



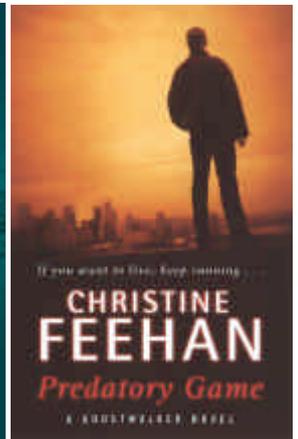
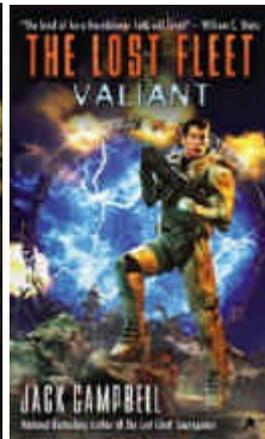
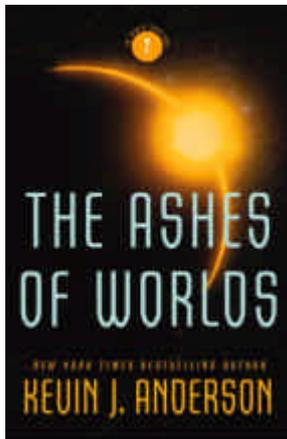
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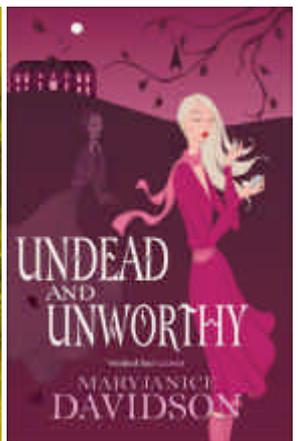
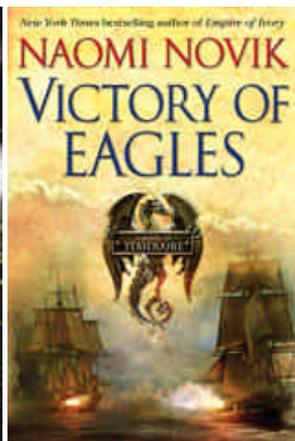
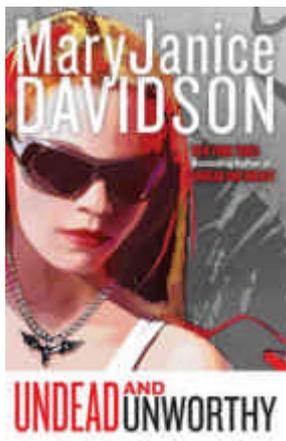
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Featured Books



Kevin J Anderson
 Jack Dann, et al
 Jack Campbell
 Alison Croggon
 Christine Feehan
 MaryJanice Davidson
 Greg Egan
 Naomi Novik
 Tony Shillitoe

The Ashes of Worlds Saga of Seven Suns book 7 in hardcover.
Dreaming Again Australian fantasy trade paperback anthology.
Valiant The Lost Fleet 4 in paperback.
The Singing Pellinor 4 in trade paperback.
Predatory Game Ghost Walkers 6 in paperback.
Undead and Unworthy book 7 in trade paperback and hardcover.
Incandescence in trade paperback.
Victory of Eagles Temeraire 5 in hardcover.
The Demon Horsemen Dreaming in Amber 4 in paperback.



News

Locus Awards were announced 21st June.

Best Science Fiction novel went to *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* by **Michael Chabon**.

Best Fantasy novel went to *Making Money* by **Terry Pratchett**.

For a full list of winners visit: http://www.locusmag.com/2008/Locus_Awards_Winners.html

FreeCon 2008 for science fiction fans will be 8th and 9th November at a new venue at Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, near Town Hall. <http://www.freecon2008.sydneyfuturian.org/>

SydCon 2008 is a roleplaying convention to be held over the October long weekend at St Scholastica's High School in Glebe. <http://www.sydcon.info/>

Infinitas Hosts D&D Day at Parramatta



We enjoyed a great day hosting world D&D Day on 7th June, launching Dungeon and Dragons 4th Edition. Dozens of players, both novice and experienced participated. We took over part of the arcade with 2 shifts of parties on 5 tables. More images at: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/Gallery/DandDday.php>



Book Reviews

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

***Blood Ties* by Pamela Freeman, reviewed by Josephine Crowley and Naomi Cooke**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780733623202>

This fantasy book is the story of Bramble and Ash and their journey through life. Bramble is a wilful young woman; spending her youth amidst a staid rural community and this is the story of her breaking free. Bramble's racial heritage comes from the gypsy-like race called Travellers, and it is in the process of travelling that she is most herself. Her story is a beautiful one of challenge and adversity. She has a remarkable affinity with animals, and some exciting horse races akin to the best of Banjo Paterson are scattered throughout the book. Ash, also a Traveller, is a young man finding his place in the world. His uncanny ability to communicate with the ghosts of the dead lead him to an apprenticeship with the revered Stone Caster. His learning of the mysteries of future-telling leads him on a journey which eventually intersects with Bramble's.

The narrative structure of 'Blood Ties' begins quite disjointedly. Peripheral characters dominate the early chapters, and it is not until well into the novel that the story comes together. This is probably because this is the first of a trilogy, and significant time is spent establishing the world of 'The Casting' trilogy. Despite this slow beginning, the novel is remarkably well written, and draws the reader into the story with a compulsive energy.

Freeman paints a vivid picture of life in the villages: of people thatching houses, breaking in horses, rearing families, of grasses growing and seasons changing. Perhaps the detailed descriptions are inspired by her academic research. She is an Australian writer with an established career in children's books, and this, her first adult novel, began as part of her Doctorate of Creative Arts at University of Technology, Sydney. 'Blood Ties' is an engaging new fantasy novel. It is exciting to see Australian writers of this quality emerging. Book Two of the trilogy is eagerly awaited.

***An Accidental Goddess* by Linnea Sinclair, reviewed by Julianne**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553587999>

When Raheinan Special Forces captain Gillaine Davre wakes up 342 years in the future and a goddess in the seeming space of 'a couple of unconscious hours', she discovers that life has just become more complicated. Things to do: 1. Find out how she ended up goddess, 2. Hide her real identity from the people on the station, 3. Survive the seductive advances of one Admiral Mack Makarian, and 4. Save the Khalain people... again!

This is a fun light weight space opera / romantic novel. If you enjoyed Anne McCaffrey's space opera novels (The Rowan, Crystal Singer, The Ship that Sang etc), then you will enjoy this story.

***The Warlord Chronicles* by Bernard Cornwell, reviewed by Karen**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780140231861>

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780140232479>

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780140232875>

Book 1: The Winter King Penguin, 495 pages

Book 2: Enemy of God Penguin, 473 pages

Book 3: Excalibur Penguin, 480 pages

Bernard Cornwell's epic retelling of the King Arthur legend combines intriguing characters and beautifully choreographed battle scenes with brutal realism and thoroughly researched historical detail, making this trilogy a compulsive read. The Winter King, the first book in the trilogy, chronicles the rise of Arthur. The story is narrated by Derfel, a Saxon slave who becomes one of Arthur's most trusted warriors, and ultimately his friend. Arthur, bastard son of Uther and a gifted warlord, is given the task of protecting England until Uther's only legitimate son, Mordred, comes of age. Yet despite his skills in battle, Arthur yearns for peace and a chance to devote himself to his beautiful, clever and duplicitous wife, Guinevere, rather than to warfare. In Enemy of God, Arthur must battle the ever-increasing numbers of Christian subjects who threaten the stability of his land, as well as the Saxon hordes. Meanwhile, the druid Merlin, intent on banishing the Christian God from England, embarks on a quest to return the old Gods of Chaos to power. As Derfel struggles to aid both Merlin and Arthur, Guinevere and the sly, handsome but ultimately cowardly Lancelot plan their own terrible betrayal of their king. Excalibur begins with Arthur a shattered and embittered man, devastated by Guinevere and Lancelot's treachery. While the Saxons unite their warring tribes against Arthur and Derfel, Merlin's mad priestess, Nimue, plots to use Arthur's son and his druid-forged sword, Excalibur, in one last savage attempt to summon the old Gods. Only by making his peace with Guinevere will Arthur find the strength he needs to succeed in his final battle.

There have been countless retellings of the story of King Arthur, and while Bernard Cornwell's trilogy features all the usual characters, he has injected enough originality and suspense into the tale to keep the reader hooked throughout the trilogy.

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Recently Arrived Stuff

There is always more stuff flowing through our shop. As deliveries arrive we consider it a perk of the job to open the parcels and see what has come. Check out our stuff...



Futurama: Bender Original

Original Bender, as a tin wind-up robot, he swings his arms as he walks. 23cm tall. He features a manually rotating antenna that changes his mouth expressions, and has poseable eyes. This robot comes with a can of Old Fashion Robot Oil and cigar. \$44.95

Starbug Electronic Playset

When the crew leave Red Dwarf on their jaunts they fly in Starbug. They have crashed (sorry-landed) her many times, she has been burnt, frozen and lost. However, here is Starbug along with Lister, Rimmer, Kryten and Cat to scale, and sound grabs from the TV show. \$129.95



Doctor Who: Judoon Scanner Torch

The Judoon work as police for hire. The Doctor and Martha encountered and defied them in the episode where Martha meets the Doctor. This torch allows you to scan for aliens, just as the Judoon do. \$19.95

Fire Knife Folding lock knife with firestarter. Scrape the notch of the blade along the included magnesium firestarter flint and sparks will fly, even when wet. Body of knife includes whistle, lanyard hole, and belt clip. \$69.95



Guppie Tool

A cute little multi tool, with driver bits in a removable magnetic tool carrier. Adjustable wrench, Knife blade, Bottle opener, LED



torch, Screwdriver with four hex bits in magnetic bit holder. \$59.95

Robot Arm kit

Wired control robot arm kit for budding robot enthusiasts. Once assembled it is capable of 5 separate movements and can easily perform complex tasks. Individual control is available for opening and closing the illuminated gripper plus control of wrist, shoulder, elbow and base rotation. \$59.95



Robot Beetle Kit

Infra-Red remote control beetle with claw supplied as a kit of parts and once assembled, will scurry around and can pick up small objects with its controllable claw. It has forward and reverse drive and can be steered around obstacles. It has four separate control channels so up to four beetles can be used in the same area. \$59.95



Torch: P7 Tactical

Very impressive light output from this new generation LED torch. 167 lumens and up to 130 hours of battery life from standard AAA batteries. Single hand focus system. \$99.95



Headlamp H7

Headlamp with single high performance LED. Lamp can be dimmed, tilted and focused to a tight beam. Uses a Cree LED, a new generation of high performance lamps. At 140 Lumens this is a significant upgrade on similar looking previous models, and better priced. \$69.95



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Pardon Me, Coming Through By Steven Cavanagh Part Four of Five

Previously: Death-rower Chris Pearson has become the first human attempt at interdimensional travel. Blasted from Sydney into a forest, Pearson tries to find out if he has moved in location, dimension, time or all three. Previous episodes are online at www.infinitas.com.au/Newsletters/NewsletterMenu.php Steven is online at stevecav.blogspot.com.

The return trip to the camp took longer. Pearson's mind was awl. Dixon and her government-funded sadists had not brought him back and, he felt certain, never would. If the requirement was atomic bomb-level energy, there was no way back. Even if Dixon and her team came through themselves with whatever they could carry, the mere creation of steel would take years.

No, if any more people pierced the membrane, they would also be doomed prisoners. And what reason was there to do it? Dixon had her answer. She could go ahead and write a research paper or whatever she did, and bask in the adoration of her peers. Sending more prisoners into exile would surely be prohibited by cost. He was alone. But alone where?

Hunger appended itself to the list of his problems.

When Pearson reached his camp he was still so deep in helpless anger that it took him a few moments to hear the snuffling sound from further down the hill.

His first thought, upon seeing the shuddering orangutan's body, was that it was still alive. He had barely processed the poor logic of this when the other animal stopped feeding on intestines and raised its head.

The size of a large pig, it appeared to be equal parts wombat, koala and bear trap. One beady eye glared at him, the other lost beneath a slash of scar tissue. A throaty sound, like someone trying to start a motorbike, burst from the tangle of teeth. It sprang over the corpse and ran at him.

It may have been protecting its food source or gaining another. Pearson did not stop to find out. His legs were already moving, cured of their fatigue, and he reached full pace by the time his helmet fell to the rocks. He sprinted back toward the gully.

The creature growled again, and the sound of claws thrashing through leaves followed on Pearson's heels until he sprang over a log. The steep hillside, navigated so carefully that morning, passed under him in a series of skids and leaps.

Pearson sprawled on hands and knees on the rocky floor, and pain flared in his knee. A series of limping hops took him to the other side, and he had just started up it when the creature landed at the bottom of the gorge behind him.

Terror rescinded the pain in his knee, and he surged up the slope in a wild scramble. The throaty sound had ceased, but he did not look back until he stood once again at the peak with an ankle-thick branch in his hands.

He was alone.

Pearson stood there for some time, knee and lungs burning, branch following his gaze. When he was satisfied the thing had returned to its meal, he resumed moving in the same direction his flight had taken him.

By morning Pearson could no longer ignore his hunger. Prison, for all its faults, had provided a sufficient quantity of food, and he oscillated between the enjoyment of his newfound freedom and the desire to be back in familiar captivity, with its comparative safety.

