



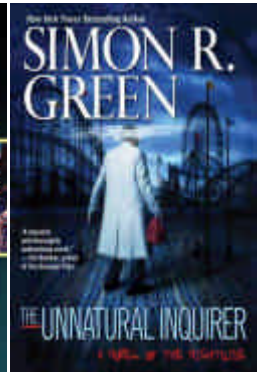
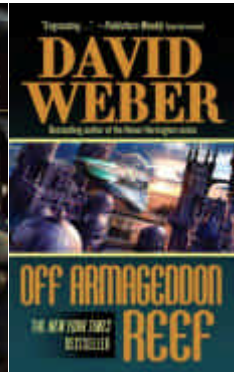
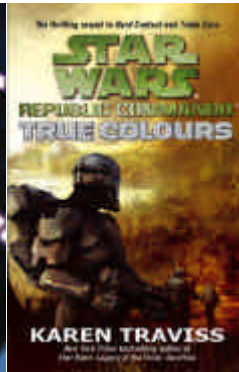
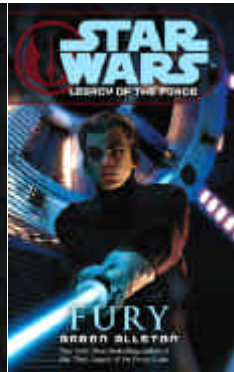
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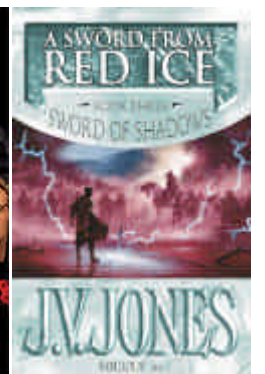
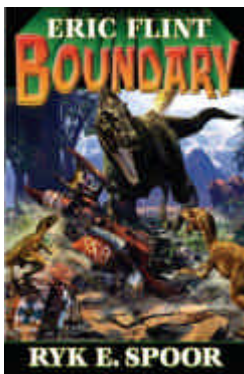
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Featured Books



Dan Abnett
Aaron Allston
Karen Traviss
James Swallow
John Ringo
David Weber
Simon R Green
Patricia Briggs
Eric Flint & Ryk E Spoor
Barb & J C Hendee
Laurell K Hamilton
Elizabeth Bear
J V Jones

Ravenor Rogue Warhammer 40K in paperback
Fury Star Wars Legacy of the Force 7 in paperback
Republic Commando True Colours Star Wars paperback
Relativity Stargate SG-1 paperback
East of the Sun, West of the Moon in paperback.
Off Armageddon Reef, paperback
The Unnatural Enquirer a new *Nightside* hardcover.
Iron Kissed Mercy Thompson book 3 in paperback.
Boundary in paperback.
Child of a Dead God Dhampir 6 in hardcover.
Mistral's Kiss paperback
Dust paperback first of a SF trilogy.
A Sword From Red Ice in trade paperback.



News

Rangers Apprentice film rights have been optioned to United Artist Films, so hopefully there will be a movie.
<http://www.rangersapprentice.com.au/RA%20Film%20Annoucement.pdf>

John Birmingham is offering fans a seek preview of his next novel on his blog
<http://birmo.journalspace.com/?cmd=displaycomments&dcid=916&entryid=916>

Harry Potter book sells for **£1.95 million**. Amazon.com has bought the only one of seven copies published of *The Tales of Beedle the Bard* which was available for purchase. The book was hand written and illustrated by J K Rowling, and each copy had an individual dedication, and a different stone inset in the cover. Images of the book are available at: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/feature.html?docId=1000179911>

Infinitas Short Story

Election Promises by Daniel S. S. Santos

Dave slowly opened his eyes, waking up to realise he was drooling all over the couch. He sat up and wiped the drool from his face, checking to make sure no one had seen. The lounge was empty. Jerry was probably in his room still asleep.

Dave stood up and instantly wished that he hadn't. Blood rushed to his head and pounded against the inside of his skull. A night with the boys never came without pain. He took a deep breath and searched for his phone and wallet. Once he found them he shoved them in his pockets, opened the door and started walking home.

He squinted; the afternoon sunlight seemed much too bright. Home was only ten minutes away, but with his hangover Dave was in no mood for the walk.

He walked through the park at the end of Jerry's street and reached into his pocket. He pulled out his phone, about to check the time, when his phone was engulfed in flames.

Dave dropped what was left of his phone with a start. *What the hell just happened?* He checked his hand, making sure it wasn't burnt. It was fine, but his skin felt strangely warm. He clenched his fist as the warmth grew, intensifying until his fist burst into flames.

Dave stared, wide eyed, at his fist. It was wreathed in fire, covering his hand like a second skin. He uncurled his hand and watched in amazement as flames danced up his arm, twisting and leaping, until they stopped at his shoulder.

This is unbelievable, he thought to himself. It was like something from his childhood fantasies.

Flames exploded across his body, burning his clothes to ash. He gazed at the fire that covered his body then threw back his head and laughed in joy. It was a miracle!

He was struck by a sudden urge to test himself. He concentrated, testing the flames like a newfound appendage. He clenched his fists, and a flash like the glint of sun on steel lit up the park. Dave flared, burning like a sun until shimmering heat waves made the park waver like a mirage.

The flames disappeared and Dave fell to the ground. Struggling to catch his breath, he stood up and surveyed the extent of his power. The ground was charred black and the playground lay in ruins, looking like the surviving remnant from a holocaust.

Dave couldn't wipe the smile from his face. This was a dream come true. He was special. He could be a hero, a real life superhero. He had to get home and tell his family.

He started running and suddenly realised he was naked. He cloaked himself in flames and ran home, a living fire that raced through the streets.

When he finally made it home he dispelled his skin of fire and burst into his house. His parents sat in the lounge, smiling at the sight of him.

"You'll never guess what happened to me."

"You got super powers," his dad said.

Dave's smile dropped. His parents laughed, shaking their heads.

"Didn't you pay any attention during the election. Rudd promised to give super powers to every Australian citizen. It was the cornerstone of his campaign."

Dave shook his head, his dreams evaporating as he remembered the election promise.

His dad smiled as a glass of water floated up from the table and glided into his hand. "Cool isn't it."

The End

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.

Prodigal by Marc D Giller, reviewed by Brian Walls

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553587876>

This is the sequel to Hammerjack of 2 years ago. The first book – the author's first novel - came across with sterling recommendations from Richard Morgan, Neal Asher & Australia's own Max Barry.

It can be reviewed as "ye olde cyberpunk" as so many of its ideas came in the eighties or late seventies: massive corporations, loss of nation-states, supercomputers, cyborgs, Martian expeditions with political fallout, ultra fast jet flight, old cities mixed with the newest "tech".

I especially liked the portrayal of old Vienna (the ringed centre), Singapore's airport, New York and Paris – all places I had visited & compared to the writer's vision.

The characters are definitely larger than life – hammerjack is the buzzword for professional or super hackers. The prose is pleasant to read & the pace is not deliberately dizzying.

The sequel's main protagonist or heroine is Lea Prism who has been refashioned from a hammerjack into a secret agent fighting against the sinister Inru (a terrorist cult) one hundred years from now or so. She definitely has a touch of the Matrix about her – and so does her dead boyfriend!

The story ranges from Chernobyl to Mars (the Olympus Mons) with the Inru's last desperate attempt to rule the world. It's scope is world wide, fast paced and cinematic. Methinks, Marc Giller wants somebody to make this a film or three....

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver, reviewed by Josephine Crowley

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781842551134>

Wolf Brother is the story of boy called Torak and a wolf cub called Wolf and the adventures they share and they people they meet as they journey through the Ancient Darkness. But this story is much, much more than that. It is exciting and wondrous and at times very frightening. Michell Paver is an exceptional writer with a gift for imagination and words which will hold readers of all ages enthralled.

I read Wolf Brother very quickly, it is a real "couldn't put it down" book. It left me wanting to follow Torak and his companions on more of his troubles through life as he seeks his final destiny.



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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. See our website for more info. Newcomers welcome. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>
No meeting in January 2008.

Thursday 7th February 2008: The Best and Worst of 2007

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 17th January 2008:

The Company of the Dead by David Kowalski (SF)
Temeraire by Naomi Novic (F)

Thursday 21st February:

Orphans of Chaos by John C Wright (SF)
Northern Lights by Philip Pullman (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 December

General Release

<i>Audacious</i>	Mike Shepherd
<i>Trouble Magnet</i>	Alan Dean Foster
<i>Choosers of the Slain</i>	John Ringo
<i>Dragon's Fire</i>	Anne McCaffrey & Todd McCaffrey
<i>1634: The Ram Rebellion</i>	Eric Flint & Virginia DeMarce
<i>Grantville Gazette II</i>	John Ringo (ed)
<i>The Jennifer Morgue</i>	Charles Stross
<i>The Android's Dream</i>	John Scalzi
<i>Confessor</i>	Terry Goodkind
<i>A Lick of Frost</i>	Laurell K Hamilton

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Descent of Angels</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Contact Harvest</i>	Halo
<i>The Armour of Contempt</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Desert Raiders</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Only In Death</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Death Star</i>	Star Wars
<i>Imperial Munitorum Manual</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Q & A</i>	Star Trek Next Generation
<i>Fulgrim</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Defenders of Ulthuan</i>	Warhammer

2007 Infinitas Top 50 Bestsellers

1	Flight of the Eisenstein (Warhammer 40,000)	James Swallow
2	Fulgrim (Warhammer 40,000)	Graham McNeill
3	Command Decision	Elizabeth Moon
4	Descent of Angels (Warhammer 40,000)	Mitchel Scanlon
5	Siege of Macindaw	<i>John Flanagan (Australian Author)</i>
6	Old Man's War	John Scalzi
7	Galaxy in Flames (Warhammer 40,000)	Ben Counter
8	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	J K Rowling
9	Horus Rising (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
10	Ghost Brigades	John Scalzi
11	False Gods (Warhammer 40,000)	Graham McNeill
12	Erak's Ransom	<i>John Flanagan (Australian Author)</i>
13	Harry Potter & the Half Blood Prince	J K Rowling
14	For a Few Demons More	Kim Harrison
15	Sorcerer in the North, The	<i>John Flanagan (Australian Author)</i>
16	At All Costs	David Weber
17	Exile (Star Wars)	Aaron Allston
17	Duty Calls (Warhammer 40,000)	Sandy Mitchell
19	Oakleaf Bearers	<i>John Flanagan (Australian Author)</i>
20	Sharing Knife: Beguilement	Lois McMaster Bujold
21	Making Money	Terry Pratchett
21	Watch on the Rhine	John Ringo & Tom Kratman
21	Chapter War (Warhammer 40,000)	Ben Counter
21	Sons of Fenris (Warhammer 40,000)	Lee Lightner
25	Gaunt's Ghosts: The Founding (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
26	Inferno (Star Wars)	Troy Denning
26	Undead and Unpopular	MaryJanice Davidson
26	Space Wolf: The First Omnibus (Warhammer 40,000)	William King
29	Road of the Patriarch (Forgotten Realms)	R A Salvatore
29	The Armour of Contempt (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
31	Halo: Ghosts of Onyx	Eric S Nylund
31	The Harlequin	Laurell K Hamilton
31	Into the Looking Glass	John Ringo
31	Proven Guilty	Jim Butcher
31	Eldar Prophecy (Warhammer 40,000)	C S Goto
31	Ravenor Rogue (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
31	Ultramarines Omnibus (Warhammer 40,000)	Graham McNeill
38	Into a Dark Realm	Raymond E Feist
38	Kris Longknife: Audacious	Mike Shepherd
38	Kushiel's Scion	Jacqueline Carey
38	Plague of Memory	S L Viehl
38	Pushing Ice	Alastair Reynolds
38	Troy: Fall of Kings	David Gemmell
38	The Saint (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
45	Changelings	Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough
45	The Last Dodo (Doctor Who)	Jacqueline Rayner
45	Sting of the Zygons (Doctor Who)	Stephen Cole
45	Wooden Heart (Doctor Who)	Martin Day
45	Kildar	John Ringo
45	Renegade's Magic	Robin Hobb

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Sunny

Mona Lisa Craving (02)

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. **TP \$28.95**

Alex Archer

Serpent's Kiss (Rogue Angel 09)

When a tsunami in India washes ashore relics from a legendary city and a culture believed lost to civilization, Annja Creed embarks on a dangerous journey to find a mysterious artifact that could provide clues to the location of the lost city and stumbles upon a great evil along the way.

