles they fought, won and lost.

Devil's Brood is a long read, over 700 pages but I was held engrossed from beginning to end.



Twelve by Jasper Kent, reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780593060643>

Russia is being invaded by Napoleon & the Grande Armee, and he's winning. Moscow is under threat, and the Russians are desperate. Then one of their officers asks a band of foreign mercenaries to help fight against the French, to turn the war around. When the mercenaries arrive, they get to work, but questions are soon being asked about the methods they use. Have you ever had a major problem, and thought that you'd found the solution, only to discover that the solution was worse than the original problem? What do you do when your mercenary vampire troops start hunting your own people as well as the enemy?

A beautifully written historical fantasy, filled with narrative detail, depicting humanity at it's best & worst. The style is reminiscent of Alexander Dumas (*Three Musketeers*), influenced by Bernard Cornwell, particularly in regards to the historical detail & action scenes. Written in the first person narrative, you soon appreciate the prose style, and the personality of the main character, particularly the depictions of the life & moral choices faced. Whilst it seems somewhat Russian in tone at first, the author has written an engrossing & fascinating story which sucks the reader in quickly, and surrounds them with a clearly & vividly painted world where you find yourself identifying & sympathising with the characters and their lives.



Blokey Stuff

For the men in your life, or the boy within.

Blokey Stuff Newsletter (extract only)

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Racing Nuns

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Powerball Gyrotwister \$49.95

Powerball Signature Pro \$89.95

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Key Find It \$29.95



Electronic key finder. 2 part system: Keyring fob receiver and credit card sized transmitter. Beeping and flashing light locates the keys.

Wooden Book Rest \$49.95

Very nice book rest made from Canadian Alder timber, well finished. Folds flat. Holds a book open and tilted at an adjustable angle. Great for cook books and for reading whilst eating a meal.



Leatherman: Charge TTi

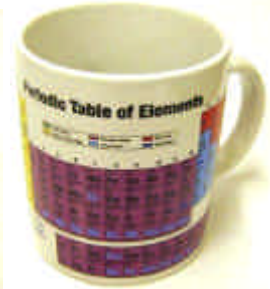
Top of the line model. The Charge TTi features a cutting hook, scissors, outside-accessible blades, bit drivers, crimpers and more... \$295



Footrot Flats:

The Long Weekender \$89.95

Large format colour illustrated gift book for fans of "The Dog", Wal and the rest of Footrot Flats.

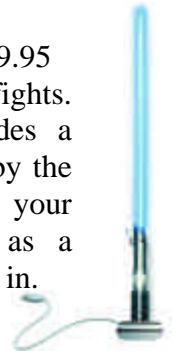


Mug: Caffeine / Mug: Periodic Table

Glazed ceramic coffee mugs, one colour printed with the Periodic Table of Elements, the other printed with the diagrammatic molecular structure of the caffeine molecule. Great for scientists and students. Very cool. \$14.95 each

Star Wars USB Lightsaber Lamp \$39.95

Nifty mini lightsaber for office swordfights. Approx 33cm long. The handle hides a rechargeable battery which is charged by the base powered from a USB port on your computer. It functions as a desk lamp whilst plugged in.



Liquor Dispenser Bottle \$49.95

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Board Games

We have many board-games in stock. Here are two:

Monsters Menace America

Giant monsters rampage across America. How cool is that! Play a game of mass destruction. \$59.95



Sword and Skull

A game of swashbuckling pirate action and adventure. Players battle, bribe, and buy their way across the Caribbean in pursuit of a stolen British warship. \$59.95



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

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

Legend: PB = paperback
HC = hardcover
TP = trade paperback (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. For current detailed information on these groups, visit our forums.

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. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php> and <http://www.infinitas.com.au/forums/viewforum.php?f=3>
No January meeting

Thursday 5th February 2009: Best and Worst of 2008 in SF/F

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. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReviewGroup.php>
Thursday 15th January 2009

The Hollow Man by Dan Simmons

I am Legend by Richard Matheson

Thursday 19th February 2009

Debatable Space by Philip Palmer (SF)

The Way of Shadows by Brent Weeks (F)

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

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

Bestsellers for November

General Release

<i>The Kings of Clonmel</i>	John Flanagan *
<i>Kris Longknife: Intrepid</i>	Mike Shepherd
<i>Patrimony</i>	Alan Dean Foster
<i>The Chaos Crystal</i>	Jennifer Fallon *
<i>Swallowing Darkness</i>	Laurell K Hamilton
<i>The Temporal Void</i>	Peter F Hamilton
<i>Suite 606</i>	J D Robb et al
<i>Beyond the Shadows</i>	Brent Weeks
<i>Way of the Shadows</i>	Brent Weeks
<i>Wait Till Your Vampire Gets Home</i>	Michele Bardsley
<i>1634: The Baltic War</i>	Eric Flint & David Weber

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Monsterpocalypse: Rise Unit Booster</i>	
<i>Mechanicum</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Cain's Last Stand</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Order 66</i>	Star Wars
<i>Martial Power</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4E
<i>Only In Death</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>The Pirate King</i>	Forgotten Realms
<i>Better Days</i>	Serenity / Firefly
<i>Death Star</i>	Star Wars
<i>Blood for the Blood God</i>	Warhammer

* Australian Authors

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Sunny

Mona Lisa Craving (Monere)

In the sequel to *Mona Lisa Awakening* and *Mona Lisa Blossoming*, *Mona Lisa*, a Monère woman, is drawn to Dante, the warrior son of a healer, who had been cursed by a high priestess to endure a never-ending cycle of life and death and who wants nothing more than to die at *Mona Lisa's* hands. **APB \$17.95**

Shana Abe

Queen of Dragons

In *Darkfrith*, a remote region of eighteenth-century England, a tribe of shape-shifters capable of transforming into dragons hides their secret, until they discover that another clan of drákon exists in the Carpathian Mountains of Transylvania, and the leaders of the two bands--the warrior Kimber and Princess Maricara--must unite to protect their people. **APB \$17.95**

Cherry Adair

Night Shadow

An anti-terrorist operative with the T-FLAC organization, wizard Alex Stone finds his life complicated by his gorgeous and enigmatic new partner, Lexi, who finds her own black-and-white attitudes toward good and evil thrown into turmoil by Alex's shadowy world as they confront the deadly threat of rogue wizards out to destroy everything they care about. **HC \$47.95 CD \$40.95 MP3 CD \$60**

Douglas Adams

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Primary Phase (Hitchhikers 01)

Starring Peter Jones, Simon Jones, David Dixon, Mark Wing-Davey and Susan Sheridan, these six episodes (Fit the First to Fit the Sixth) have been remastered by Dirk Maggs, and feature Phil Pope's new arrangement of the familiar theme tune. Also included on this 4-disc Special Edition is Douglas Adams's *Guide to the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, a program first broadcast in 1999 which looks at the genesis and phenomenal success of the series. **CD \$39.95**

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Secondary Phase (Hitchhikers 02)

Starring Peter Jones, Simon Jones, David Dixon, Mark Wing-Davey and Susan Sheridan, these six episodes (Fit the Seventh to Fit the Twelfth) have been remastered by Dirk Maggs, and feature Phil Pope's new arrangement of the familiar theme tune. Also included on this 4-disc Special Edition is a full length bonus interview with Douglas Adams, recorded in 1998. **CD \$39.95**

G A Aiken

About a Dragon

When she is rescued from being burned at the stake by a silver-maned dragon in its human form, fiercely independent Nolwenn witch Talaith, according to dragon law, is now his property and must cater to his every desire. **APB \$17.95**

Jay Amory

The Clouded World

A war is coming. And it's being taken to the skies. Beneath the cloud cover, in the perpetual half-darkness of the shadows cast by immense sky cities looming overhead, toil a race of people known as Groundlings. They have toiled for hundreds of years, farming, hunting and fishing, and sending a tithe from their labours up, in giant elevators, to the sky cities above. It's a sacrifice to the Ascended Ones, made in the belief that when the Groundlings die and are cremated, they go on to a new, Ascended, life above the clouds.

But Ascension is a lie. And while the first rebellion against the Deacons, priests of the Ascended, is over, a new war is about to begin. One which will see Groundlings take to the air in battle against the angel-like Airborn, which will see blood and feathers fly, planes explode, and Airborn cities come crashing to the ground. **TP \$35**

Christopher Anvil

War Games

A collection of humorous science fiction tales offers a sardonic look at the future of warfare in a volume that also includes the full-length novel *The Steel*, the *MIst* and the *Blazing Sun*, which looks at the aftermath of World War III as those who thirst for domination take on the defenders of freedom for control of the planet. **HC \$45.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Personal Demon (Otherworld 08)

Hope Adams, tabloid journalist and half-demon, inherited her Bollywood-princess looks from her mother. From her demon father, she inherited a hunger for chaos, and a talent for finding it. Like full demons, she gets an almost sexual rush from danger - in fact, she thrives on it. But she is determined to use her gifts for good. When the head of the powerful Cortez Cabal asks her to infiltrate a gang of bored, rich, troublemaking supernaturals in Miami, Hope can't resist the excitement. But trouble for Hope is intoxicating, and soon she's in way too deep. With a killer stalking the supernatural hot spots of Miami, Hope finds herself dangerously entangled, and has no choice but to turn to her crooked werewolf ex-boyfriend for help. What started as a simple investigation has spiralled into chaos. And Hope finds chaos irresistible... **PB \$19.99**

Neal Asher

Prador (Polity)

The Polity Collective, which benignly rules numerous star systems, has come up against a chilling opponent. The crablike Prador are bloodthirsty aliens bent on crushing the Polity and stealing its runcible technology... and they possess a frightening superiority in space warfare. Two wild-card humans, a vengeance-driven soldier and a runcible technician, must now combine their talents in an attempt to stop a seemingly invincible Prador warship from incinerating yet another Polity world.

Combining violence and cunning in a race against time, this is classic space opera from one of the new masters of the genre. **APB \$21.99**

The Gabble and Other Stories

In the eight years since his first full-length novel *Gridlinked* was published by Pan Macmillan, Neal Asher has firmly established himself as one of the leading British writers of Science Fiction, and his novels are now translated in many languages. Most of his stories are set in a galactic future-scape called *The Polity*, and with this collection of marvellously inventive and action-packed short stories, he takes us further into the manifold diversities of that amazing universe. No one does monsters better than Neal Asher, so be prepared to revisit the lives and lifestyles of such favourites as the gableduck and the hooder, to savour alien poisons, the walking dead, the Sea of Death, and the putrefactor symbiont.

Through these 13 stories, welcome to a universe of unbridled imagination, each one of them a delight in itself. **TP \$34.99 HC \$54.99**

James Axler*Plague Lords (Deathlands 84)*

Ryan Cawdor and his band of warrior survivalists search the sulphur-teeming Gulf of Mexico in hopes of finding whole cities deep in South America that survived the blast, but instead find a trail of carnage left by raiding Mexican pirates called the Lords of Death. **APB \$17.95**

James Barclay*Ravensoul (Raven)*

What would you do if a stranger came to your door claiming to be your best friend. A best friend who you saw die ten years before? The Unknown Warrior has spent the last ten years mourning the dead of the legendary mercenary band The Raven. Reluctant ruler of Balaia he has also resided over the gradual recovery of the land after the devastation of the Demonstorm. The one other surviving member of The Raven, Denser has spent the years rebuilding Xetesk to be the dominant college of magic. But something is very wrong. There are rumours of the dead coming back to life. And the Elves are fleeing their homeland. Something unutterably awful is happening. Something that has spread across all the dimensions. Something that threatens the very essence of the world, that has terrified the spirits of the dead. Brought them back to Balaia. And amongst them The Raven. Desperate, facing a fight that cannot be won. **HC \$55**

Clive Barker*Cabal*

At last, the night has a hero THE NIGHTMARE HAD BEGUN Boone now knew for sure there was no place on this earth for him, no happiness here, not even with Lori. He would let Hell claim him, let Death take him there. But Death itself seemed to shrink from him. No wonder, if he had indeed been the monster who had shattered and violated and shredded so many others' lives. And Decker had shown him the proof - the hellish photographs where the victims were forever stilled, splayed in the last obscene moment of their torture. Boone's only refuge now was Midian - that awful, legendary place which gathered to itself in its monstrous embrace the half - dead, the Nightbreed... **APB \$20.99**

Elizabeth Bear*All the Windwracked Stars*

It all began with Ragnarok, with the Children of the Light and the Tarnished ones battling to the death in the ice and the dark. At the end of the long battle, one Valkyrie survived, wounded, and one valraven - the steeds of the valkyrie.

Because they lived, Valdyrgard was not wholly destroyed. Because the valraven was transformed in the last miracle offered to a Child of the Light, Valdyrgard was changed to a world where magic and technology worked hand in hand.

2500 years later, Muire is in the last city on the dying planet, where the Technomancer rules what's left of humanity. She's caught sight of someone she has not seen since the Last Battle: Mingan the Wolf is hunting in her city. **HC \$45**

David Bilborough*A Fire in the North (Annals of Lindormyn 02)*

This second volume picks up the ongoing story in a tunnel leading out of enchanted mountain realm of Eotunlandt. Fighting their way through subterranean dangers, Nibulus and his diminished retinue of "questers" finally reach the open again, only to discover that their rivals the Thieves have mysteriously disappeared.

Meanwhile, Gapp and a sinisterly altered Methuselech continue towards Wrythe, the last settlement. They find the population strangely degenerated, under the influence of a local leader; in fact the evil being Scathur who has been hiding there for five hundred years, awaiting his moment of vengeance. Scathur recognises that inside Methuselech is the outcast soul of a rival necromancer, Mauglad, so imprisons them both till they manage to flee for their lives.

The rest of the original questers also turn up for a scary sojourn in Wrythe, before heading on to Melhus island with Scathur's deathly henchmen in pursuit. During strange dreams, the wanderer Bolldhe learns he must use a strange sword he has found to kill the evil demigod Drauglir, once and for all. They all venture into Melhus (the Underworld), contesting with the hosts of the dead sent against them. There ensues a colossal battle, with thrills and spills and monumental destruction, before the questers achieve an unexpected victory - and most of them will return to Nordwas sadder but wiser. **BPB \$22.99**

Jenna Black*Devil's Due (Morgan Kingsley 03)*

In the sequel to The Devil Inside and The Devil You Know, exorcist Morgan Kingsley is still dealing with the demon who shares her body, when she takes on a new client who draws her into the heart of a deadly demonic conspiracy. **APB \$17.95**

James P Blaylock*Knights of the Cornerstone*

Dedicated to his work and to his collection of rare and quirky books, a reclusive Calvin Bryson finally takes the time to visit his aunt and uncle in the tiny town of New Cyprus, California, only to come face to face with a town hiding strange secrets and an enigmatic group, an incarnation of the Knights Templar, dedicated to the preservation of holy relics. **HC \$49.95**

Ray Bradbury*Something Wicked This Way Comes*

It's the week before Hallowe'en, and Cooger and Dark's Pandemonium Shadow Show has come to Green Town, Illinois. The siren song of the calliope entices all with promises of youth regained and dreams fulfilled . . .

And as two boys trembling on the brink of manhood set out to explore the mysteries of the dark carnival's smoke, mazes and mirrors, they will also discover the true price of innermost wishes . . . **BPB \$22.99**

Scott Bradley, Del Howison & Amy Wallace*Book of Lists: Horror*

The phenomenally popular Book of Lists series has sold millions of copies, enthralling trivia aficionados with fascinating infobits about simply everything! Now the latest edition turns an evil eye toward the strange, the blood-curdling, and the macabre with spine-tingling fun facts from the dark side of entertainment. Chock-full of creepy information from the netherworlds of movies, TV, literature, video games, comic books, and graphic novels, The Book of Lists: Horror offers a blood-feast of forbidden knowledge that horror fans are hungry to devour. Drawing on its authors' extensive knowledge and contributions from the (living) legends and greatest names in the horror and dark fantasy genres, The Book of Lists: Horror is a scream—an irresistible compendium of all things mysterious, terrifying, and gory . . . and so entertaining, it's scary! **BPB \$22.99**

Marion Zimmer Bradley*Ghostlight*

Thirty years after an accident that left Truth's mother dead and prompted the disappearance of her magician father, the magician's scattered followers rally around a charismatic new leader, forcing Truth to return to the scene of the accident. **TP \$30.95**

Poppy Z Brite*The Exquisite Corpse*

A terrifying novel of love and slaughter set in London and New Orleans.

To serial killer Andrew Compton, murder is an art, the most intimate art. After feigning his own death to escape from a life sentence in prison, he makes his way to America with the intention of bringing his art to new heights. Tortured by his own perverse desires, he inadvertently joins forces with Jay, a dissolute playboy. They set their sights on a young Vietnamese-American runaway, whom they deem to be the perfect victim. Moving from the grimy streets of London's Piccadilly Circus to the decadences of New Orleans' French Quarter, Poppy Z. Brite dissects the landscape of torture and invites us into the mind of a serial killer in this riveting, unforgettable masterpiece of horror. **BPB \$22.99**

Robert Buettner*Orphanage (Orphanage 01)*

When earth needs heroes, who will we call to valour? When flares streaking across the sky herald massive destruction, who will defend us? When mankind's enemy is beyond our worst imagination, we will need champions. And will we pick the brightest and the toughest - or the ones with nothing left to lose?