A few minutes of turning over rocks yielded a black beetle that glistened with an oil-sheen rainbow, and two flat headed grubs. He weighed them against the pangs in his stomach, then removed the heads and thrust them into his mouth. They tasted faintly nutty.

The following day he came to a slow moving river some eighty meters wide: a long, nervous swim. On the other side the hills began to flatten, and the eucalypts gave way to scrubby head-high bushes. Pearson began a loping run, wincing at every step and grinning like an idiot.

The river appeared to be more than enough to keep the creature away, but he kept exploring. Part of him reveled in the complete lack of boundaries. Something else expected answers over every rise: a group of cavemen, or the ruins of the civilisation he knew. Perhaps he could dance on Dixon's grave.

Instead he found another river, more than three times as wide as the last, and he resolved to try for some fish. The wire in his pocket was pliable enough to twist one end around a stout branch, and formed a simple hook at the other. He found a grub in moments. Two hours' patience yielded a small eel.

Pearson hung his catch from his makeshift pole, slung it over one shoulder and followed the riverbank. His spirits lifted. He had begun to adjust to the rules by which his new environment worked.

The riverbank had become a series of headlands and inlets. Pearson climbed a rocky hill and looked for a place to make a cooking fire. The scene struck him as familiar. Realisation followed like a breaking wave.

He was looking at Sydney Harbour.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested just come along. For current detailed information on these groups, visit our forums.

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php> and <http://www.infinitas.com.au/forums/viewforum.php?f=3>
Thursday 3rd July: Romans in space.
Thursday 4th August: Books based on games.

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 July:

Weapons of Choice by John Brimingham (SF)
No Humans Involved by Kelley Armstrong (F)

Thursday 31st August:

The Better Part of Valor by Tanya Huff (SF)
Foundling by D. M. Cornish (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 June

General Release

<i>Victory Conditions</i>	Elizabeth Moon
<i>Hell Hath No Fury</i>	David Weber & Linda Evans
<i>Making Money</i>	Terry Pratchett
<i>Hammer of God</i>	Karen Miller
<i>Valiant</i>	Jack Campbell
<i>The Julius House</i>	Charlaine Harris
<i>Blood Noir</i>	Laurell K Hamilton
<i>The Man With the Golden Torc</i>	Simon R Green
<i>The Blade Itself</i>	Joe Abercrombie
<i>Lover Enshrined</i>	J R Ward

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Players Handbook I</i>	D&D 4 th Edition
<i>Do No Harm</i>	StarGate SG1
<i>Invincible</i>	Star Wars
<i>Revenge of the Judoon</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Blood Angels Omnibus</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Brothers of the Snake</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Runefang</i>	Warhammer Fantasy
<i>The Killing Ground</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Monster Manual</i>	D&D 4 th Edition
<i>Purge the Unclean</i>	Warhammer 40,000

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine 33 **MAG \$8.95**
Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine 34 **MAG \$8.95**
Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine 35 **MAG \$8.95**

D'Artiste Digital Painting 2 **HC \$70**
Elemental 3 **HC \$70**

Jason Patnode

Character Modelling With Maya And ZBrush: Professional Polygonal Modeling Techniques

Intermediate level textbook, providing step-by-step tutorials on using Maya to create video game, hyperreal, and photo-real characters.

Book comes with DVD ISBN978240521138 **TPB \$95**

Gary Tonge

Bold Visions: Digital Painting Bible for Science Fiction and Fantasy Artisis

Digital paintings and practical demonstrations of futuristic spacescapes, medieval landscapes and revolutionary vehicles. Accompanied by techniques and an introduction to the technical equipment required, providing an in-depth review of this increasingly popular medium. **TPB \$40.95**

Jessica Abel, Warren Pleece & Gabe Soria

Life Sucks

Life sucks for Dave Marshall. The girl he's in love with doesn't know he exists, he hates his job, and ever since his boss turned him into a vampire, he can't go out in daylight without starting to charbroil. Undead life in its uncoolest incarnation yet is on display in this cinematic, supernatural drama told with gallons of humour and haemoglobin. In striking, colourful, B-movie style artwork and light-hearted, intelligent writing by Jessica Abel, Gabe Soria, and Warren Pleece, Dave Marshall's story comes alive – in a vampiric kind of way. **BPB \$29.99**

Daniel Abraham

A Betrayal In Winter (Long Price Quartet 02)

A sequel to *A Shadow in Summer* finds Otah Machi recalled from exile to the house of his ruling family when he is rendered its only surviving heir, a situation during which he is falsely accused of conspiring with a formidable enemy. **APB \$19.95**

An Autumn War (Long Price Quartet 03)

Having struggled to prepare his people for a future without their magic protectors, ruler Otah Machi realizes he has run out of time when his city is targeted by an expansionist empire from across the sea. **HC \$49.95**

Marta Acosta

Midnight Brunch at Casa Dracula (Casa Dracula 02)

Having her illusions shattered throughout his year-long residence at Casa Dracula, Milagro hopes for a proposal from her vampire boyfriend, is targeted by a Neo-Vamp cousin, and joins the film crew for a new independent monster movie. Originally published as *Midnight Brunch*. **PB \$14.95**

Kevin J Anderson

The Ashes of Worlds (Saga of Seven Suns 07)

A conclusion to the *Saga of Seven Suns* series by the author of *Metal Swarm* features a final stand in an epic clash against galactic civilizations that pits the factions of humanity against one another. **HC \$52.95 MP3 CD \$60**

Alex Archer

Gabriel's Horn (Rogue Angel)

Archaeologist Annja Creed makes her way through the dark and violent underbelly of Istanbul to find her missing friend Roux and the Holy Grail before the relic falls into the wrong hands. **APB \$17.95**

Lou Aronica

Tamarisk

Devastated when she discovers that her leukemia has returned, a young girl is drawn into a fantastical quest--both in her imagination and in reality--to the mystical dreamland of Tamarisk, a world created with her father to help her deal with her illness as a small child, to find her estranged father, who could hold the key to saving both her and Tamarisk. **HC \$52.95**

Catherine Asaro

The Night Bird (Aronsdale)

When Jazid nomads invade Aronsdale and carry young Allegro into the desert, an unexpected ally, fierce Jazid warrior Markus Onyx, falls under her spell, giving her the chance to use her powers to save her homeland, if she can overcome the promise of true love. **TPB \$30.95**

Robert Asprin & Jody Lynn Nye

Myth-Chief (Myth)

Skeeve has decided, at long last, to come out of his self-imposed retirement and get back into the problem-solving biz. He confidently expected walk in and take his rightful place as the head of M.Y.T.H., Inc. He didn't expect to have to face off against Aahz for the job. With their friends lending help but showing no favorites, they start a not-so-friendly contest to see who will run the company by taking opposite sides of the next case to walk in the door. Will the legendary partnership survive the battle, or will this be the end of a beautiful friendship? **TPB \$30.95**

Kage Baker

The Sons of Heaven (Company)

A conclusion to the story of Mendoza and The Company finds the immortal Lewis stripped of his vision and physical prowess and befriended by an extraordinary child, the Victorian superman Edward plotting world domination, and the Enforcer Budu enlisting an unexpected ally. **APB \$19.95**

Nina Bangs

Eternal Pleasure

When Kelly Maloy opens her car door to a stranger at the Houston airport, she does not realize that once day fades, she will become part of a battle fought in the darkened streets with an enemy that is not human. **APB \$19.95**

L A Banks

The Shadows (Vampire Huntress)

As new allies, Yonnie and Val, a daywalker and an angel hybrid, join Damali's and Carlos's team, the forces of the Dark Realms have taken refuge in the wake of an angelic onslaught, while the evil Unnamed One prepares to leave the underworld to seek bloodthirsty revenge on all humankind for the actions of the Huntress squad. **TPB \$30.95**

Stephen Baxter & Arthur C Clarke

Firstborn (Time Odyssey 03)

With this epic tale of altered histories and different earths, a universe where Alexander's empire prompted a different past, a world where strange alien 'eyes' gaze upon a fractured reality, a time when man is looking to colonise the red planet Arthur C Clarke and Stephen Baxter scale new heights of ambition and sheer story telling brio. This is classic SF adventure from two of the biggest names in the genre. A heady combination of high concept SF, big engineering projects and human drama. **TPB \$32.99**

Stephen Baxter

Navigator (Time's Tapestry 03)

Stephen Baxter's new series is full of page-turning action, intriguing mystery and awe-inspiring scientific speculation. Full of evocative historical detail and characters who jump off the page, this is history lived by people whose future is not yet locked as our past. This is the third of the series and delves deep into the discovery of America. **PB \$24.99**

Weaver (Time's Tapestry 04)

Germany launches a successful invasion of England during World War II. American historian Mary Wooler, her warrior son Gary, and Ben Kaman, a Jewish refugee, become caught in the middle of the conflict. A dark conspiracy threatens to destroy the very fabric of time itself. **HC \$49.95**

Elizabeth Bear

Ink and Steel (Promethean Age 03)

With playwright and spy Kit Marley dead, the victim of murder, dramatist William Shakespeare unsuccessfully takes on the Promethean Club's secret battle against sorcerers out to destroy England, until Marley, resurrected by Faerie enchantment, comes to his aid, but first Kit must find the traitor responsible for his death. **TPB \$28.95**

Galen Beckett

The Magicians and Mrs Quent

Raised in a genteel but impoverished household, Ivy Lockwell, eldest of three daughters, is desperate to save her father, a former magician, from the madness that has overwhelmed him and finds the key to saving both him and the entire land from darkness lies in the secrets she uncovers while serving as governess to the wards of the enigmatic Mr. Quent. **HC \$47.95**

Danielle Bennett & Jaida Jones

Havemercy

When their enemies, the Ke-Han, come up with an ingenious scheme to conquer Volstov, a country protected by magicians, the metal dragons they have created, and the men who ride them, an unlikely quartet of heroes--exiled magician Margrave Royston, country boy Hal, unpredictable airman Rook, and Thom, a grad student--is forced to band together to save the kingdom. **HC \$45.95**

Lucinda Betts

She

The wild side of female...

Ivy, who is able to change her shape at will and is searching for an ally with powers to match her own to protect those she holds dear, encounters Blaze Williams, a man with a taste for supernatural sex to match her own desires. **TPB \$26.95**

David Bilsborough

A Fire in the North (Annals of Lindormyn 02)

A motley band of companions, led by a brave warrior and a visionary priest, arrive in the northern lands to confront a supernatural tyrant who ravaged the land five hundred years earlier, a situation that forces the Wanderer to confront his destiny. **HC \$52.95**

Ben Bova

Laugh Lines

A two-in-one omnibus volume presents two full-length novels by the award-winning science fiction master that features *The Starcrossed*, in which a young techno-whiz takes on greedy industry executives when he invents true 3-D TV technology, and *Cyberbooks*, in which the inventor of a new "cyberbook" comes face to face with the cutthroat world of big publishing. **HC \$45.95**

Drew Bowling

The Tower of Shadows (Tides of Fate 01)

The lives of three teenagers and those of the adults charged to protect them intertwine as a great evil from the past engulfs the land of Elynrie, destroying everything it touches, forcing a former mercenary to once again take up his sword, and transforming a young student of magic into an untried wizard. A first novel. **APB \$19.95**

Patricia Bray

The Final Sacrifice

Trapped by dark sorcery in the body of an emperor, scholar-monk Josan struggles to make peace with the mind of his host, but as Ikaria is threatened with destruction by long-standing rivalries and their uneasy truce begins to unravel, they must undertake a perilous quest to distant Xandropol in search of the forbidden magic that may be the only cure for them. **APB \$17.95**

Marie Brennan

Midnight Never Come (01)

Seamlessly weaves together Elizabethan history and the fantastic to dazzling effect. England flourishes under the hand of its Virgin Queen: Elizabeth, Gloriana, last and most powerful of the Tudor monarchs. But a great light casts a great shadow. In hidden catacombs beneath London, a second Queen holds court: Invidiana, ruler of faerie England, and a dark mirror to the glory above. In the thirty years since Elizabeth ascended her throne, fae and mortal politics have become inextricably entwined, in secret alliances and ruthless betrayals whose existence is suspected only by a few. And two courtiers, struggling for the favour of very different royal patrons, are about to uncover the secrets that lie behind their thrones. What they find has the potential to fracture both worlds. This is a breathtaking novel of intrigue and betrayal set in Elizabethan England. **BPB \$22.99**

Steven Brust*Jhegaala (Vlad Taltos)*

Hiding from the criminal Jhereg organization in a distant paper-making town, a recently divorced Vlad endeavors to find family members who allegedly live in the increasingly bizarre and hostile community. By the author of *Dzur*. **HC \$51.95**

Jim Butcher*Fool Moon (Dresden Files 02)*

When the corpse of a brutally mutilated murder victim turns up at the time of the full moon, accompanied by some most unusual paw prints, professional wizard and supernatural investigator Harry Dresden finds himself searching Chicago for the werewolf stalking the city. Originally in paperback. **HC \$49.95**

John Branch Cabell*Jurgen: A Comedy of Justice*

A middle-aged pawnbroker and poet from the land of Poictesme embarks on a series of amorous adventures through a variety of fantastical realms, in a new edition of the seminal and influential fantasy novel, originally written in 1919. **TPB \$28.95**

Alan Campbell*Iron Angel (Deeppgate 02)*

Order has collapsed in Deeppgate. The chained city is now in ruins; the Deadsands beyond are full of fleeing refugees. The Spine militia, unable to come to terms with the loss of their church, are trying to halt the exodus with brutal force. Driven away by the mob, Rachel Hael leads Dill along a very dangerous route through the wastelands, but what should have been a straightforward flight to Sandport becomes a desperate march for survival after the angel is captured and mutilated. Yet Dill has been crippled by more than the loss of his wings, for memories of hell haunt him.