APB \$16.95

Catherine Asaro

The Ruby Dice (Skolian Empire)

Despite their own aversion to war, the leaders of two powerful interstellar empires--Jaibriol, head of the Eubian Concord, and Kelric, ruler of the Skolian Imperiate--find their realms plunging toward the possibility of devastating conflict as each man desperately hides a secret that could bring about his downfall, in a new novel in the Skolian Empire series. **HC \$47.95**

Sarah Ash

Tracing the Shadow

Rescuing a starving young orphan girl from the streets, a member of the much feared Guerriers of the Commanderie's Inquisition is unaware that the child is the daughter of one of the mages they had just burned at the stake, and as Celestine grows to womanhood, her beautiful singing voice could provide the key to revenge on the betrayer who destroyed her father. **HC \$51.95**

Neal Asher

Prador Moon (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. **TP \$32.95**

Isaac Asimov

Pebble in the Sky

Hurtled through time from 1949 Chicago to an Earth during the heyday of the first Galactic Empire, retired tailor Joseph Schwartz finds himself on a backwater, insignificant planet with much of its land ruined by radioactivity and so poor that its inhabitants are sentenced to death at the age of sixty--and Joseph is sixty-two--in a new edition of the author's first novel. **HC \$51.95**

End of Eternity

Shortly to be filmed by Ridley Scott, the best time-travel story since H.G. Wells' *The Time Machine*, by the Grand Master of science fiction, the story of Andrew Harlan, Technician and Eternal. Andrew Harlan's job is to range through past and present centuries monitoring and even altering time's myriad cause-and-effect relationships. As a Technician with the Allwhen Council, he initiates Reality Changes that may affect the lives of as many as fifty billion people--and a million or more of them may be so drastically affected as to be considered new individuals. Above all, therefore, a Technician must be dispassionate. An emotional make-up is a distinct handicap. Then Harlan meets Noys and falls victim to a phenomenon older than time itself--love. Years of self-discipline are cast aside as Harlan uses the awesome techniques of the Eternals to twist time so that he and Noys might survive--together. **APB \$21.95**

Kay Austin

Time Transit

When Time Rogue Maude Kinciad, who has just saved CORE, her friends, and her reality, is mortally wounded, the only thing that can save her is a trip back to the twenty-first century and into the arms of Gil, the only man she has ever loved. **APB \$17.95**

Kage Baker

Sky Coyote (Company 02)

Facilitator Joseph is quite a guy. He's sailed with the Phoenicians, and he's been an Egyptian priest, an Athenian politician, and secretary to a Roman senator. After all, his employer, the 24th-century Company, sends immortal cyborgs like Joseph all over the world and all over time.

But now Joseph finds himself in 1699, in the Mayan jungle's Lost City (actually a spa for the Company's operatives) with his protegee, the Botanist Mendoza, who still hasn't forgiven him for that unfortunate incident in Elizabethan England.

And he has to save an ancient people from encroachment by the coming white men--even if it means convincing the entire pre-Columbian village to step into the future. **TP \$29.95**

Nina Bangs

One Bite Stand

Daria, a harpie and the night manager of the Woo Woo Inn, which caters to shapeshifters, vampires, and other creatures, decides to succumb to temptation with a big, bad vampire, while dealing with a guest-eating monster and cosmic troublemakers. **APB \$19.95**

L A Banks

The Wicked (Vampire Huntress 08)

Damali's new marriage to Carlos confronts the ultimate stumbling block, the return of Eve's son, Cain, who has escaped his banishment to ascend his father's throne to become the new Chairman of the Vampire Council and who is bringing together a powerful new army by resurrecting the deadly Fallon Nuit. **APB \$19.95**

Clive Barker*Hellbound Heart*

In love with her evil brother-in-law, Julia provides her blood in exchange for the promise of ultimate sensual pleasure, in a horror novel that captures the consequences of one man's experimentation with the occult and that inspired the cult film Hellraiser. **HC \$60**

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

A mysterious prophecy continues to transform the face of Europe as two great religions--Christianity and Islam--battle for supremacy across Spain, agents from the future use horrific weapons of destruction to change history, and, in 1492, a bold explorer seeks funding for his western expedition, while an enigmatic Weaver plots to change time itself to stop him. **HC \$51.95**

Elizabeth Bear*Dust (Dust 01)*

In the first volume in a new trilogy by the award-winning author of Undertow and Carnival, a wandering space colony struggles to survive and to retain order as it orbits a doomed sun. **APB \$17.95**

Carol Berg*Flesh and Spirit (Valen 01)*

In the first volume of a proposed duology, Valen, the rebellious scion of a dynasty of pureblood cartographers and diviners, has spent years denying his heritage, until he nearly ends up dead, addicted to a spell that converts pain to pleasure and possessing only a stolen book of maps, a mystical volume that could hide the secret to the doom of the entire world. **APB \$19.95**

Breath and Bone (Valen 02)

Pursued by a murderous priestess, a prince who steals dead men's eyes, and the Danae guardians, the rebellious sorcerer Valen, addicted to a spell that transforms pain into pleasure, risks everything to rescue one child, seek justice for another, and return the rightful king to the dying land of Navronne, in the conclusion of a duology that began with Flesh and Spirit. **TP \$29.95**

Toby Bishop*Airs and Graces*

When Duke William, her old enemy and the new ruler of Oc, succumbs to madness, leaving the coast open to Aesk raiders who strike at will, Larkyn, one of the finest students at the Academy of the Air due to her special gifts, is caught in a desperate battle to save the world of Oc from ruin. **APB \$17.95**

Patricia Briggs*Iron Kissed (Mercy Thompson 03)*

Shapeshifting mechanic Mercy Thompson finds her loyalty sorely tested when her former boss and mentor is arrested for murder and left to rot behind bars by his own kind, while trying to choose between Sam and Adam, the two werewolves she loves. **APB \$19.95**

Sherri Erwin Browning*To Hell With Love*

When Boston interior designer Kate Markham meets real estate mogul Owen Glendower at a dinner party, sparks fly. Not only is Owen GQ-cover, drop-dead sexy and filthy rich, he has a maddeningly seductive way of knowing intimate details about her. Details that send heat rushing to her cheeks not to mention certain other parts of her body. Swept deliciously off her feet, Kate lets herself fall into a breathtakingly sensual journey she hopes will never end, even when Owen reveals his little secret: he happens to be Hades, ruler of the underworld and the devil himself! Caught in the fiery-sweet grip of a desire so consuming, Kate must choose between her business, her family, her life on Earth, and spending eternity in Hell with Owen. Then, out of the blue, family tragedy strikes, shaking her out of a rapturous trance to face the decision of a lifetime. Will she spend eternity with this devil of her dreams or follow her conscience back to earthly reality? **APB \$12.95**

Steven Brust*Dzur (Vlad Taltos)*

Vlad Taltos, short-statured, short-lived human in an Empire of tall, long-lived Dragaerans, has always had to keep his wits about him. Long ago, he made a place for himself as a captain of the Jherag, the noble house that runs the rackets in the great imperial city of Adrilankha. But love, revolution, betrayal, and revenge ensued, and for years now Vlad has been a man on the run, struggling to stay a step ahead of the Jherag who would kill him without hesitation.

Now Vlad's back in Adrilankha. The rackets he used to run are now under the control of the mysterious Left Hand of the Jherag – a secretive cabal of women who report to no man. His ex-wife needs his help. His old enemies aren't sure whether they want to kill him, or talk to him and then kill him. A goddess may be playing tricks with his memory. And the Great Weapon he's carrying seems to have plans of its own...

Picking up directly where Issola left off, Dzur gives us Vlad Taltos at his best – swashbuckling storytelling with a wry and gritty edge. **APB \$14.95**

Jack Campbell*Courageous (Lost Fleet 03)*

Captain John "Black Jack" Geary, jumping from system to system to keep one step ahead of the Syndics, stumbles upon fragments of intelligence that expose the existence of another potential player in the war that has the means to destroy the human race. **APB \$19.95**

C J Cherryh*Deliverer (Foreigner 09)*

While the world of the atevi fragments into two antagonistic political camps, eight-year-old Cajeiri, the heir of Tabini-ajji--and the first atevi to have an understanding of the humans--becomes a target for those who oppose his father's rule, in the ninth volume in the Foreigner series. **APB \$19.95**

David B Coe*Weavers of War (Winds of the Forelands 05)*

In the epic conclusion of the Winds of the Forelands series, Dusaan, a Weaver of the Qirsi people, uses his ability to bind the magic of many Qirsi together into a single potent weapon to seize control of the Empire and to unite his allies from other realms into a powerful and unbeatable force. **APB \$19.95**

Kresley Cole*Wicked Deeds on a Winter's Night*

Considering his history with Mariketa the Awaited, Bowen MacRieve of the Lykæ clan should be pleased when dark forces unite against her. Yet when he discovers how vulnerable the beautiful, wee witch truly is, Bowen, a ruthless warrior, finds himself using all his strength and skill to keep her alive. Mari can't control the awesome power she possesses and recognizes the need for a temporary Protector - even one as cold as Bowen.

Though it's rumoured that no one can touch his hardened heart, soon passion begins to burn between them. Once Bowen realizes he wants Mari for his own, will she withstand his wicked seduction - or surrender her body and her love to this fierce warrior? **APB \$14.95**

Allan Cole*Wolves of the Gods (Timuras Trilogy 02)*

The wizard Safar Timura must lead the people to Esmir to safety while being hunted by a nameless evil and the risen-from-the-dead Iraj Protarus who is seeking revenge. **APB \$17.95**

Glen Cook*Lord of the Silent Kingdom (Instrumentalities of the Night 02)*

A survivor of a battle with the Instrumentalities, the former Else Tage, now known as Piper Hecht, is now a captain-general of the armies of Patriarch Sublime V and sets out to enlist the assistance of legendary sorcerer Cloven Februaren in the battle against the dynastic politics of the Empire and the machinations of the old gods, in the sequel to *The Tyranny of the Night*. **APB \$19.95**

Richard E Dansky*Firefly Rain*

Returning from the big city to his late parents' home in a small North Carolina town, a prodigal son soon discovers that something in the town refuses to allow him to leave and that it will do anything--even bury him out back--to insure that he will remain forever. **HC \$44**

James F David*Thunder of Time*

A decade after a cataclysmic time disruption brings elements from the Cretaceous period into the twentieth century and forces humanity to take desperate survival measures, Office of Security Science director Nick Paulson discovers that the time manipulations are being caused by an unknown force in the center of a dinosaur-infested jungle. **APB \$19.95**

Lori Devoti*Guardian's Keep (Unbound)*

Kol Hildr had spent the last century battling hellhounds and warlocks who sought to usurp his portal's magic. A mighty shape-shifter with the ability to change into wolf form, Kol made accessing the powerful gateway nearly impossible - unless you were a witch of Kelly Shane's talents. She had a score to settle and would do anything to close the portal that led to her unearthly prison. Though an alliance with her compromised Kol's very purpose, something about the little witch overwhelmed his fierce, battle-worn soul. But when he learned that Kelly's life might be in jeopardy, could Kol put aside the one thing he thought he valued most - the portal - to journey to the other side and save her? **APB \$14.95**

Kate Douglas*WolfTales V*

Strong-willed Millie West finds someone to help her unleash her sensual Chanku powers, while Taylor Quinn finds his soulmate in a feral Chanku beauty who is torn between woman and wolf. **TP \$24.95**

George R R Martin, Gardner Dozois & Daniel Abraham*Hunter's Run*

Awakening in the uncharted mountains of the planet of São Paulo with no memory of his identity, exploited prospector Ramon Espejo experiences gradual and traumatic flashbacks of violent scenes from his past that cause him to realize he is being hunted by mysterious alien overseers.