WAR IS AN ORPHANAGE

Mankind's first alien contact tears into Earth: projectiles launched from Jupiter's moon, Ganymede, vaporize whole cities. Under siege, humanity gambles on one desperate counterstrike. In a spacecraft scavenged from scraps and armed with twentieth-century weapons, foot soldiers like eighteen-year-old Jason Wander - orphans that no one will miss - must dare to embark on man's first interplanetary voyage and invade Ganymede. They have one chance to attack, one ship to attack with, Their failure is our extinction. **APB \$19.99**

Orphan's Destiny (Orphanage 02)

The battle of Ganymede taught Jason Wander about the devastation of war. After seeing the deaths of his troops as well as his lover, this battle-scarred soldier is ready for peace. At twenty-five, General Jason Wander has fought and won man's only alien conflict. Now, after long years in space, he's coming home...but to what? Earth's desperate nations, impoverished by war damage and military spending, are slashing defence budgets. There's just one problem with this new worldwide policy: the first alien invasion was merely Plan A. Suddenly, the real assault begins: Earth is attacked by a vast armada of city-sized warships. To block their invasion, mankind has only one surviving craft and a single guerrilla strike force: a suicide squad led by Jason Wander. **APB \$19.99**

Orphan's Journey (Orphanage 03)

In the years since the last Slug War, Jason's command style hasn't made him any friends in the Army. Now, in an effort to keep him out of trouble, the Army has sent Jason to the vast, Earth-orbiting resort called New Moon. At the core of this enormous space station is a starship, a relic from the last war. When a test run of the ship goes wrong, Jason, along with a handful of others, will be torn from orbit and thrust into space. Now, stranded on an alien planet, Jason realizes that not only are his friends looking to him, but an entire planet sees him as their only hope. **APB \$19.99**

Jim Butcher*Captain's Fury (Codex Alera 04)*

After years of war with the invading Canim, Tavi of Calderon, now Captain of the First Aleran Legion, uncovers information about an even greater threat, the savage Vord, who had driven the Canim from their homeland, and must risk everything to forge a desperate alliance between the Aleran and Cane to take on their mutual enemy. **APB \$19.95**

Princes Fury (Codex Alera 05)

After achieving a fragile alliance with the savage Canim, Alera's oldest foes, Tavi of Calderon--now the Princeps Gaius Octavian and heir to the throne--is confronted by an invasion of the Vord, which forces the Aleran legions and Canim warriors into a desperate battle for survival against a dreaded mutual enemy. **HC \$51.95 CD \$95**

Lillian Stewart Carl Editor*The Vorkosigan Companion (Vorkosigan)*

A companion volume to Lois McMaster Bujold's best-selling Hugo and Nebula Award-winning Vorkosigan series furnishes a wealth of information, background details, and little-known trivia about the saga and its characters, as well as an interview with Bujold on the writing of the series, commentary on the individual novels, a chronology, and more. **HC \$49.95**

Jeffrey A Carver*Sunborn*

With a plot inspired by chaos theory, fully realised characters, and plenty of twists and turns, this exciting hard SF adventure will keep readers on the edge of their seats. John Bandicut and several aliens and artificial intelligences have been thrown together by a force greater than themselves to prevent cataclysmic disasters on an interstellar scale. Now, before they can take a break after a world-saving mission, they are pulled into a waystation that is being threatened by highly destructive gravity waves. The waves are part of a much larger problem. Something is causing stars to become unstable and go prematurely nova - they're being murdered. When the waystation is destroyed by the gravity waves, Bandicut and his crew barely escape on a jury-rigged ship. Their destination is a star nursery in the Orion Nebula, where sentient stars are being driven to destruction by an artificial intelligence bent on remaking the cosmos in its own image. **HC \$50**

Giles Carwyn & Todd Fahnestock*Queen of Oblivion (03)*

A final installment in the trilogy by the authors of Mistress of Winter finds Shara fleeing across the ocean in pursuit of Brophy and a ruthless sorceress, who are journeying to the Opal Empire in the hopes of stopping Arefaine's destructive plot. **HC \$52.95**

Kristin Cashore*Graceling* **TP \$32.99****Deborah Chester***The Crown (Pearls and the Crown 02)*

Falling in love with her kidnapper, Lord Shadrael, a man with no soul, Lea, sister of Emperor Caelen, must find the balance between her light and his darkness when they are forced to escape in the Hidden Ways of the shadow realm. **APB \$19.95**

Glen Cook

Chronicles of the Black Company (Black Company)

Darkness wars with darkness as the hard-bitten men of the Black Company take their pay and do what they must. They bury their doubts with their dead.

Then comes the prophecy: The White Rose has been reborn, somewhere, to embody good once more . . .

This is fantasy for all fans of Steven Erikson, Joe Abercrombie and David Gemmell. Available for the first time in a UK edition.

Contains the first three Black Company novels: THE BLACK COMPANY, SHADOWS LINGER and THE WHITE ROSE **TP \$39.99**

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A life-altering discovery nearly four miles beneath the impenetrable jungles of the African Congo sends geologist Paul Reece on a perilous quest that could determine the fate of all humankind in a world poised on the brink of ecological catastrophe. **APB \$17.95**

F G Cottam

Dark Echo

She is a seductive ship: a magnificent sailing yacht built for an American playboy. Yet her history is full of fatal accidents and three of Dark Echo's owners met tragic, violent deaths. Now she has been rebuilt, crossing the Atlantic with new owners. Only the truth about Harry Spalding, the man who built her, can save them from the same fate. It is a story of an evil man, an incredibly brave woman and a secret more powerful than any of them. **TP \$32.99**

Helen Cresswell

Mystifying Extraordinary Eerie Stories

Spooks, ghouls and howlings, this spine-tingling anthology will keep you up for hours. Beware the dark! You never know what might be lurking outside the window . . . **PB \$17.99**

MaryJanice Davidson

Fish Out of Water (Fred 03)

When the existence of the Undersea Folk is exposed to the public and a media feeding frenzy ensues, Fred the mermaid becomes their spokesperson and finds herself thinking about Thomas, the human marine biologist she had left behind. **APB \$19.95**

Autumn Dawn

No Words Alone

Stranded on a hostile planet, Xera, realizing that her only hope for survival is the warlike Scorpio, sworn enemies of her people, approaches their handsome leader and discovers a noble commander who sets her body on fire with his touch. **APB \$17.95**

Lori Devoti & Merline Lovelace

Holidays With A Vampire II: A Christmas Kiss / The Vampire Who Stole Christmas

A Christmas Kiss by Merline Lovelace

Vampire Delilah Wentworth's hunt for a dentist on Christmas Eve lands her in the arms of Sergeant Brett Cooper, a mortal who gave up on the Christmas spirit, and on love, years ago. Incapable of returning home by herself, Delilah needs Brett's protection for the night—a night that leaves her aching for a forbidden mortal romance, and leaves Brett questioning whether he has truly given up on love after all.

The Vampire Who Stole Christmas by Lori Devoti

On a mission for revenge against his adoptive family, vampire Drystan Hurst needs daemon Aimee Polk to help him put his plan into action. But Drystan doesn't expect to fall in love with Aimee—especially when it means choosing between her affection and the ultimate family payback he has always dreamed of.... **APB \$14.95**

Philip K Dick

Five Great Novels

Five of Philip K. Dick's best novels in one fantastic value volume: the best of SF's visionary master. This volume contains DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP? (filmed as BLADERUNNER), MARTIAN TIME SLIP, UBIK, THE THREE STIGMATA OF PALMER ELDRITCH and A SCANNER DARKLY. Taken together they represent the best of Philip K. Dick's unique imagination.

In Dick's writing nothing is what it seems, our sense of the world's order is fatally undermined and mass media tells us nothing but artful lies. Films such as THE MATRIX and THE TRUMAN SHOW would not have been made but for Philip K. Dick. **TP \$45**

Stephen Donaldson

Real Story & Forbidden Knowledge (Gap 01, 02)

In the far future, gap drives faster-than-light deep space travel, but sometimes this afflicts some with irreparable brain damage. A Zone Implant can turn such a person into a zombie, to protect his shipmates, but it's highly illegal.

Ensign Morn Hyland works for the United Mining Company, which is in charge of law enforcement throughout known space. She lives aboard a police ship, together with most of her family; their job is to chase down pirates and other illegals who prey on the weak, or smuggle goods into forbidden space. Her life is nothing out of the ordinary - until she falls in with the pirate Captain Nick Succorso. All of a sudden, the young, strong, beautiful police officer appears to be falling in love - well, lust at least - with the murdering pirate, or so it appears to the folk at the space station's bar. But the real story was quite different . . . **PB \$22.99**

A Dark and Hungry God Arises (Gap 03)

The third instalment in the GAP sequence: Stephen Donaldson's fascinating universe peopled with characters of a passion and intensity only he could create. After a terrifying encounter with the Amnion aliens, Nick Succorso made for the safety of Thanatos Minor, the infamous bootleg shipyard where illegals from all over the galaxy come to repair their ships (and indulge their exotic tastes in entertainment). But the Amnion are waiting, and for Nick, Morn Hyland and her force-grown son Davies, the safe haven has turned into a vision of hell. Now Angus Thermopyle heads for Thanatos Minor, programmed to carry out a secret mission that could have nightmarish consequences for them all . . . **PB \$22.99**

Chaos and Order (Gap 04)

The fourth third instalment in the GAP sequence: Stephen Donaldson's fascinating universe peopled with characters of a passion and intensity only he could create. As the planetoid Thanatos Minor explodes into atoms, the Trumpet hurtles into space, just one step ahead of hostile pursuers. On board the Trumpet are Nick Succorso, Morn Hyland, her force-grown son Davies and the cyborg Angus Thermopyle, old enemies now thrown together in a desperate bid for survival. The only hope for the exhausted crew is an illegal lab in a distant binary solar system and that means a journey of unpredictable dangers from which they may not return . . . **PB \$22.99**

Stephen Donaldson

This Day All Gods Die (Gap 05)

The fifth and final instalment in the GAP sequence: Stephen Donaldson's fascinating universe peopled with characters of a passion and intensity only he could create.

As the conflict between humankind and the Amnion heads for crisis, Morn Hyland, the cyborg Angus Thermopyle and the survivors on board the crippled starship Trumpet must return from deep space to Earth. Their mission is to prevent all-out war with the aliens, which would leave humanity to pay a terrible price. But the Amnion react with swift fury, and suddenly Earth is threatened with fiery destruction . . . **PB \$22.99**

Cynthia Eden

Midnight Sins

Nightclub singer Cara Firon, who is one of the Others, a race of paranormal creatures, must convince Atlanta detective Todd Brooks that she is not a cold-blooded killer and, since her particular abilities don't work on him, must find another way to make him help her. **TP \$28.95**

Ian Cameron Esslemont

Return of the Crimson Guard (Malazan)

The return of the mercenary company the Crimson Guard could not have come at a worse time for the Malazan Empire. Drained by constant warfare, weakened by betrayal and rivalries, many see the grip of Empress Laseen weakening. Conquered kingdoms and principalities test their old independence. Into this gathering civil war on Quon Tali - the Empire's homeland - comes the Guard. And with their return comes the memory of their hundred year old vow: undying opposition to the existence of the Empire.

Yet rivalries and betrayals stalk the Guard as well - elements of its elite, the Avowed, scheme to open paths to even greater power. Ancient potent entities, Ascendants, also lend a hand exploiting all sides to further their own arcane ends. Meanwhile, a swordsman, Traveller, and his companion Ereko, move from one strange encounter to another in a mysterious dance meant ultimately to bring the swordsman to a final confrontation from which none have ever returned.

As the Crimson Guard gathers itself from around the globe, Empress Laseen faces more immediate threats. To feed her wars she has bled dry provincial garrisons across Quon Tali and now regional nationalists see their chance. Behind their insurrections stand the veteran commanders of Laseen's predecessor, Emperor Kellanved. These generals and powerful mages, the "Old Hands," have lost patience with what they see as Laseen's mismanagement and have selected their own replacement. Yet there are hints that Laseen may be using the uprisings to draw out and finally eliminate these last irksome survivors of her predecessor's rule... **TP \$32.95**

Jennifer Fallon Australian Author

The Chaos Crystal (Tide Lords 04)

The final instalment of the fabulous and bestselling Tide Lords Series. The Tide Lords have gathered in Jelidia to find out the secret of how to kill an immortal ... Cayal in particular. Before they can do this however they must find the Chaos Crystal that brought them to this world. They initially head to Glaeba where Arkady has been captured by Jaxyn. She escapes and flees to Caelum where she runs into Warlock and his family and learns that Elyssa Warlocks cruel immortal mistress may know something about the Chaos Crystal. With every immortal on Amyrantha searching for the crystal the stakes are very high ... Praise for The Tide Lords a multihued tapestry of myth deceit and ambition Publishers Weekly exceptional storytelling Good Reading a rollercoaster ride of mortal and immortal machinations Nexus **APB \$20.99**

Richard Flanagan Australian Author

Wanting

It is 1839. A young Aboriginal girl, Mathinna, is running through the long wet grass of an island at the end of the world to get help for her dying father, an Aboriginal chieftain. Twenty years later, on an island at the centre of the world, the most famous novelist of the day, Charles Dickens, realises he is about to abandon his wife, risk his name and forever after be altered because of his inability any longer to control his intense passion.

Connecting the two events are the most celebrated explorer of the age, Sir John Franklin - then governor of Van Diemen's Land - and his wife, Lady Jane, who adopt Mathinna, seen as one of the last of a dying race, as an experiment. Lady Jane believes the distance between savagery and civilisation is the learned capacity to control wanting. The experiment fails, Sir John disappears into the blue ice of the Arctic seeking the Northwest Passage, and a decade later Lady Jane enlists Dickens' aid to put an end to the scandalous suggestions that Sir John's expedition ended in cannibalism.

Dickens becomes ever more entranced in the story of men entombed in ice, recognising in its terrible image his own frozen inner life. He produces and stars in a play inspired by Franklin's fate to give story to his central belief that discipline and will can conquer desire. And yet the play will bring him to the point where he is no longer able to control his own passion and the consequences it brings.

Inspired by historical events, WANTING is a novel about art, love, and the way in which life is finally determined never by reason, but only ever by wanting. **HC \$35**

Eric Flint & Virginia Easley DeMarce

1635: The Dreeson Incident (Ring of Fire)

As the Thirty Years War continues to devastate seventeenth-century Europe, the power of the United States of Europe, under the leadership of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, and the modern-day West Virginians mysteriously swept into the past, flourishes, but a French spy and a vengeful assassin targeting Grantville's Mike Stearns and his wife could destroy everything. **HC \$52.95**

V K Forrest

Undying

When Arlan, a vampire who is devoted to ridding the world of its most depraved human members, is asked to assist an FBI agent in one of her investigations, he is unprepared for his response to a beautiful witness who has a dark past and a deep connection to the case on which he is working. **TP \$30.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear

People of the Weeping Eye (People)

Summoned by the mystical Katsinas to return to his home, Old White, the wandering "Seeker," follows a trail that takes him to the headwaters of the Mississippi and to a life-changing encounter with Two Petals, a young soul woman obsessed with Spirit Power who lives life backwards, whose tortured soul he must heal with the help of Trader, a loner with a dark past. **APB \$19.95**

Simon R Green

Deathstalker Coda (Deathstalker)

With the Empire threatened by a mysterious entity known as the Terror, Owen Deathstalker returns as foretold by the prophecy to save the known world, leaving his descendent Lewish with the unenviable task of marshaling an army to destroy the dark legions of the madman who has usurped the throne. **APB \$19.95**

Deathstalker Destiny (Deathstalker)

While the human race once again stands on the verge of intergalactic war, Owen Deathstalker helps a leper colony fight for survival while awaiting the right opportunity to rescue his beloved Hazel d'Ark from the clutches of an evil cult. **APB \$19.95**

Deathstalker Honor (Deathstalker)

Hailed as a hero after the overthrow of the tyrannical Empress Lionstone, rebel Owen Deathstalker finds himself unwillingly swept up in politics and facing the difficult task of preserving his honor. **APB \$19.95**

Jon Courtenay Grimwood

Pashazade (Arabesk 01)

Set in a 21st century subtly different from ours - a world where Germany did not lose the first world war and where the Ottoman Empire still survives. Ashraf Bey has little or no idea who he really is. Neither the Rich aristocrat everyone thinks he is or the street criminal once sent to prison after a run-in with a Triad. But he needs to find out fast as he's on the run and a precocious young girl is depending on him.

Suffused with sights sounds and mythology of the middle east this is the first of Grimwood's acclaimed Ashraf Bey novels that combine SF, crime and a hint of the supernatural. **PB \$22.99**

Effendi (Arabesk 02)

In a slightly different 21st century where the Ottoman Empire never fell Ashraf Bey is the head of detectives in the vibrant city of El Iskandryia, the double dealing heir of the Empire.

Raf must investigate a series of brutal murders linked to the mysterious and alluring daughter of an Industrialist who snads accused himself of a series of ghastly crimes. At once predicatable and shockingly new the world of the Arabesk novels is one of the great creations of modern SF and with Islam so much in the news it is a creation that is never more relevant. **PB \$22.99**

Felaheen (Arabesk 03)

No longer El Iskandryia's Chief of Detectives Ashraf Bey is taking stock of his life, but now a revolt is breaking out across North Africa and Raf comes out of retirement to investigate an assassination attempt on his Excellency.

Going underground in the dangerous back-streets Raf is hunting a man and a past that he knows he will not survive for a second time. And all the while the fox haunts him, whispering cryptic messages.