Cog Island will now become the focus for a clash of powers: of men and gods and archons and slaves all forced into desperate alliances, a battle in which the outcome will be decided not by force, but by sacrifice. Whoever wins, it's bad news for everyone except Iril, god of death. For in the end there's going to be a lot of blood. **TPB \$32.99**

Jack Campbell*Valiant (Lost Fleet 04)*

"Black Jack" Geary orders the Alliance Fleet back to the Lakota Star System where it had almost been destroyed by the Syndics in a desperate gamble to stay one step ahead of the enemy. **APB \$19.95**

Ramsey Campbell*The Grin of the Dark*

Jumping at an offer to write the biography of a silent-film star, struggling film critic Simon investigates the actor's mysterious disappearance, only to witness bizarre occurrences, from the unusual appearances of a menacing clown to unnatural outbreaks of laughter wherever he goes. **HC \$49.95**

Dakota Cassidy*Accidentally Dead*

Bitten by a patient, still loopy from the anesthesia, during her first day on the job as a dental assistant, Nina Blackman awakens to discover that she has become a vampire overnight, thanks to her patient, gorgeous Long Island vampire Greg Statileon, who just might be the man of her dreams--if they are willing to commit to each other for all eternity. **TPB \$28.95**

Allan Cole*The Gods Awaken (Timuras 03)*

With the kingdom torn apart by catastrophe and the great wizard Lord Safar trapped in the doomed world of Hadin, it falls to his wizard son, Prince Palimak, with the help of Leiria, a female warrior, to stop the dark forces under the command of the Demon Moon, before it is too late. **APB \$17.95**

Brenda Cooper*The Silver Ship and the Sea*

Chelo Lee, her brother Joseph, and four other genetically enhanced children who have been abandoned on the colony world of Fremont struggle to use their unique talents and skills to make the dangerous, wild planet home and discover that a long-deserted space ship shunned by other inhabitants of the planet could hold the key to their survival. **APB \$19.95**

Reading the Wind

Forcefully rejected by the purity-valuing citizens of a Fremont colony planet, genetically altered teen Chelo is unable to escape with her brother and is forced to live underground, while her brother encounters a dangerous plot against Fremont when he returns to his homeworld. **HC \$49.95**

MaryJanice Davidson*Undead and Unworthy (Undead 07)*

Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor discovers that it is not all marital bliss in the suburbs as her husband, Sinclair, takes up reading *The Book of the Dead*, she is hounded by a ghost as insufferable in death as in life, and a pack of once feral vampires decides to pay an unwelcome visit.

HC \$49.95 TPB \$32.99*Derik's Bane (Wyndham Werewolves 01)*

Chick lit meets Werewolf in this brand new romantic paranormal comedy. Derik's a werewolf with alpha issues - and a body to die for. Sara is the personification of unspeakable evil - and smells like roses. Now if they could just stop lusting after each other long enough to save the world. It's always good to have a psychic around - except when she tells you the world will soon end unless you do something about it. For werewolf Derik Gardner that means heading to sunny California and destroying the reincarnation of possibly the most powerful sorceress in history: Morgan Le Fay. But the beautiful - and slightly ditz - Dr Sara Gunn has no idea that she is Morgan Le Fay. Her masses of wild red curls and crystal blue eyes make killing her an unpleasant prospect for Derik...and his half-hearted attempts don't meet with much success. So if he can't kill Sara, he'll join her, on a cross-country odyssey to change her fate, confront a medieval evil - and hopefully get lucky... **APB \$17.99**

Gideon Defoe

Pirates! An Adventure with Napoleon

Bruised from a crushing disappointment at the Pirate of the Year Awards, the Pirate Captain decides that perhaps it's time for a career change. Before long, his loyal crew, much to their dismay, find themselves en route to St Helena: a bleak speck of an island a thousand miles from anywhere. But the Captain's plan for a quiet life rearing bees is interrupted by the arrival of another visitor to the island - the recently deposed Napoleon Bonaparte. Is the island's twenty-eight mile circumference big enough to contain two of history's greatest egos? Has the Pirate Captain finally met his match? And who has the best hat? THE PIRATES! IN AN ADVENTURE WITH NAPOLEON is an exciting, unputdownable tale of lavish tea parties, planning regulations, educational museum exhibits and raw naked political ambition. There is not much ham in this one. **HC \$22.99**

David Devereux

Hunter's Moon

'My name is unimportant, but you can call me Jack. I'm a musician by choice, a magician by profession and a bastard by disposition. I'd been doing the magic thing for about five years when they found me. They said I had a talent, that I was smart enough and fit enough and enough of a shit that I could serve my country in a way most people never even get to hear about. And I did want to serve my country, didn't I? I didn't want to contemplate what might happen if I said no.' And so Jack found himself on the front line of a secret war that most people wouldn't believe was possible, working for a secret organisation tasked with defending the country from whatever supernatural threat faces it. Whether wiping out a group of demon summoners, infiltrating a coven determined to assassinate the Prime Minister or rooting out a Neo-Nazi sect who are trying to bring Hitler back from the dead, Jack is a very modern magician - trained in a variety of dark arts but also skilled in unarmed combat and electronic surveillance. **PB \$19.99**

Philip K Dick

Philip K Dick: Five Novels of the 1960s and 70s

A second collection of signature works offers insight into the author's range within the science-fiction genre, in a volume that includes the titles Martian Time-Slip, Dr. Bloodmoney, Now Wait for Last Year, A Scanner Darkly, and Flow My Tears, the Policeman Said. **HC \$78**

Kate Douglas

Wolf Tales VI

When Oliver accompanies Adam to Florida for Adam to reunite with his mate, Eve, he is drawn to another of their kind, Mei Chen, and recognizes her as the mate for whom he has been searching, in a sixth erotic novel in the paranormal Wolf Tales series. **TPB \$26.95**

David Louis Edelman

Infoquake (Jump 225 01)

Natch, a master of biologics, the programming of the human body, has suddenly come to the attention of Margaret Surina, the owner of a mysterious new technology called MultiReal. Only by enlisting Natch's devious mind can Margaret keep MultiReal out of the hands of High Executive and his ruthless armies. Natch and his apprentices must now accomplish the impossible; understand this strange new technology, run through the product development cycle, and prepare it for release to the public, all in three days. Meanwhile, hanging over everything is the spectre of the infoquake, a lethal burst of energy that's disrupting the biologic networks and threatening to send the world crashing back into the Dark Ages. **APB \$16**

Greg Egan Australian Author

Incandescence

A million years from now, Roi and Zak live inside the splinter, a world of rock that swims in a sea of light they call Incandescence. In fact the Splinter is orbiting a black hole, which is about to capture a neighbouring star and wreak terrible - fatal - havoc. As the signs of danger grow, Roi, Zak and a growing band of recruits struggle to understand their world and take control of their fate. **TPB \$35**

Will Elliott Australian Author

The Pilo Family Circus

Jamie's tyres squealed to a halt. Standing in the glare of the headlights was an apparition dressed in a puffy shirt with a garish flower pattern. It wore oversized red shoes, striped pants and white face paint. It stared at him with ungodly boggling eyes, then turned away... This seemingly random incident triggers a nightmarish chain of events as Jamie finds he is being stalked by a trio of gleefully sadistic clowns who deliver a terrifying ultimatum: you have two days to pass your audition. You better pass it, feller. You're joining the circus. Ain't that the best news you ever got? Jamie is plunged into the horrific alternate universe that is the centuries-old Pilo Family Circus, a borderline world between hell and earth from which humankind's greatest tragedies have been perpetrated. Yet in this place peopled by the gruesome, grotesque and monstrous, where violence and savagery are the norm, Jamie finds that his worst enemy is himself - for when he applies the white face paint, he is transformed into JJ, the most vicious clown of all. And JJ wants Jamie dead. **BPB \$22.95**

Steven Erikson

Toll of the Hounds (Malazan Book of the Fallen 08)

In Darujhistan, the saying goes that Love and Death shall arrive together, dancing... It is summer and the heat is oppressive, yet the discomfort of the small rotund man in the faded red waistcoat is not entirely due to the sun. Dire portents plague his nights and haunt the city's streets like fiends of shadow. Assassins skulk in alleyways but it seems the hunters have become the hunted. Hidden hands pluck the strings of tyranny like a fell chorus. Strangers have arrived, and while the bards sing their tragic tales, somewhere in the distance can be heard the baying of hounds. All is palpably not well. And in Black Coral too, ruled over by Anomander Rake Son of Darkness, something is afoot - memories of ancient crimes surface, clamouring for revenge, so it would seem that Love and Death are indeed about to make their entrance...

This is epic fantasy at its most imaginative, storytelling at its most exciting. **HC \$69.95**

Ian Cameron Esslemont

Night of Knives (Malazan)

The small island of Malaz and its city gave the great empire its name, but now it is little more than a sleepy, backwater port. This night, however, things are a little different. This night the city is on edge and a hive of activity, its citizens bustle about, barring doors, shuttering windows, avoiding any stranger's stare. Because this night there is to be a convergence, the once-in-a-generation appearance of a Shadow Moon - an occasion that threatens the good people of Malaz with demon hounds and other, darker things. It was also prophesied that this night would witness the return of Emperor Kellanved, and there are those prepared to do anything to prevent this happening. As factions within the greater Empire draw battle lines over the imperial throne, the Shadow Moon draws a far more ancient and potent presence for an all-out assault upon the island. Witnessing these cataclysmic events are Kiska, a young girl who yearns to flee the constraints of the city, and Temper, a grizzled, battle-weary veteran who seeks simply to escape his past. And this night each is to play a part in a conflict that will not only determine the fate of Malaz City, but also of the world beyond. Drawing on events touched on in the prologue of Steven Erikson's landmark fantasy Gardens of the Moon, Night of Knives is a momentous chapter in the unfolding story of the extraordinarily-imagined world of Malaz. **APB \$24.95**

Chris Evans

A Darkness Forged in Fire (Iron Elves 01)

Forcibly summoned out of exile to resurrect the Iron Elves regiment he once had led, disgraced elf officer Konowa Swift Dragon is ordered to fight an elf witch of immense dark power, a mission that is compromised by doubts about the elves' loyalty to their empire. **HC \$49.95**

Christine Feehan

Conspiracy Game (Ghost Walkers 04)

Book Four in Christine Feehan's bestselling GhostWalker series Jack Norton is a GhostWalker, a genetically enhanced sniper with a merciless sense of justice, a phantom welcomed by the anonymity of the night. But a mission to rescue his brother in the jungle has left him vulnerable to rebel forces. His only salvation is his power of telepathy. Then he meets Briony, an unusual beauty on a mission of her own. But they share more than the sweltering heat... Briony shares the GhostWalker powers. Yet she's different. She doesn't know what she is, or what she's capable of. But her enemies do. And Jack and Briony's flight will take them into frightening conspiracy of mind and body - across the globe and into the heart of darkness, where the shocking truth is something neither of them could have foreseen - or can escape... **APB \$19.99**

Deadly Game (Ghost Walkers 05)

Book Five in Christine Feehan's bestselling GhostWalker series. It began as a mission to find a notorious politician whose plane went down in the Congo. But the risky operation took an unexpected turn when Mari, a physically enhanced member of the rescue team, was taken hostage by rebel forces. Now, imprisoned in an isolated compound, Mari has only chance for survival - escape. What she doesn't count on is Ken Norton, expert assassin and himself a GhostWalker warrior, fighting to get behind the prison walls on a mission of his own - one that reaches into Mari's own past and the mysterious fate of her twin sister ... and that will bind Ken and Mari in an intoxicating passion that raises the stakes on the deadliest game of survival they've ever played. **APB \$19.99**

Predatory Game (Ghost Walkers 06)

Book Six of the GhostWalker series. Saber Winter was running from her past when she meets Jess Calhoun, an ex-officer with the U.S. forces elite Navy Seals division who's now confined to a wheel chair. Jess had sensed that Saber was a lost soul, and he'd given her a job and a home, hoping that she'd be willing to stay and finally share her secrets with him. But Saber has been on the run a long time, and Jess may be in a wheelchair, but he's also a GhostWalker, and both of their pasts are about to collide in the present when secrets they're both hiding get uncovered, and both must deal with betrayal before they're free to find a future together. **APB \$19.99**

Jasper Fforde

First Among Sequels (Thursday Next 05)

Fourteen years after her last adventure, Thursday Next, literary detective, finds herself in an unusual situation her job policing the fictional characters of the BookWorld has been downgraded since her previous escapades are now themselves in print. However, a pressing threat may call her back into action: first Sherlock Holmes and then Miss Marple are found dead, stopping their series in their tracks. When Thursdays written self also receives a death threat, it becomes clear that a serial killer is on the loose. Meanwhile, the Goliath Corporation plan on taking literary tourists on holiday in the novels of Jane Austen. Thursday alone realizes the true intent of Goliaths unwanted incursions into fiction, but she cant fight all these battles on her own. She must team up with the one person she cant really get along with: the written Thursday Next. **BPB \$22.99**

Lynn Flewelling

Shadows Return (Night Runners 04)

After a victory in Aurënen, master spies and dissolute aristocrats Alec and Seregil accept a new assignment that takes them to Seregil's homeland, only to be ambushed, separated, and sold into slavery, where Alec's unique heritage entangles them both in a dark realm of alchemists, madmen, and an inhuman creature that may be either a monster or their only hope. **APB \$18.95**