HC \$52.95

Joanne Duncalf*The Zookeeper's Menagerie*

The Animals are in charge of the world. After delivering a controversial speech on religious freedom, high school valedictorian Mariel Stone upsets a lot of people in her small, provincial town of Green Valley. But there is one person she does impress: It's the mysterious Zookeeper who sends a messenger on a white horse to escort her to his phantasmagorical land, a place called the Menagerie. And as soon as Mariel arrives, she realizes she is in for one amazing ride. Long ago, the animals inhabiting the Menagerie walled out the Zookeeper, throwing him into exile and their world into chaos. Now, invading packs of marauding wolves deal out their own brand of justice, deadly snakes have taken over the Reptilian Paradise, and worst of all, a terrifying dragon now rules the Capital City. Mariel must join forces with the peaceful creatures of the land in a quest to uproot these sinister evil beasts and restore the Zookeeper to his rightful position--before the Menagerie is forever lost to darkness. **TP \$32.95**

Todd Fahnstock & Giles Carwyn*Mistress of Winter*

Heartbroken when her beloved Brophy awakens from a curse only to abandon her in favor of Arefaine Morgeon's plot to restore the notorious City of Sorcerers, concubine-sorceress Shara is seduced into a deadly confrontation with a pain-hungry mage. **APB \$19.95**

Christine Feehan*Dark Destiny (Carpathian 12)*

As a child, Destiny saw her family butchered by a vampire who then attacked her and turned her into a creature of the night. The only thing that saved her sanity was a strange psychic connection with a soothing male voice that gave her hope and taught her how to survive. Nicolae Von Shrieder is an ancient Carpathian vampire hunter, and it is he who has been helping Destiny. Convinced she is his life mate, he has been desperately searching for her, as only she can save him from turning into the very abomination he hunts. Destiny however, does not recognise any difference between Carpathians and vampires and repeatedly refuses his advances. But, for the first time, vampire forces are gathering together in a deadly unified plot against the Carpathians. Nicolae must find a way to earn Destiny's trust, and fast, as they may be the only ones able to unravel the secret that could save the Carpathian race from total destruction... **APB \$17.99**

Christine Feehan*Dark Secret (Carpathian 13)*

Colby Jansen has been raising her step-siblings, Ginny and Paul, single-handedly since her beloved stepfather, Armando Chevez, died. She's also been working herself into the ground to keep the family ranch running, but now she's got a real fight on her hands. Members of the Chevez family, along with two of the powerful De La Cruz brothers, for whom Colby's family has worked for centuries, arrive at her door, intending to take custody of the children and dispose of the ranch. For ancient Carpathian Rafael De La Cruz, the world has become dark, and he is in danger of turning vampire. But when he meets Colby, he knows immediately that she is the one who could save him. Colby finds the handsome Rafael threatening but, against her better judgement, she is also irresistibly drawn to him. They quickly find that they are an equal match in terms of fiery temperament and stubbornness, but when an ancient and powerful vampire begins stalking Colby and her family, she and Rafael combine forces to combat a deadly evil... **APB \$17.99**

Arnie Fenner, Cathy Fenner & Frank Frazetta *Editor**Icon*

A Retrospective by the Grand Master of Fantastic Art **TP \$60**

Eric Flint & Ryk Spoor*Boundary*

Searching for the truth behind an oddly shaped fossil discovered in the Arizona desert that could hold the key to the great extinction at the KT boundary, Dr. Helen Sutter never realizes that her quest would take her all the way to the planet Mars. **APB \$19.95**

Eric Flint *Editor**Ring of Fire II (Ring of Fire)*

Continuing the story that began in 1632 and 1633, the inhabitants of Grantville, a modern-day West Virginia town hurtled back in time to Germany during the Thirty Years War, battle the tyrants of seventeenth-century Europe, in a second collection of alternate history tales with contributions by Eric Flint, Andrew Dennis, Dave Freer, K. D. Wentworth, and others. **HC \$51.95**

Chris Froggatt *Australian Author**The Crystal Elements (Tales of Ghrymatti)*

A fantasy story containing an ethical and environmental theme. A fantasy of sorcerors, flying dragons and giant winged creatures. **TP \$24.95**

Yasmine Galenorn*Darkling (Otherworld 03)*

Menolly, an acrobat-extraordinaire-turned-vampire and an operative for the Otherworld Intelligence Agency, finally gets a chance to confront her sire, Dredge, who, in partnership with the demon Shadow Wing, is turning humans into newborn vampires. **APB \$19.95**

J F Gonzalez*Shapeshifter*

Forced by a wealthy, powerful man to do his bidding, Mark Wiseman, who does not want his secret to get out, must use his curse to kill, but when he begins to lose control over the wolf within him, things take a terrifying turn. **APB \$19.95**

Samantha Graves*Sight Unseen*

Tomb Raider meets Alias in Samantha Graves' SIGHT UNSEEN, a wild ride of a heist gone bad, a kidnapping, and a stolen painting. Once a thief, always a thief. Raven Callahan doesn't do it for the money. She does it for the thrills. As a consultant for the API, an art recovery company, she gets to steal-legally. The bonus of her job is that she has a special talent: psychometry. She can tell if objects are real because she can 'read' them to see the emotions and feelings attached to them. Then, during a simple mission, her partner gets comprised and she is forced to steal a priceless Master painting to save his life. David 'Dax' Maddox was the perfect beat cop. Then one wrong call during a burglary cost his partner his life and Dax his ability to see colour. Now, with his world in gray, Dax has only one mission. To take down the murderer. But he's got only one lead: Raven. And he'll use anyone, even a sexy thief with no morals, to get justice. Soon Raven and Dax find themselves forced together as pawns in a madman's scheme that takes them from the heat of Cuba to the art world of New York City in a race against time to stop the ultimate revenge. **APB \$14.99**

Simon R Green*The Unnatural Enquirer (Nightside)*

John Taylor, a private detective with a special talent to locate anything or anyone, is hired to find a mysterious DVD purported to contain an actual recording of the afterlife by The Unnatural Enquirer, a notorious gossip rag for the Nightside, a secret area in London that marked by neverending night and populated by monsters and mythical beings. **HC \$45.95**

Brothers Grimm*The Complete Fairy Tales*

Wolves and grandmothers, ugly sisters, a house made of bread, a goose made of gold... the folk tales collected by the Grimm brothers created an astonishingly influential imaginative world. However, this is also a world where a woman serves her stepson up in a stew, a man marries a snake, a princess sleeps with a frog, and an evil queen dances to death in a pair of burning shoes. Violent, funny, disturbing, wise and sometimes beautiful, these stories have intrigued children, adults, scholars, psychologists and artists for centuries.

The only complete edition available of the most famous collection of fairy tales ever published, this collection features the 279 stories in an acclaimed, modern, unexpurgated translation. **BPB \$19.95**

Justin Gustainis*Black Magic Woman (Quincey Morris Supernatural Investigation)*

Hired to free a family from a deadly curse that may date back to the Salem witch trials, occult investigator Quincey Morris and his ally, white witch Libby Chastain, risk their lives as they seek out the source of the evil, following a trail that leads them to the occult underworlds of Boston, New York, and San Francisco, before journeying to the heart of darkness in Salem itself. **TP \$29.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*The Lunatic Cafe (Anita Blake)*

Preternatural expert Anita Blake meets an interesting array of monsters that includes jealous vampires and killer zombies, but her work with a group of besieged werewolves is threatened when she falls in love with its leader. **TP \$28.95**

Jamie Leigh Hansen*Betrayed*

Cursed to die and be reborn to endure nine loveless lives, Kalyss has one final chance to free her destined love, Dreux, from his tortured stone prison, but she cannot remember what she is supposed to do, until the arrival of two violent strangers places her on the right path to redeem herself and Dreux. **APB \$17.95**

Charlaine Harris*Dead Until Dark (Sookie Stackhouse 01)*

Love blossoms between Sookie Stackhouse, a cocktail waitress in rural Louisiana who keeps to herself because of her ability to read minds, and Bill, a tall, dark, and handsome vampire with ties to a creepy crowd that may be responsible for the death of one of Sookie's coworkers, in a hardcover edition of the first Sookie Stackhouse novel. **HC \$49.95**

Definitely Dead (Sookie Stackhouse)

Sookie doesn't have that many relations, so she hated to lose one - but of all the people to go, 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 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 weres 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... **TP \$29.99**

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The wrong physics are loose in the universe, causing plague and change. Which is fine, until a semi-biological artefact appears - which may be more than anyone can handle **PB \$22.99**

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The most powerful member of Savannah's vampire community, William Cuyler Thorne launches a personal quest for vengeance when he discovers that his wife and son, whom he had believed dead, have been transformed into the undead and are members of a malicious clan of European bloodsuckers that have abducted the young daughter of his voodoo priestess friend. **APB \$17.95**

Amanda Hemingway*The Poisoned Crown (Sangreal 03)*

Bartlemy Goodman is approximately 1500 years old. An albino of Greek parentage he was born in Byzantium amidst the decline of the Roman Empire and now resides in the village of Thornyhill, England with his dog, Hoover.

Bartlemy is one of the Gifted. But long experience has taught him the perils of the power of the witch-kind and so throughout the ages has channelled his considerable talents into cooking, his culinary prowess becoming the stuff of legend: he worked for the Borgias, was among the first to discover chocolate and even taught the likes of Escoffier.

On a warm evening in 1991 a young homeless woman holding a baby turns up on Bartlemy's doorstep and he senses destiny at work. The woman's name is Annie Ward and her son, Nathan, is an exceptional child as Annie cannot account for his conception. Soon Bartlemy comes to believe that the boy was created beyond the Gate of Death by a superior being for a special purpose.

Whilst Nathan grows and Bartlemy continues to watch over the small family, strange occurrences begin to plague the village. The Thorn family were once the guardians of a strange cup of greenish stone and set with jewels. When it was lost, the family's fortune soon followed suit. Rumoured to have been stolen by the Nazis during the war it has now turned up at Sotheby's and the last of the Thorns is determined to get it back by proving the original sale **APB \$20.99**

Barb & J C Hendee*Child of a Dead God (Dhampir 06)*

Seeking to keep a mysterious artifact from falling into the hands of her murderous half-brother Welstiel, Magiere follows her dreams of a castle trapped in ice on an obsessive quest south, accompanied by her half-elf partner Leesil, the sage Wynn, their canine protector Chap, and two elven assassins turned guardians. **HC \$51.95**

Lee Hunt*The Vampire of New York*

When archaeologist Carrie Norton stumbles upon the mummified corpse of a Civil War-era homicide victim, she enlists the help of a cold-case detective who discovers a shocking link between this centuries-old murder and a recent series of brutal killings. **APB \$19.95**

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From the co-author of *The Dangerous Book for Boys*, comes the first in the widely anticipated *Conqueror* series featuring Genghis Khan and his descendants. A remarkable story of heroism and adventure, of a boy who had to become a man too soon, of a family and a tribe who had to learn to win to survive. A man without a tribe was at great risk, so the young boy abandoned with his siblings on the harsh Mongolian plains had to struggle to avoid death.

He survived both starvation and hostile attacks by learning remarkable leadership skills and gathering a group of outsiders like himself. Hunted and alone, he dreamed of uniting the tribes into one house, one nation. He became a great warrior.