Felaheen is set in an alternate 21st Century where the Ottoman empire never fell. It is a stylish and elegant novel that will appeal to crime and SF fans alike. **PB \$22.99**

Laurell K Hamilton

Blue Moon (Anita Blake)

Unable to forget her fiancé, Richard Zeeman, whom she had left when she could not reconcile herself to his alpha werewolf nature, vampire hunter Anita Blake seeks to prove his innocence when he is falsely accused of rape in Tennessee. Originally in paperback. **HC \$52.95**

A Lick of Frost (Merry Gentry 06)

You know me. I am Meredith Gentry, princess and heir apparent to the throne in the realm of Faerie; one-time private investigator in the mortal world.

To be crowned queen, I must continue the royal bloodline - I must produce an heir. To fail would allow my aunt, Queen Andais, do what she most desires: to place her twisted son, Cel, upon the throne of Faerie and kill me.

I am surrounded by loyal guards, my best loved - sworn to protect and to love me - yet for all our eager efforts, I remain childless. My sinister Queen and her confederates conspire against me and so my bodyguards and I have slipped back into Los Angeles. But it seems exile is not enough to escape those with dark designs upon us. King Taranis, vainglorious ruler of Faerie's Seelie court, has accused my guards of a heinous crime and asked the mortal authorities to pursue them. If he succeeds, my men will face a hideous fate. I know Taranis's charges are baseless - for his true target is me. He tried to kill me when I was a child. Now I fear his intentions are far more terrifying. **APB \$21.95**

Swallowing Darkness (Merry Gentry 07)

Rich, sensual and brimming with dark, dangerous magic, the new Merry Gentry novel from the bestselling storyteller...

Merry Gentry is not your average private investigator. Half human, half faerie, she's caught in a struggle that threatens not only her life, but the lives of those she desires and holds dear. Her very existence and her rightful place on the throne of Faerie have long depended on her ability to produce an heir - and now, after many failed attempts, the services of her royal guards have found her pregnant... It is a triumphant moment, but revelation follows revelation: for Merry carries two babies, and she knows that they have more than one father...

And of course, there are those of her own flesh and blood who want Merry dead, but she is a fighter and wields a wild magic. And this is her world, where the magical and the mortal intertwine, where folklore, fantasy and erotically charged adventure collide... **TP \$32.95**

M L N Hanover

Unclean Spirits (Black Sun's Daughter 01)

Unexpectedly inheriting her wealthy uncle's estate, aimless Denver twenty-something Jayné Heller learns of her late uncle's cursed partner's efforts to defeat a cabal of evil wizards who are plotting to unleash chaos throughout the world. **TP \$30.95**

Jamie Leigh Hansen

Cursed

In dreams...

For twelve years the seductive dream has always been the same—a candlelit room, satin sheets, and a mysterious woman. Then, one night, everything changes. A mysterious entity shows Alex Foster a vision of his dream woman in danger from demonic forces.

Elizabeth Raines has returned home to Spokane to care for her dying mother and abandoned nieces and nephews. With their family home ready to crash down around them and no help from her siblings, she carries the weight of the world on her shoulders. Until the day Alex shows up, unwilling to love her only in their shared dreams.

But the real world is much bigger than a dream. An ancient enemy has awakened, and only Alex and Elizabeth's combined supernatural gifts can save them. **APB \$17.95**

Nina Harper*Succubus Takes Manhattan (Lily 02)*

Lily thoroughly enjoys her work for Satan, until she is dumped by the mortal with whom she is falling in love, her best friend's demon boyfriend is kidnapped, members of the Hierarchy of Hell are gunning for her, she is distracted by the gorgeous Marten, and her dashing P.I. beau returns to complicate her life, in a sequel to Succubus in the City. **APB \$17.95**

Charlaine Harris*Definitely Dead (Sookie Stackhouse 06)*

Sookie doesn't have that many relations, so she hated to lose one - but of all the people to do, she didn't expect it to be her cousin Hadley, a consort of New Orleans' vampire queen - after all, Hadley was technically already dead.

But she is gone, beyond recall, and she's left Sookie an inheritance - one that comes with a bit of a risk - not least because someone doesn't want Sookie digging too deep into Hadley's past - or her possessions.

Sookie's life is once again on the line, and this time the suspects range from the rogue werres who reject Sookie as a friend of the pack to her first love, the vampire Bill.

Sookie's got a lot to do if she's going to keep herself alive . . . **PB \$19.99**

Kim Harrison*The Outlaw Demon Wails (Rachel Morgan 06)*

Having trafficked in forbidden demon magic in order to save the lives of her friends, witch and runner Rachel Morgan investigates the death of her lover only to uncover a family secret that changes everything she has ever believed, a discovery that is further complicated by a demon's machinations. **APB \$19.95**

William Heaney*Memoirs of a Master Forger*

William is a dissolute book-forger. A talented writer in his own right he would rather scribble poems anonymously for an asian friend (who is becoming increasingly successful as a result), and create forgeries of Jane Austen first editions to sell to gullible collectors. He's not all bad. The money from the forgeries goes straight to homeless hostel and William's crimes don't really hurt anyone.

And there are reasons William hasn't amounted to more. He did something he was ashamed of when he was a student, he drinks far too much and he can't commit to any relationships. Oh and he sees demons.

Shadowy figures at the shoulder of everyone around him (except the woman who runs the hostel, she remains untouched), waiting for a moment's weakness. Or is just that William can see the suffering of the world? And then an extraordinary woman, who may just be able to save him from the world's suffering, walks into his life.

This is William's own story. But who can believe a master forger? **HC \$29.99**

Lian Hearn Australian Author*Otori Boxed Set (Otori)***PB \$79.99***Heaven's Net is Wide (Otori 05)*

Heaven's Net is Wide is the first and last volume that both closes 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. This is the story of Lord Otori Shigeru who has presided over the entire series as a sort of spiritual warrior-godfather the man who saved Takeo and raised him as his own and heir to the Otori clan. This sweeping novel expands on what has been only hinted at before: Shigeru's training in the ways of the warrior and feudal lord, his relationship with the Tribe of mysteriously powerful assassins, the battles that tested his skills and talents, and his fateful meeting with Lady Maruyama. The world of the Otori has entranced readers since the first book, Across the Nightingale Floor, was published in 2002. Now Lian Hearn takes us back to the beginning, in the astonishingly beautiful prequel, Heaven's Net is Wide. **PB \$24.99**

Frank Herbert*Dune Messiah (Dune 02)*

Paul Atreides, ruler of a thousand planets, great victor of a holy war, prince turned revolutionary leader, messiah of a fanatical religious sisterhood, is to be brought low by the very forces that created him. Yet foreseeing the plans of his enemies, he determines to drive on towards his own, shockingly different, vision of the future. | The amazing second Dune novel. **APB \$19.99**

Rita Herron*Insatiable Desire*

Vincent's new assignment involves a series of suspicious deaths and the local cops think it's a serial killer. Vincent is convinced the locals are morons. After all, they have a psychic helping their investigation, a sexy and irresistible one. But he's determined he will resist her, solve the case and get the hell out of Dodge. But nothing is as easy as it sounds... Clarissa has always had the power to help spirits cross over to the other side. When Vincent strolls in, arrogance personified, she's infuriated by his lack of respect. As the attraction mounts between Vince and herself she realises that Vincent has a dark side, much more dangerous than he even realizes. He is in fact a Dark Lord, a creature born from equal good and evil. Vincent knows his father, Zion, was evil, but he doesn't know that he was one of the most demented demons of all time and he's out to steal Vincent's soul. Even with Clarissa's love pulling him towards good, can Vincent resist the lure of the dark side? **APB \$14.99**

Joe Hill*20th Century Ghosts*

Imogene is young, beautiful, kisses like a movie star, and knows everything about every film ever made. She's also dead, the legendary ghost of the Rosebud Theater.

Arthur Roth is a lonely kid with a head full of big ideas and a gift for getting his ass kicked. It's hard to make friends when you're the only inflatable boy in town.

Francis is unhappy, picked on; he doesn't have a life, a hope, a chance. Francis was human once, but that's behind him now.

John Finney is in trouble. The kidnapper locked him in a basement, a place stained with the blood of half a dozen other murdered children. With him, in his subterranean cell, is an antique phone, long since disconnected . . . but it rings at night, anyway, with calls from the dead. . .

Meet these, and a dozen more, in 20TH CENTURY GHOSTS, irresistible, addictive fun showcasing a dazzling new talent. **BPB \$22.99**

Madeline Howard

A Dark Sacrifice (Rune of Unmaking 02)

A second installment of a series that began with *The Hidden Stars* takes place forty years after the Empress Ouriana blankets the land in unending darkness, in a tale in which a band of heroes infiltrates enemy lines in order to find a possible surviving princess. **APB \$19.95**

Robert E Howard

Black Hounds of Death (Weird Works of Roberts E Howard 05)

This fifth and final volume of "The Weird Works of Robert E. Howard" includes the last Conan story called "Red Nails," as well as a vast array of other horror and fantasy stories, all of which have been restored to their original texts. **APB \$19.95**

Faith Hunter

Seraphs (Rogue Mage 02)

Living among humans in a post-apocalyptic ice age, neomage Thorn St. Croix possesses the power to protect the people of Mineral City but could also bring down demons to destroy them all, as she confronts her ultimate test--to free an imprisoned, fallen seraph from the armies of darkness that threaten them all. By the author of *Blooding*. **APB \$17.95**

Jean Johnson

The Flame (Sons of Destiny 07)

Koranen, the seventh-born brother, takes his own turn to search for a bride, a quest complicated by the flame that courses within him as he seeks a woman who can endure the literal heat of his passion, until Danau the Aquamancer arrives. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Jordan

The Path of Daggers (Wheel of Time 08 CD)

The eighth installment in *The Wheel of Time* series, the sequel to the best-selling *A Crown of Swords*, follows familiar characters as they fight the forever invading Seanchan and continue to try to make peace and love amongst themselves. Read by Michael Kramer & Kate Reading. **CD \$120**

Graham Joyce

The Tooth Fairy

Seven-year-old Sam Southall loses a tooth, and that night he's visited by a sinister, rank, foul-mouthed, mercurial Tooth Fairy, a demonic being that apparently only he can see, but whose malignant influence spills over onto his family and friends. The Tooth Fairy Sam throughout his growing years, teaching him to make mischief at school, influencing his actions. One day she insists that Sam have his friend Terry sleep over. That same night, Terry's father shoots his wife, his other children, and himself . . . **BPB \$22.99**

Paul Kearney

Ships from the West (Monarchies of God 05)

'In the legends of the pagan Cimbric tribes it is said that a wolf will one day swallow all the world, and regurgitate it in a different corner of the stars. In the darkness there a new race of men will start again with flint and fire, and commence that long, slow journey into the light. 'In all legends, even the most primitive, there is always a grain of truth.' Sixteen years have passed since the battle of Armagedir. The Torunnans and Merduks have become close allies in a world that is growing increasingly strange and fearsome. The Himerian Church rules two thirds of the continent and is become a swollen, corrupt theocracy which strangles independent thought. Only in Torunna, in Ostrabar and in Hebrion do Kings still rule free of the black-clad Inceptines. But now off the coast of Hebrion something astonishing has appeared. A vast fleet of ships comes sailing out of the empty west, and on board them is an entirely new race of men. The immortal arch-mage Aruan has returned to the Old World at last, and he intends to claim it as his own. **APB \$19.99**

Nate Kenyon

The Reach

Kept prisoner in a children's psychiatric ward due to her powerful special ability, young Sarah, who is no ordinary girl, is about to turn the tables on the scientists who have tried to mold her power into something evil. **APB \$19.95**

Stephen King

The Green Mile

The Green Mile: those who walk it do not return, because at the end of that walk is the room in which sits Cold Mountain Penitentiary's electric chair. In 1932 the newest resident on death row is John Coffey, a giant black man convicted of the brutal murder of two little girls. But nothing is as it seems with John Coffey, and around him unfolds a bizarre and horrifying story. Evil murderer or holy innocent - whichever he is - Coffey has strange powers which may yet offer salvation to others, even if they can do nothing to save him. **BPB \$22.99**

Just After Sunset

What would you do if your everyday world were turned upside down in an instant? Here are twelve riveting stories about relationships with unexpected twists. Be very careful what you wish for. Read about the acts of kindness from strangers: workmen who intervene in the obsessive exercise regime of a middle aged artist in *Stationary Bike*; the unexpected visitor, a blind girl, whose kiss saves a dying man; a mute hitchhiker who helps a driver get over his wife's affair. There are tales of obsession and fights for power: *The Gingerbread Girl* runs and runs to ease her pain; two neighbours contesting for a piece of land get into *A Very Tight Place* and a man who witnesses an act of domestic violence in a Rest Stop needs to step into his identity as a crime writer if he's to intervene. Then there are the unexpected outside events which turn people's worlds upside down or the right way up: a young couple, David and Willa who are derailed on a train find themselves seeking the bright lights in a nearby town and playing the jukebox, for eternity; an older couple want to punctuate the banal humdrum with something unusual until it happens. **TP \$32.99**

E E Knight

Dragon Strike (Age of Fire 04)

Part of the last desperate hope to preserve the survival of their dying species, three dragon siblings--AuRon, Wistala, and Copper--find themselves at odds over the coming human war, with AuRon believing that dragons should remain out of human affairs, Wistala hoping for peaceful coexistence, and Copper seizing the opportunity to fulfill his own plans. **TP \$28.95**

Angela Knight & Diane Whiteside

Captive Dreams

Sisters Celeste and Corinne Carson, each a best-selling author with her own fantasy-fulfilling hero, get more than they had bargained for when their "fictional" heroes--Jarred, a futuristic conqueror, and Mykhayl, a barbarian warrior of the past--worried about being written off, decide to kidnap their authors and imprison them in the seductive worlds that they created in their books. **APB \$19.95**

Dean Koontz*Your Heart Belongs to Me*

At 34 Ryan Perry suddenly finds himself on a waiting list for a heart transplant. Although he keeps working and looks fit his condition is deteriorating. Hes in an evertighter medical corner and his girlfriend Samantha who had been so supportive suddenly cant take the pressure; she leaves. Nevertheless Ryan manages to remain upbeat and his reward is well deserved. He receives a new heart and the transplant is a success. One year later Ryan has never felt better. He is dealing well with business problems even with the mystery of Samanthas continuing coolness. Life is good very good. Except for ... troubles connected to the heart. His new fine healthy feelgood heart. It began with heartshaped tokens in the mail a feeling of being watched. Someone not Ryan transfers \$100000 from his bank account to the cardiology department of a local hospital how is this possible? Samantha accuses him of making ugly phone calls in the middle of the night how could she think this he loves her! Becoming more watchful himself Ryan more than once glimpses a mysterious woman whom he tries to follow but she is too circumspect even for the detective he hires to follow her. He has nothing to take to the police. Instead by an extraordinary effort he uncovers the identity of the donor of ... the heart. His heart. A photo shows someone who looks awfully like the mysterious woman ... who now lets him know that everything will be taken from him: his money his reputation his friends his freedom; and ultimately his heart will be cut out **TP \$32.99 HC \$54.95**

Katherine Kurtz*Deryni Checkmate (Deryni)*

Threatened by King Kelson's trust in Duke Alaric Morgan, who boasts of his Deryni heritage, the priests of Gwynedd spread stories about Deryni atrocities and the race's inexplicable powers. **APB \$19.95**

Henry Kuttner*Dark World***BPB \$26.95****Mercedes Lackey Editor***Moving Targets and Other Tales of Valdemar (Valdemar)*

Masters of the Fantasy genre come together in this exciting collection, centering around the world of Valdemar, that pays tribute to a very special corps of protectors known as the Heralds, who are unusual individuals gifted with abilities beyond those of normal men and women. **APB \$19.95**

Julie Leto*Phantom's Touch*

When an antique sword transports her back in time to the year 1747 and into the arms of Aiden Forsyth, who has been cursed by gypsies, modern-day actress Lauren Cole must rely on this sexy warrior to protect her from his age-old enemy. **APB \$17.95**

John Levitt*New Tricks*

During Halloween, Mason, a former enforcer who once kept magic practitioners on the straight and narrow, and his magical sidekick, must track down a desperate killer who is using an ancient talisman to switch bodies. **APB \$19.95**

Sergei Lukyanenko*The Final Watch (Night Watch 04)*

While on holiday in Scotland, visiting a macabre tourist attraction, 'The Dungeons of Edinburgh', a young Russian tourist is murdered. As the police grapples with the fact that the cause of the young man's death was a massive loss of blood, the Watches are immediately aware that there is a renegade vampire on the loose. Anton - the hero of The Night Watch and The Day Watch - is detailed to this seemingly mundane investigation, but on arriving in Scotland begins to realise that there is much more to the story than a wildcat vampire and a single murder.

Aided by Thomas, the head of Edinburgh's Night Watch, Anton investigates and ruminates, and becomes aware that a team of unlicensed Others are hunting for a fabled magical treasure, hidden in the sixth level of the Twilight by Merlin himself. **TP \$32.95**

Katie MacAlister*Zen and the Art of Vampires (Dark Ones 07)*

In preparation for her fortieth birthday, Pia Thomason joins a singles' tour through romantic Europe, where she finds more than her heart at stake when she is torn between two mysterious men. **APB \$19.95**

Karen MacInerney*On the Prowl (Tales of an Urban Werewolf 02)*

Werewolf Sophie Garou finds her life becoming complicated when her sexy boyfriend begins spending time with a gorgeous new associate, her professional relationship with a new client--and Texas's most eligible bachelor--begins heating up, and she is given an ultimatum by the Houston werewolf pack. **APB \$17.95**

Gregory Maguire*A Lion Among Men (Wicked Years 03)*

As civil war looms in Oz, Brrr, once a lion cub rescued by Elphaba, now a spy for the emperor, attempts to get vital information out of the dying oracle Yackle, only to learn important truths about his own mysterious past. **CD \$78**

Juliet Marillier Australian Author*Heir to Sevenwaters (Sevenwaters 04)*

The chieftains of Sevenwaters have long been custodians of a vast forest, said by some to be one of the last refuges of the Tuatha De Danann, the Fair Folk of ancient story. Whatever the truth, Human and Otherworld dwellers have existed side by side in peace, sharing a wary trust. Until the spring when Lady Aisling of Sevenwaters finds herself expecting another child, and everything changes.