Pamela Freeman Australian Author

Blood Ties (Castings 01)

Bramble, a village girl whose grandfather is a Traveller, witnesses a warlord's man wound a wolf in the woods. As she is an experienced tracker she finds the wolf and puts it out of its misery. The man finds out and confronts her, and in self-defence Bramble kills him and steals his horse. Worried that the warlord will discover her crime and threaten her family, she takes to the Road so they are not in danger. Ash is a young man, also a Traveller, who has recently left the Road which he travelled with his musician parents. They have found him an apprenticeship with a safe guarder house in Turvite, the largest town in the region. Safe guarders are part security guards/part mercenaries. Ash's story begins when he kills a young woman one night - a thief who is trying to kill him. The murder throws his life into turmoil and he decides he needs to find another career - or set out on the Road once more. And so the story of Bramble and Ash begins... **APB \$19.99**

Yasmine Galenorn

Dragon Wytch (Otherworld)

Camille, a half-human, half-Fae operative for the Otherworld Intelligence Agency, is doing her best to juggle magic, men, and a demonic war until she discovers a secret that could change her and her sisters' lives. **APB \$19.95**

Victor Gischler

Go-Go Girls of the Apocalypse

Ten years after an apocalypse all but destroys the world, former insurance salesperson Mortimer Tate emerges from a Tennessee mountain-top cave and is accompanied by a cowboy sidekick as he makes his way through the strip clubs that represent the surviving dregs of American society. By the author of Gun Monkeys. **TPB \$28.95**

Ed Greenwood

Dark Warrior Rising (Niflheim)

Kidnapped as a child by the Nilfghar dark elves, Orivon Firefist has grown up as a slave, forced to use his great strength to serve his captors, but now he yearns to return to the surface world and is willing to do anything, even destroy the entire dark elf empire, to escape. **APB \$19.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*The Harlequin (Anita Blake 14)*

The fourteenth book in the New York Times bestselling Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter series: sharp, sassy, sexy and bloody good fun. The first warning is unexpected, calculated. Malcolm, head of the vampire Church of Eternal Life, is no friend to Anita Blake. So when he asks for help, against creatures so feared that no vampire will willingly speak their name, Anita is surprised. But the Harlequin require different rules. The second warning is presented like a gift, with 'Anita' printed on the box. Inside, carefully wrapped in folds of pristine tissue paper, is a plain white mask. The fact that it's white is good news. White means they are only being watched. The power connecting Anita with Jean-Claude, vampire Master of the City and Richard, Ulfric of the werewolves, has been increasing exponentially - and this has attracted very unwelcome attention. Anita Blake has the authority to pass judgment on vampires. The Harlequin have the authority to pass judgment on her. It is forbidden to speak of the Harlequin unless you've been contacted. And to be contacted by The Harlequin is to be under sentence of death. **APB \$21.99**

Peter F Hamilton*The Dreaming Void (Void 01)*

In a high-tech, far future world, a great mystery remains, what lies inside the Void, a massive black hole lying at the center of the Intersolar Commonwealth universe and an area of space from which mysterious dreams are being projected that are transforming the lives of those who experience them, in the first volume in a new trilogy by the author of Pandora's Star.

Unabridged MP3 CD. **MP3 CD \$78**

Frank Hampson*Voyage to Venus Part 1 (Dan Dare)*

It's chocks away and tally-ho, chaps - Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future, is back! First published in classic British comic The Eagle, these are the original adventures of one of the best known and loved of British comic characters, presented in a new series of gorgeous library editions from Titan. In the first part of this rip-snorting story, Dan and his crew travel to Venus, hoping to find new resources to feed a starving Earth. But the planet is already the lair of the pint-sized megalomaniac, The Mekon, who has his own plans to conquer Earth! Includes background material exclusive to this book, with rarely seen art pages, an in-depth introduction to Dan Dare, and a new foreword by Dave Gibbons (Watchmen). **HC \$24.95**

Voyage to Venus Part 2 (Dan Dare)

Colonel Dan Dare and his crew travel to Venus to find new resources to feed a starving Earth, but find the planet has already become the lair of The Mekon, a pint-sized megalomaniac with plans to conquer the Earth. **HC \$24.95**

Traci Harding Australian Author*The Black Madonna (Mystique 03)*

The Black Madonna has always been affiliated with Mary Magdalene, yet it also has a far more ancient and secret association ... Archeological linguist, Mia Montrose, has discovered that the Black Madonna is a code used by secret societies throughout time to refer to a lost key that will unlock an ancient power source: the Sphere of Amenti. Through the ages since the demise of Atlantis, malign forces have manipulated world events in their search for this key. Unlike all who have sought the key of keys before her, Mia knows exactly where the Black Madonna can be found and she must protect the information at all costs ... nothing less than the future of the Earth is at stake. **TPB \$32.99**

Charlaine Harris*All Together Dead (Sookie Stackhouse 07)*

Sookie's beginning to get used to being surrounded by all varieties of supernatural beings - but even she has her limits. She'd really like to take a while to get over being betrayed by Bill, her long-time vampire lover and get used to her new relationship with the sexy shapeshifter Quinn - but instead, she finds herself attending the long-planned vampire summit, as a sort-of human Geiger counter for Sophie-Anne Leclercq, vampire queen of Louisiana. But the job is fraught with difficulties. Sophie-Anne's power base has been severely weakened by Hurricane Katrina and she's about to be put on trial during the event for murdering her king. Sookie knows the queen is innocent, but she's hardly prepared for other shocking murders: it looks like there are some vamps who would like to finish what nature started. With secret alliances and backroom deals the order of the day - and night - Sookie must decide which side she'll stand with - and quickly, for her choice may mean the difference between survival and all-out catastrophe. **TPB \$32.99**

Kim Harrison*The Good, the Bad, and the Undead (Rachel Morgan 02)*

Sexy supernatural bounty hunter Rachel Morgan prowls the dark streets of downtown Cincinnati as she confronts her ultimate challenge, an ancient, invincible enemy--the vampire master--who is out to steal her very soul. Originally in paperback. **HC \$45.95**

Joe Hill*Heart-Shaped Box*

'Buy my stepfather's ghost' read the email. So Jude did. He bought the dead man's suit, delivered in a heart-shaped box, because he wanted it: because his fans ate up that kind of story. It was perfect for his collection: the genuine skulls and the bones, the real honest-to-God snuff movie, the occult books and all the rest of the paraphernalia that goes along with his kind of hard/goth rock. But the rest of his collection doesn't make the house feel cold. The bones don't make the dogs bark; the movie doesn't make Jude feel as if he's being watched. And none of the artefacts bring a vengeful old ghost with black scribbles over his eyes out of the shadows to chase Jude out of his home and make him run for his life... **PB \$22.99**

Robin Hobb*Renegade's Magic (Soldier's Son 03)*

The people of Getty's town remember the death of their cemetery soldier vividly. They remember believing him guilty of unspeakable crimes, condemning him, and then watching as other men of his unit beat him until he no longer drew breath.

But Nevare Burvelle didn't die that day, though everyone believes they saw it happen. He was cornered by a power far more intractable than an angry mob. When he was a boy, the magic of the Specks - the dapple-skinned tribes of the frontier forests - claimed Nevare as a saviour; severing his soul in two, naming his stolen half Soldier's Boy and shaping him into a weapon to halt the Gernian expansion into their lands and save their beloved ancestor trees. Until now Nevare has defied the magic, unable to accept his traitorous fate. But the magic has won: it has extinguished his once golden future, devastated his family and has now turned his own people against him. Faced with endangering the only loved-ones he has left, Nevare has no choice but to surrender to its will and enter the forest. But surrendering to his Speck destiny is only the beginning of his trials. Before he submits completely, Nevare makes one desperate last attempt to deter the Gernians from the Barrier Mountains without causing them harm. But the magic accepts no compromise. Exhausted, Nevare can no longer suppress his traitorous Speck self, Soldier's Boy. Losing control, he becomes a prisoner in his own body; able only to watch helplessly as his other half takes control. Soldier's Boy is determined to stop the Gernian expansion at all cost, and unlike Nevare, he has no love, nor sympathy for his spirit-twin's world. **APB \$20.99**

Robert Holdstock*The Broken Kings (Merlin Codex 03)*

The hill below the fortress of Taurovinda, stronghold of Urtha, High King of the Cornovidi, is coming alive: the Otherworldly realm of the Shadows of Heroes are claiming the land as their own. But this time their actions are driven by a force that is darker and older than even the oldest among the ghosts. Who or what is raising the Dead? Merlin, a temporary resident in the fortress, must answer that question if this time of kings and lovers is to be saved. Jason's wonderful ship, Argo, has returned, drawn back by her own guilty past and a dreadful secret that she will reveal only to Merlin. Argo holds the key to the mystery. And Niiv, the bewitching, beautiful Northlands enchantress, is working her way even closer into Merlin's charms. This is a journey that will take Merlin back in history and to a fabled island of legend. Love is in the air. But at a price. **PB \$24.99**

Emma Holly*Fairyville*

Despite her talents as a medium and her ability to communicate with fairies, Zoe Clare finds herself unable to get her boss, Magnus Monroe, the most eligible bachelor in Fairyville, Arizona, to realize her feelings for him, until she sets to make him jealous by taking up with her old flame Alex, the man who had once broken her heart. **APB \$19.95**

Tom Holt*Better Mousetrap***HC \$39.99****L Ron Hubbard***Battlefield Earth*

Jonnie Goodboy Tyler ventures out of the tiny community of humans barely surviving in the Rocky Mountain refuge and finds himself challenging the Psychlos, the malignant and oppressive alien conquerors of Earth. **HC \$60**

Aldous Huxley*Brave New World*

It is the year AF 632 and the breeding and conditioning of humans by scientific methods have created world wide stability and happiness. Or have they? John brings passion to the New World and the values of the New World are thrown into perspective. **APB \$11.95**

Jean Johnson*The Wolf (Sons of Destiny 02)*

Second in the Sons of Destiny series - now in mass market.

Wolfer is one of eight sexy brothers, exiled to a strange island and struggling with magic, mysterious women, and deadly enemies-both human and not. **APB \$12.95**

Susan Kearney*Dancing With Fire*

Giving up a promising dance career to help raise her younger sisters in Florida, dance instructor Kaylin Danner is confronted by unexpected peril when her father's laboratory is destroyed in an explosion and his formula for a revolutionary new fuel source vanishes, and is forced to turn to his partner, Sawyer Scott, when her family is terrorized by a ruthless enemy. **APB \$17.95**

Karen Kelley*The Bad Boys Guide to the Galaxy*

Hoping to save her planet Nerak, Lara is sent on a special fact-finding mission to a place called Texas, but her expedition to Earth could be compromised by such temptations as chocolate and sex when she meets a cop named Sam Jones who offers to help her on her quest. **TPB \$28.95**

Eve Kenin*Hidden*

Tatiana, a psychic, and Tristan, a physician, must survive being trapped in an underground lab, hunted by a madman and exposed to a plague that could destroy all humankind, before they can start some chemistry of their own. **APB \$17.95**

Julie Kenner*Demons Are Forever (Secret Life of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom)*

Now that her daughter has figured out what her mother does, suburban stay-at-home mom and demon hunter Kate Connor finds herself confronted by a would-be teenage protégée, as well as a late husband who may have used the forces of darkness to steal another's body, a living husband who is somehow different, and a precious item that every demon in the area wants. **APB \$19.95**

Deja Demon (Secret Life of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom 04)

Just when she is confronted by the potential chaos of a vast neighborhood Easter party, suburban mother and demon hunter Kate Connor discovers that she must save the world once again from the High Demon Goramesh, who has returned to San Diablo, this time accompanied by an army of the undead and a powerful demonic ally. **TPB \$28.95**

Russell Kirkpatrick New Zealand Author*Dark Heart (Husk 02)*

When the gods want to kill you, where can you hide? Noetos has an artefact that everyone wants. Now reunited with his children, he flees up the coast, pursued by powerful forces intent on his destruction at any cost. Meanwhile, Lenares becomes leader of the Cosmographers after her mistress Mahudia is killed. Lenares has a particular affinity with numbers and she senses something very wrong in the world. Trained to read the presence of the gods in the landscape, she can find no evidence of the Father ... but how is it even possible that he could be dead? And Stella discovers that Husk's plans are far more complex than any of them can imagine ... **APB \$20.99**

E E Knight*Valentine's Resolve (Vampire Earth 06)*

Returning from 3 years of exile, David Valentine reluctantly joins forces with the Marshal, a legendary and autocratic resistance fighter with a personal vendetta, to free the Lightweavers - allies of humankind - imprisoned by a vicious Kurian overlord. **APB \$19.95**

Fall With Honor (Vampire Earth 07)

Leading a company of former Quisling soldiers in the rebellion against the Kurian Occupation of Earth, David Valentine is ready to join forces with a guerrilla army planning to establish a new freehold in the Appalachian Mountains, but he never expects what they will face at the end of their journey. **HC \$49.95**

Elizabeth Knox *New Zealand Author*

The Invisible Road

There is a world similar to ours but for one major aberration: the mysterious Place that only a select group of people – the Dreamhunters – can enter. A region where dreams can be caught and relayed to eager audiences in the Rainbow Opera, the magnificent purpose-built dream palace.

Laura needs to find out what it is that killed her father – but nothing in her darkest nightmares could prepare her for what she discovers about those who rule the world of the Dreamhunters. And Rose cannot believe secrets can be buried for years, yet cry out to be heard ...