He would become father to his people. He would be Genghis Khan. **APB \$19.99**

Alexandra Ivy*Embrace the Darkness (Guardians fo Eternity)*

When a curse lands Lady Shay, a half human, half Shalott whose blood is a powerful aphrodisiac to vampires, on the slave auction block, her new master, the chief of a deadly vampire clan, will stop at nothing to make her surrender her body and soul to him for all eternity. **APB \$17.95**

J V Jones*Sword From Red Ice (Sword of Shadows 03)*

The third volume in the Sword of Shadows epic will be one of the most eagerly awaited fantasy publications of the year. The Long Night has begun. The Endlords and their dark army of Unmade prepare to unleash untold destruction upon the world. Every Sull warrior must step forward and fight, or risk the North falling into eternal darkness. Key to mankind's survival is the sacred warrior Ash March. But for Ash to realise her true potential as a Reach, and become the Sull's greatest weapon, she must keep herself safe as the perils that surround her multiply. Raif Sevrance has an equally perilous task. The exile must travel to the barren wastes of the Red Glaciers and recover the legendary sword named Loss. For Sull legend decrees that he who wields the Sword from Red Ice will bring terror to their enemies. But fulfilment of these goals may yet come too late. In the remote reaches of the Bitter Hills, the Endlords' minions have made a cataclysmic discovery: a crack in the Blindwall, an ancient and unguarded passage leading directly into the realms of men. **TP \$32.99**

Bizhan Karimi*Romeo and Leila and the Enigma of Time*

Seven seductive Middle Eastern women join a party on a Western Federation cruiser that floats on the Persian Gulf. The women turn out to be narrators of a science fiction story. They mesmerize the crew and draw a dark picture of the future, which handles a fictive nuclear war between Iran and USA: After the explosion of the first atomic bomb, the question is raised if it is possible to turn back time itself? **TP \$29.95**

Gregory J Keyes*The Blood Queen (04)*

The conclusion to The Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone series, The Born Queen finds the heroes of the previous three books confronting humanity's darkest hour and their worst odds ever. As the world shivers, threatening to be ripped apart by forces barely comprehensible, Greg Keyes weaves a masterful finale to a series destined to be epic for decades to come. **HC \$52.95**

Hideyuki Kikuchi*Dark Wars: Tale of Meiji Dracula*

In a manga rendition of the great vampire saga, Count Dracula journeys to Tokyo, where he confronts Japan's greatest martial artist in the ultimate battle to the death. **TP \$22.95**

Stephen King*Duma Key*

DUMA KEY is the engaging, fascinating story of a man who discovers an incredible talent for painting after a freak accident in which he loses an arm. He moves to a 'new life' in Duma Key, off Florida's West Coast; a deserted strip, part beach, part weed-tangled, owned by a patroness of the arts whose twin sisters went missing in the 1920s. Duma Key is where out-of-season hurricanes tears lives apart and a powerful undertow lures lost and tormented souls. Here Freemantle is inspired to paint the amazing sunsets. But soon the paintings become predictive, even dangerous. Freemantle knows the only way forward is to discover what happened to the twin sisters - and what is the secret of the strange old lady who holds the key? The story is about friendship, about the bond between a father and his daughter. And about memory, truth and art. It is also a metaphor for the life and inspiration of a writer, and an exploration of the nature, power and influence of fiction. **TP \$35 CD \$95 HC \$56.95**

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In the second volume in a romance fantasy trilogy that began with Star of the Morning, as nightmarish monsters are unleashed on the kingdom of Neroche, Morgan, a mercenary and daughter of a treacherous black mage, battles the evil, while Miach of Neroche must choose between his duty to the kingdom and his love for Morgan. **TP \$28.95**

Katherine Kurtz & Scott MacMillan *Inspired by**At Sword's Point*

When a series of gruesome murders baffles European police, LAPD detective John Drummond risks his own life to stop the killers, a generation of Nazi vampires with a thirst for world domination. **APB \$17.95**

Mercedes Lackey*Firebird*

A young nobleman glimpses the legendary Firebird as it steals cherries from his father's orchards, and he journeys through a fantastical version of Old Russia to find the Firebird and fall in love, in a coming-of-age fantasy inspired by a classic Russian fairy tale. **TP \$29.95**

Richard Laymon*Laymon Collection Vol 15*

THE TRAVELLING VAMPIRE SHOW is coming to town and Dwight, Rusty and Slim are determined to go. But it's for over 18s only. They decide to go and watch the crew set up anyway, hoping to catch a glimpse of Valeria, billed as 'the only known vampire in captivity'. But when the three teenagers break the rules, they run into big trouble. DREADFUL TALES Shane Malone sits sweltering in front of his computer, trying to write an anthology in which every chilling tale must end in the death of a twenty-two-year-old woman in her apartment. But the deafening music from next door is not helping. He furiously bangs on his neighbour's door and discovers she's a twenty-two-year-old woman who will not be argued with. Shane is about to find out that life really can imitate art. **PB \$22.99**

Richard Laymon, Jack Ketchum & Edward Lee*Triage*

Three masters of horror unite in this collection of interconnected novellas that each start with someone walking into a workplace with a gun, launching an odyssey into a nightmarish world of fear and madness. **APB \$19.95**

Jane Lindskold*Wolf's Blood (Wolf)*

Accidentally unleashing a plague after learning how to open the gates between worlds, Firekeeper, a young woman raised by intelligent, language-using wolves, and her companions, Derian Carter and Blind Seer, struggle to uncover the mysterious origins and nature of the plague, in order to destroy it forever. **APB \$19.95**

Kathy Love*Any Way You Like It*

Maggie Gallagher, a shy researcher, makes the biggest discovery of her life when she, deciding to let loose and go wild, meets a hot keyboard player in a dive bar on Bourbon Street who is playing an unknown piece she has been researching, and who happens to be a centuries-old vampire.

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Kathy Love*Fangs For the Memories*

I'm watching my brother swagger through our New York City apartment... smiling. Rhys, the detached, surly man who turned brooding into an art form. But he's not brooding now. No, he's practically threatening to pistol whip me for shaking hands with the beautiful, half-dressed creature named Jane who just tried to sneak out of his bedroom. Weird. Brother Grim has a sex drive? That's not all that has me freaked out. Something terrible happened last night, something that made Rhys break his own rule and save the life of a mortal. Trouble is he doesn't remember anything from the past two hundred years. Like that he's a vampire, not a Regency viscount with an English accent. All I know is this mortal woman has managed to touch my brother's frozen heart, and I, Sebastian Young, will do whatever it takes to help him keep her... **APB \$14.95**

Katie MacAlister*A Girl's Guide to Vampires*

Joy Randall is a girl with big expectations and an even bigger love for vampire romance novels. Unsuccessful so far in her quest to find her soulmate, Joy can't say no when her friend Roxy suggests a holiday to the Czech Republic. Tall, dark strangers? Tick. Craggy, romantic landscapes? Tick. Hoardes of centuries-old men who want to suck your blood? OK, that's just Roxy's over-active imagination. After all, vampires don't exist . . . do they? Plagued by dreams of a handsome stranger, haunted by a mysterious prophecy, and pursued by three pale, brooding, slightly sinister suitors, Joy isn't so sure now. Worried about her growing attraction to the enigmatic Raphael, she knows that one thing's for certain: Mr. Right should not equal Mr. Heading-Right-For-Your-Neck. But can she resist the lure of the Dark Ones? Is her attraction to Raphael just lust . . . or blood lust? And will she find a chosen life partner that is, well, alive? Nowadays, finding The One sure is a pain in the neck . . . **APB \$19.99**

Mathilde Madden, Christina Lloyd & Portia da Costa*Lust Bites*

Three novellas about love, lust and the supernatural

Zachary Trevelyan is a vampire but a mishap involving kisses and necks leads him to fall in love with his best friend, Teresa. And not only that, he really wants to bite her

For centuries, Billy has been yearning for the woman he accidentally killed as a novice vampire in Constantinople. Now she's back, reborn as Esther, the explorer. Exiled in the Arctic, Billy is already battling his lust to devour her all over again.

The only way that Merle Cobalt can save her father's life is to spend twenty five days living with renegade vampire Darius Cole. But vampires are known for their mind controlling powers and Merle knows that after spending so long with Cole her free will might become a thing of the past.

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Richard Matheson*I Am Legend*

An acclaimed SF novel about vampires becomes a stunning new movie starring Will Smith - due to screen January 3rd 2008. Robert Neville is the last living man on Earth...but he is not alone. Every other man, woman and child on the planet has become a vampire and they are hungry for Neville's blood. By day he is the hunter, stalking the undead through the ruins of civilisation. By night, he barricades himself in his home and prays for the dawn. But how long can one man survive like this? **APB \$19.99**

Anne McCaffrey & Todd McCaffrey*Dragon Harper (Pern)*

As a deadly epidemic sweeps across the land of Pern, only Kindan, a young apprentice to the guild of musicians and teachers known as the Harpers, recognizes the imminent peril of the arrival of the dreaded Thread and must come up with a way to stop the illness from spreading and to protect the dragonriders before the Thread returns. **HC \$52.95**

Erin McCarthy*High Stakes (Texas Vampires 01)*

With election year upon him, vampire politician and wealthy casino owner Ethan Carrick decides to up the ante as he searches Las Vegas for a suitable First Lady, a quest that leads him to sweet Brittany Baldizzi and her protective, no-nonsense, surprisingly sexy sister Alexis. **APB \$19.95**

Sucker Bet (Texas Vampires 04)

The nine-hundred-year-old ex-wife of notorious vampire Roberto Donatelli, Gwenna Carrick unexpectedly spends a passionate night in the arms of rugged detective Nate Thomas, but when Donatelli discovers the tryst, he is determined to eliminate his romantic competition. **TP \$28.95**

Cormac McCarthy*The Road*

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Winner - James Tait Black Memorial Prize for Fiction

The searing, post-apocalyptic novel destined to become Cormac McCarthy's masterpiece.

A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged, nuclear landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is grey. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food – and each other.

The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each other's world entire", are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation.

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Richelle Mead*Succubus on Top*

Georgina, a succubus who draws her power from other men's pleasure, finds her personal life in chaos as she deals with a possessed co-worker, her immortal best friend's obsession with an ultra-conservative talk radio star, and a rising evil. **TP \$29.95**

Patrice Michelle

Resurrection: The Beginning (Scions 01)

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Instead, it brought her to their attention.

And to the attention of Jachin Black - a man banished from the Saguinas, a vampire pack, and forced to hunt among the despised humans. For he clung to the prophecy given years ago, of a better way for his kind to live - a prophecy Ariel unknowingly used as the basis of her novel.

Ariel hates and fears vampires. Jachin despises humanity. But the prophecy - and passion - binds them in ways they could never have imagined. Ways that may heal the past, and change the future. **APB \$14.95**

L E Modesitt Jr

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Corus is looking like the loser, to be abandoned by the civilising forces of the government of Alectors and used as a dumping ground for malcontents. This neither bodes well for the future of human civilisation, nor for the honest Alectors such as Dainyl, trying to hold everything together, as all systems are failing.

But the mysterious Ancients, the Soarers, are a force to be reckoned with, and they may hold a powerful and destructive trump card. **APB \$14.95**

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Temeraire (Temeraire 01)

Captain Will Laurence has been at sea since he was just twelve years old; finding a warmer berth in Nelson's navy than any he enjoyed as the youngest, least important son of Lord Allendale. Rising on merit to captain his own vessel, Laurence has earned himself a beautiful fiancée, society's esteem and a golden future. But the war is not going well. It seems Britain can only wait as Napoleon plans to overrun her shores.

After a skirmish with a French ship, Laurence finds himself in charge of a rare cargo: a dragon egg bound for the Emperor himself. Dragons are much prized: properly trained, they can mount a fearsome attack from the skies. One of Laurence's men must take the beast in hand and join the aviators' cause, thus relinquishing all hope of a normal life.