With her mother pregnant, Clodagh fears for her health, as Aisling is well past the safe age for childbearing. Her father, Lord Sean of Sevenwaters, son of the famous Sorcha who performed her miraculous sacrifice all those years ago, faces his own difficulties, as warring factions threaten his borders. When Aisling gives birth, the responsibility of caring for the infant falls to Clodagh while her mother recovers.

Then the family's joy turns to despair when an unspeakable horror falls upon Sevenwaters. Clodagh must finally confront the shadowy mystery of the silent forest and descend to the Otherworld, to find out why the trust between the two realms has been broken so tragically.

Accompanied on her quest by a warrior of uncertain allegiance, Clodagh will have her courage tested to breaking point. The reward may be far greater than she ever dreamed... **HC \$56.99**

George R R Martin

Fevre Dream

Abner Marsh has had his dearest wish come true - he has built the Fevre Dream, the finest steamship ever to sail the Mississippi. Abner hopes to race the boat some day, but his partner is making it hard for him to realise his ambition. Joshua York put up the money for the Fevre Dream, but now rumours have started about the company he keeps, his odd eating habits and strange hours. As the Dream sails the great river, it leaves in its wake one too many dark tales, until Abner is forced to face down the man who helped to make his dreams become reality. **BPB \$22.99**

Paul McAuley

The Quiet War

Twenty-third century Earth, ravaged by climate change, looks backwards to the holy ideal of a pre-industrial Eden. Political power has been grabbed by a few powerful families and their green saints. Millions of people are imprisoned in teeming cities; millions more labour on Pharaonic projects to rebuild ruined ecosystems.

On the moons of Jupiter and Saturn, the Outers, descendants of refugees from Earth's repressive regimes, have constructed a wild variety of self-sufficient cities and settlements: scientific utopias crammed with exuberant creations of the genetic arts; the last outposts of every kind of democratic tradition. The fragile detente between the Outer cities and the dynasties of Earth is threatened by the ambitions of the rising generation of Outers, who want to break free of their cosy, inward-looking pocket paradises, colonise the rest of the Solar System, and drive human evolution in a hundred new directions. On Earth, many demand pre-emptive action against the Outers before it's too late; others want to exploit the talents of their scientists and gene wizards. Amid campaigns for peace and reconciliation, political machinations, crude displays of military might, and espionage by cunningly wrought agents, the two branches of humanity edge towards war . . . **TP \$32.99**

Todd McCaffrey

Dragonheart (Pern)

Fiona didn't mean to Impress the dragon at the Hatching. She didn't want to leave her father, Lord Holder Bemim all alone - she was the only one of his children to survive the plague. But she knew her duty and Talenth was the most wonderful being a person could ever have love her. Then a dreadful illness started killing the dragons just as they were about to fight Thread. To have some dragons in reserve some of the younger ones, including Fiona and Talenth, jumped back in time, they returned three days later but three years older and stronger.

Meanwhile Lorana, at the cost of her queen dragon, found a cure and the dragons were saved. Saved, only to fight outnumbered against Thread. Where the Weyrs could usually expect to have three thousand dragons all together, less than a thousand dragons survived to fight Thread. The Weyrleaders tried everything they could - timing it, enlisting the watch-whers, training more groundcrew but it was a losing battle.

Lorana realized they were in desperate trouble, she knew that time was needed - and if it can't be had in the past, then perhaps in the future? But Lorana is pregnant, if she jumps into the future she may find help but she will almost certainly kill her child. Can she do that? And can anyone jump into the future? Or will she disappear forever, taking Minith with her? And who would miss her if she did? Ambivalently, Lorana takes her leap forward into time. **HC \$55**

Cheyenne McCray

Chosen Prey

Five years after escaping from a cult, Lyra Collins has built a new life for herself in a small Arizona artists' colony, until ex-cop Dare Lancaster accidentally leads a group of fanatical cult members to her door, and he is forced to step in to protect her from Neal Barker, who believes that he and Lyra are destined to produce the next Messiah. **APB \$17.95**

Zach: Armed and Dangerous

Ten years after leaving her and breaking her heart, ICE agent Zack Hunter comes back into Sky MacKenna's life after her life is threatened when she becomes embroiled in the case he is investigating, and as the danger increases, he becomes determined to never again let her go, in the first volume in a new erotic romance series. **TP \$28.95**

Robin McKinley

Sunshine

There are places in the world where darkness rules, where it's unwise to walk. Sunshine knew that. But there hadn't been any trouble out at the lake for years, and she needed a place to be alone for a while. Unfortunately, she wasn't alone. She never heard them coming. Of course you don't, when they're vampires. . . They took her clothes and sneakers. They dressed her in a long red gown. And they shackled her to the wall of an abandoned mansion within easy reach of a figure stirring in the moonlight. She knows that he is a vampire. She knows that she's to be his dinner, and that when he is finished with her, she will be dead. Yet, when light breaks, she finds that he has not attempted to harm her. And now it is he who needs her to help him survive the day. . . **APB \$19.95**

Suzanne McLeod

The Sweet Scent of Blood (Spellcrackers.com 01)

Genevieve Taylor is a Sidhe, one of the noble fae, and she's unusual, even in present-day London where celebrity vampires, eccentric goblins and scheming lesser fae mix freely with the human population. Genny is a rising star at Spellcrackers.com, where she finds the 'M' in magic - and that invariably leads to mischief, malice and - too often - murder.

Spellcrackers.com is affiliated to the Witch Council, whose ancient tenets prohibit any contact with vampires. Genny also works as a volunteer at a clinic which treats victims of vampire attacks. Then there's her extra-curricular activity, extracting vulnerable fae lured by the local fang gangs. Genny certainly doesn't want any closer involvement with the vampire community.

But when Mr October, one of the hot calendar pin-up vamps, is accused of violently murdering his girlfriend, Genny's called on to repay an old debt and prove his innocence. And that means consorting with some of the sexiest vamps in London! THE SWEET SCENT OF BLOOD is the first book of SPELLCRACKERS.COM, a sexy, sassy new series guaranteed to spice up your reading life! **PB \$19.99**

Patrice Michelle

Revelations (Scions)

Caine Grennard is a werewolf, living among humans and lacking purpose—until the night he meets a woman with an exotic, irresistible scent. A woman who might be his deadliest enemy.

When her aunt is kidnapped, Emma Gray swears she'll do anything to get the older woman back. Even if it means trusting the mysterious—and sexy—stranger named Caine.

But more is at stake than one woman's life: Emma's past holds the last key to unlocking a prophecy Caine's clan is depending on. The fates of both their clans rest on Caine and Emma trusting the impossible, electric connection between them, even in the midst of betrayal. . . **APB \$14.95**

L E Modesitt Jr

The Lord-Protector's Daughter (Corean Chronicles 07)

The Lord-Protector's Daughter is a standalone fantasy novel that takes place in Tempre, the capital city of Lanachrona on Corus, the world of Modesitt's Corean Chronicles.

Mykella, the eldest daughter of the Lord-Protector of Lanachrona, discovers that someone is diverting significant sums of money from her father's treasury. One of the ancient soarers appears to Mykella, telling her that she must go to the antique stone Table in the cellars of the Palace and find her Talent in order to save her land and her world.

From there, matters become more perilous. There are attempts to remove Mykella and her sisters from Tempre by marrying them off to lords in neighbouring lands, and fatal and near fatal accidents occur to members of her family and trusted retainers. While Mykella develops a solid idea of who stands behind it all, every attempted solution is used to discredit her. How can she save their father and land? **HC \$40**

Richard Morgan

Altered Carbon

Four hundred years from now mankind is strung out across a region of interstellar space inherited from an ancient civilization discovered on Mars. The colonies are linked together by the occasional sublight colony ship voyages and hyperspatial data-casting. Human consciousness is digitally freighted between the stars and downloaded into bodies as a matter of course.

But some things never change. So when ex-envoy, now-convict Takeshi Kovacs has his consciousness and skills downloaded into the body of a nicotine-addicted ex-thug and presented with a catch-22 offer, he really shouldn't be surprised. Contracted by a billionaire to discover who murdered his last body, Kovacs is drawn into a terrifying conspiracy that stretches across known space and to the very top of society.

For a first-time SF writer to be so surely in command of narrative and technology, so brilliant at world-building, so able to write such readable and enjoyable SF adventure, is simply extraordinary. **PB \$22.99**

Black Man

One hundred years from now, and against all the odds, Earth has found a new stability; the political order has reached some sort of balance, and the new colony on Mars is growing. But the fraught years of the 21st century have left an uneasy legacy . . .

Genetically engineered alpha males, designed to fight the century's wars have no wars to fight and are surplus to requirements. And a man bred and designed to fight is a dangerous man to have around in peacetime. Many of them have left for Mars but now one has come back and killed everyone else on the shuttle he returned in.

Only one man, a genengineered ex-soldier himself, can hunt him down and so begins a frenetic man-hunt and a battle survival. And a search for the truth about what was really done with the world's last soldiers.

BLACK MAN is an unstoppable SF thriller but it is also a novel about prejudice, about the ramifications of playing with our genetic blue-print. It is about our capacity for violence but more worrying, our capacity for deceit and corruption.

This is another landmark of modern SF from one of its most exciting and commercial authors. **PB \$22.99**

Broken Angels

Fifty years after the events of ALTERED CARBON, Takeshi Kovacs is serving as a mercenary in the Procterate-sponsored war to put down Joshua Kemp's revolution on the planet Sanction IV. He is offered the chance to join a covert team chasing a prize whose value is limitless -- and whose dangers are endless. Here is a novel that takes mankind to the brink.

A breakneck-paced crime thriller, ALTERED CARBON took its readers deep into the universe Morgan had so compellingly realised without ever letting them escape the onward rush of the plot. BROKEN ANGELS melds SF, the war novel and the spy thriller to take the reader below the surface of this future and lay bare the treacheries, betrayals and follies that leave man so ill-prepared for the legacy he has been given: the stars. This is SF at its dizzying best: superb, yet subtle, world-building; strong yet sensitive characterisation; awesome yet believable technology, thrilling yet profound writing. Richard Morgan is set to join the genre's world-wide elite. **PB \$22.99**

Market Forces

Chris Faulkner has just landed the job of his dreams. But Shorn Associates are market leaders in Conflict Investment. They expect results, they expect the best. Chris has one very high-profile kill to his name already but he will have to drive hard and go for kill after kill if he's to keep his bosses happy. All he has to do in the meantime is stay alive . . .

Morgan's new futuristic thriller is perfect for any fan of the modern thriller. It combines the big ideas of Michael Crichton with a pounding narrative drive. **PB \$22.99**

Woken Furies

This is high action, ideas driven noir SF of the highest order. Morgan has already established himself as an SF author of global significance.

Takeshi Kovacs has come home.

Home to Harlan's World. An ocean planet with only 5% of its landmass

poking above the dangerous and unpredictable seas. Try and get above the weather in anything more sophisticated than a helicopter and the Martian orbital platforms will burn you out of the sky.

And death doesn't just wait for you in the seas and the skies. On land, from the tropical beaches and swamps of Kossuth to the icy, machine-infested wastes of New Hokkaido the hard won gains of the Quellist revolution have been lost. The First Families, the corporations and the Yakuza have a stranglehold on everything.

Embarked on a journey of implacable retribution for a lost love, Kovacs is blown off course and into a maelstrom of political intrigue and technological mystery as the ghosts of Harlan's World and his own violent past rise to claim their due. Quellcrist Falconer is back from the dead, they say, and hunting her down for the First Families is a savage young Envoy called Kovacs who's been in storage **PB \$22.99**

Stephen Morrison

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TP \$32.95

Naomi Novik

Victory of Eagles (Temeraire 05)

Laurence and Temeraire have betrayed the British. They have foiled their attempts to inflict death upon the French dragons by sharing the cure they found in Africa with their enemy. But following their conscience has a price. Laurence feels he must return to face the consequences and as soon as they land they are taken into custody. Laurence is condemned to the gallows and Temeraire faces a life of captivity in the breeding grounds. None of their friends or allies can come to their aid for every hand is needed elsewhere. Britain is completely unprepared for Bonaparte invasion and the advanced tactics of his own celestial dragon Temeraire's mortal enemy Lien. **TP \$29.99**

K J Parker*The Escapement (Engineer 03)*

Condemned to death, the engineer Ziani Vaatzes escaped from Mezentia. His implacable determination to return home led him to contrive an intricate plan to bring down the Republic, a plan which requires a war. He regrets the deaths. But he had no choice. Duke Valens dragged his people into the war to save the life of one woman. Then he killed her husband. Now, allied to the nomadic barbarians who have the manpower to defeat Mezentia, the Duke regrets the evil he's done. But he had no choice. Secretary Psellus never wanted to rule the Republic, or fight a desperate siege for its survival. Trying to make sense of how it all happened, he finds himself compelled to investigate the circumstances of Vaatzes' crime. He is terrified of what he might find out, but he has no choice. The machine has been built. All that remains is to set it in motion. **APB \$21.95**

The Company

Hoping for a better life, five war veterans colonize an abandoned island. They take with them everything they could possibly need - food, clothes, tools, weapons, even wives. The colonists feel sure that their friendship will keep them together. But an unanticipated discovery shatters their dream and replaces it with a very different one. Only then do they begin to realize that they've brought with them rather more than they bargained for. For one of them, it seems, has been hiding a terrible secret from the rest of the company. And when the truth begins to emerge, it soon becomes clear that the war is far from over. **TP \$32.99**

James Patterson*The Final Warning (Maximum Ride)*

Max, Fang, Iggy, Gasman, Nudge and Angel are six extraordinary avian hybrids. The result of a cruel Biotech experiment which manipulated their DNA and turned them into recombinant life forms with wings. This flock has endured a turbulent upbringing and they have been continually faced with evil. Evading capture on a daily basis, they have endured torture and been pushed to the very brink of sanity. Hunted all their lives, they've had to fight life-threatening and belief-defying battles pitting their strength against the fearsome force of their shadowy enemies. But as their predators evolved, their unique ability to fly is no longer enough to save them. With their genes mutating to astonishing effect, the flock establishes a new set of skills to unleash as they strive for survival. But just as they struggle to get to grips with these physical changes, emotionally they face new challenges too: life on the fringe of society can be a lonely existence. Driven to the wastelands of Antarctica, each day brings a new threat for the flock. Danger is never far away and while fighting to save their own skin, they have a new mission to undertake - one with devastating global consequences. **PB \$19.95**

Holly Phillips*The Engine's Child*

On a remote island populated by refugees from a world ruined by magical and technological excess, a mysterious brotherhood seeks a way back to their devastated homeland and, amidst conspiracy and betrayal, three people hold the key to destroying or saving their fragile world--scheming Lord Ghar, powerful ruler Lady Vashmarna, and Moth, a poor novice. **TP \$29.95**

Tamora Pierce*Melting Stones (Circle of Magic)*

Residents of the island of Starns send for help from Winding Circle temple, and when prickly green mage Rosethorn and young stone mage trainee Evvy respond, Evvy finds that the problem is with a long-dormant volcano and tries to use her talents to avert the looming destruction. Residents of the island of Starns send for help from Winding Circle temple, and when prickly green mage Rosethorn and young stone mage trainee Evvy respond, Evvy tries to use her talents to avert a volcano's looming destruction. **HC \$36.95**

Tamora Pierce*The Will of the Empress*

Spoken Word Audio CD Unabridged **CD \$99.95**

Terry Pratchett*The Colour of Magic / The Light Fantastic (Anniversary Edition) (Discworld 01, 02)*

An anniversary illustrated edition of the first Discworld novels, where it all started!