TPB \$32.99

Dean Koontz

In Odd We Trust (Odd Thomas)

Nineteen-year-old Odd Thomas, a young fry cook from Pico Mundo, California, can see the dead.

Beautifully drawn by Australian artist Queenie Chan, this graphic novel tells the story of Odd's race to solve the murder of a young boy whose killer appears to be stalking a second child. With the help of his beautiful girlfriend Stormy, his friend Police Chief Porter and the ghost of Elvis Presley, Odd must find the killer before he strikes again. **TPB \$19.99**

Jay Lake

Escapement (Mainspring 02)

A follow-up to Mainspring finds genius sorceress Paolina Barthes, a shipwreck survivor who grew up in isolation on the immense Equatorial Wall in the middle of the ocean, setting out in the hopes of acquiring an education, only to be exploited by those who would use her powers for their own means. **HC \$52.95**

Kristin Landon

The Cold Minds

In their desperate search for allies to oppose the Cold Minds, Iain and Linnea need to prove to the Pilot Masters that the Cold Minds have returned and that they need to recruit jump pilots. **APB \$19.95**

Sarah Langan

Keeper

The rain falls ceaselessly on the town of Bedford as it braces itself for the annual floods that heralds the end of winter. But this year the sense of misery is more pervasive than ever. The Clott paper mill, the town's biggest employer, has shut and the town, already polluted by the chemicals the mill used, faces a desperate future. Liz and Susan Marley are two sisters who are poles apart. Susan, beautiful and disturbed: abused by her father and even after he died, rejected by a mother unable to confront her own guilt. She lives in squalor in the wrong part of town. She wanders silently around the town, inappropriately dressed, never speaking and letting herself be picked up by men in bars. She is the town witch, the town's guilty secret. Liz is years younger than Susan, in her last year of high school and worried about her looks, her weight, how popular she is, whether she will ever get out of Bedford and above all why her sister hates her so much. You see, she dreams about Susan. Vivid, horrific dreams in which Susan tries to kill her, dreams from which she awakes strangely bruised. But it turns out that everyone in Bedford dreams about Susan Marley. Strange, disturbing dreams of destruction and loathing. And when Susan Marley commits suicide, betrayed by life one final petty time, her death unleashes a hail of destruction on the town of Bedford that is more terrifying than any dream. **APB \$14.50**

Virus

Winner: 2008 Bram Stoker Award

Something lurking in the woods threatens to destroy an entire town in Sarah Langan's brilliantly crafted second novel. Lois Larkin should never have taken her class to the woods for the field trip. Preoccupied by the betrayal of her fiancé she never even notices when little James Walker doesn't get back on the bus and suddenly the quiet, prosperous town of Corpus Christi is plunged into tragedy and united in shock. **APB \$19.99**

Richard Laymon

Laymon Collection Volume 18

THE GLORY BUS One moment Pamela is a contented newly-wed with a loving husband. The next, she's the prisoner of a repulsive killer who has lusted after her since high school. Somehow college kid Norman finds himself in a car with hell-raiser Duke and a strange hyper-sexed hitchhiker who tags along for the ride. Together the lawless pair take him on a wild journey that soon becomes a living nightmare...FRIDAY NIGHT IN BEAST HOUSE The last novel in the Laymon's BEAST HOUSE series. Michael would do anything to get a date with Alison. She has just one condition he has to spend a night with her in the legendary Beast House. To Michael a night alone with Alison is a chance of a lifetime but if the stories about the Beast House are true it may also be a chance to die... **PB \$22.99**

The Woods Are Dark

Neala and her friend Sherri are just two of the human victims who find themselves shackled to trees in the middle of the night by a group of deformed, humanoid creatures that are hungry for human flesh. **APB \$19.95**

Holly Lisle

Hawkspar (Korre)

Approaching the end of her life, powerful avatar Hawkspar remembers her early years of slavery in service to the oppressive stone Eyes and chooses as her successor a courageous and rebellious slave whom she hopes will have the strength to use her growing powers to defeat the Eyes. **HC \$56.95**

Marjorie M Liu

The Iron Hunt

Maxine Kiss, the only one standing between humankind and the demons breaking out from behind prison veils, lives a life lacking in love and reveling in death, until one moment and one man changes everything. **APB \$19.95**

Kathy Love

Fangs But No Fangs

When their brother Christian, a vampire who had once been a force to be reckoned with, retires to a trailer park and becomes the king of karaoke at a local bar, Rhys and Sebastian step in to save him with the help of Christian's sexy neighbor Jolee. **APB \$17.95**

Sergei Lukyanenko

Last Watch (Night Watch 04)

A final installment in a series that includes Twilight Watch finds Night Watch agent Anton conducting a murder investigation that takes him from Edinburgh and Uzbekistan to Moscow, where he discovers that the threat posed by the Others is more complex than originally realized. **TPB \$29.95**

Katie MacAlister*Sex and the Single Vampire (Paranormals 02)*

It's not going to work, I told my toes as I finished the invocation. It never works... and that'll be the end of my short and less-than-brilliant career. Working as a Summoner wasn't the career she thought she wanted, nor was the assignment one she would have chosen, yet Allegra Telford has somehow found herself in a so-called haunted hotel in London, trying to summon a ghost. And, frankly, it's not really working. So, obviously, she is thrilled when she discovers the spirit of a stunningly gorgeous, albeit horribly wounded man, who strangely bears an uncanny resemblance to the tall, dark, handsome man of her dreams. Her frustration quickly returns, however, when she realises that he is not actually a spirit. In fact, he may be something much more bloodthirsty indeed. And, contrary to Allie's own desires (ok, not her desires perhaps her reason), he has arrogantly made some sort of alpha-male decision that she's his beloved, whatever that means... **APB \$19.99**

George R R Martin*Dreamsongs 2: A Retrospective*

This is a massive collection of the best of George R.R. Martin's short fiction, containing 32 short stories and novellas, including the Hugo-winning A Song for Lya, the Bram Stoker-winning The Pear-Shaped Man and The Skin Trade, which won the World Fantasy Award and is generally acclaimed as the finest werewolf story of our time. As well as the stories themselves, which span Martin's multi-faceted career, there are two television scripts, voluminous author commentary, an introduction by award-winning editor and writer Gardner Dozois and a comprehensive bibliography. This must-have volume by one of the brightest stars in the field of imaginative fiction. **PB \$24.99**

James Maxey*Dragonforge*

After the death of King Albekizan, Shandrazel and his allies struggle to keep the kingdom intact as the radical human prophet, Ragnar, gathers forces to launch a full-scale rebellion against the dragons. When all-out war erupts, legendary dragon hunter, Bitterwood, must face his own personal demons and choose where his loyalty really lies. **PB \$16**

Robert R McCammon*Boy's Life*

Eyewitnesses to a horrific murder, Cory Mackenson and his father investigate and come face to face with the vicious Blaylock clan, a secret society united by racial hatred, and a reptilian creature inhabiting the river. **TPB \$32.95**

Tremell McKenzie*Habit*

Born addicted to the drugs his mother abused before she died in childbirth, Habit Brue discovers that his conception occurred as part of a eugenics experiment to produce super-humans, a secret project through which he may have developed supernatural abilities. **HC \$49.95**

Robin McKinley*Rose Daughter*

The winner of the Newbery Medal for *The Hero and the Crown* returns to the fairy tale of the Beauty and the Beast to create a haunting portrayal of the transformative power of love. **TPB \$28.95**

Richelle Mead*Succubus Nights (02)*

Georgina Kincaid's job sucks. Literally. Love hurts, and no one knows it better than Georgina Kincaid. If she so much as kisses her new boyfriend, she'll drain his life force. Georgina is a succubus—a demon who draws her power from other men's pleasure. Admittedly, the shapeshifting and immortality perks are terrific, and yes, Georgina did choose to join the ranks of hell centuries ago. But it seems completely unfair that a she-demon whose purpose is seduction can't get hot and heavy with the one mortal who knows and accepts her for who she is.

It's not just her personal life that's in chaos. Doug, Georgina's co-worker at a local bookstore, has been exhibiting bizarre behavior, and Georgina suspects that something far more demonic than double espressos is at work. She could use help finding out, but Bastien, an irresistibly charming incubus and her best immortal friend, is preoccupied in the suburbs with corrupting an ultra-conservative talk radio star—and giving Georgina some highly distracting come-hither vibes. Georgina is going to have to work solo on this one—and fast because soon, Doug's life won't be the only one on the line. **APB \$23.95**

Jacquelyn Mitchard*The Midnight Twins*

Mirror twins born on either side of midnight on New Year's Eve, Meredith and Mallory Bryn have always shared a close bond, until a mysterious, near-fatal fire on their thirteenth birthday gives rise to visions and dreams—Mallory of the past, and Meredith of the future—that reveal the deep and dangerous secrets of the people around them. **HC \$34.95**

Justine Musk*Lord of Bones*

Ramsey and Jess, who successfully stopped a demon intent on bringing about the apocalypse, travel from town to town to find and slay demon hybrids that are preparing for the arrival of the one who will lead them. **APB \$17.95**

K S Nikakis*The Song of the Silvercades (Kira Chronicles 02)*

Deep in the southern forests, the Tremen are being viciously attacked by their neighbours, the Shargh. As the death toll mounts, gold-eyed Kira, the Tremen's most gifted Healer, flees north to seek help from their long-lost warrior kin, the Terak. Even as her perilous journey has barely begun, Kira is forced to compromise her beliefs to rescue Caledon, a man driven by his faith in divine order and star patterns. In turn, his knowledge allows her to survive the perils of crossing the treacherous Azurcades. Kira soon realises that he sees her as part of a celestial plan, and begins to mistrust his intentions. But not even Caledon can foresee what will happen when she meets the one man with the power to destroy all she has striven for. As the Shargh's most ancient prophecy comes to life, 'gold meets gold', and Kira - and the Tremen - will never be the same again. With its sweeping storyline and passionate heroine, *The Song of the Silvercades* is a brilliant follow-up to the critically acclaimed *The Whisper of Leaves*. **TPB \$29.95**

Naomi Novik*Victory Of Eagles (Temeraire 04 CD)*

As Napoleon launches an attack on Britain, Captain Will Laurence languishes in prison, accused of treason, while his fighting dragon, Temeraire, is consigned to breeding grounds in Wales, until Laurence escapes his sinking prison ship and sets out on a desperate quest to reunite with his partner, who heads up a dragon resistance force from Wales. **HC \$51.95 Unabridged CD \$70**

Diana Palmer

The Morcai Battalion (01)

The galaxy is on the brink of disaster, the long-awaited truce torn apart by an unprovoked attack. The colony whose residents represented more than a hundred planets has been destroyed, and the new vision for unity in the universe is at risk.

Faced with a war that would mean destruction and chaos, one man has stepped forward to lead those fighting for their lives. Undeterred by insurmountable odds, his courage inspires an army-the Morcai Battalion-to battle for the cause of peace... and love. **APB \$18.95**

Marc Paoletti & Patricia Rosemoor

The Last Vampire

Imbued with superhuman abilities drawn from the DNA of an enigmatic corpse found in a Texas cave, Commander Scott Boulder, leader of a Black Ops unit, joins forces with reclusive anthropologist Leah Maguire, an expert in ancient rituals, to battle unspeakable evil when a voodoo priestess brings the corpse back to life. **APB \$19.95**

K J Parker

Colours in the Steel (Fencer 01)

COLOURS IN THE STEEL is the richly imaginative, masterfully written first volume in the FENCER trilogy and marks the debut of a wonderful new talent in fantasy fiction. Perimadeia: the famed Triple City and the mercantile capital of the known world. Behind its allegedly impregnable walls, everything is available. Including information which will allow its enemies to plan one of the most remarkable sieges of all time. The man called upon to defend Perimadeia is Bardas Loredan, a fencer-at-law, weary of his work and of the world. For Loredan is one of the surviving members of Maxen's Pitchfork, the legendary band of soldiers who waged war on the people of the plains for many years, rendering an attack on the city impossible. Until now... But Loredan has problems of its own. In a city where court cases are settled by lawyers disputing with swords not words, enemies are all too easily made. And by winning one particular case, Loredan has unwittingly become the focus of a misplaced curse from a young woman bent on revenge. The last thing he needs is to be made responsible for saving a city. **APB \$19.99**

James Patterson

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X (Daniel X 01)

Daniel X works alone. Having watched from the shadows as the brutal murder of his own parents unfolded before him, he has been forced to make his own way in a dark and unforgiving world with a heavy task handed to him.

Daniel's father was an alien hunter, working his way through a fearsome 'wanted' list of aliens intent on seeking control and wreaking devastation. But as he planned his next target, his own time was running out. Following his parents' sudden deaths, Daniel faced an uncertain future: he knew little about his family nor where he came from but a few things were clear, he had inherited the list from his father and a unique ability to create anything that he needs including some very devoted friends to help him along the way.

His life has become dedicated to the mission. Every day has been transformed into a terrifying hunt, watching each step he takes for danger awaits around every corner and lurks within the shadows. His ultimate aim is to exact revenge against number 1 on his list: his parents' murderer. But first he must target the others: each more sinister and gruesome than the last. **TPB \$29.95**

Sarah Pinborough

Tower Hill

When artifacts hidden centuries ago are unearthed in the quiet New England town of Tower Hill, the local residents become possessed one by one by the souls of the damned. **APB \$19.95**

Terry Pratchett

The Discworld Graphic Novels (Discworld)

Imagine a flat world, sitting on the backs of four elephants, who hurtle through space on the back of a giant turtle. That is the setting for Terry Pratchett's phenomenally successful Discworld series, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2008.