But when the newly-hatched dragon ignores the young midshipman Laurence chose as its keeper and decides to imprint itself on the horrified captain instead, Laurence's world falls apart. Gone is his golden future: gone his social standing, and soon his beautiful fiancée, as he is consigned to be the constant companion and trainer of the fighting dragon Temeraire... **BPB \$22.99**

Throne of Jade (Temeraire 02)

Captain William Laurence of the British Air Corps and his dragon, Temeraire, begin their slow voyage to China, fearful that upon landing they will be forced to part by Imperial decree. Temeraire is a Celestial dragon, the most highly-prized of all draconic breeds; famed for their intelligence, agility and most of all for the Divine Wind - their terrible roar capable of shattering the heavy timbers of war ships, shattering woodland and destroying other dragons mid-flight. Temeraire's egg was captured and claimed by the British at sea, but he was meant to be the companion of the Emperor Napoleon and not captured by a mere officer in the British Air Corps.

The Chinese have demanded his return and the British cannot refuse them - they cannot afford to provoke the Asian super-power into allying themselves with the French - even if it costs them the most powerful weapon in their arsenal and inflicts the most unimaginable pain upon Laurence and his dragon. **BPB \$22.99**

Black Powder War (Temeraire 03)

With the Chinese threat neatly dissolved, Temeraire is free to return to Britain and continue to help his friends defend their country. But before they board the ship, Laurence - now a member of the Chinese Imperial family by adoption - receives orders from the British Air Corps that he and Temeraire are not to sail with the British forces. Instead they must take the shorter route to rendezvous by the English Channel, and stopping in Istanbul to collect three dragon eggs which the government have purchased at great expense from the Turkish.

But the overland flight is fraught with danger. They will have to scale mountains and cross deserts, evade Napoleon's aggressive infantry and hide from unpredictable feral dragons. And even before they leave, they discover that Lien has left China before them, intent upon revenge. She wants to destroy Temeraire by stripping him of all that he holds dear, and being a celestial dragon, she has the power and intelligence to carry out her terrible threat. **BPB \$22.99**

Robin D Owens*Keepers of the Faith*

When twin sisters Brigid and Elizabeth are summoned to help fight the deadly sickness that is attacking Lladrana, they must cure the illness before it is too late and the destiny of The Snap is fulfilled. **TP \$29.95**

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Paying a dreadful price in the loss of both lives and property to survive a devastating invasion, the city of Amenkor is desperate to recover the power of the throne of Amenkor, which has been totally drained of its magic, life force, knowledge, and memories, and turns for help to its sometime ally, the city of Venitte, home to a throne that is twin in power. **HC \$51.95**

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Enter the world of Gormenghast... Gormenghast is the vast crumbling castle to which the seventy-seventh Earl, Titus Groan, is Lord and heir. Gothic labyrinth of roofs and turrets, cloisters and corridors, stairwells and dungeons, it is also the cobwebbed kingdom of Byzantine government and age-old ritual, a world primed to implode beneath the weight of centuries of intrigue, treachery, manipulation and murder - a world suggested in a tour-de-force that ranks as one of this century's most remarkable feats of imaginative writing. **TP \$49.95**

Irene Radford*The Dragon Nimbus Novels (Dragon Nimbus)*

Contains the first three novels in the acclaimed Dragon Nimbus series-- The Glass Dragon, The Perfect Princess, and The Loneliest Magician, in which the people of Commune, forbidden to use dragon magic as a defense against their enemies, place their hopes in the hands of untested young magician Yaakke. **APB \$14.95**

Dragon Nimbus Omnibus Volume 3 (Dragon Nimbus)

In The Renegade Dragon, the great Battlemage, in order to make peace, loses his powers, leaving the kingdom and dragons of Coronnan vulnerable, and in The Wizard's Treasure, two journeymen magicians, on a quest to find and return the missing dragons of Coronnan, become trapped by an ancient spell. **APB \$20.95**

Jennifer Rardin*Once Bitten, Twice Shy (Jaz Parks 01)*

A sharp new supernatural thriller featuring the CIA's top black ops assassin: a 260-year-old vampire! Vayl is the CIA's top assassin. A master of black ops, he has never failed. He's also a 260-year-old vampire. Assigned to protect Vayl, if such a formidable creature can be said to require protection, is Jasmine Parks - 'Jaz' to her friends. But Jaz has got problems - and not just the run-of-the-mill ones you'd expect from someone whose job consists of putting her life on the line for an undead assassin. She hasn't had sex in god knows how long, so Vayl's almost overpowering vampire charisma is making it increasingly difficult for her to keep their relationship... professional. Her personal life is a long line of missed birthdays and Christmases, and lies and excuses to her family. And then there's that other thing: the blackouts. See, there's times that Jaz can't account for and things that happen in those times that Vayl - not to mention the CIA - may not appreciate. And if they find out, Jasmine knows it won't just be her contract that's terminated... **APB \$19.99**

Alastair Reynolds*Galactic North*

Gathered here for the first time are Alastair Reynolds' stories and novelettes set in the universe of REVELATION SPACE, his first bestselling blockbuster. GALACTIC NORTH includes several brand-new stories and novelettes written specially for this collection. **PB \$22.99**

John Ringo*East of the Sun, West of the Moon (Council Wars 04)*

After the world is plunged from high-tech utopia to medieval nightmare, Herzer Herrick and Megan Trevante are assigned the mission to capture the spaceship that supplies the fuel for the whole world. **APB \$19.95**

Mary Rosenblum*Horizons*

While searching for her brother's killer, Ahni Huang, a powerful empath with advanced biogenetic enhancements, becomes caught in the middle of a power struggle between Earth's governing World Council and the people of the orbiting Platforms, who are seeking independence from Earth, when she encounters upsider leader Dane Nilson, a man with a dangerous secret. **APB \$14.95**

Stephanie Rowe*Sex and the Immortal Bad Boy (04)*

The fourth novel in Stephanie Rowe's hilarious Immortally Sexy series features the devil's new right-hand woman, and the assassin who loves her. Paige Darlington has a problem. See, she's the former apprentice to Satan's right hand, Becka Gibbs. As a result, she's got this pretty much all consuming need to be bad... not her fault, right? Well, that will be a small comfort when she loses all human emotions, including the ability to love and care about those who matter to her. To keep his brother alive, Jed Buchanan works for Satan Jr., the heir to hell and the most evil being in existence. Jed has been forced to do a lot of unsavoury things during his time on the 'job' and his latest assignment - killing Becka Gibbs - isn't pleasant either. It only gets more complicated when he arrives at Becka's apartment, and inadvertently attacks Paige, a beautiful, sexy demon who decides that saving his black soul will be just the thing to keep her own from rotting. But can the Devil's minion and the Devil's assassin possibly find true love? **APB \$14.99**

Rudy Rucker*Mad Professor: The Uncollected Short Stories of Rudy Rucker*

A brand new collection of sci-fi stories from the prolific cyberpunk wunderkind. **TP \$32.95**

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

Dante Valentine's latest adventure is everything you could want and more: an adrenaline-fuelled supernatural thriller with a heroine to die for. Meet Dante Valentine. Necromance. Bounty Hunter. Dante Valentine is short on sleep and far from happy... She's just signed away seven years of her life - and her partner's - to hunt down four rogue demons that have escaped from hell. Maybe she'll find them. Maybe they'll find her. Nobody said it was easy being the Devil's right hand. Dante Valentine is licensed to raise the dead: a fully accredited Necromance in an world where a range of psionic Talents have been harnessed to help mankind. Not that mankind always appreciates this. She's one of the best in her field to survive training, and has an emerald embedded in her forehead to prove it. She's also dangerous and prickly with a suicidal streak. Who better to make a contract with the Devil - but what will happen when the deal turns sour and all hell breaks loose? **APB \$19.99**

To Hell and Back (Dante Valentine 05)

With her body shattered, her mind in turmoil, and her life in utter chaos when she becomes a pawn in one of Lucifer's endless games, Necromancer Dante Valentine is just angry enough to come up with a scheme to make the Devil pay. **APB \$17.95**

Lynsay Sands*The Accidental Vampire*

Transformed into a vampire by accident, Elvi Black desperately needs someone to explain the ins and outs of neck-biting etiquette, until her neighbors place a personal ad for her in the local paper, bringing the wealthy and powerful Victor Argeneau to her door, just in time to stop the unknown enemy who is out to put an end to her existence, in the first volume in a back-to-back trilogy. **APB \$17.95**

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. **TP \$32.95 HC \$39.95**

Neil Smith*Bang Crunch*

A debut collection of nine quirky short stories captures the collision between the mundane and the fantastical as ordinary people are caught in the middle of unusual situations, from a girl with Fred Hoyle syndrome whose age expands and contracts like the universe, to a support group for people with benign tumors that begins to suspect that their medical woes are caused by their meekness. **TP \$28.95**

Duncan Sprott*Daughter of the Crocodile (Ptolemies Quartet 02)*

With *Daughter of the Crocodile*, Duncan Sprott continues his epic reconstruction of the story of the Ptolemies, Greek Pharaohs in Egypt from Alexander the Great to the fall of Kleopatra. The glory of the family is at its height, but now begins their bizarre slide towards disaster, via incest, murder, matricide and fratricide - an ever-rising tide of their own blood. Pleasure-loving Ptolemy II marries his reptilian sister, Arsinoe Beta, who promises to win his wars for him. Worthy Ptolemy III avenges the murder of his sister by conquering the Syrian empire . . . and marries a murderess. Ptolemy IV prefers drinking and dancing to government, maltreats his sister-wife, and lets power slip into the hands of his vicious minions, Agathokles and Agathokleia of Samos. Chaos reigns, leaving Egypt to be ruled by the six-year-old Ptolemy V - who will marry the first of the Kleopatras. Underpinning his work with massive researches, Sprott performs the miracle of reading between the lines of history, restoring the passion and emotion to a powerful tragedy. **PB \$24.95**

Michael Swanwick*The Dragons of Babel*

Transforming himself into king of a post-industrialized Faerie after a crash landing, a war-dragon of Babel sets up young Will as his lieutenant, sending Will on a strange quest, during which he acquires a surrogate daughter, Esme, encounters confidence trickster Nat Whilk, becomes a hero to the city's homeless, finds success as a political aide, and meets his true love. **HC \$52.95**

Carrie Vaughn*Kitty and the Silver Bullet (Kitty 04)*

When her mother falls ill, Kitty, a popular radio host, returns to Denver and once again finds herself in the middle of the abusive pack of werewolves from whom she escaped a year earlier, a situation complicated by a war brewing between the city's two oldest vampires, one that threatens Denver's entire supernatural community. **APB \$17.95**

Lynn Viehl*Evermore (Darkyn 05)*

Jayr, an immortal seneschal to Byrne, the Darkyn master with whom she is in love, finds her life in danger when Byrne, deciding to live a life of isolation, holds a tournament to find her a new master, which brings to light hidden passion, forbidden lust, and ancient grudges. **APB \$19.95**

J D Warren*Bedlam, Bath and Beyond*

Trapped in a loveless marriage to an inhuman fiend, Samantha calls upon Cor, the shape-shifting leader of a mysterious race called the Kin, to help her escape and reclaim her life. **APB \$17.95**

Lawrence Watt-Evans*The Misenchanted Sword*

A magical wizard's sword that can kill any man or half-demon is given to Valder, the army's chief assassin, who soon realizes that the sword will keep him alive forever, unless it turns on him. **APB \$17.95**

David Weber*Off Armageddon Reef (Safehold 01)*

With humankind reduced to a single colony on the distant world of Safehold by a ruthless alien enemy, the human rulers of the planet will do anything to preserve the remnants of their industrial civilization, including building a religion designed to hide the colony by keeping its society medieval, until the awakening of an android signals a chance for humankind to regain its place. **APB \$19.95**

Jack Whyte*Standard of Honor (Templar Trilogy 02)*

A second installment in a trilogy that began with *Knights of the Black and White* finds young Battle of Hattin survivor Alexander Sinclair hiding his identity after the slaughter of his fellow Templars, while elderly Sir Henry St. Clair reluctantly serves King Richard during a Holy Land crusade.