There was a time when no one knew about the Discworld, a huge disc supported by five elephants standing on the enormous giant turtle known as the Great A'tuin . . . Rincewind was a perfectly ordinary failed wizard until he met Twoflower, the Discworld's very first tourist, and before he quite knew what had happened, he found himself employed, at an outrageous salary, as Twoflower's guide to this strange world. They started off in the Disc's oldest conurbation: proud Ankh and pestilent Morpork, the twin city known as Ankh-Morpork. Before too long the irrepressible Twoflower and Rincewind, who is both inept and cowardly, are forced to flee from the city. They meet up with an increasingly colourful cast of characters as they find themselves spending too much of their time being shot at, terrorised, chased, hanging from high places with no hope of salvation, or plunging from high places (likewise, with no hope of salvation) . . . **HC \$55**

Christopher Ransom*The Birthing House*

When Conrad Harrison impulse-buys a big old house in Wisconsin, his wife Jo doesn't share his enthusiasm, reluctant at the idea of leaving their LA life - so Conrad is left to set up their new home as she ties up loose ends at work. But Conrad's new purchase is not all that it seems. Soon Conrad is hearing the ghostly wailing of a baby in the night, seeing blood on the floor and being haunted by a woman who looks exactly like Jo. With his wife away, Conrad becomes obsessed by the pregnant girl next door, Nadia, who claims to be a victim of the evil in the house. The crying leads him to a bricked-up body, and the mystery of the Birthing House unravels, pulling in Jo, Nadia and leading Conrad to a nightmarish conclusion... **TP \$32.99**

James Reese*The Dracula Dossier*

At a slump in his writing career and feeling dwarfed by his charismatic successful boss Sir Henry Irving Bram Stoker returns to London from a business trip in the summer of 1888 determined to turn his life around. One night after a performance Stoker takes a stroll through the streets of Whitechapel in the impoverished district of London known for its many "bangtails" or prostitutes as well as its police and the citizenry crowding its shadowy alleys when he thinks he recognizes an acquaintance a hackjob American "doctor" named Francis Tumbelty. But that same evening in Whitechapel the crime spree of the century begins. Jack the Ripper kills his first victim a local prostitute. To clear his own name Stoker enlists some of his illustrious friends including Walt Whitman, Lady Jane Wilde (mother of Oscar) and the million-copy-selling Victorian novelist Sir Thomas Henry Hall Caine. When they discover that the murder weapon is a Bowie knife Stoker no longer doubts that the elusive American surgeon he saw weeks ago is the very same man terrorizing and taunting London as Jack the Ripper. Trouncing from Manhattan to London's West End and Whitechapel from Dublin to a ritualistic denouement in Edinburgh this sweeping magnificent novel is a suspenseful trip into the heart of literature and history as Stoker goes on the "true" adventure that will inspire him to write Dracula. **TP \$32.99**

Laura E Reeve*Peacekeeper (Ariane Kedros)*

Ariane Kedros, a wartime criminal who has assumed a new identity after being involved in a mission that had obliterated an entire solar system fifteen years earlier, must face her past when twelve of her wartime colleagues are murdered by someone who has uncovered all of their true identities. **APB \$17.95**

Anne Rice*Interview With a Vampire (Vampire Chronicles 01)*

Now in B format with brand new jacket treatment and ISBN In a darkened room a young man sits telling the macabre and eerie story of his life - the story of a vampire, gifted with eternal life, cursed with an exquisite craving for human blood. Anne Rice's compulsively readable novel is arguably the most celebrated work of vampire fiction since Bram Stoker's Dracula was published in 1897. As the Washington Post said on its first publication, it is a 'thrilling, strikingly original work of the imagination . . . sometimes horrible, sometimes beautiful, always unforgettable'. **BPB \$22.99**

The Vampire Lestat (Vampire Chronicles 02)

Now in B format with brand new jacket treatment and ISBN Ah, the taste and feel of blood when all passion and greed is sharpened in that one desire! Lestat: a vampire - but very much not the conventional undead, for Lestat is the truly alive. Lestat is vivid, ecstatic, stagestruck, and in his extravagant story he plunges from the lasciviousness of eighteenth-century Paris to the demonic Egypt of prehistory; from fin-de-siecle New Orleans to the frenetic twentieth-century world of rock superstardom - as, pursued by the living and the dead, he searches across time for the secret of his own dark immortality. **BPB \$22.99**

Queen of the Damned (Vampire Chronicles 03)

Now in B format with brand new jacket treatment and ISBN After 6,000 years of horrifying stillness, Akash, mother of all vampires and Queen of the Damned, has risen from her sleep to let loose the powers of the night. But her monstrous plan for ruling the worlds of the living and the undead must be stopped before she destroys mankind, and it falls to the evil vampire Lestat to fight her all-encompassing evil - for it is he who challenged her power by waking her from sleep. **BPB \$22.99**

John Ringo & Julie Cochrane*Sister Time (Posleen)*

In the sequel to Cally's War, long-time secret agent Cally O'Neal gets the shock of her life when an important mission is interrupted by an unexpected reunion with her sister Michelle, the first human Sohomentat. **APB \$19.95**

J D Robb*Salvation in Death (Eve Dallas 27)*

A priest is conducting the funeral service for a beloved member of his congregation. But when he lifts the chalice to his lips, he dies suddenly and horribly - poisoned by the blood of Christ. Who would want to murder a parish priest in such a way? And who could get access to the closely guarded communion wine? Lieutenant Eve Dallas is called to the scene to investigate. Although initially there seems to have been nothing out of the ordinary about the priest's life, there is something about the situation that just doesn't add up. And then she starts to uncover the evil lurking behind the ceremonial robes. The dead priest was not who he seemed to be - he harboured a dark, deadly secret that could bring Eve's own demons rushing back. **TP \$32.99**

Wendy Roberts*Devil May Ride (Ghost Dusters Mystery)*

Sadie Novak, the owner of a crime scene cleanup company who is gifted with the second sight, comes face-to-face with evil and a gang of meth-deprived motorcyclists, when she finds evidence of a chilling cult ritual in an abandoned meth lab. **APB \$17.95**

Nora Roberts*The Pagan Stone (Sign of Seven 03)*

The Pagan Stone had stood for hundreds of years, long before three boys gathered around it to spill their blood in a bond of brotherhood, unwittingly releasing a force bent on destruction . . . Gage Turner has been running from his past for a long time. The son of an abusive drunk, his childhood in the small town of Hawkins Hollow was tough - his only solace his friendship with Fox O Dell and Caleb Hawkins. But, aged ten, the boys unleashed evil on their town: every seven years murder and mayhem reign, and each cycle is more extreme than the last. Now Gage has returned home to help his friends save Hawkins Hollow, but a lifetime as a loner has made him wary of emotional ties. And who can make plans for the future when their present is so uncertain? For unless they find a way to use the Pagan Stone against the demonic force, everything they know and love will be destroyed . . . **APB \$19.99**

Justina Robson*Selling Out (Quantum Gravity 02)*

Lila Black is going to Hell.

Ever since the Quantum Bomb of 2015 things have been different; the dimensions have fused and suddenly our world is accessible to elves, demons, ghosts and elementals . . . and their worlds are open to us. Special Agent Lila Black has been different too: tortured and magic-scarred by elves, rebuilt by humans into a half-robot, part-AI, nuclear-fuelled walking arsenal, and carrying the essence of a dead elven necromancer in her chest, sometimes she has trouble figuring out who she really is. And that's without mentioning that her boyfriend's a half-elf, half-demon international rock-star.

So a mission to Hell isn't exactly what she needs.

The heart of art, of pleasure, sensuality and politics, Demonica is glorious and terrible. And, an assassination attempt, three marriage proposals and one ruined dress after her arrival, it seems Demonica might be more complicated than Lila thought . . . **PB \$19.99**

Justina Robson*Going Under (Quantum Gravity 03)*

Book three of the Quantum Gravity Series sees Lila Black back from her adventures in Demonica and struggling to cope with the even stranger world of Faerie. And these Faeries couldn't be less like Tinkerbell. These Faeries are capricious, unknowable and dangerous. And they will be Lila's toughest test yet. Lila may have reached some sort of peace over the fate of her parents, she may have built some bridges with her sister but when you're half cyborg, when you contain enough high-tech weaponry to win a small war, when you don't know your heart, still love an elf and don't trust your bosses you can be capricious unknowable and quite dangerous enough yourself. This is a fast moving SF fantasy full of thrills and adventures but informed with a ready wit and prepared to touch on serious themes of identity, reality and sexual politics. **HC \$55**

Savannah Russe*Dead After Dark (Sisterhood of the Sight)*

When U.S. foreign agent Sam Chase joins an elite unit with three other psychically gifted young women to solve a chilling, macabre case, she is partnered with Lance "Bear" Rutledge, a sexy forensic investigator who does not believe in the supernatural. **APB \$17.95**

R A Salvatore*Ancient, The (Saga of the First King 01)*

Journeying across the Gulf of Corona to the wild lands of Vanguard in search of his long-lost father, Bransen Garibond becomes caught up in a desperate and dangerous battle against the brutal Samhaist, Ancient Badden, as several societies, caught up in their own conflicts, remain unaware of Ancient Badden's plots to destroy them all, in the first volume in a tetralogy. **APB \$15.95**

Manda Scott*The Crystal Skull*

The end of the world starts now ... Ancient wisdom predicts the end of the world with uncanny precision. But it also provided the key to staving off apocalypse: a flawless sapphire of incomparable beauty carved into the perfect likeness of a human skull. Hidden for four centuries, a crystal skull of exquisite beauty has just been found by Stella Cody, who also inherits its legacy of dark secrets, intrigue, and murder.

Facing an increasingly implacable enemy, Stella and her lover, Kit, struggle to crack the code that hides the Skull's intended resting place.

Their search takes them from the intellectual rigour of Cambridge University to the untamed wildness of England's prehistoric stone circles.

But time is against them, and they have days - hours - left to uncover the secret that may yet save the world. **APB \$21.95**

D B Shan*Procession of the Dead*

Quickwitted and cocksure young upstart Capac Raimi arrives in the City determined to make his mark. As he learns the tricks of his new trade from his Uncle Theo extortion racketeering threatening behaviour hes soon well on his way to becoming a promising new gangster. Then he crosses paths with The Cardinal and his life changes forever. The Cardinal is the City and the City is The Cardinal. They are joined at the soul. Nothing moves on the streets or below them without the Cardinals knowledge. His rule is absolute. As Capac begins to discover more about the extent of the Cardinals influence on his own life he is faced with hard choices. And as his ambition soars ever higher he will learn all there is to know about loss and the true cost of ultimate power... **BPB \$22.99**

David Sherman & Dan Cragg*Recoil (Starfist Force Recon 03)*

With an unseen enemy destroying isolated farmsteads on the newly colonized planet of Haulover, the Confederation sends in members of the Fourth Force Recon to investigate, but the nine Marines on the team soon discover that the devastation is merely a ploy to lure them into a trap. **APB \$19.95**

William Mark Simmons*Dead Easy (04)*

Reluctant hero Christopher Cséjthe returns to take on a mystical force-five hurricane, a gang of Rasputin's pirates, an undead Captain Nemo, an army of drowned vampire zombies, and other underwater menaces in the city of New Orleans, in the sequel to One Foot in the Grave. **APB \$19.95**

Dan Simmons*Song of Kali*

Calcutta, a monstrous city of immense slums, disease and misery, is clasped in the foetid embrace of an ancient cult. At its decaying core is the Goddess Kali: the dark mother of pain, four-armed and eternal, her song the sound of death and destruction. Robert Luczak has been hired by a New York magazine to find a noted Indian poet who has reappeared, under strange circumstances, years after he was thought dead. But nothing is simple in Calcutta, and before long Luczak's routine assignment turns into a nightmare . . . it is rumoured that the poet has been brought back to life, in a bloody and grisly ceremony of human sacrifice. **BPB \$22.99**

Gavin Smith*DogFellow's Ghost*

A new century has begun. New branches of science are shaking man's longest-held beliefs. And, on a tropical island somewhere in the Pacific, a new kind of creature has been conceived. The inhabitants of the island are reeling from the downfall of their creator and Master, Dr Eustace Moreau. But one of Moreau's creations is more mindful of the loss than the others: neither wholly man nor wholly canine, DogFellow is both more and less than the sum of his parts. He remains devoted to his Master and yet pitifully conflicted. Months have passed since Moreau was ousted, but those tumultuous days are still fresh in DogFellow's anxious mind.

Gripping and poignant, philosophical and fantastic, DogFellow's Ghost is a startling coda to HG Wells classic reflection on the perils of untrammelled science. It is also a timely tale of freedom, slavery and the wildness of the human spirit. **HC \$44.99**

Alexandra Sokoloff*The Price*

An ambitious politician, Will Sullivan abandons his dream of becoming the next governor of Massachusetts when his young daughter, Sydney, is diagnosed with a malignant tumor, but as he and his wife seek out the help of the Briarwood Medical Center to save their daughter's life, Will soon discovers that a cure could come at a terrifying cost. **APB \$17.95**

Bud Sparhawk*Vixen*

When the crew of the Covenant arrives on Meridian, a planet ripe for colonization, Tam, the leader of the mission, finds their hopes of survival threatened by an alien race. **APB \$17.95**

Kerrelyn Sparks*All I Want For Christmas is a Vampire (Love at Stake 05)*

Toni Davis's Christmas wish list 1. Springing my best friend from the psych ward. 2. Living somewhere that doesn't have coffins in the basement. Occupied coffins. 3. Finding Mr. Right. Please make him tall, dark, handsome, and alive.

This Christmas isn't so merry for Toni. Her best friend's been locked up in a mental hospital ever since she told the police she was attacked by vampires, and the only way for Toni to get her out is to prove that bloodsuckers really do exist. So she's taken a job as a bodyguard for the Undead, but she gets more than she bargained for, especially when she meets Ian MacPhie, a Scottish rascal looking for Ms. Right. Although Ian's nearly five centuries old, he looks and acts like a twenty-seven-year-old hunk. How can a dead man be so damn sexy? Could Mr. Wrong be Mr. Right? One forbidden kiss could lead to an eternity of passion—and all it takes is one moment under the mistletoe . . . **APB \$14.95**

Adam Stemple

Steward of Song (02)

In the sequel to *Singer of Souls*, Douglas, a usurper sitting on the throne of Faery, uses his powerful magic and his loyal lieutenant, Martes, to hold the Queen and the land hostage, while in Massachusetts, a mysterious infant is abandoned on the doorstep of an ex-Marine who may possess second sight. **TP \$17.95**

Peter Straub

Ghost Story

It began shortly after the party at which one of their members, Edward Wanderley, had died or was killed. The Chowder Society, who for years had met in customary evening dress with the object of telling each other tales of every kind, now found themselves drawn towards the supernatural. It was some sort of solace for Edward's loss. They began to tell ghost stories, extraordinary ghost stories . . . ghost stories that did not always stop when the teller finished speaking . . . Then came the dreams, shared simultaneously by the Chowder Society members, forecasting horrors the four ageing men can scarcely bring themselves to discuss. And now they are about to learn what happens to those who believe they can bury the past and get away with murder. **BPB \$22.99**

Charles Stross

Halting State

It was called in as a robbery at Hayek Associates, an online game company. So you can imagine Sergeant Sue Smith's mood as she watches the video footage of the heist being carried out by a band of orcs and a dragon, and realises that the robbery from an online game company is actually a robbery from an online game. Just wonderful. Like she has nothing better to do. But online entertainment is big business, and when the bodies of real people start to show up, it's clear that this is anything but a game. For Sue, computer coding expert Jack Reed, and forensic accountant Elaine Barnaby, the walls between the actual and the virtual are about to come crashing down. There is something very dangerous and very real going on at Hayek Associates, and those involved are playing for keeps. No cheats, no back doors, no extra lives - make a wrong call on this one and it's game over. **APB \$19.99**

J R R Tolkien

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J R R Tolkien's SILMARILLION is the core work of the Middle-earth canon. It is in this dense and often neglected masterpiece that the entire cosmology for the background for THE HOBBIT and, particularly, THE LORD OF THE RINGS is documented.

This new paperback volume contains fabulous tales of heroes and monsters, and the history of the Elves and of the Silmarils - the magical jewels produced by the Children of Iluvatar, or Elves (humans being the Younger Children of Iluvatar); it tells of the creation of Middle-earth, and the coming of Men into the world; it chronicles the early battles between good and evil, forces of light and dark, which foreshadow the great conflict with Sauron, the Dark Lord, in LORD OF THE RINGS. These tales of Middle-earth were published posthumously in 1977. Tolkien worked on THE SILMARILLION all his life - long before THE HOBBIT or LORD OF THE RINGS - and his son and literary executor Christopher Tolkien edited the material he left behind into its current form. Complete with a series of full-colour paintings by acclaimed Tolkien artist Ted Nasmith, this sumptuous new edition allows the stories within to really come alive - from the creation of the world and the Tale of Beren and Luthien to the Fall of Numenor and the End of the First Age. **BPB \$24.99**

Harry Turtledove

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In the sequel to *Opening Atlantis*, an imperialistic England has driven the French from Atlantis and seized the continent's eastern coastal town in an attempt to bend the colonists to their rule, prompting Victor Radcliff, leader of the revolutionaries, to preserve the freedom of the Atlantean people at all costs. **HC \$52.95**

Harry Turtledove

Opening Atlantis

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She and Bethral, her sword-sister, have come to Palins looking for work, but they find torched fields and razed farms, a land defiled. During a storm they stumble across a derelict mansion and beg shelter of the sole human occupant, the resident goatherd. He's not happy, and he's not impressed with the stropy mercenary - but Red Gloves is even less impressed when he notices her birthmark and claims it marks her out as Chosen, born to help the people of Palins reclaim their land.

Her inclination to help dwindles still further when she discovers there's no money, no reward, in fact, nothing in store for the Chosen but a difficult, bloody battle against the odds. So she takes what she wants of the goatherd, and she leaves.

But circumstances force Red back to the mansion, and this time she's more inclined to help - after all, impossible odds and bloody battles are very much her style. She's poised, reluctantly, to do her thing, when it turns out she's not the only Chosen in the race for freedom, and the crown . . .

RED GLOVES: a beguiling tale of daggers, derring-do and destiny, and heroes who come in all shapes and sizes. **TP \$32.99**

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Jeanne DuPrau

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Many hundreds of years ago, the city of Ember was created by the Builders to contain everything needed for human survival. It worked - but now the storerooms are almost out of food, crops are blighted, corruption is spreading through the city and worst of all, the lights are failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness. But when two children, Lina and Doon, discover fragments of an ancient parchment, they begin to wonder if there could be a way out of Ember. Can they decipher the words from long ago and find a new future for everyone? Will the people of Ember listen to them? **BPB \$17.95**

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"Look sharp!" shouted Edmund. "All catch hands and keep together. This is magic - I can tell by the feeling!"