The Rincewind Chronicles introduces the very first two instalments of this much-loved series, *The Colour of Magic* and *The Light Fantastic*, in graphic novel form. It follows the bizarre misadventures of Twoflower, the Discworld's first tourist, and his guide Rincewind, the wizard. **HC \$49.95**

The Colour of Magic (Tie-in) (Discworld 01)

Twoflower was a tourist, the first ever seen on the Discworld. Tourist, Rincewind decided, meant idiot.

Somewhere on the frontier between thought and reality exists the Discworld, a parallel time and place which might sound and smell very much like our own, but which looks completely different. It plays by different rules. Certainly it refuses to succumb to the quaint notion that universes are ruled by pure logic and the harmony of numbers.

But just because the Disc is different doesn't mean that some things don't stay the same. Its very existence is about to be threatened by a strange new blight: the arrival of the first tourist, upon whose survival rests the peace and prosperity of the land. But if the person charged with maintaining that survival in the face of robbers, mercenaries and, well, Death is a spectacularly inept wizard, a little logic might turn out to be a very good idea...

The Colour of Magic is the first novel in Terry Pratchett's acclaimed Discworld series, which has become one of the most popular and celebrated sequences in English literature. **BPB \$24.95**

Thief of Time CD (Discworld 26 CD)

Time is a resource. Everyone knows it has to be managed. And on the Discworld that is the job of the Monks of History, who store it and pump it from the places where it's wasted (like the underwater - how much time does a codfish need?) to places like cities, where there's never enough time.

But the construction of the world's first truly accurate clock starts a race against, well, time for Lu Tze and his apprentice Lobsang Ludd. Because it will stop time. And that will only be the start of everyone's problems.

THIEF OF TIME comes complete with a full supporting cast of heroes, villains, yetis, martial artists and Ronnie, the fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse (who left before they became famous). **CD \$54.95**

Making Money (Discworld 31)

It's an offer you can't refuse. Who would not wish to be the man in charge of Ankh-Morpork's Royal Mint and the bank next door?

It's a job for life. But, as former con-man Moist von Lipwig is learning, the life is not necessarily for long.

The Chief Cashier is almost certainly a vampire. There's something nameless in the cellar (and the cellar itself is pretty nameless), it turns out that the Royal Mint runs at a loss. A 300 year old wizard is after his girlfriend, he's about to be exposed as a fraud, but the Assassins Guild might get him first. In fact lot of people want him dead

Oh. And every day he has to take the Chairman for walks.

Everywhere he looks he's making enemies.

What he should be doing is . . . Making Money! **APB \$21.95**

Joel Rosenberg*Knight Moves (Paladins II)*

In a seventeenth-century alternate universe in which Mordred had defeated King Arthur, establishing a dynasty that rules much of the world, the Knights of the Order of Crown, Shield, and Dragon are faced with the return of an ancient witch, a swarm of darklings infesting all of Europe, and a deadly being that has infected the inhabitants of Colonsay with a murderous frenzy. **APB \$19.95**

Rudy Rucker*Mathematicians in Love*

Friends Bela and Paul, two young mathematicians in love with the same woman, Bela's girlfriend Alma, embark on a reality-changing competition to see who gets the girl, unleashing a nightmarish and unexpected future in the process, in an inventive science fiction tale by the award-winning author of Frek and the Elixir. **TPB \$32.95**

Lilith Saintcrow*Night Shift (Jill Kismet 01)*

Jill Kismet, an exorcist and Hunter trained as a demon slayer, may be in over her head as she takes on a rogue Were with some very powerful hellbreed allies who is killing his way through Santa Luz. **APB \$17.95**

To Hell and Back (Dante Valentine 05)

The fifth and final book in the Dante Valentine series. A rollercoaster of a supernatural thriller, with a supporting cast featuring the Devil, bounty-hunters and people whose talents reach beyond the grave. Dante Valentine has been through Hell. Literally. Her body shattered and her mind not far behind, she's dumped back into her own world to survive - or not - as a pawn in one of Lucifer's endless games. Unfortunately, he's just messed with the wrong Necromance. And this time she's mad enough to do something about it. This time, the Devil will pay. **PB \$19.99**

*Cloud Watcher (Watcher) TPB \$24.95**Storm Watcher (Watcher) TPB \$24.95***Candace Sams***Electra Galaxy's Mr Interstellar Feller*

Earth policewoman Sagan Carter is ordered to manage an alien police officer's undercover investigation by making sure he follows all the rules for the intergalactic male beauty pageant in which he is competing as part of his mission. **APB \$17.95**

Patrice Sarath*Gordath Wood*

Stable manager Lynn Romano decides to ride the stable's most valuable stallion through Gordath Wood after an earthquake, stumbles into a hole between worlds, and finds herself in a world at war. **APB \$19.95**

Tim Scott*Outrageous Fortune*

In a bizarre future world in which appliances talk back and cities are divided into zones based on musical tastes, dream designer and surfer Jonny X awakens to discover that his house has been stolen, he has become the target of a determined encyclopedia saleswoman, and he is being pursued by four crazed bikers called War, Famine, Pestilence, and Jeff. **APB \$17.95**

A J Scudiere*Resonance*

The shift is coming. Soon. Dr. David Carter knows this. However, he's a geologist, so "soon" means anywhere from tomorrow to a thousand years from now. People are dying. Now. Drs. Jordan Abellard and Jillian Brookwood are standing at the edge of SuperAIDS. Or are they? They won't be able to figure it out if they can't get some authorization signed. But they're peons and no one is paying attention. Whole species died at the last polar shift 65 million years ago. Right now, Dr. Becky Sorenson has some seriously mutated frogs in her lab. In L.A., bees are making abnormal columns on the side of the freeways. In Georgia, birds are migrating out of season. It all makes a sick kind of sense when the doctors consider that the last magnetic shift is strangely coincidental to the dinosaur die-out. And the only similarity in the problems today is that each is occurring in a hotspot--a pocket of reverse polarity tells them all the shift is already here. **TPB \$21.95**

Joann Sfar*Little Vampire*

Living in a house filled with grown-up ghouls and monsters, Little Vampire is so lonely that he's even willing to go to school if that's what it takes to find friends. Unfortunately, school seems to be filled with children who are still alive... Little Vampire finds friendship with a boy named Michael, and they embark on adventures in the three stories in this collection.

Included in this book are Little Vampire Goes to School (a New York Times bestseller), Little Vampire Does Kung Fu, and Little Vampire and the Society of Canine Defenders. Insightful and inventive, Joann Sfar brings Little Vampire and Michael's fantastical world to young readers in stories that both feed the imagination and resonate with emotional truth. **BPB \$24.99**

Joel Shepherd Australian Author*Petrodor (Trial of Blood and Steel 02)*

Book 2 in the quartet, A Trial of Blood and Steel, picking up the story of the brave and independent heroine, Sasha, now living in the port city of Petrodor. Away from the hills of her Lenayin homeland, Sasha is making a new life in the dark alleys and wealthy houses of Petrodor. An influential trading centre, Petrodor holds the key to preventing the coming war between Lenayin and the mighty Bacosh. Together with her old mentor Kessligh, Sasha attempts to navigate the political intrigues of the port city and find a way to stop the war. It is the serrin, the beautiful but dangerous people from beyond the Bacosh, who will be the pivotal point in this struggle. How much can Sasha trust her old serrin friend Errollyn? And how much can she trust herself? **TPB \$32.95**

Tony Shillitoe Australian Author*The Demon Horsemen (Dreaming in Amber 04)*

'If men of evil come seeking death, you are not responsible for their fate.' Now that Prince Shadow is King of Kerwyn, and the Seers more powerful than ever, Meg must accept her destiny and attempt to stop the release of the apocalyptic Demon Horsemen. The Seers are equally determined to fulfil their religious dream of a new and cleansed paradise, and will unleash total destruction on the world in their desperation. It seems only Meg and A Ahmud Ki have the means to defeat them: a forgotten weapon from the ancient Andrakian kingdom. But using it will mean great sacrifice...The gripping and dramatic conclusion to this epic series. **APB \$20.99**

Gena Showalter*The Darkest Pleasure*

Reyes, a possessed man bound by the demon of pain and forbidden all pleasure, is drawn to Danika Ford, a mortal woman on the run, who has eluded the Lords of Underworld for months but who cannot forget Reyes's searing touch. **APB \$17.95**

Scott Sigler*Infected*

You've got a rash on your arm. It's nothing - surely no need to panic. It gets bigger - now it looks like a blue tattoo of a triangle, and it really, really hurts. And there's another one on your leg. And your back. And your neck. And they're still growing. Then you start to hear voices in your head. And you know it's not you...it's them. Scott Sigler is the new voice in new horror - his UK debut is a terrifying, menacing thriller about millions of alien parasites infecting the general population, driving the victims to murder and suicide...and waiting to hatch... **TPB \$32.99**

Sherwood Smith*The Fox (Inda 02)*

While attending the King's Military Academy, Inda unwittingly becomes a pawn in a vicious political struggle among the nobility after he tries to save the life of a classmate, which compromises his honor and sparks a civil war, forcing him to start a new life as a ship's boy on a merchant vessel where he must hide his true identity as he grows into manhood. **APB \$19.95**

King's Shield (Inda 03)

Exiled from his kingdom, Inda returns home when he discovers that his homeland is about to be invaded and is pressed into service as the king's "royal shield arm" to defend his country against its most powerful and ancient enemy. **HC \$49.95**

Jeff Somers*The Digital Plague (Electric Church 02)*

Following the action-packed events of *The Electric Church*, book two of this near- future noir series. Avery Cates is the star turn in this action-packed slice of near-future noir. **THIS IS AN ASSASSINATION. NOT YOURS. BUT AN ASSASSINATION NONE THE LESS.** Avery Cates, criminal 'king' of New York, has climbed his way to the top of a heap of trouble. On his knees in the snow, with a gun to his head, Avery thinks this must finally be it. Instead, he is injected with nanotech and left confused but alive. Then everyone around him starts dying. With every moment bringing humanity closer to extinction, Cates finds he will be either executioner or saviour of an entire world. **PB \$19.99**

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

In the conclusion of the Age of Discovery trilogy, an escalating war in heaven echoes a war in the human realms of Earth, as a group of heroes is forced into an uneasy alliance to save the only world they know from utter destruction. **APB \$17.95**

Jennifer Stevenson*The Bearskin Rug (03)*

In the third volume in a back-to-back trilogy of humorous romantic fantasies, three unlikely sleuths--Jewel, a fraud investigator; sexy con man Clay; and Randy, a sex demon--put Randy's special skills to work when they investigate trouble at a Chicago erotic film studio. **APB \$17.95**

S M Stirling*Dies the Fire (Change 01 CD)*

When a strange electrical storm over the island of Nantucket suddenly causes all electronic devices to cease functioning, the world is faced with an unimaginable transformation, one that is complicated by some individuals' ruthless quest for ultimate domination. **MP3 CD \$68**

The Protector's War (Change 02 CD)

Ten years after all of Earth's technology had been rendered useless by the Change, two thriving communities in Oregon's Willamette Valley are confronted by a dangerous new challenge when the totalitarian Protectorate prepares to seek control over their priceless farmland. Unabridged audio MP3. **MP3 CD \$70**

Whitley Strieber*2012: The War For Souls*

On December 21, 2012, the date prophesied as the end of the world, a mysterious alien presence bursts from sacred sites across the globe, ripping human souls from their bodies and plunging the world into a time of ultimate chaos and darkness. **APB \$19.95**

Charles Stross*Saturn's Children*

Following the extinction of humankind in the twenty-third century, leaving behind only androids, femmebot Freya Nakamichi 47 accepts a job to transport a mysterious package from Mercury to Mars, unaware that some extremely powerful and ruthless humanoids will stop at nothing to possess the package and its contents. **HC \$51.95**

Halting State

Sergeant Sue Smith is called in to investigate a daring Edinburgh robbery at a dot-com startup company, a crime perpetrated by a band of marauding orcs with a dragon in tow in the virtual reality land of Avalon Four, but she soon discovers that events in the virtual world could have a devastating impact on the real one, especially when an unknown enemy launches attacks on both. **APB \$19.95**

Harry Turtledove*The Man With the Iron Heart*

Surviving a failed assassination attempt, the ruthless Reinhard Heydrich, the number-two man in the SS and an architect of the holocaust, conceives an insidious conspiracy designed to keep the German war machine alive, long after the supposed end to hostilities, to once again bring the Nazi elite into power. **HC \$56.95**

The Valley-Westside War

In an alternate-reality tale in which the merchants of our world secretly visit parallel universes to trade for much-needed resources, the discovery of a universe beset by a 1967 atomic war prompts an investigation into what went wrong. **HC \$49.95**

Mark L van Name*Slanted Jack (02)*

Jon Moore, a nanotech-enhanced soldier of fortune, gets more than he had bargained for as he takes on a ruthless gang boss, a heavily armed group of religious fanatics, and a powerful interstellar government working to stabilize a dangerous frontier world when he agrees to assist an old friend and con man protect a very special young boy, in the sequel to *One Jump Ahead*. **HC \$49.95**

A E Van Vogt*The Voyage of the Space Beagle*

A re-release of a golden-age classic follows the episodic adventures of a great space ship that explores the far reaches of the galaxy and chronicles their encounters with myriad alien beings, including the Ix, who lay their eggs in human bodies. **TPB \$30.95**