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Eileen Wilks*Night Season (Lily Yu 04)*

As FBI Agent Cynna Weaver and Lupine sorcerer Cullen Seabourne come to terms with having a baby, they are lured to another realm where night never ends and their only way home is to find a mysterious medallion before it falls into the wrong hands. **APB \$19.95**

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro*Borne in Blood*

The year is 1817. In Switzerland, the Count Saint-Germain leads a comfortable life with his paramour Hero, whose husband died fighting Napoleon. Saint-Germain's loving kindness cannot keep Hero from missing her children who are being raised by their hard-hearted grandfather.

The Count has become intrigued by the work of an Austrian noble investigating the properties of blood, a subject always of key interest to a vampire. But when the noble's beautiful ward fixates sexually on the Count, the vampire fears for himself and his gentle lover.

With *Borne in Blood*, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro's saga of Count Saint-Germain, reaches a milestone – the 20th volume of the vampire's adventures. The Saint-Germain cycle is one of our age's most compelling bodies of work of dark fantasy and horror, and the longest running series of vampire novels. Historically accurate, these deeply emotional novels have a devoted readership. Recognising her impact on the genre, the International Horror Guild named Chelsea Quinn Yarbro a Living Legend at the World Fantasy Convention in 2006. **HC \$50**

Anthologies

P N Elrod Editor*My Big Fat Supernatural Honeymoon*

Nine popular fantasy and paranormal romance authors celebrate marital bliss supernatural style in a collection of honeymoon tales populated by demons, vampires, shape-shifters, magic-users, and other unusual characters in an anthology featuring works by Jim Butcher, P. N. Elrod, Rachel Caine, Lilith Saintcrow, Marjorie M. Liu, and others. **TP \$28.95**

Martin H Greenberg & Kerrie Hughes Editor*Fellowship Fantastic*

Featuring contributions from Jody Lynn Nye, Fiona Patton, Alan Dean Foster, and Christopher T. Pierson, among others, this imaginative collection explores the powerful bonds of friendship and fellowship in thirteen original stories of those brought together by necessity, family bonds, and twists of fate. **APB \$19.95**

Marvin Kaye Editor*The Fair Folk*

A collection of six tales features fairy characters ranging from fair folk to the sinister fey and includes the stories "The Kelpie" by Patricia A. McKillip, "Except the Queen" by Jane Yolen and Midori Snyder, and "UOUS" by Tanith Lee. **APB \$19.95**

Keith Laumer & Rosel George Brown*Earthblood and Other Stories*

A new collection of science fiction adventures features two novels--*Earthblood*, in which Roan Cornay, the last purebred Terran born in the galaxy, sets out to find the mysterious planet of his origin, Earth, and Sibyl Sue Blue, about a tough cop out to recover her husband, who vanished on a mission to the planet Radix--as well as other tales by the two masters of the genre. **TP \$28.95**

George R R Martin Editor*Inside Straight (Wild Cards)*

In a follow-up to the original *Wild Cards* series, a new generation of aces comes of age as twenty-one of them compete against one another in a series of tasks and stunts on the blockbuster TV reality show *American Hero*, and John Fortune, son of the show's creator, discovers his destiny, in a collaborative saga. **HC \$51.95**

Young Adult

In the City: Our scrapbook of souvenirs

The city is full of surprises! We explored the underground sewers during a downpour, climbed inside the giantest scientist, smelt something stinky at the market and snuck up on the biggest barracuda in the aquarium . . . We had the BEST time in the city and you will too!

A brilliant companion to *At the Beach* and *In the Bush*.

Suitable for ages: 6-9 **HC \$24.95**

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By the time the Velveteen Rabbit is dirty, worn out, and about to be burned, he has almost given up hope of ever finding the magic called Real.

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Roy Apps

The Sweaty Yeti (Fang Gang 03)

There is a great, hulking, stinking yeti hiding under Jonathan's bed! He must come up with a plan if he's ever going to get his room back (and life as he knew it). But Yeshe, the yeti, is a bashful being. And if things are ever going to return back to normal in Goolish, the Fang Gang are going to have to get him to release his inner beast! **PB \$14.95**

The Vampire Slaying Competition (Fang Gang 04)

When Jonathan haplessly stumbles upon a secret Vampire Slaying convention, he knows there's only one thing to do - call on the Fang Gang. But, stranded as he is at Heemoglobin Castle - with Grandad and a gaggle of Brownies - it's not going to be easy. Will Jonathan succeed in saving Goolish (and himself) from the grim deeds of the Vampire Slayers, or will Tiffany and her Stake 'n' Brussels Sprouts Club be triumphant? **PB \$14.95**

Wendy Binks

Scrambled Egg

Fluster the corella is frantic. Her egg has fallen from her nest. Stripey and Leggy want to help her, but before they can make a plan, the egg begins to hatch. Soon the strangest creature any of them have ever seen appears. It is definitely NOT a corella chick. Not a bird of any kind in fact. However, birds are not the only creatures that lay eggs... >> Join Stripey and his friends as their search for the mother of the funny little grub takes them from Broken Springs to beyond the Black Stump. **PB \$14.95**

Where's Stripey

Can you imagine keeping track of thirty small emu chicks who are running here, there and everywhere? Well, that's what Crikey, their Dad, must do, and when little Stripey goes missing, it sends him on a frantic search from Crusty Creek to Broken Springs and beyond. Who will help him find his lost chick? Count the chicks, read on and see! *Where's Stripey?* is a brilliant new Australian childrens picture book. This funny, engagingly written story set in the heart of Australia, features an adventurous emu chick called Stripey. Stunning illustrations and excellent production. **PB \$14.95**

Michael Buckley

Once Upon A Crime (Sisters Grimm 04)

In the long-awaited fourth book in the New York Times best-selling series, the Grimms take on New York City! Surprises abound for Sabrina and Daphne Grimm, fairytale detectives extraordinaire. When they venture into the big city, they stumble upon a murder, face betrayal by a friend, and discover an amazing secret about their mother, Veronica. Sabrina just wants to be normal-no detecting, no dangerous escapes, and especially no Everafters. Unfortunately, New York City is a hiding spot for many famous fairytale folk. And there's a murderer in their midst! The girls and their friends must figure out who killed Puck's father, King Oberon, while coming to terms with their mother's secret life. Will they stop the murderer before they can strike again? And will Sabrina ever accept her family's destiny? **HC \$19.99**

Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl and the Lost Colony (Artemis Fowl)

Ten millennia ago, the fairy People were defeated in a great battle with mankind, forcing them to move underground. Only the eighth family of fairies remained undefeated: the demons. But now one demon has discovered the secrets of the fairy world, and if humans get hold of this information the fairies are in BIG trouble. Only one person can prevent this disaster - teenage criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl. **BPB \$16.95**

Cory Daniells Australian Author

The Evil Overlord (Lost Shimmaron 03)

She knelt on the stage and studied him thoughtfully. You're not from around here, are you?

In a way we are, you see my brother and I . . .

No sooner have Sam and Lincoln arrived in their new home town of Amethyst than they find themselves drawn to its mysterious purple lake. Summoned by the lost Wizard Shimmaron, the boys find themselves transported to a strange kingdom where nothing is quite as it seems. The brothers must find the wizard and get back to Amethyst, or face life in the Evil Overlord's sinister army. **PB \$12.95**

Kathryn Deans Australian Author

Shimmer (Troll's Tale 01)

When the Shimmer, a part of the stone of creation, is stolen from his village, Grieve knows there's only one set of creatures insane enough to try and use it - the fairies. As vicious as the rear-end of a wasp and completely power-mad, fairies have only one ambition - take over the Worlds, and look glorious while doing it.

Colin is just a normal boy, leading a pretty normal life - until now. When Grieve appears in his bedroom asking for his help, everything Colin thought he believed in is turned upside down. Now he is on a madcap adventure, accompanied by Pod, a talking possum; Derry, the tracker gnome; and Friendly, Grieve's trouble-prone brother, with only one thought in his mind: forget everything you thought you knew about fairy tales...

APB \$14.95

Glow (Troll's Tale 02)

Once upon a time, there were a couple of trolls, a human, a gnome and a possum trying to save the four worlds from a fate worse than death. They failed...

Colin (who's wondering how he got into this mess), the reluctant troll Grieve, and the rest of their intrepid group are heading towards the Crack to track down the Nameless One. Faced with a powerful entity of evil, an over-sized fairy with an inferiority complex and a host of strange and unusual creatures from the Crack, Grieve and Colin need all the help they can get. What they actually get is Ashley Jane Grubb, the vainest girl at Widdleton Elementary school; a directionally-challenged mad dwarf; and Busternut the wizard, whose magic works (or doesn't) in rather weird and wonderful ways. The odds aren't looking good... **APB \$14.95**

Kathryn Deans Australian Author*Shine (Troll's Tale 03)*

Once upon a time, there were a couple of trolls, a human, a gnome and a possum trying to save the four worlds from a fate worse than death. They failed...

Grieve and his gang are stuck on Dismal, the dark, dank and miserable world that promised an escape from Bluebell – a homicidal, overgrown fairy with mayhem on her mind – and the wrath of the untrustworthy Nameless Ones. But now they have met the dragons. Hungry dragons.

Suddenly, getting back home is a major priority. Problem is, home isn't quite as they remember it. The Ulural have taken control and everyone, even humans, are fighting the new order. Once again, Grieve and his crew have to save the world from a fate worse than a fairly nasty death. To complicate things even more, Colin has adopted an abandoned baby dragon and there's a traitor sitting on the Guild plotting their destruction. Just when they thought it couldn't get any worse... **APB \$14.95**

Cornelia Funke*Igraine the Brave*

Igraine is a high-spirited princess living in a fairytale castle with her eccentric magician parents, her older brother who longs to be the new Merlin (but whose tricks are always going wrong) and her talking cat. She dreams of becoming a famous knight like her great-grandfather, riding in tournaments and honouring the family name. But instead, life is rather boring. Until the day the unscrupulous nephew of the Baroness next door arrives with his horrible henchman, intent on capturing both the castle and her parents' wonderful singing magic books. Worse still, at the very moment of the attack, her brother's latest spell goes wrong and her parents are turned into pigs! Igraine sets out to save the day, and with the help of a Gentle Giant and a Sorrowful Knight manages to put everything right (and rescue her parents) while learning the true meaning of chivalry.

HC \$22.99**Lois H Gresh***Exploring Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials (His Dark Materials)*

His Dark Materials is one of the most popular, award-winning fantasies of all time, a bestselling trilogy hailed as "a modern classic" by The New York Times.

Now, for the first time ever, Lois H Gresh helps young readers examine Pullman's intricate universe with Exploring His Dark Materials, the ultimate companion guide. Gresh's fun, interactive book explores the complex science, religion, and fantastic elements of His Dark Materials in a way that's both informative and fun for younger readers. Exploring His Dark Materials is filled with sidebars, history, facts and an in-depth analysis of the books, answering questions like:

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- Why is dust important to the series?
- Is Dark Material real and how does it relate to our universe?
- What are the origins of ghosts and shapeshifters?

And much more!

Exploring His Dark Materials is a thrilling and essential guide for young adults to help them explore this fantastic and challenging fantasy world.

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'Can I have a dragon, please, Dad?' The answer is no. Or is it? **APB \$9.95**

Rascal in Trouble (Rascal)

'Out you go,' says Dad. It is cold outside. How can a little dragon get in? **APB \$9.95**

Rascal Takes Off (Rascal)

'Flap your wings, Rascal,' says Ben. But Rascal's wings don't work. What else can he use? **APB \$9.95**

Kazu Kibuishi*Amulet (Amulet 01)*

After a family tragedy, Emli, Navin, and their mother move to an ancestral home to start a new life. On the family's very first night in the mysterious house, Em and Navin's mom is kidnapped by a tentacled creature. Now it's up to Em and Navin to figure out how to set things right and save their mother's life! **PB \$14.99**

Derek Landy*Skulduggery Pleasant*

Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction.

Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source – the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard.