Prince Caspian is in terrible danger when his wicked uncle, King Miraz, decides to get rid of the young heir to the throne. In desperation, Caspian blows the magic horn, calling on Peter, Susan, Lucy and Edmund in Narnia's hour of need.

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The Magician of Hoad

A hero, an ageing magician, a farm boy, a noble daughter and a mad prince meet on the edge of a city of tents. So begins an intricate tale of a boy with a troublesome eye, who is capable of extraordinary things.

Forced from home, twelve-year-old Heriot's unwilling steps lead to Diamond, first city of the Hoadara, who conquered his people generations before. By tradition, King and Hero share power in an uneasy alliance . . . and the resolution of their struggle will ultimately bring pain, terror, love and loss to the five who met that dusty day.

Forced to serve the King as his magician, and strangely bound to Dysart, the mad prince, Heriot is isolated within the walls of Diamond, until he finds Cayley, a wild, ambiguous rat-of-the-city. Two lonely souls forge an unlikely friendship in the shadows of the city both are forced to call home. But when children become adults, childish games become deadly serious and when incipient madness erupts in chillingly violence Heriot is forced to explore the very heart of his magic.

In this superbly cerebral fantasy for older readers, Margaret Mahy's masterwork will surprise and thrill with its exploration of darkness, and delight with her undisputed mastery of the language of the heart and soul. **TP \$19.99**

Stephenie Meyer

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When 17 year old Isabella Swan moves to Forks, Washington to live with her father she expects that her new life will be as dull as the town. But in spite of her awkward manner and low expectations, she finds that her new classmates are drawn to this pale, dark-haired new girl in town. But not, it seems, the Cullen family. These five adopted brothers and sisters obviously prefer their own company and will make no exception for Bella. Bella is convinced that Edward Cullen in particular hates her, but she feels a strange attraction to him, although his hostility makes her feel almost physically ill. He seems determined to push her away - until, that is, he saves her life from an out of control car. Bella will soon discover that there is a very good reason for Edward's coldness. He, and his family, are vampires - and he knows how dangerous it is for others to get too close. **TP \$24.99**

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Celia Rees

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J K Rowling

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The Tales of Beedle the Bard played a crucial role in assisting Harry, aided by his friends Ron and Hermione, to finally defeat Lord Voldemort. Here, fans have the opportunity to read the tales in full. The Tales of Beedle the Bard is without doubt an exciting addition to the canon of Harry Potter. They also reveal the wonderful versatility of the author, as she tackles with relish the structure and varying tones of a classic fairy tale. There are five tales included in the book: 'The Tale of the Three Brothers', which is recounted in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows; plus four more - 'The Fountain of Fair Fortune', 'The Warlock's Hairy Heart', 'The Wizard and the Hopping Pot', and 'Babbitty Rabbitty and her Cackling Stump'. Each tale has its own magical character and will variously bring delight, laughter and the thrill of mortal peril. The Tales of Beedle the Bard, translated from the original runes by Hermione Granger, is introduced and illustrated by J. K. Rowling. Also included are notes on the stories by Professor Albus Dumbledore, which appear by generous permission of the Hogwarts Headmasters' Archive. **HC \$16.95**

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Maiden of the Wolf (Hallowmere 04)

Werewolves are on the hunt in this next volume of Hallowmere...

With the culmination of *Between Golden Jaws*, Corrine and all of her friends are thrown into separate fairy worlds. Ilona finds herself in one of these raths, a world controlled by an evil countess so obsessed by youth, she sacrifices young girls to draw their life force into her own. Forced to join the countess's troop of werewolves, Ilona must help in their mission of kidnapping girls from the mortal world. As she puzzles over how to save the girls without putting herself in danger, she begins to fall for one of the werewolf lieutenants. It's the chance for love she's always dreamed of, but at what cost?

Tiffany Trent's thrilling series continues in this next Hallowmere book, written in partnership with Angelika Ranger. Ranger's lyrical writing gives voice to Corrine's tough but wary friend Ilona Takar, as Ilona embarks on an otherworldly journey that will help determine the fate of Corrine and all the girls from Falston. **PB \$14.95**

Van Lente et al

Crypt-Keeping It Real (Tales From the Crypt 04)

The Crypt-Keeper and his fellow Ghoulunatics introduce the wildest, scariest collection of terror-tales yet!

You'll gasp when you meet *She Who Would Rule the World!* – an unbelievable tale of a homeless woman turned into a near-invincible, power-hungry being by a pair of misguided scientists!

You'll retch when you see *Ignoble Rot!* – the shocking story of a cursed gigolo forced to remain alive as his body transforms into a zombie!

You'll scream as you read *Jumping the Shark!* – the fantastic fictional account of a Reality TV series producer that keeps pitching shows from beyond the grave!

You'll squirm as you try to delete Spam! – the e-mail scourge that is far deadlier than you ever imagined!

And you'll groan as you read the pun-filled introductions by the Old Witch, the Vault-Keeper, and that ol' super-star of horror comics himself – the Crypt-Keeper! **BPB \$12.99**

Scott Westerfeld Australian Author

Bogus to Bubbly (Uglies)

Illustrated with black-and-white drawings, a behind-the-scenes guide to the world of the Uglies series peels back ever more layers to the various worlds, history, people, places, and technology that powers these titles. **PB \$14.95**

Media and Comic Related

Doctor Who

Doctor Who Adventure Kit

This attractive gift set contains three exciting stories featuring the Doctor, as played by David Tennant, and Martha Jones, as played by Freema Agyeman.

The abridged stories are: 'The Many Hands' by Dale Smith, 'Martha in the Mirror' by Justin Richards and 'Snowglobe7' by Mike Tucker.

Our series of abridged readings, read by members of the TV cast, have proved immensely popular. These stories have never been published in audio format. **CD \$59.95**

Ghost Whisperer

Ghost Whisperer Spirit Guide

Kim Moses & Ian Sander

Possessing the ability to see and communicate with the spirits of dead people, Melinda Gordon balances her management of an antique shop and her family life with the need to help ghosts trapped between life and death to cross to the other side, in a companion to the TV series containing full-color photographs and interviews with cast and crew. **TP \$32.95**

Plague Room

Steven Piziks

Trouble arrives in the person of Wendy, a rival exorcist whose brutal and painful tactics go against Melinda's compassionate approach to dealing with the dead, until Wendy unwittingly opens a floodgate of terror, violence, and disease when she unleashes an evil spirit. **APB \$19.95**

Primeval

The Lost Island

Paul Kearney

Humankind confronts its own extinction as bizarre anomalies rip through the fabric of time to allow prehistoric creatures from the dawn of Earth's history to roam the modern world, while zoologist Nick Cutter and his team confront a challenge on a mysterious island in the Irish seas. **HC \$24.95**

Spider-man

Requiem

Jeff Mariotte

Spider-Man takes on one of his most dangerous foes as he matches wits with the Cabal of Scier, an organization out to achieve ultimate power by any means necessary, which is out to gain control of the Darkhold, an ancient grimoire recently unearthed by archaeologists, a dangerous quest that unleashes an evil from beyond the grave. **APB \$14.95**

Star Trek

Academy: Collision Course

William Shatner

Thrown in jail beside a Vulcan boy who has been charged with plotting to sell Vulcan artifacts, a troublesome young James T. Kirk forges an uneasy alliance with his cellmate, Spock, with whom he is given a choice to stay imprisoned or to join Starfleet. **PB \$14.95**

Corps of Engineers: Wounds

Ilsa J Bick

A latest compilation of stories from the best-selling eBook series finds Corsi, Soloman, and Gomez struggling with demons from their past while endeavoring to solve a murder aboard the starship da Vinci and heal the scars of a pre-war Dominion-occupied planet. **TP \$19.95**

Destiny 02: Mere Mortals

David Mack

With the Borg using a secret passage to attack the Federation, Captain Picard must find the gate to lead a counterstrike to stop the invasion, while Captain Riker and the crew of the Titan are held hostage by the alien Caeliar, and their only hope lies in a fellow prisoner whom they are not sure they can trust. **APB \$14.95**

Star Wars

Complete Star Wars Encyclopedia

Stephen J Sansweet

Updated for the first time in a decade, a deluxe, two-volume encyclopedia covers the entire Star Wars universe, including everything having to do with the six films, radio dramas, books, comics, video games, and more, with information on the characters, production, special effects, chronology, and the like, all enhanced with full-color illustrations. **HC \$250**

Death Star

The Death Star is one of the great icons of the science fiction genre. Now veteran Star Wars authors Michael Reaves and Steve Perry join forces to tell the story of the Death Star, from the start of its construction to its final destruction at the hands of Luke Skywalker and the Rebel Alliance. New characters flesh out the human aspect of the tale with pathos and bathos; familiar characters, like Darth Vader and Moff Tarkin, the architect of the Death Star, also have their parts to play. Even Luke, Princess Leia, Han Solo, and Chewbacca the Wookiee, show up in cameo roles, from the familiar movie scenes when they were captured on and then escaped from the Death Star. DEATH STAR is a book for all Star Wars fans -- not just the core fans who read everything the so-called "expanded universe" has to offer, but also all those who loved the original movies. **APB \$21.95**

Clone Wars: Clone Wars Book 2

Karen Miller

The Jedi Knights lead the battle against a powerful droid army of separatists, while Anakin Skywalker mentors his first Padawan, a girl named Ahsoka, learning the skills of a warrior and becoming a hero of the Clone Wars, in a second novelization based on the new television animated series. **TP \$29.95 HC \$49.95**

Miniatures: Clone Wars Battles Scenario Pack Mandalorian Wars Figurine \$60

Torchwood

Almost Perfect

James Goss

Emma is 30, single and frankly desperate. She woke up this morning with nothing to look forward to but another evening of unsuccessful speed-dating. But now she has a new weapon in her quest for Mr Right. And it's made her almost perfect.

Gwen Cooper woke up this morning expecting the unexpected. As usual. She went to work and found a skeleton at a table for two and a colleague in a surprisingly glamorous dress. Perfect.

Ianto Jones woke up this morning with no memory of last night. He went to work, where he caused amusement, suspicion and a little bit of jealousy. Because Ianto Jones woke up this morning in the body of a woman. And he's looking just about perfect.

And Jack Harkness has always had his doubts about Perfection. **HC \$24.95**

Pack Animals

Peter Anghelides

Shopping for wedding gifts is enjoyable, unless like Gwen you witness a Weevil massacre in the shopping centre. A trip to the zoo is a great day out, until a date goes tragically wrong and Ianto is badly injured by stolen alien tech. And Halloween is a day of fun and frights, before unspeakable monsters invade the streets of Cardiff and it's no longer a trick or a treat for the terrified population.

Torchwood can control small groups of scavengers, but now someone has given large numbers of predators a season ticket to Earth. Jack's investigation is hampered when he finds he's being investigated himself. Owen is convinced that it's just one guy who's toying with them. But will Torchwood find out before it's too late that the game is horribly real, and the deck is stacked against them? **HC \$24.95**

Sky Point

Phil Ford

'If you're going to be anyone in Cardiff, you're going to be at SkyPoint!'

SkyPoint is the latest high-rise addition to the ever-developing Cardiff skyline. It's the most high-tech, avant-garde apartment block in the city. And it's where Rhys Williams is hoping to find a new home for himself and Gwen. Gwen's more concerned by the money behind the tower block - Besnik Lucca, a name she knows from her days in uniform.

When Torchwood discover that residents have been going missing from the tower block, one of the team gets her dream assignment. Soon SkyPoint's latest newly married tenants are moving in. And Toshiko Sato finally gets to make a home with Owen Harper.

Then something comes out of the wall. **HC \$24.95**

The Torchwood Archives

Separate from the Government

Outside the police

Beyond the United Nations.

Founded by Queen Victoria in 1879, the Torchwood Institute has long battled against alien threats to the British Empire. The Torchwood Archives is an insider's look into the secret world of this unique investigative team.

In-depth background on personnel, case files on alien enemies of the Crown and descriptions of extra-terrestrial technology collected over the years will uncover more about the world of Torchwood than ever previously known, including some of the biggest mysteries surrounding the Rift in space and time running through Cardiff.

Beautifully designed throughout with full-colour photos and original illustrations, The Torchwood Archives will be an essential guide for all Torchwood fans. **HC \$45**

V

V: Original Miniseries

Kenneth Johnson

Kenneth Johnson's Warner Bros television series V swept the nation and drew in hundreds of millions of viewers worldwide. Now, the novel V is finally back in print, with an all-new, never-before-seen revised ending.

V tells the exciting story of mysterious Alien visitors who are ready to solve Earth's problems. But soon after arriving, the Aliens true nature is revealed, and like so many oppressive regimes of Earth's past, as long as people are not directly under attack, they will turn a blind eye to their tyrannical overlords. Now it is up to a small band of resistance fighters who know the aliens true nature to stand up for all of humanity. Few people are quick to join their cause, and the fight to expose the aliens to the public will not be an easy one.

With fast-paced action, political intrigue and memorable characters, V is sure to stir fond memories for fans of the original miniseries, as well as make fans out of a new generation. **HC \$45**

V: The Second Generation

Kenneth Johnson

With Earth reeling under the alien Visitors' brutal control, the human underground may finally get the chance to thwart their reptilian overlords when another alien race answers the call for help in defeating the Visitors, but now humans are confronted by an all new question--can their new alien allies really be trusted? **APB \$19.95**

Vampire Knight

Vampire Knight 5

Matsuri Hino

At twilight at the Cross Academy, when the students of the Day Class return to their dorm, they cross paths with the Night Class on their way to school, but it's up to Yuki Cross and Zero Kiryu, the Guardians of the school, to protect the Day Class from the Academy's dark secret: the Night Class is full of vampires! **PB \$20.95**

Dragonlance

New Adventures Goodlund 01: Warrior's Heart

Stephen D Sullivan

Catriona Goodlund was born to be a warrior. Now, after years on the road to knighthood, protecting and saving her friends, it's time for Cat to face the secrets of her past and finally decide her future.

But when she returns to her hometown, she finds the Heart of Purespring gone and destruction all around. With everything she's ever loved lost to her, Catriona must make her choice: revenge or redemption? **BPB \$12**

Ogre Titans 02: The Fire Rose

Richard A Knaak

After his victory over an army of the undead, Golgren, the last Grand Khan of his people, has confirmed his leadership, but now he races against time to find a powerful magical artifact, the Fire Rose, before his deadly rivals, the Ogre Titans, and other powerful and evil enemies can gain control over it. **APB \$16**

Forgotten Realms

Abolethic Sovereignty 01: Plague of Spells

Bruce R Cordell

29 Tarsakh, 1385 DR

The horizon was on fire.

Raidon Kane emerges from the Spellplague with a sapphire tattoo burned into his flesh, strange supernatural powers, and eleven missing years.

The world had ended. How could he forget that?

His daughter is dead. His home has been destroyed. His life is empty save for one thing.

Everything faded to blue, then to nothing.

Revenge. **APB \$16**

Blades of the Moonsea 01: Swordmage

Richard Baker

Aesperus, the King in Copper

He was a fearsome necromancer who ruled over this part of the Moonsea hundreds of years ago, and survives as an undead lich who commands the dead of the barrowfields as his slaves.

Too many things that should lie dead and buried under stone rise and walk the Highfells once their tombs are breached.

No one is to open a tomb anywhere within land claimed by Hulburg, and it is considered high treason to collect anything of value buried in a barrow.

It's one of the few laws the Harmachs enforce without mercy.

But someone is robbing them anyway.

Geran studied the Chainsmen surrounding them. Eight on the street and possibly more in the alehouse or another place nearby, and most looked like they knew how to use the cudgels at their belts. It would be easier to play their game and buy them off with a couple of silver pennies . . . but the thought of paying for safe passage in his own home town did not sit well with him. Besides, Geran told himself. They're probably not as reasonable as they say they are.

Geran, a swordmage exiled from the elven city of Myth Drannor, returns home to find the once peaceful Moonsea town of Hulburg under the thumb of greedy and ruthless merchants.

"I am here to offer you power, Warchief -- the power to make yourself the king of all Thar. Every tribe in this land will call you master and do as you bid them. They will call you lord, pay you tribute, and march as you command. I can arm your warriors with a thousand hauberks of good steel mail. I can give you ten Warlock Knights to wield their battle-magic in your service. And I have control over a number of strong monsters from the high mountains -- manticores, giants, chimeras, even a young dragon or two. They will be yours to command. Tell me, Warchief, what would you do with an army such as that?"

Kardhel, a Warlock Knight of Vaasa, stirs the violent passions of a tribe of brutal orcs, and sends them to Hulburg bent on pillage.

The lich laughed coldly. "What do I care for your lives?" he said. He stretched out his clawlike hand and made a small gesture, and the Infiernadex was wrenched out of Geran's grasp by some unseen force. The book soared to the lich's hand, and Aesperus twisted what remained of his face into a horrible smile. "Good-bye, Geran Hulmaster. I expect that you and I will speak again soon, when you have been laid under stone as your forefathers were."

And Aesperus, the King in Copper, rises from the dead once more to terrorize them all, and protect a secret beyond imagination. **APB \$16**

Twilight War 03: Shadowrealm

Paul S Kemp

Terror lives in its eyes, and death in its hands.

The Shadowstorm descends on Sembia, and leaves nothing but horror in its wake.