Elizabeth Vaughan*Warsworn (Warprize 02)*

Lara is a daughter of kings, a city girl and a powerful healer in her own right; but she is the Warprize and has sworn an oath of loyalty to Keir, the barbarian Warlord and his people. As Keir and the tribe make their way back to their homeland, they come across a village stricken by plague and though Lara has the tools to fight this scourge, the Warlord forbids her risking her own life. Both Lara and Keir are strong-willed and neither will bend easily, even for love. When Lara disobeys, she pays the price, for both she and Keir are struck down by the fatal disease and so is their entire encampment. In the midst of the dying, a rival warrior gathers his followers and challenges Keir for the right to rule their tribe. If Keir, weakened by sickness, loses, he dies. And so does Lara... **PB \$19.99**

Kurt Vonnegutt*Cat's Cradle*

Dr Felix Hoenikker, one of the founding 'fathers' of the atomic bomb, has left a deadly legacy to humanity. For he is the inventor of ice-nine, a lethal chemical capable of freezing the entire planet. Writer Jonah's search for its whereabouts leads him to Hoenikker's three eccentric children, to an island republic in the Caribbean where the religion of Bokomonism is practised, to love and to insanity. Told with deadpan humour and bitter irony, Kurt Vonnegut's cult tale of global destruction is a funny and frightening satire on the end of the world and the madness of mankind. **BPB \$22.95**

Steve White & Shirley Meier*Exodus (Starfire 05)*

In the sequel to *The Shiva Option*, in the decades following the struggle against alien invaders, the sentient races--human, Orions, Ophiuchi, and Gorm--have become dangerously complacent as they confront a new race of invaders who have fled their doomed planet to seek refuge on a world that they will do anything to colonize--even genocide of the planet's human inhabitants. **APB \$19.95**

Anna Windsor*Bound By Shadow (Dark Crescent Sisterhood)*

A Sybil, a warrior priestess trained in magic to battle evil, Riana Dumain finds herself drawn to handsome NYPD detective Creed Lowell, a member of a secretive Occult Crimes Unit with possible ties to the evil Legion cult, when she and her two sister Sybils are drawn into the case of a politician's son, murdered in a ritualistic sacrifice, in the first volume in a new supernatural trilogy. **APB \$17.95**

Anthologies

Lou Anders

Sideways in Crime

Edited by a 2007 Hugo Award nominee, an assemblage of alternative history mysteries features crime stories that are set in universes that are somewhat different from our own and includes works by Stephen Baxter, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Kage Baker, Jack McDevitt, S. M. Sterling, Mike Resnick and Eric Flint, Pat Cadigan, and other notable authors. **TPB \$30**

Jack Dann Australian Author

Dreaming Again

35 new stories celebrating the wild side of Australian fantasy writing.

Welcome to the energy, invention and imagination of Australia's finest writers of speculative fiction – from acclaimed international bestsellers to the freshest new voices.

Ten years ago, *Dreaming Down–Under* captured the excitement of the wild side of Australian fiction and won a coveted World Fantasy Award. Now it's time to start *Dreaming Again* ...

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Young Adult

Catherine Banner

The Eyes of a King

Five-year-old Cassius escaped the brutal assassination of his parents, the king and queen of Malonia, and was exiled to modern-day England. Now fifteen, Cassius continues to be hidden in England under the protection of his tutor, the great Alderbaran, who's ancient prophecy says that Cassius will, one day, return and claim his rightful place on the throne.

At the same time, fifteen-year-old Leo remains in Malonia where a repressive dictatorial regime under the new king, Lucien, followed the assassination. One day Leo discovers a wonderful book in which parts of an epic story appear each day - a remarkable story that reveals the secrets of the prophecy, the assassination and how they are connected to Leo's own family history. **BPB \$19.95**

Stephen Baxter

H-Bomb Girl

A thrilling new music is bursting on to the grey streets of the post-war city. A music that electrifies. A music that promises to change everything. But in Cuba, on the other side of the earth, nuclear tensions are at breaking point. The end of the whole world could be just days away. On the run for her life and hunted by forces she can barely understand, fourteen-year-old Laura Mann holds the key to the very future of humanity. **PB \$15.95**

Fleur Beale New Zealand Author

Juno of Taris

'Don't give up. Don't let them kill your spirit. Things will change. You need to be strong. You need to be ready. And you will need courage.'

Juno is young; she has no authority, no power, and to question the ways of Taris is discouraged. She knows what it's like when the community withdraws from her - turning their backs and not speaking to her until she complies.

The Taris Project was the brainchild of a desperate twenty-first-century world, a community designed to survive even if the rest of humanity perished. An isolated, storm-buffed island in the Southern Ocean was given a protective dome and its own balmy climate. And now Juno is one of 500 people who live there - but what has happened to the outside world in the years since Taris was established? The island has not been in contact with Outside since the early years of its existence.

Juno yearns to know about life Outside, just as she yearns to be allowed to grow her hair. It is a rule on Taris that all must have their heads shaved bare. But is it a rule that could be broken? Danger awaits any who suggest it. **PB \$17.95**

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Theresa Breslin

The Nostradamus Prophecy

Melisande is the daughter of the king's minstrel and lives among the royal French court. She, like many others, pays little heed to the dire warnings of Nostradamus the soothsayer. Chantelle, Melisande's older sister is betrothed to the handsome courtier Armand, and there is the excitement of the forthcoming wedding to think about. And Melisande is fascinated by the mysterious and silent Melchior, the boy who looks after the king's leopard. Only Catherine de Medici, the king's mother, listens to Nostradamus and fears for the life of her son. But when misfortune befalls Melisande's family and she realises that it was predicted by Nostradamus, she turns to the soothsayer for help. Upon his death, he leaves Melisande with some papers which hold the secret of the royal line of France - it is up to her to help fulfil Nostradamus's final prophecy but will she have the courage to do so. **TPB \$29.95**

Katie Chase

The Whispering Princess (Little Princesses 01)

Rosie can't wait to move to her Great-aunt Rosamund's castle in the Scottish Highlands. She's visited there many times but now she's going to actually live there with Mum, Dad and her little brother, Luke, while Great-aunt Rosamund is away travelling.

While she's exploring the castle Rosie finds a secret note from her great-aunt. It's written in invisible ink but that night the heat from the fire in the Great Hall reveals the message: Look for the Little Princesses... and always remember to curtsy and say 'Hello!' And, sure enough, when Rosie says hello to the princess on the beautiful Persian rug in her bedroom, she is whisked away to ancient Persia on her first adventure!

The kingdom has been overtaken by Abdul the evil genie, who has stolen Princess Azara's voice and imprisoned Azara's father in the palace dungeons. Will Rosie and the Little Princess be able to defeat the genie and restore peace to the land...? **PB \$9.95**

The Fairytale Princess (Little Princesses 02)

After her first adventure with Azara, the Persian Princess, Rosie is on the lookout for more Little Princesses around her Great-aunt Rosamund's Scottish castle.

One morning, while she is playing hide-and-seek with her little brother, Luke, Rosie stares up at the old tapestry hanging above the fireplace in the Great Hall. And she sees a girl with long blonde hair, wearing a beautiful medieval gown standing next to a golden dragon. It must be a Little Princess! As soon as Rosie says hello she is swept away to the kingdom of Tannelaun, where she meets Princess Isabella. Isabella is very upset because her pet dragon, Cedric keep getting hiccups and accidentally burning things with his fiery breath. The villagers have had enough and Isabella's father, the king, says Cedric must be sent away. Will Rosie be able to help Isabella to save Cedric...? **HC \$9.95**

The Peach Blossom Princess (Little Princesses 03)

Rosie's just had her first day at her new school in Scotland, after moving to live in her Great-aunt Rosamund's castle. Rosie's class have to put on a show about the different countries in the world and Rosie's country is Japan. That evening back at the castle, Rosie finds a painted fan and it has a little princess on it!

And, sure enough, after saying hello, Rosie is whisked away to a beautiful garden in Japan where she meets Princess Hana. The little princess is very sad because Gawa the river god is angry with her father, the emperor, and has created a water sprite who looks exactly like Hana. The evil sprite is pretending to be Hana and no one at the palace can tell because the god has made Hana herself invisible.

Somehow Rosie must help Hana to break the spell! **BPB \$9.95**

Katie Chase

The Rain Princess (Little Princesses 04)

Rosie gets an amazing postcard from her Great-aunt Rosamund in Africa, and she can't wait to look up a map of Kenya and find out exactly where it is. On the shelves of the old castle library, however, she finds more than just the atlas she was looking for. Hidden behind the book is a beautifully carved wooden statue that turns out to be another of the Little Princesses her Great-aunt told her about. Before she knows it, Rosie is off to see Africa for herself!

Princess Imena happily welcomes Rosie into her home, and explains that she is a special princess, with the power to bring rain to her people. Mysteriously, however, her magic dance is no longer working and if the river does not begin to flow again soon, she and her family may be forced to leave. Rosie can't resist offering to help her new friend, and soon the girls are investigating black magic and the sinister village witch doctor. Can they bring the river Iku back and save the village...? **BPB \$9.95**

The Snowflake Princess (Little Princesses 05)

When Rosie finds a Russian doll high on a shelf in the big dining-room of her great-aunt Rosamund's Scottish castle, she opens up the two halves of the doll and finds another one underneath, and another one, and another one, until she's left with a tiny Russian Princess doll in the palm of her hand. Rosie says hello straight away, just like Great-aunt Rosamund told her to, and she's whisked away in a flurry of sparkling snowflakes, on another adventure!

This time Rosie finds herself in Russia and meets Princess Anastasia. The evil witch, Baba Yaga, has cast a spell on Anastasia's family, so her parents, the tsar and tsarina, and all the royal court have been turned to ice. Baba Yaga hasn't turned Princess Anastasia to ice because she collects the tears of young girls to use in magic spells to make her look young and beautiful. Will Rosie and Anastasia be able to come up with a plan to save the royal household and banish Baba Yaga back to her tree house in the Great Forest...? **BPB \$9.95**

The Dream Catcher Princess (Little Princesses 06)

Rosie and her little brother Luke are exploring the maze in the grounds of Great-aunt Rosamund's Scottish castle and Rosie discovers a carved and painted totem pole in the centre. When she looks more closely, Rosie sees a young girl on horseback carved at the base of the post. Could this be another little princess? Rosie says hello, just like her Great-aunt told her to and suddenly a gust of wind full of the scent of pine trees surrounds her and she's off on another adventure!

When Rosie opens her eyes again someone it's dark and someone drags her behind a boulder. She can see dark shadows moving through the night-monsters with ferocious jaws and lots of arms and legs. They seem to be looking for something. The person who pulled Rosie to safety is Princess Malila, who explains that the creatures are dream-shadows that hunt for people by night. Usually Malila's tribe are protected by a powerful dream-catcher made of willow hoops and feathers, but it was stolen from the camp. Rosie and Malila must get it the dream-catcher back! **BPB \$9.95**

The Desert Princess (Little Princesses 07)

While she's getting ready for an Egyptian-themed party at her friend's house, Rosie spots a papyrus painting on a wall in Great-aunt Rosamund's castle. It's of a young girl in a beautiful white dress, wearing lots of gold jewellery - it must be another little princess!

As soon as she says hello, Rosie is whisked away in a warm breeze heavy with the smell of perfume and sparkling with grains of fine gold sand. Rosie meets Princess Aisha, who is very sad because her elder sister Nafretiri is ill. The priests say that an evil spirit is trying to take Nafretiri to the Underworld.

There's only one way that she might be saved - an ancient legend says that a magic potion lies hidden in a secret cavern but only the mighty Sphinx knows where it is. And the Sphinx itself may not even exist! But Rosie and Aisha are determined to do something to help so they set off up the Nile in search of the potion that could save Nafretiri's life. **BPB \$9.95**

The Lullaby Princess (Little Princesses 08)

Rosie finds a beautiful spiral shell in Great-aunt Rosamund's castle and notices that it has a young girl looking anxiously towards a smoking volcano drawn on it. Rosie drops into a curtsey and says hello. All of a sudden a gust of wind surrounds Rosie, full of sea spray and smelling of pineapples and hibiscus flowers.

When Rosie opens her eyes it's sunrise and she finds herself sitting in a canoe that is being pushed down to the sea by Princess Kalia. The little princesses's tribe is in great trouble because the volcano on their island has woken up and is threatening to erupt at any moment. Kalia is setting off to find the magic shell of the Eppa people, for only the beautiful sound it makes when it is blown will put Pele the volcano goddess to sleep. Rosie says she will help her new friend and off she goes on another exciting adventure! **BPB \$9.95**

The Silk Princess (Little Princesses 09)

When Rosie finds a beautiful silk picture frame decorated with a little princess sitting on an elephant, she is soon whisked away on another adventure - this time in India. But she can't find the little princess. She meets Suvita, who tells her that she lives with her uncle because her mother and father are dead and that she's definitely not a princess! Suvita tells Rosie about how, before Suvita was born, the maharajah's daughter went missing from the palace because she wanted to marry the man who she loved. The maharajah has been sad ever since. Then Suvita tells Rosie about the sari and poem that her mother gave her before she died. With the help of Suvita's friend, Anil, the girls go in search of the answer to the riddle left to Suvita by her mother. What they find out surprises them all! **BPB \$9.95**

Cloud Princess (Little Princesses 10)

Rosie finds a mosaic in a passageway in Great-aunt Rosamund's old castle. When she sees a sad-looking girl in a toga on the mosaic, Rosie is convinced that she's found another little princess. She's right! Before she knows it, Rosie finds herself in a beautiful garden by a temple in ancient Rome and meets the daughter of the emperor of Rome - Princess Isadora.