When all hell breaks loose, it's lucky for Skulduggery that he's already dead. Though he's about to discover that being a skeleton doesn't stop you from being tortured, if the torturer is determined enough. And if there's anything Skulduggery hates, it's torture... Will evil win the day? Will Stephanie and Skulduggery stop bickering long enough to stop it? One thing's for sure: evil won't know what's hit it. **BPB \$14.99**

Kathryn Lasky*A Guide Books to the Great Tree (Guardians of Ga'Hoole)*

Finally, for all free folk of air, land and water seeking knowledge of the Great Ga'Hoole Tree; its ways, its days, its heroes known and unknown . . . a guide! Studious by nature, fortunate to have been present at the most glorious moments in the tree's recent history, and above all honoured to count as friends its most ardent champions, I, Otulissa, have decided to write a compendium, a catch-all-in short, a guide-to the history, life and spirit of the tree. Pause a moment before the next adventure begins to read of its natural history, its origin and yearly changes. Read of its lesser-known heroes: of Joss, brave messenger of legends; of the brothers Ifghar and Ezylyryb and the treachery that bound them; and of Theo, the peaceful warrior.

PB \$10.99**Stephen Lawhead***In the Hall of the Dragon King (01)*

With the help of the Most High God, young Quentin undertakes an important mission to rescue the Dragon King Eskevar from the traitorous Prince Jaspin and the evil necromancer Nimrood. **HC \$26.95**

Stephen Lawhead*The Warlords of Nin (02)*

As Nin the Destroyer and his armies threaten to conquer the peaceful land of Mensandor, young Quentin sets forth on a perilous journey to open the prophetic path for a coming deliverer--the Priest-King--who will wield the blazing sword Zhaligkeer and usher in the heralded age of light.

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The Sword and the Flame (03)

Soon after he is named the new Dragon King, Quentin, the wielder of the sword called Zhaligkeer and the savior of Mensandor, suffers the kidnapping of his son and the murder of his most trusted advisor. **HC \$26.95**

Sue Lawson*It's a Girl Thing*

Mickey Farrell has a dream - to be the hottest singing sensation in the country. But first she has to survive the gruelling challenge of the Diva competition. **PB \$9.95**

Joan Lennon*Fen Gold (Wickit Chronicles 02)*

Trouble is heading for Wickit Monastery through the sweltering summer Fens - from the King's court comes Cedric with a chip on his shoulder, and from the land of the Vikings, Rane, a beautiful Norse girl, arrives with her hulking henchmen. But what are they really here for? Pip the orphan and Perfect the stone gargoyle find themselves caught up in a mad search for buried treasure, which leads them right across the marshes, all the way to the dreaded Black Bog, the very last place they want to be. And all the while, they can't shake the feeling they're being watched. **BPB \$14.95**

Jayne Lyons*100% Wolf*

Freddy Lupin is from a noble family of werewolves. But his first Transwolfation is a disaster when Freddy turns into a yapping poodle instead of a ferocious werewolf. Now his snooty Uncle Hotspur will hate him even more. Just when Freddy thinks life can't get any worse, he's thrown into dog prison. Will Freddy and his streetwise dog friend, Batty, escape their prison? Who is the sinister man following their every move? Can Freddy prove that he's still 100% wolf and save the werewolf pack from disaster? **PB \$15.95**

Juliet Marillier Australian Author/New Zealand*Cybele's Secret*

At 17, scholarly Paula embarks on an adventure - a trip to Istanbul with her merchant father, Teodor, to purchase an ancient artefact known as Cybele's Gift. Paula's fervent wish to rediscover the mysterious Other Kingdom, the realm she and her sisters visited as children, has been replaced by a more practical ambition: to become a trader in books and manuscripts. But the ways of the Other Kingdom are never predictable. Clues and whispers soon convince Paula that she has been set a magical quest - and that the person laying the trail may be her lost sister Tati.

Competition for Cybele's Gift is fierce, and Paula and Teodor soon find themselves in deadly danger in the great Ottoman city. Their protector against worldly perils is their hired guard, Stoyan, a young man with secrets of his own. When the artefact is finally unveiled, Paula finds herself on a wild chase by sea and land, accompanied by an unlikely pair of companions in adventure. Puzzles, riddles, tests of strength and of loyalty lie before them, and the price of failure is death. Along the way, there are lessons to be learned in wisdom, trust and love. **HC \$50**

Kai Meyer*The Shell Magicians (Wave Runners 02)*

In Aelenium, the mysterious coral city, Jolly and Munk - the only two polliwiggles left - find out just why they are so important. Together, they must seal the Rift in the sea-bed, or the Maelstrom will break through and destroy the world. But Jolly and Munk are growing apart. Will they be able to rely on each other down in the depths? **PB \$16.95**

Ulysses Moore*The Door to Time (Ulysses Moore 01)*

Eleven-year-old twins Jason and Julia have just moved from London to an old mansion on the coast. Their new home is filled with twisting tunnels and strange artefacts from around the world, and the twins can't wait to discover all its secrets. Before long, Jason, Julia and their friend Rick stumble upon a mysterious-looking door hidden behind an old wardrobe. But none of the keys in the house will open it. What lies behind the door? And why has someone tried to conceal it? Jason, Julia and Rick are determined to find out, no matter what it takes . . . **PB \$11.99**

The Long-Lost Map (Ulysses Moore 02)

Jason, Julia and Rick have crossed through the Door to Time into ancient Egypt, a land of labyrinths, riddles and secrets. But when the passageway collapses around them, Julia ends up back at home, in the present-with the door shut tight behind her. Now the boys are trapped in the past, and there's just one way to get back to Argo Manor. They must find the long-lost map of Kilmore Cove hidden somewhere in Egypt's Land of Punt. But before long, Rick and Jason realise that they are not the only travellers from the present in search of the mysterious map. Will they be the first to find it? **PB \$11.99**

William Nicholson*Seeker (Noble Warriors 01)*

People said the Nomana warriors had magic powers. They carried no weapons. Wore no armour. They had no need. They were the Noble Warriors of the true way, and none could stand against them. Until Seeker. All his life, Seeker has yearned to join the Nomana. To fight alongside them. To learn their spiritual ways. To find glory. Until the day he discovers that this 'noble' sect are perhaps not as noble as they seem. Seeker sets out to uncover the truth, whatever the cost. **PB \$16.95**

Jango (Noble Warriors 02)

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Deadly Shoals (Wiki Coffin)

Wiki Coffin's ship, The Swallow, has reached the Rio Negro, an area of remote Patagonia famous for its rough gauchos and desperate revolutionaries. An area where men have disappeared without a trace.

As the resident linguist and captain's clerk on the US Exploring Expedition, Wiki is suddenly thrust into his other role as sheriff's deputy when a whalerman comes looking for his stolen schooner. Wiki takes up the hunt for missing ship, but the trail leads to something much more sinister: half-buried in a hill of salt he finds a body with its skull picked clean by vultures.

Investigating a murder under such circumstances is challenge enough, but then Wiki has to contend with the fact that the killer has set his sights on another target - the Expedition itself. **PB \$22.95**

Run Afoul (Wiki Coffin)

As the 1865 US Exploring Expedition heads into the port of Rio de Janeiro, one of the vessels collides with a Salem trading ship. Wiki Coffin, resident linguist of the famous convoy, is astonished to discover that the commander of the trader is none other than his estranged father, Captain William Coffin. An incorrigible adventurer like his half-Maori son, William has sailed all seven seas (plus another dozen or so that he's managed to invent!).

Their reunion is quickly overshadowed by two mysterious deaths that ultimately send the Captain to trial for a murder he didn't commit. Wiki must cast aside family loyalties as he investigates the crimes and unmask the real killers before the Expedition sails on. **PB \$22.95**

Timothy Ferriss

The 4-Hour Work Week

What do you do? Tim Ferriss has trouble answering the question. Depending on when you ask this controversial Princeton University guest lecturer, he might answer:

"I race motorcycles in Europe."

"I ski in the Andes."

"I scuba dive in Panama."

"I dance tango in Buenos Aires."

He has spent more than five years learning the secrets of the New Rich, a fast-growing subculture who has abandoned the "deferred-life plan" and instead mastered the new currencies-time and mobility-to create luxury lifestyles in the here and now.

Whether you are an overworked employee or an entrepreneur trapped in your own business, this book is the compass for a new and revolutionary world. Join Tim Ferriss as he teaches you:

How to outsource your life to overseas virtual assistants for \$5 per hour and do whatever you want.

How blue-chip escape artists travel the world without quitting their jobs.

How to eliminate 50% of your work in 48 hours using the principles of a forgotten Italian economist.

How to trade a long-haul career for short work bursts and frequent "mini-retirements".

What the crucial difference is between absolute and relative income.

How to train your boss to value performance over presence, or kill your job (or company) if it's beyond repair.

What automated cash-flow "muses" are and how to create one in 2 to 4 weeks.

How to cultivate selective ignorance-and create time-with a low-information diet.

What the management secrets of Remote Control CEOs are

How to get free housing worldwide and airfare at 50-80% off.

How to fill the void and create a meaningful life after removing work and the office.

You can have it all-really. **HC \$39.95**

John Freeman

Digital SLR Handbook

This is the definitive practical guide to getting the most out of your digital SLR camera, written by a top working photographer. It is ideal for all keen amateur photographers and those aspiring to move over from using a traditional film SLR camera. All serious amateurs, students of photography, and professionals now aspire to a digital SLR camera.

This book is aimed at them and takes readers through all the knowledge required to get the best from their digital SLR camera. It is superbly illustrated with hundreds of stunning images from top photographer John Freeman and is full of professional hints and tips. All aspects of using a digital SLR camera are covered, including: Equipment: cameras, lenses (from fisheye to ultra telephoto, macro, zoom and shift), converters, extension tubes, bellows, etc.

Getting to grips with your digital SLR: batteries and memory cards, camera menus, camera modes, exposure, shutter/aperture priority, depth of field, etc. How the camera interprets the scene: framing the picture, how to look, foreground detail, backgrounds, perspective Photographic themes: landscapes, nature, people, architecture, still life, action photography Getting more from your digital SLR: using filters, multiple exposures, fill-in flash, infra-red photography, underwater photography, night photography, close-ups, panoramas Post-production: setting up the digital darkroom, downloading, storing and backup, using Photoshop, printing, other presentation media, etc. **HC \$45**

Andrew M Greeley

The Bishop at the Lake (Bishop Blackie)

Assigned to watch his rival for the position of archbishop of Chicago, the ambitious Maachi Nolan, Blackie Ryan, a leading candidate for the position, heads to the Nolan family estate in Grand Banks, and is caught in the middle of a dynastic feud over the estate of Spike Nolan, an electronics tycoon, and finds himself investigating the attempted murder of his rival. **HC \$51.95**

Lori Handeland

Thunder Moon (Nightcreature)

When a terrible freak storm rocks the town of Lake Bluff, Georgia, on the night of the Thunder Moon, Grace McDaniel, the practical granddaughter of a Cherokee doctor, is forced into an uneasy alliance with Ian Walker, an enigmatic stranger who blends modern medicine and traditional Native American healing, as they search for a horrific creature stalking the citizens of the small town. **APB \$17.95**

William W Johnstone

Out of the Ashes

Searching for his missing family in the aftermath of a post-apocalyptic America, rebel mercenary and patriot Ben Raines is united with the civilians of the Resistance forces and moves to the forefront of a revolution for the nation's future. **APB \$15.95**

Dean Koontz*The Darkest Evening of the Year*

Amy Redwing's risk-taking on behalf of desperate dogs is legendary. In the throes of a particularly challenging and bizarre rescue an unknown and dangerous person arrives on the scene, to test Amy to the limit.

She believes her attacker is Wes Greeley, just released after an eighteen-month stretch for egregious animal cruelty, brought about thanks to Amy's testimony. Subtle intrusions escalate into terrifying assaults on everything Amy holds dear. If Greeley is the culprit, it's clear he's not working alone.