We must kill Kesson Rel to stop the Shadowstorm, but we cannot afford to elevate Erevis Cale in his place. There is a way. There must be. Find it.

No war can be fought without loss, but in a war against an enemy with souls as black as the darkest shadows, sometimes the only way to win is to die with your spirit intact. **APB \$16**

Gears of War

Aspho Fields

Karen Traviss

An official tie-in novel to the blockbuster Xbox video game Gears of War provides a prequel to the game by providing the characters back-stories and looking at some of the events that had shaped the world of Gears of War. **TP \$26.95**

Halo

Cole Protocol

Tobias S Buckell

A latest installment in the best-selling series based on the popular Xbox™ game follows the adventures that began with Contact Harvest and Ghosts of Onyx. **TP \$30.95 CD \$75**

Hellgate London 03

Covenant

Mel Odom

London, 2038. Man became dependent on science, believed only what he could define or create. Ancient knowledge and rituals were lost. Prophecies ignored. So when the harbingers of evil began to manifest, few saw and fewer believed. So when the demons came there was little to stand in their way. Emerging from the swirling chaotic Hellgate, they overwhelmed humanity's defenses. 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. They are banding together and they are learning. Learning how to travel undetected. Learning how to forge effective weapons. Learning how to harness the forgotten power of magic and fuse it with science. Learning how to kill demons and close the Hellgate. **PB \$22.99**

Monsterpocalypse

***Monsterpocalypse 2* Comic \$8**

Warhammer

Massacre in Marienburg

David Bishop

Marienburg is the greatest port of the Old World, a melting pot of different cultures and races. When he is made a captain of the watch, ex Imperial army officer Kurt Schnell soon finds his promotion is a poison chalice. His watch station is in the worst part of town, his men are scum, strange creatures prowl the streets at night - what more could possibly go wrong? **APB \$16**

Condemned by Fire

Dan Abnett & Ian Edginton

Driven to investigate after he hears that the nearby village of Loughville has fallen prey to the canker of Chaos, Witch Hunter Magnus Gault finds the buildings rancid and rotted and the villagers wretched and mutated, eager to prey upon any lost soul who should come their way. **GN \$30.95**

Warhammer 40K

Imperial Guard

Steve Lyons, Steve Parker & Mitchel Scanlon

Three hardcore Imperial Guard novels in one mighty volume

Three stories set upon the myriad theatres of battle of the Warhammer 40,000 universe that focus on the Imperial Guard, the brave and stalwart soldiers of the Imperium. Themes of survival, honour, sacrifice and bravery are all examined in Fifteen Hours, Death World and Rebel Winter.

BPB \$29

Dark Disciple

Anthony Reynolds

Ever driven by his lust for power, Marduk, now Dark Apostle of the Word Bearers Chaos Space Marine Legion, strives to unlock the secrets of an ancient and deadly artefact. This quest throws him and the Word Bearers into a deadly warzone and a desperate battle between their Imperial enemies and the alien dark eldar. Surrounded by foes, this could be the Dark Apostle's sternest test yet. **APB \$16**

Horus Heresy 09: Mechanicum

Graham McNeill

The next instalment in the ground-breaking Horus Heresy series

As the flames of treachery spread outwards through the Imperium, Horus mobilises those forces who are loyal to him, and plots to subvert or destroy those who aren't. A battle is being fought for the heart and soul of all the Imperial forces - the Astartes, the Imperial Army, the Titan Legions and more.

In this epic story, author Graham McNeill tells the story of the civil war on Mars, and the genesis of the Dark Mechanicum. **APB \$17**

Witcher 02

Blood of Elves

Andrzej Sapkowski

For more than a hundred years humans, dwarves, gnomes and elves lived together in relative peace. But times have changed, the uneasy peace is over and now the races once again fight each other - and themselves: dwarves are killing their kinsmen, and elves are murdering humans and elves, at least those elves who are friendly to humans . . .

Into this tumultuous time is born a child for whom the witchers of the world have been waiting. Ciri, the granddaughter of Queen Calanthe, the Lioness of Cintra, has strange powers and a stranger destiny, for prophecy names her the Flame, one with the power to change the world - for good, or for evil . . .

Geralt, the witcher of Rivia, has taken Ciri to the relative safety of the Witchers' Settlement, but it soon becomes clear that Ciri isn't like the other witchers. As the political situation grows ever dimmer and the threat of war hangs almost palpably over the land, Geralt searches for someone to train Ciri's unique powers. But someone else has an eye on the young girl, someone who understand exactly what the prophecy means - and exactly what Ciri's power can do.

This time Geralt may have met his match. **TP \$32.99**

World of Warcraft

02: Night of the Dragon

Richard A Knaak

A follow-up to Day of the Dragon finds the wizard and dragon Krasus struggling to protect the younger races of Azeroth from the Undead Scourge, demons, and his fellow dragons, despite the threat of imminent war. **TP \$32.95**

Roleplaying Games & Boardgames

Monsters Menace America

Giant monsters rampage across America. How cool is that! I can play a game of mass destruction. **\$59.95**

Nexus Ops **\$59.95**

Sword and Skull **\$59.95**

Axis and Allies

Axis and Allies Anniversary Edition

Spring 1941, The World is at War!

Axis & Allies celebrates 50 years of Avalon Hill games with this Anniversary Edition of the classic World War II strategy board game. Designed by Larry Harris, A&A Anniversary Edition will utilize the standard D6 combat system found in Axis & Allies Revised, Europe, & Pacific. Italy will debut as the third Axis nation, China will be operated by the US player, and cruiser class ships will join the naval line-up for the first time. The largest board ever produced for an A&A game, along with deluxe components will ensure this is the granddaddy of all Axis & Allies board games. Deploy your forces and prepare for battle!

Axis & Allies: Anniversary Edition details:

- * Designed by Larry Harris, creator of Axis & Allies
- * Italy introduced as the third Axis nation
- * Two set-up options: Spring 1941 and Spring 1942
- * Cruiser class ships join the naval unit line-up
- * China included as US controlled ally
- * New sculpts for Italy, China, and others
- * Game board measures ~ 24" x 46"
- * Over 600 game pieces
- * 48 page rulebook **Game \$140**

Carcassonne

Carcassonne: Cult, Siege and Creativity

Game Description: The Cult adds 6 tiles, Siege adds 4, and creativity lets you design your own. **\$13**

Warhammer 40K RPG

Disciples of the Dark Gods

The corruption of the Dark Gods reaches deep into the fabric of the Imperium, twisting and subverting countless human souls in their endless thirst for power. This mighty tome details this myriad of cults, secret societies and powerful personalities that players might be forced to face in their service to the Inquisition. **HC \$100**

d20 Dungeons & Dragons 4E

Manual of the Planes

If you seek to stem this tide of chaos at its source, follow my lead—I set out for the dreaded Abyss on the morrow. —Lord Amgar the Bold, Paladin of Bahamut

The planes have always been a place of great mystery and danger in the Dungeons & Dragons Roleplaying Game, and the new array of planes debuting in 4th Edition continue that grand tradition. Home to gods and devils, demons and genies, fey and titans, these strange dimensions offer unlimited adventure opportunities for Dungeon Masters and their players.

Manual of the Planes explores the many planes introduced in the 4th Edition Dungeon Master's Guide. This useful travel guide also comes in handy for players seeking to battle demons, devils, elementals, and other iconic D&D monsters native to the planes. **HC \$45**

Adventure P2: Demon Queen's Enclave

A D&D adventure designed to take characters from 14th to 17th level. The heroes must unravel the plots of the vile minions of Lolth, the infamous Demon Queen of Spiders. Along the way they'll face off against drow, demons and worse!

This adventure can be run as a stand-alone or as Part Two of a three part series of adventures (starting with P1 King of the Trollhaunt Warrens) that spans 10 levels of gameplay. **TP \$50**

Warmachine Mercenaries

Mercenaries: Doc Killingsworth

Doc is both the ship's cook and the ship's surgeon, and he finds his talent with sharpened knives useful in both roles. Doc has an enthusiasm for treating the wounded, but his patients are uneasy, such that often the mere threat of treatment is enough to convince them to fight on. **\$20**

Other Books

Books in this section are unlikely to be held as stock, but are available by request.

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.

AWW Party Cakes

Little party cakes are becoming very popular at birthday parties and for children to take to school and pre-school. They're fun to make and children love the idea of a birthday cake especially made for them. There are animals and insects, space creatures and cricket balls, farmyards and cars and trains and ghosts. Most cakes are decorated with readily available lollies and chocolates so you don't need cake decorating experience to make something wonderful. **TP \$29.95**

Boy From Bowral

\$29.95

I Can Has Cheezburger

The definitive guide to the cute, strange and esoteric world of lolcats and lolcat speak. Instead of just slapping some lolcats on the page and calling it a book, ICHC proposes a more helpful approach, hosted by Professor Hapycat. In his Guide to Lolcats, Professor Hapycat shows the reader the finer points of ICHC's most popular memes, including Caturday; Monorail Cat; Im in ur X, Y-ing ur Z; Invisible X; I has a flavor; Halp!; Do Not Want; Oh Noes! and many more. Each page includes an official lolcat definition of the meme along with pronunciation and examples of real life lolcat situations (i.e. iz u reddy for mah lolcat book?). In approximately 150-200 user and owner generated photos, lolcat lovers can get their fix, even when they're unplugged. **HC \$29.99**

Stephen E Andrews

100 Must Read Science Fiction Novels

Want to become a science-fiction buff, or expand your reading in your favourite genre? This is a good place to start! From the publishers of the popular Good Reading Guide comes a rich selection of some of the finest sci-fi novels ever published. With 100 of the best titles fully reviewed and a further 500 recommended, you'll quickly become an expert in the world of science-fiction.

The book allows you to browse by theme, including special categories like 'science-fiction and film adaptations'. Also includes 'a reader's fast-guide to the world of science-fiction', and lists of award winners and book club recommendations. Foreword by Christopher Priest, an award-winning science-fiction author (with a major film adaptation of his book, *The Prestige*, launching at the time of publication). **PB \$16.95**

100 Must-Read Books for Men

What do men like to read? This latest title in the successful 100 Must-read series provides a rich crop of selected reads of eternal fascination to men everywhere. With 100 titles fully featured and over 500 recommended, there is something for everyone, from the macho to the sentimental, sex, drugs and rock and roll, old age, childhood, power, seduction, courage and adventure. Written by two experienced male booksellers and writers, the selection draws from a wide range of genres: crime, thrillers, cult classics, classics, biography and non-fiction. Deftly researched with the male audience in mind, this book is an enabling tool for extending your range of reading. Books featured include: *Crashby* J.G. Ballard, *Junkieby* William S. Burroughs, *American Psycho* Bret Easton Ellis, *Steppenwolf* by Herman Hesse, *Master and Commander* by Patrick O'Brian, *The Book of Dave* by Will Self, *Touching the Void* by Joe Simpson and *Bonfire of the Vanities* by Tom Wolfe. **PB \$16.95**

David Baldacci

The Whole Truth

Nicolas Creel is a man on a mission. He heads up the world's largest defence contractor, The Ares Corporation. He's retained Dick Pender to "perception manage" his company to even more riches by manipulating world conflicts. However, Creel may have an even grander plan in mind. Shaw (no first name), a man with a truly unique past, travels the world reluctantly doing the bidding of a secret multi-national intelligence agency in order to keep the world at peace-and safe. Katie James, a journalist who will do anything to get back to the top of her profession, has just gotten the break of a lifetime, the chance to interview the sole survivor of a massacre that has left citizens around the world stunned.

In this terrifying thriller with a global backdrop, these characters' lives will collide head-on as a series of events is set in motion that could change the world as we know it. An utterly spellbinding story that feels all-too-real, *The Whole Truth* delivers all the twists and turns, emotional drama, unforgettable characters, and can't-put-it-down pacing that Baldacci fans expect – and still goes beyond anything he's written before. **APB \$19.99**

L A Banks, Tananarive Due & Brandon Massey

The Ancestors

Drawing upon African and African-American ancestral myths and beliefs, this spiningling collection of three novellas includes Brandon Massey's "The Patriarch," in which a young writer travels to the backwoods of Mississippi where a generations-old feud is horrifyingly reignited. **TP \$28.95**

Ronald Barrett & Peter Bruzzese

Administrator's Guide to Microsoft Office 2007 Servers

Forms Server 2007, Groove Server 2007, Live Communications Server 2007, Performance Point Server 2007, Project Portfolio Server 2007, Project Server 2007 Provides information on the seven Microsoft Office servers, covering the benefits of each server along with instructions on their installation and configuration options. **TP \$49.95**

Robert G Barrett Australian Author

High Noon in Nimbin **TP \$32.99**

Ambrose Bierce

The Devil's Dictionary

A word book, straight up, with a twist, *The Devil's Dictionary* is an American classic. A Yankee Oscar Wilde with a wicked edge to his tongue, Ambrose Bierce, friend and rival of Mark Twain was one of America's first great writers and journalists. His razor-sharp wit and underlying rage against hypocrisy are perfectly complemented by Ralph Steadman's equally incisive pen-and-ink illustrations. **PB \$23.95**

Stephen Bissette, Christopher Golden & Hank Wagner

Prince of Stories: The Many Worlds of Neil Gaiman

A detailed analysis of the works of the best-selling pop culture writer draws on exclusive interviews to discuss his influence on genres ranging from literature and theater to anime and comics, in a detailed reference that includes character profiles, reproductions of rare stories, and trivia. **HC \$55**

Rita Mae Brown & Sneaky Pie Brown

Santa Clawed (Mrs Murphy Mystery)

After the discovery of a body on a Christmas tree farm owned by the Brothers of Love, a semi-monastic organization, Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen seeks a murderer as prominent men of Crozet, Virginia, continue to turn up dead. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Caulfield

War Behind the Wire

Australia has a long history of private sadness and quiet courage arising from her men and women being taken as prisoners of war. More than 34 000 have so far ended up in captivity; over 100 in the Boer War, more than 4 000 in WWI, just 30 during the Korean War, none in Vietnam - and the biggest of them all, WWII, when 30 560 Australian men and women were taken prisoner - that's more than all the Australians killed in action during the entire six years of the war. The total number of Australian deaths during WWII, nearly thirty per cent, one in every three, were prisoners. Many of these men and women lost years of their lives, wasting away behind the wire. They endured a world where only the basics mattered - food, discipline, some small skerrick of hope...and survival. In WAR BEHIND THE WIRE, Michael Caulfield presents stories from the Australians at War Film Archive that follows the stories of the POWs from capture to eventual liberation. The book ranges across all the wars, from the men and women trapped under the ruthless Japanese regime, to the forgotten POWs of the Germans and the Italians, captured in Greece, or Crete, or Libya or Syria, or those who simply fell from the skies somewhere over occupied Europe. It ventures into the experiences of those who were taken by ambush in the scrubby hills and ranges of Korea and even encompasses the tales of civilian prisoners, caught up in war by tragic accident. WAR BEHIND THE WIRE is a powerful and compelling insight into lives not often revealed. **TP \$35**

James Clavell

Shogun

An epic saga of one Pilot-Major John Blackthorne, and his integration into the struggles and strife of feudal Japan. Both entertaining and incisive, SHOGUN is a stunningly dramatic re-creation of a very different world. Starting with his shipwreck on this most alien of shores, the novel charts Blackthorne's rise from the status of reviled foreigner up to the heights of trusted advisor and eventually, Samurai. All as civil war looms over the fragile country. **BPB \$29.95**

Susan Conant

All Shots (Dog Lover's Mystery)

While searching for a missing Siberian husky, Cambridge, Massachusetts, malamute trainer Holly Winter stumbles upon the corpse of a woman calling herself Holly Winter and investigates a crime that could be linked to the town's third Holly Winter, a dog-hating academic. **APB \$19.95**

Jennifer Crusie

Getting Rid of Bradley

A rollicking contemporary romance follows Lucy Savage as she goes up against her cheating ex-husband, recovers from a horrid dye job that has left her hair green, and joins forces with sexy cop Zack Warren when someone tries to kill her. **APB \$17.95**

Richard van Emdem

The Soldiers' War

November 2008 sees the 90th anniversary of the end of the Great War, 'the war to end all wars' that still haunts and fascinates in equal measure. Richard van Emdem's new book tells that story as never before through the voices of more than 270 veterans. The Soldiers' War includes incredible previously never published letters and photographs to reveal the true stories of a lost generation. The Soldiers' War traces the war chronologically, taking stories from each year of the fighting and following the British Tommy through devastating battles and trench warfare to the armistice in 1918. The book also reflects on other lesser-known and more personal aspects of the war, such as the work of stretcher-bearers, army chaplains and burial parties. Each chapter will begin with an exploration of the soldiers' post-war attitudes to an emotive and controversial aspect of the conflict. What were their attitudes towards the enemy? What did the troops at the front line really think about their generals? Did they remember their time in the war with any fondness? Central to The Soldiers' War are the original and as-yet-unseen photographs that punctuate the narrative. Many soldiers carried lightweight VPK cameras (Vest Pocket Kodaks) and used them (illegally) to photograph the war as it unfolded. Close to one hundred remarkable images will, for the first time, show trench-warfare as it really happened. **HC \$49.95**

Tim Flach

Equus

No animal has captured the human imagination quite like the horse, depicted in cave drawings thousands of years ago through countless renderings in paint, clay, ink, even film. In his first book, award-winning photographer Tim Flach's quest to document the horse has resulted in Equus, an intensely moving look at an animal as solitary subject and en masse, from the air and from underwater whose history is so powerfully linked to our own. From exquisite Arabians in the Royal Yards of the United Arab Emirates to purebred Icelandic horses in their glacial habitat; from the soulful gaze of a single horse's lash-lined eye to the thundering majesty of thousands of mustangs racing across the plains of Utah, Equus provides an amazing and unique insight into the physical dynamics and spirit of the horse. **HC \$100**

Christopher Forrest

The Genesis Code

When Joshua Ambergris, a Nobel Prize-winning geneticist, is murdered just hours before announcing his discovery of a coded text within human DNA, his two assistants, Christian Madison and Grace Nguyen, uncover a dangerous conspiracy of murder and secrets spanning all of human history. A first novel. **APB \$17.95**

Tom Frame Australian Author

HMAS Sydney

On 19 November 1941, the pride of the Australian Navy, the light cruiser Sydney, fought a close-quarters battle with the German armed raider HSK Kormoran off Carnarvon on the West Australian coast. Both ships sank and not one of the 645 men on board the Sydney survived. Was Sydney's captain guilty of negligence by allowing his ship to manoeuvre within range of Kormoran's guns? Did the Germans feign surrender before firing a torpedo at the Sydney as she prepared to despatch a boarding party? This updated edition covers the recent discovery of the wreck with the light this sheds on the events of that day 67 years ago, and the closure it has brought to so many grieving families. Tom Frame has produced the most comprehensive and compelling account of the loss of HMAS Sydney to date. His judgements are fair and his conclusions reasoned. If you only read one book on this tragic event in Australian naval history, and want all the facts and theories presented in a balanced way, Tom Frame's book is for you. Vice Admiral Russ Shalders AO CSC RANR Chief of Navy, 2005-08. **TP \$35**

Diana Gabaldon

Lord John and the Hand of Devils (Lord John)

A keepsake collection of Lord John Grey's shorter adventures and a spectacular addition to any Gabaldon fan's library, *Lord John and the Hand of the Devils* brings these three unique novellas together for the first time.

Lord John and the Hellfire Club marks the first appearance of Lord John outside the *Outlander* novels (and chronologically precedes the novel *Lord John and the Private Matter*). A young diplomat is killed in the street as he begs Lord John for help. Witnessing the murder, Grey vows to avenge the young man, as the trail leads to the notorious Hellfire Club and the dark caves beneath Medmenham Abbey.

In *Lord John and the Succubus*, Grey's assignment as liaison to a Hanoverian regiment in Germany finds him caught between two threats: the advancing French and Austrian army, and the menace of a mysterious 'night-hag,' who spreads fear and death among the troops. Acknowledging that he is unlikely to fall victim to a succubus, Lord John is obliged to contend with the marauding night-hag before the enemy arrives. This tale with a touch of the supernatural bridges the action between Gabaldon's two full-length Lord John tales. Finally, in *Lord John and the Haunted Soldier*, Lord John is called to the Arsenal at Woolwich to answer a Royal Commission of Enquiry's questions regarding a cannon that exploded during the battle of Krefeld (a central action in *Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade*). Accusations ensue, and Lord John finds himself knee-deep in a morass of gunpowder, treason, and plot -- haunted by a dead lieutenant, and followed by a man with no face. **APB \$23.95**

Eric Harr

Triathlon Training in Four Hours a Week: From Beginner to Finish Line in Just Six Weeks

A training program for prospective triathlon athletes with a minimum of running experience covers how to prepare in about five hours per week, covering a different sport in each chapter and offering additional information on how to tailor a workout for individual needs. **TP \$35.95**

David Hewson

Dante's Numbers

"Allan Prime's eyes were as large as any man's Peroni had ever seen. He looked ready to die of fright, even before the bright, shining spear with the blood-soaked tip reached his head..."

The death mask of the poet Dante is to be exhibited at the premiere of a controversial film, *Inferno*, based on his epic work. But at the grand unveiling this priceless artefact is replaced by a macabre death mask of the film's star, Allen Prime. And minutes later, the leading actress, Maggie Flavier, is threatened before her attacker is shot. After footage of Prime's murder is shown over the internet, the Carabinieri are determined to take over the investigation, certain that a crazed Dante fan is behind the killing. Nic Costa and his team follow the movie to its next showing in San Francisco, to safeguard the remaining items and hoping to recover the stolen death mask. However, in California the mystery deepens, with confusing new clues about the deaths in Rome. With the Carabinieri and local authorities distracted by false leads, can Costa protect Maggie, find the truth and stop the killer – all before life imitates art? **TP \$32.99**

Kay Hooper

Blood Sins (Bishop / Special Crimes)

As they investigate a series of brutal murders, Noah Bishop's Special Crimes Unit teams up with Haven, the civilian agency he helped launch, to take on the Church of the Everlasting Sin and its charismatic leader, the Reverend Adam Deacon, a puppet master insulated by loyal minions ready to guard him with their lives. **HC \$51.95**

Blood Dreams (Bishop / Special Crimes Unit)

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. **APB \$18.95**

Kim Johnson

Monty Python's Tunisian Holiday (Monty Python)

A unique insider's look at the legendary Pythons in their prime, at work and at play, during the making of one of their timeless comedy classics – with forewords by John Cleese, Michael Palin, Terry Jones and Eric Idle.

Monty Python is, arguably, more popular today than it was nearly 40 years ago, when the group first burst onto the comedy scene. Since that time, new generations continue to discover the wit, the genius, and the sheer silliness of the six men that comprised Python.

In 1978, Kim "Howard" Johnson spent several weeks in Tunisia on the set of *Life of Brian* and kept a detailed journal of what he saw and heard on the set. The result is a unique, eyewitness account that reveals the Pythons at work in a way that nothing else written about them could do. *Monty Python's Tunisian Holiday: My Life With Brian* presents a piece of history that very few have ever been able to experience – a peek on the set of a classic Python film. **HC \$45**

Manjit Kumar

Quantum: Einstein, Bohr and the Great Debate about the Nature of Reality

Without quantum theory our world would not exist. Yet for sixty years most physicists believed that quantum theory denied the very existence of reality itself. In this tour-de-force of science history, Manjit Kumar shows how the golden age of physics ignited the greatest intellectual debate of the twentieth century. Quantum theory is weird. In 1905 Albert Einstein suggested that light was a particle, not a wave, defying two hundred years of experiments. As Niels Bohr said, if you weren't shocked by quantum theory, you didn't really understand it. In 1925 the quantum pioneers nearly all hailed from upper-middle-class academic families; most were German; and their average age was twenty-four. Kumar's centrepiece is the fierce battle between Einstein and Bohr about the nature of reality and the soul of science. 'Bohr brainwashed a whole generation of physicists into believing that the problem had been solved' lamented the Nobel Prize-winning physicist Murray Gell-Mann. After nearly eighty years, Einstein has been vindicated. **HC \$49.95**

Jeff Lindsay

Dexter Omnibus (Dexter 01, 02, 03)

DARKLY DREAMING DEXTER: Dexter Morgan can't stand the sight of blood. Which makes his job as a blood spatter analyst for the Miami PD a little tricky. But it means that he's very tidy when it comes to his hobby: murder. After all, even though Dexter only ever kills bad people, he doesn't want to draw attention to it. But now there's another killer out there who's being a whole lot less subtle.

DEARLY DEVOTED DEXTER: Miami's best-dressed serial killer is getting twitchy - he hasn't killed for months. Ever since their paths first crossed, Sergeant Doakes hasn't let Dexter Morgan out of his sight. Then a body turns up, mutilated and barely alive. To trap the torturer, Doakes and Dexter will have to work together, if they can trust each other. It's a devil's pact and one of them will have to be the bait...

DEXTER IN THE DARK: When Dexter is brought in to analyse a charred headless corpse, it seems he's dealing with a killer even more sinister than he is, and one with a personal interest in him. And with Dexter now having a wedding to plan and a family to protect, the stakes are high. As he realises his step-children might share his blood-lust, if he's ever to help them target it, Dexter will first have to stay alive himself. **TP \$35**

Chris Martin

Golfer's Pocket Companion

From the serious (the origins of golf) to the bizarre (moon golf) the informative (the perfect teeheight) to the ridiculous (snow golf) The Golfers Pocket Companion takes the reader down a fairway of notes quotes facts and stats. The market for this book is global and growing. Internationally golf is one of the most popular sports today with more and more magazines on the subject appearing on the market many aimed at the young or punk golfer some are even calling the sport the new rock and roll. In the 1950s golf was generally a sport enjoyed by the privileged minority in one or two countries but today it is played by all classes from China to the U.S. There are millions of courses around the world and there are even holidays catering just for golfers. **HC \$19.99**

Andy McDermott

The Secret of Excalibur

The third brilliant adventure thriller featuring archaeologist Nina Wilde, in which Nina must find Excalibur, King Arthur's beloved sword. Said to make whoever holds it unstoppable in battle, the sword Excalibur has been coveted across the ages, and thought lost for over a thousand years. With a cryptic message to archaeologist Nina Wilde, this may be about to change. Historian Bernd Rust believes he can locate Excalibur... and that the sword is the key to harnessing an incredible source of energy. Nina is sceptical until she and Rust are attacked by mercenaries determined to steal his research. Nina and her boyfriend, ex-SAS soldier Eddie Chase, are soon propelled into a deadly race to find Excalibur. From the deserts of Syria to the arctic wastes of Russia, Nina and Chase must battle a merciless enemy who plans to use the sword's powers to plunge the world into a new era of war... **TP \$32.99**

Ian Mortimer

Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England

The past is a foreign country. This is your guidebook. Imagine you could get into a time machine and travel back to the fourteenth century. What would you see? What would you smell? More to the point, where are you going to stay? Should you go to a castle or a monastic guest house? And what are you going to eat? What sort of food are you going to be offered by a peasant or a monk or a lord? This radical new approach turns our entire understanding of history upside down. It shows us that the past is not just something to be studied; it is also something to be lived. It sets out to explain what life was like in the most immediate way, through taking you, the reader, to the middle ages, and showing you everything from the horrors of leprosy and war to the ridiculous excesses of roasted larks and haute couture. Being a guidebook, many questions are answered which do not normally occur in traditional history books.

How do you greet people in the street? What should you use for toilet paper? How fast - and how safely - can you travel? Why might a physician want to taste your blood? And how do you test to see if you are going down with the plague? The result is the most astonishing social history book you are ever likely to read: revolutionary in its concept, informative and entertaining in its detail, and startling for its portrayal of humanity in an age of violence, exuberance and fear. **HC \$59.95**

Grace Norwich

Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter)

Read all about everyone's favourite wizard in this updated biography on 18 year-old Daniel Radcliffe. **BPB \$16.95**

James Patterson

7th Heaven (Women's Murder Club 07)

Two cases have pushed Detective Lindsay Boxer to the limit.

A string of fatal arson attacks have broken out in San Francisco. The targets have one thing in common: they are all rich, successful, married couples. With four couples dead, Lindsay is determined to put a stop to the killings and trace the murderer.

Juggling cases, Lindsay has plenty on her mind. Michael Campion was a people's hero, a popular governor's son who publicly battled against a rare and debilitating heart illness. When he vanished without a trace one evening, his disappearance and the search to find him, dead or alive, hit the headlines daily. But the trail went cold very quickly. Now with a devastating new lead, Lindsay picks up the trail once more. But what is the link between the Campion case and the arson attacks?

With the help of her friends and fellow Women's Murder Club members - Yuki, an attorney feeling the strain of a high profile court case; Claire, a medical examiner trying to balance her career and her pregnancy and Cindy, the reporter for a San Francisco newspaper - Lindsay must race to find the suspects and stop the cold-blooded killers, and fast. **APB \$21.95**

You've Been Warned

For Karen Burns, a talented young photographer, it was only natural to go to New York to chase her dreams. And it was only normal - just to pay the rent while she waited for her big chance - to work as a nanny for a young power couple, an attorney and his socialite wife, looking after their two children. But for all the promise, the thrills, and the glitter, there are temptations and there are deadly dangers that come with life among the rich and powerful. Get ready for the Nanny Diaries from Hell. **PB \$19.99**

Don Pendleton

Final Resort (Executioner 361)

When a group of Middle Eastern freedom fighters takes over a luxury Cuban hotel after killing the passengers of a cruise ship, Mack Bolan must race against time to save the innocent guests from these heavily armed madmen who are prepared to die for their cause. **APB \$13.95**

Primary Directive (Stony Man 98)

Dispatched to Panama and the Mexican border where al Qaeda is using drug pipelines to funnel terrorists into the country, the Stony Man team, discovering a traitor in the highest-levels of U.S. security, must stop the threat at all costs. **APB \$17.95**

Jena Pincott

Do Gentlemen Prefer Blondes?

Q: Do Gentlemen Really Prefer Blondes?

A: Marilyn Monroe, Scarlet Johansson and Gwyneth Paltrow would be happy to know that they do.

During the Ice Age, when even cavemen were in short supply, the blonde woman really did get her man - simply because her light coloured hair made her stand out. Plus scientists have recently discovered that natural blondes have higher oestrogen levels. In short, golden (preferably long) hair shouts: 'I am young, sexy - and fertile' to every member of the male species within a few miles.

Q: When's the best time to seduce my man?

A: Your other half will definitely get more possessive and more attracted to you when you're ovulating and at your most fertile. You'll spend time on your make-up and choose next day's outfit before you go to bed. Your lips will be fuller, and your skin will be radiant because of the high levels of oestrogen being pumped through your blood. But don't get carried away by how sexy you feel. You are also more likely to be unfaithful during this period and your boyfriend is also likely to run away with another equally fertile member of the female species.

Q: How do I get him to change his wild lifestyle?

A: Get pregnant. Shocking but true. Fathers have lower testosterone levels than single men which means that they are more easy-going and less confrontational, they take fewer life threatening risks, and they are far less likely to have an affair with the leggier, skinnier blonde from the office.

HC \$34.95

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Dance of Death

Two brothers bound by blood, divided by hate . . .

FBI agent Aloysius Pendergast's greatest enemy is one who has stalked him all of his life - his cunning and diabolical brother Diogenes. And Diogenes has thrown down the gauntlet.

Now, several of the people closest to Pendergast are viciously murdered, and Pendergast is framed for the deeds. On the run from federal authorities, with only the help of his old friend NYPD Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta, Pendergast must stop his brother. But how can he stop a man that is his intellectual equal - one who has had twenty years to plan the world's most horrendous crime? **APB \$19.99**

James Rollins

Judas Strain

Buried deep within a jungle, ancient ruins conceal a deadly secret...

Buried in a tomb in Venice, a great explorer hides a truth that could shatter history...

Buried in our own genetic code, a mystery like no other...

But nothing stays buried forever - and it will be up to Sigma Force to face what will be unearthed: a plague beyond any cure, a scourge that turns all of Nature against mankind.

From the high seas of the Indian Ocean to the dark jungles of Southeast Asia, from the canals of Venice to the crypts of ancient kings, Sigma Force must piece together a mystery that, unless solved, will end all life on our planet. But even this challenge may prove too large for Sigma Force alone.

With a worldwide pandemic growing, Painter Crowe and Commander Gray Pierce turn to their deadliest adversaries for help, teaming up with a diabolical foe who thwarted them in the past. But can the enemy be trusted even now? Or will they prove to be another Judas...? **PB \$19.99**

R E Sheriff, L P Geldart & W M Telford

Applied Geophysics

This is the completely revised and updated version of the popular and highly regarded textbook, Applied Geophysics. It describes the physical methods involved in exploration for hydrocarbons and minerals, which include gravity, magnetic, seismic, electrical, electromagnetic, radioactivity, and well-logging methods. All aspects of these methods are described, including basic theory, field equipment, techniques of data acquisition, data processing and interpretation, with the objective of locating commercial deposits of minerals, oil, and gas and determining their extent.

Since the first edition of Applied Geophysics, many changes have taken place in this field, mainly as the result of new techniques, better instrumentation, and increased use of computers in the field and in the interpretation of data. The authors describe these changes in considerable detail, including improved methods of solving the inverse problem, specialized seismic methods, magnetotellurics as a practical exploration method, time-domain electromagnetic methods, increased use of gamma-ray spectrometers, and improved well-logging methods and interpretation. **TP \$240**

Bryan Sykes

Seven Daughters of Eve

In 1994 Professor Bryan Sykes, a renowned world authority on genetics, was called in to examine the frozen remains of a man trapped in ice in northern Italy. News of the discovery of the Ice Man and his age which Professor Sykes put at over five thousand years old, fascinated the world. But what made the story particularly extraordinary was that Professor Sykes was also able to track down a genetic ancestor of the Ice Man, a woman living in Britain today.

How was he able to locate a living relative of a man who died thousands of years beforehand? In THE SEVEN DAUGHTERS OF EVE, Bryan Sykes tells us of his scientific research into a strand of DNA, known as mitochondrial DNA, which passes undiluted from generation to generation through the maternal line making it possible to trace one's DNA throughout the world and throughout time. After plotting the sequences of sample DNA tissue, he found that they clustered around only seven main groups. The conclusion: almost everyone of European descent, wherever they live in the world, can trace their ancestry back to one of seven women, the so-called seven daughters of Eve. He has named them: Ursula, Tara, Helena, Katrina, Xenia, Jasmine and Valda.

In this remarkable scientific adventure story we learn exactly how our origins can be traced, how and where our ancient genetic clan lived, what their lives were like and how we are each living proof of the almost miraculous strength of our genetic make-up which has survived and prospered over so many thousands of years. It is a book that not only presents the story of the evolution of man in a wholly new light, but also strikes right at the heart of ourselves as individuals and our sense of identity. **BPB \$24.95**