Unable to turn to any authority, Amy is pressed to the edge of a precipice in this emotionally devastating thriller that races with inexorable speed to a wrenching climax. **TP \$32.99**

Michael Leunig*The Stick and Other Tales Of Our Times*

What really happened?

Many, many, many things happened.

Where did these things happen, and how and why?

They happened all over the place, and in the past, for all sorts of reasons and in many different ways.

And what's happening now?

All manner of things are happening now.

Whereabouts are they happening

They are happening everywhere and will continue to do so for a long, long time. **PB \$24.95**

When I Talk To You: A Cartoonist Talks To God

A person kneels before a duck to reflect upon the troubles and joys of life, and offers thanksgivings and expressions of hope. This search for the human spirit leads to love and a better world.

This collection of prayers and drawings is full of gentle humour and evocative language, making the experience of Michael Leunig's world both memorable and moving.

This thoughtful collection offers consolation and inspiration. It gently encourages readers to develop an awareness of their inner life and reminds us of the potential of spirituality in navigating the unpredictability of this life. **PB \$19.99**

Shane Maloney*Murray Whelan Trilogy*

Stiff

Single father and true believer Murray Whelan makes his debut in Shane Maloney's first thriller set among the ethnic feuds, union shenanigans and sexual politics of his city's working class heartland. Murray has to deal with everything from a snap-frozen Turk, the tattooed vote, a killer car and blood-sucking parasites. That's when the red-hot Ayisha knocks on his door.

The Brush-off

Winner of the 1996 Ned Kelly Prize for Crime Fiction

Political minder, brushed-off lover and art buff on the make, Murray Whelan goes looking for the big picture among the culture vultures. Whelan is at his richly futile best in this romantic comedy and drop-dead thriller.

Nice Try

When Murray Whelan is recruited to make Melbourne's bid to host the Olympics he falls head-first into trouble with the help of a savvy Aboriginal activist, a drug-crazed weight-lifter, and a gorgeous aerobics instructor in a taut blue leotard. Life gets even more complicated when he falls for the enigmatic doctor Phillipa Verstak. **PB \$30**

Jeff Mariotte*Sleight Of Hand (Las Vegas 02)*

Join Ed Deline, president of operations for the Montecito Resort & Casino, and his protg, Danny McCoy, a former U.S. Marine and Las Vegas native, as they deal with card-counting cheaters, costly streaks of random luck, and rival casinos stealing their big-money players in the town deservedly known as Sin City.... Making sure a multimillion-dollar operation like the Montecito runs smoothly is a challenge on a good day. When the casino is overrun by a Western trade show called Stampede!, that job gets even tougher. Complicating matters is an imminent visit by a German business magnate, who will be making a televised speech from the Montecito that could have far-reaching political and economic ramifications. So while Mike Cannon is tapped to investigate the theft of some very...precious...merchandise from the Stampede! floor, Ed and Danny have their hands full coordinating safety measures with the German's private security force and the Secret Service. And when Danny uncovers the blueprint for what appears to be an assassination plan, the Montecito team must race to prevent a lethal incident of international proportions. **APB \$19.95**

Michael McGarrity*Death Song*

Police Chief Kevin Kerney and his Mescalero Apache son, Sergeant Clayton Istee, reunite to investigate the ambush killing of a Lincoln County deputy sheriff, and the brutal Santa Fe murder of the deputy's wife, a probe that leads to a major drug trafficking scheme, a double murder in Albuquerque, and the search for the slain officer's troubled teenage son. **HC \$51.95**

Lindsay McKenna, Laura Marie Altom & Cara Summers*Snowbound*

This trio of heartwarming romances, perfect for wintry nights, includes Lindsay McKenna's "A Healing Spirit," in which medicine man Storm Black Horse helps Lieutenant Tahcha Grant recover from post-traumatic stress disorder, while trying to not to mix business with pleasure. **APB \$15.95**

Alan McSeveny*New Signpost Mathematics Year 8 Coursebook*

New Signpost Mathematics is the new NSW mathematics series written to meet all the requirements of the new 7-10 syllabus. The series comprises of a Coursebook, Homework Book, Interactive Student CD, Teacher's Resource and Companion Website at each level.

- * Full-colour pages and an Interactive Student CD with clear layout and design
- * Clear syllabus references are included
- * Well-graded exercises with the levels of difficulty colour-coded
- * Prep quizzes and diagnostic tests
- * Clearly presented worked examples
- * Foundation worksheets provide alternative exercises for students who require additional support
- * Challenge worksheets and activities provide more difficult investigations and exercises **TP \$49.95**

Spike Milligan & Eric Sykes

Goon Show 25 (CD)

The four episodes on this volume are The Saga of the Internal Mountain, Fireball of Milton Street, The End or Confessions of a Secret Senna-pod Drinker and The Terrible Revenge of Fred Fu Manchu.

Running time: 2 hours **CD \$29.95**

Shirley R Murphy

Cat Pay the Devil (Joe Grey Mystery)

When the escape of a dangerous criminal leads to the brutal murders of a federal officer and two locals from a quaint Pacific Coast hamlet, feline detective Joe Grey, assisted by girlfriend Dulcie and the tattercoat Kit put their paws and whiskers together to secure the killer's recapture. By the author of Cat Breaking Free. **APB \$17.95**

Joy Nash

Deep Magic

As the Romans and Druids engage in war, Gwendolyn, an ethereal Druid priestess, and Marcus, a Roman blacksmith with a gift for creating magical weapons, find forbidden love as the sword Excalibur is forged. **APB \$17.95**

James Patterson

The 6th Target (Women's Murder Club)

The next thrilling novel in the Women's Murder Club series. After a dramatic shoot out at a ferry dock, Detective Lindsay Boxer is called to the scene to find that three people have been killed, and one of her closest friends, Claire, has been shot and lies bleeding, whilst the murderer is on the run. Lindsay promises Claire that she'll hunt down this killer and bring him to justice, but sadly, it doesn't prove to be so straightforward. A man comes forward claiming to be the ferry murderer and Yuki Castellano, one of the Women's Murder Club, prepares to set out the charges against him. But it's not all over, a child has been abducted and is still missing. To increase the mystery and confusion, there are a series of suspicious and unexplained deaths in the building where Cindy lives - yet another of the Women's Murder Club is in danger. Lindsay discovers yet more abducted children, and the hunt begins in earnest to return the children to their parents. **TP \$32.95**

Don Pendleton

The Killing Rule (Super Bolan 118)

When two CIA agents in London disappear and rumors begin circulating about the IRA's access to weapons of mass destruction, Mack Bolan arrives in the British Isles where he stumbles upon a conspiracy involving stolen Russian nuclear warheads and a death deal brokered with Iran. **APB \$16.95**

Volatile Agent (Executioner 350)

Sent to West Africa to rescue a beautiful CIA asset who possesses crucial U. S. intelligence, Mack Bolan, landing in the middle of the war-torn Ivory Coast, must go up against warlords, mercenaries, and the local police to save her life and complete his mission. **APB \$13.95**

Richard C Rattenbury

Packing Iron: Gun Leather of the Frontier West

Western gunleather is an icon of American frontier lore. This book celebrates the artistry and innovation of the craftsmen who designed the gun rigs of the old time cowboys, troopers, lawmen and Hollywood heroes. This unique art form is fully described and richly illustrated with over 400 exciting color photographs and rare historic images. This is a tremendous reference for leather craftsmen and cowboy action shooters. With 216 pages.

The Old West was won with a multitude of firearms, from single shot pistols and Colt revolvers to Plains rifles and Winchester repeaters. The variety of military and civilian gunleather that housed this romantic array of weaponry is colorfully illustrated and explained in PACKING IRON.

PACKING IRON completely and accurately describes the holsters, gunbelts, saddle scabbards and other colorful equipment which made the carrying and wearing of firearms practical. "Gun rigs" of the old time Westerners have long been recognized as collectible objects, and in recent years, greatly appreciated in interest and value.

PACKING IRON is a handsomely designed, large format, 216-page portrait of this important facet of our frontier heritage. The extensive, entertaining, fact-filled text provides a fascinating history of the evolution and style of western gunleather. In the pages of PACKING IRON you will discover gunleather produced by historic government arsenals along with famed frontier craftsman like Collins, Meanea, Gallatin and Heiser. PACKING IRON is a book no student or collector of Western Americana should be without. **HC \$88**

James Rollins

Black Order

Arson and murder reveal an insidious plot to steal a Bible that once belonged to Charles Darwin. As Commander Gray Pierce investigates, he is soon caught up in a mystery that dates back to Nazi Germany - and to horrific experiments performed in a now-abandoned laboratory buried in a hollowed-out mountain in Poland. A continent away, madness ravages a remote monastery high in Nepal. As Lisa Cummings, a young American doctor, begins to investigate reported atrocities at the monastery, she is suddenly the target of an assassin. Her only ally is Painter Crowe, director of SIGMA Force, now undercover - and already showing signs of the baffling malady destroying the minds of the monks. Now it is up to Gray Pierce to save both Painter and Lisa - and a world in jeopardy... **PB \$19.99**

Dana Stabenow

A Deeper Sleep (Kate Shugak)

Anchorage private detective Kate Shugak and Alaska state trooper Jim Chopin race against time to bring to justice Louis Deem, a man arrested for and acquitted of the murder of his wife, especially after the shooting of a woman and her son in an apparent robbery. By the author of A Taint in the Blood. **APB \$17.95**

Fred Watson

Stargazer: The Life and Times of the Telescope

The telescope is literally the world's most far-reaching invention. It can unlock nature's secrets in the remotest corners of the universe. It is a time machine, allowing us to look billions of years into the past for answers to some of our most profound questions. In its 400-year history, the telescope has progressed from a crudely fashioned tube holding a couple of spectacle lenses to colossal structures housed in space-age cathedrals. The history of the telescope is a rich story of ingenuity and perseverance involving some of the most colourful figures of the scientific world. It begins in ancient times, gathers momentum through the Renaissance, with the first recorded telescope bursting onto the scene in the middle of a diplomatic crisis in seventeenth century Holland, and takes us to the limits of space with the cutting-edge telescopes of today. Written by Fred Watson, one of Australia's best-loved astronomers, Stargazer brings the story of the telescope to a general readership for the first time. **BPB \$24.95**

Fred Watson

Why Is Uranus Upside Down? And other questions about the Universe

Have you ever wondered what dark matter is or why galaxies collide? Or why the Moon is gradually drifting away from Earth? Space is really, really big, as Douglas Adams once pointed out, and there is no better guide to it than Fred Watson, astronomer to the stars. Fred Watson has taken the many, many questions that have been asked by listeners of his popular, long-running radio shows, and answered them in *Why Is Uranus Upside Down?** How can you identify the constellations?* Does the Earth wobble?* Could you dump nuclear waste into the Sun?* What makes planets round?* Where's the nearest black hole?* Are there other universes?* Can we ever know everything? This highly entertaining and informative introduction to our planet and the Universe we live in is a must-read for enquiring minds of all ages. **BPB \$24.95**

Dave Watts

Where to See Wildlife in Tasmania

Tasmania is an increasingly popular destination for both local and international holiday-makers. Its main attraction is its large tracts of wilderness, its natural beauty and plenty of highly visible wildlife. Many of Tasmania's animals are found nowhere else on Earth, not even on Australia's mainland. This book features 29 wildlife hotspots where people have a good chance of seeing animals in their natural habitat. The key species for each spot are listed and the area and its facilities described, together with a map and notes about accessibility. Another indispensable part of this fully illustrated book is a gallery of colour photographs and descriptions of the animals likely to be encountered in Tasmania. **PB \$29.95**

Kerry Whalley

Science Focus 2 Book and CD Pack

The Science Focus series has been written for the NSW Science syllabus, stages 4 and 5. It includes material that addresses the learning outcomes in the domains of knowledge, understanding and skills. Each chapter addresses at least one prescribed focus area in detail. The content is presented through many varied contexts to engage students in seeing the relationship between science and their everyday lives.

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