Princess Isadora is sad because the goddess Juventas has put a curse on all the young boys because Isadora's brother, Marcus, forgot to leave a gold coin as an offering to the goddess after his coming of age ceremony. Juventas has made all the young boys of Rome age, so they are now all old men and they will die soon if Isadora can't do anything to help them!

Rosie and Isadora go to the forest to ask Acis the faun for advice. He tells them to ask Cupid, the god of love for help. If Cupid hits Juventas with one of his arrows, the stony heart of Juventas will melt and she will take back the curse. Can the girls get Cupid to help them before it's too late? And will they manage to escape the wrath of the Harpies who are doing their best to stop them? **BPB \$9.95**

The Sea Princess (Little Princesses 11)

Unlike her little brother, Luke, Rosie doesn't believe that mermaids actually exist. But that's before she finds the stone statue of a mermaid in the middle of the fountain in the grounds of her Great-aunt Rosamund's Scottish castle.

When Rosie curtsies and says hello she finds herself on a deserted beach at nighttime. She can hear beautiful singing coming from some rocks. It's Princess Marissa, the daughter of the king and queen of the mer-people. Rosie finds she can swim underwater and she explores the kingdom of Acquatica with her new friend, Carla and Carlos the dolphins and Octavius the Octopus. Then Marissa discovers that she's lost her crown, which contains the Pearl of Wisdom and she and Rosie must go and get it back from the old and frightening Sea Hag! **BPB \$9.95**

Katie Chase

The Golden Princess (Little Princesses 12)

When her little brother Luke finds a strange golden metal circle in their Great-aunt Rosamund's castle, Rosie takes a closer look and sees a little princess engraved on it. Before she knows it, she finds herself whisked away to the ancient Inca kingdom in South America, where she meets Princess Chayna.

The little princess suspects that Quizo, the high priest of the Inca people is up to no good. The stone giants have woken up and are threatening the people. Quizo has said that the giants have been sent by the Sun God, Inti, to punish the Inca people. But Princess Chayna suspects that it is Quizo who has been controlling the giants all along, so he can become rich by stealing the offerings the people are making to the Sun God.

Rosie and Chayna journey into the heart of the Inca temple of the sun to try and find out the truth! **BPB \$9.95**

D M Cornish Australian Author

Lamplighter (Monster Blood Tattoo 02)

The Half-Continent is becoming even more unsafe-monster attacks are on the rise, and every far-flung village or town is calling for help to fight them. Into this dangerous landscape the lamplighters must venture daily, keeping the roads safely lit for travellers. It is not a job for the faint-hearted, and every week there are reports of new theroscades. Foundling Rossamnd Bookchild, sworn into the Emperor's Service as a prentice lamplighter, is finding his training at Winstermill Fortress difficult and lonely. His life is further complicated by the arrival of a young wit, determined to spite her famous mother by becoming a lowly lantern-stick. As Rossamnd begins to make new friends in this sinister world, he also seems to make more enemies, finding himself pushed towards a terrible destiny, a fate beyond anything he could ever have imagined. **HC \$29.99**

Alison Croggon Australian Author

The Singing (Pellinor 04)

The fourth and final book in the critically acclaimed Pellinor series

In a desperate race against the Dark, Maerad must try to solve the final riddle of the Treesong. Only then will the Nameless One be defeated and peace resorted to the Seven Kingdoms. But Maerad only holds the key to hald the riddle - her long-lost brother, Hem, has the other.

Before embarking on a perilous journey to find Hem, Maerad must first wage an epic war against the Landrost. And Hem, fleeing the advances of the Black Army, must endure betrayal and mortal illness in his search for Maerad. But the Dark grows ever more powerful - will brother and sister reach one another in time or will all be lost in a final, apocalyptic battle? **TPB \$32.95**

Edrei Cullen

Flitterwig

Ella has felt different all her life, with her pale, almost translucent skin, wild hair, pointed ears and gangly limbs. Her father has wanted nothing to do with her since her mother's death, and her grandparents hide her away from the world. Then Ella discovers that she really is different. She is a Flitterwig: a human with fairy blood. With the help of some special spectacles, Ella can suddenly see the Magicals-pixies, fairies, troggles, imps and other magic creatures-and learns that it is her destiny to help restore the kingdom of Magus. Fabulously inventive, funny and exciting. **BPB \$16.99**

Helen Dunmore

The Crossing of Ingo (Ingo 04)

Sapphire, Conor and their Mer friends Faro and Elvira are ready to make the Crossing of Ingo – a long and dangerous journey that only the strongest young Mer are called upon to make. No human being has ever attempted this thrilling voyage to the bottom of the world. Ervys, his followers and new recruits, the sharks, are determined that Sapphire and Conor must be stopped – dead or alive... Ages: 10+ **PB \$19.99**

The Deep (Ingo)

A devastating flood has torn through the worlds of Air and Ingo, and now, deep in the ocean, a monster is stirring. Mer legend says that only those with dual blood – half Mer, half human – can overcome the Kraken.

Sapphy must return to the Deep, with the help of her friend the whale, and face this terrifying creature – and her brother Conor and Mer friend Faro will not let her go alone... Ages: 10+ **BPB \$15.99**

Alex Duval ,

High Stakes (Vamprie Beach 05)

Jason thinks he must have just about taken all the challenges that can be thrown at him and Sienna. For once, things seem perfect: great girlfriend, great friends and great place to live. Then Sienna's older sister, Paige turns up unexpectedly from college in Paris.

Paige brings the usual Devereux charm with her. She is gorgeous, glam and sophisticated. When she suggests spending Spring Break in Las Vegas the Malibu crowd jump at the chance and Jason is overwhelmed by the money, clubs and champagne that flows 24 hours a day.

But when Paige's old boyfriend - Mark Lessard - turns up, things suddenly get dangerous. Sienna's missing - being used as bait between Paige and Mark so a deal is made between them. Suddenly the stakes are very high . . . **BPB \$17.95**

Anna Fienberg & Barbara Fienberg

Tashi and the Phoenix (Tashi 15)

"We Phoenix are not born to be some Warlord's plaything. We must be free to soar the heavens."Tricky Uncle Tiki Pu has put Tashi's family at risk by boasting to the Warlord that he has captured the most dazzling creature in the world. Now the Warlord wants to see it, or else. Princess Sarashina has sent a letter to Tashi because her sister must marry the cruel and sneaky Khan. Can Tashi make the Emperor see what Khan is planning? It takes more than courage to deal with Warlords and Emperors, but Tashi always has a clever idea and something useful in his pocket. **PB \$11.95**

Vincent Ford

Scorched Bone (Chronicle of Stone 01)

In the early stages of man's development one tribe invented the Clovis point-a deadly stone arrowhead combined with a throwing stick. Like the A-Bomb millennia later, this new technology would change the balance of power within the scattered tribes, ensuring that only the fittest survived. This is the first in a trilogy that follows the adventures of twins Souk (a shaman in training) and Trei as they break with their tribe's traditions and set out to find the weapon they have heard about. **BPB \$15.99**

Set in Stone (Chronicle of Stone 02)

Trei and Souk have reached the mysterious tribe of the north, who are using their superior weapons not only to hunt mammoth but also make war on surrounding tribes in order to take their hunting grounds and protect their technology. Now they must ensure they survive and steal the knowledge their own tribe so desperately needs. **PB \$15.99**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author

Sea Magic

Ben and Tim and their cousins Thomas and Meg don't expect unusual adventures when they begin their summer holidays at the beach. But they couldn't be more wrong!

When they stumble across a mer-boy called Sechiel stranded on the sand, they hear about a sinister diver in a submarine, who together with his razor-toothed shark is terrorising the mer-people and destroying the wildlife. Worse still, he has abducted Sechiel's sister!

All of a sudden Ben and Tim find themselves in the middle of their most exciting and magical adventure yet. **BPB \$12.99**

Clive Gifford

Robots

As we enter the digital age, advances in technology are turning robots that were once pure fantasy into real artificial beings that can walk, run and talk like human beings. Robots vividly portrays and illustrates the complete spectrum of robotics, from the earliest design sketches through to the high-tech humanoid robots of today and beyond. It explains how robots work and uncovers the mysteries and wonders of robot technology used in industry, medicine, space and in the home. Intended to create a truly interactive experience. Removable items such as concertina charts, and special effects such as push-and-pulls, flaps, pop-ups, and lights bring this fascinating subject to life. **HC \$35**

Lisa Gorton

Cloudland

The first story is of ice...

The shadow-monger dragged itself forwards in shrugs. It was a writhe of tentacles coiling around each other, groping the air then shrinking back. The cloud boy hunched over and pressed his face against the glass, so close Lucy could see his feathery lashes. She watched a tentacle of darkness like a living shadow pour over the boy's shoulder and wrap itself around his neck. Then with one quick sudden tug, the shadow-monger pulled the cloud boy back and smothered him in darkness. The next instant, Lucy found herself staring at blank blue sky.

After a year of endless rain, cities are flooded; families are living on rooftops. Called into a world above the clouds, Lucy stumbles across a strange society of injustice, weird beauty, and danger. With a few odd companions, Lucy must travel across Cloudland and face the seemingly impenetrable force of Kazia, the ice queen, in a bid to stop the world from drowning and the dawning of an Age of Ice.

Called into the clouds to face an icy enemy, will Lucy ever find her way home? **BPB \$14.99**

Frances Hardinge

Verdigris Deep

From an award-winning author, another breathtakingly original modern classic in the making.

Verdigris (n): a blue-green rust that tarnishes ageing and forgotten copper coins, altering them entirely...

When Ryan and his friends are caught stranded and penniless late one night, they steal some coins from a well for their bus fare home. Soon after, strange things begin to happen. Peculiar marks tingle on Ryan's knuckles, light bulbs mysteriously explode and a terrified Chelle starts speaking words that aren't her own.

Then the well witch appears, with her fountains for eyes and gargled demands. From now on, the friends must serve her... and the wishes that lie rotting at the bottom of her well.

In the tradition of truly fantastic storytelling, Verdigris Deep is darkly witty, utterly unexpected and shiver-down-the-spine sinister. **BPB \$14.99**

Eva Ibbotson

The Dragonfly Pool

One of the most eagerly awaited children's novels of the year, The Dragonfly Pool is the new historical epic from the bestselling, multi-award-winning author of Journey to the River Sea.

Tally Hamilton is furious to hear she is being sent from London to a horrid, stuffy boarding school in the countryside. And all because of the stupid war. But Delderton Hall is a far more unusual and interesting place than Tally ever imagined, and she soon falls in love with its eccentric staff and pupils. Now she's even organising an exciting school trip to the kingdom of Bergania... Although Tally never expected to meet the prince.

Prince Karil hates his life at the palace and he is only truly happy when he escapes to the dragonfly pool, a remote spot in the forests of Bergania. Then Karil meets a feisty English girl who brings the promise of adventure. But his country is under threat, and the prince soon looks to his new friend Tally for survival as well as friendship... **TPB \$26.99 HC \$29.99**

Ian Irvine Australian Author

Runcible Jones and the Buried City (Runcible Jones 02)

Runcible and Mariam are back!

And they are in big trouble. Lord Shambles has returned, stronger than ever before. Once he finds the lost Citadel of Magic there will be no defence against his evil sorcery.

To stop Shambles, the children must journey to wondrous Iltior and descend to the uttermost pole. But even if they find the Codex of Dreadful Spells, Runcible still has to unravel the mystery of the tainted children, then face his most terrifying nightmare – the sting of the giant scorpion.

The Buried City is book two of the Runcible Jones series. **TPB \$19.95**

Runcible Jones and the Frozen Compass (Runcible Jones 03)

Join Runcible Jones as he prepares for the ultimate battle!

On a freezing night, Lord Shambles shatters the tower where the children are learning magic. Runcible, Miriam and their friends all run for their lives. All of Iltior now lies in the dreaded sorcerer's hands and, as soon as he steals the children's magic unique magic, he will attack Earth.

As they are hunted across Iltior, Runcible realises that there is only one way to stop their enemy. The children must sneak into his terrible fortress and there Runcible will have to take on Shambles, the greatest sorcerer in the world, all by himself.

The Frozen Compass is book three of the Runcible Jones series. **TPB \$19.95**

Diana Wynne Jones

House of Many Ways (Howl's Castle 03)

Charmian Baker is in over her head. Looking after Great Uncle William's tiny cottage while he's ill should have been easy, but Great Uncle William is better known as the Royal Wizard Norland and his house bends space and time. Its single door leads to any number of places – the bedrooms, the kitchen, the caves under the mountains, the past, to name but a few. By opening that door, Charmian is now also looking after an extremely magical stray dog, a muddled young apprentice wizard and a box of the king's most treasured documents, as well as irritating a clan of small blue creatures. Caught up in an intense royal search, she encounters an intimidating sorceress named Sophie. And where Sophie is, can the Wizard Howl and fire demon Calcifer be far behind? **HC \$39.99**

Garry Kilworth

The Hundred-Towered City

A new historical fantasy novel full of mystery and suspense, set in turn-of-the-century Prague. What awaits Jack, Annie and Davey when they are transported back in time to the gothic city of Prague, to search for their missing parents? Trying to avoid capture by the secret police, they find themselves running through dark and dangerous cobbled streets and meet some very shady characters. Where are their parents and who has stolen the key to the time machine? Alchemists, mythical creatures and a man with a hook for a hand hold the answers they're looking for. Will our young heroes be in time to save their parents from eerie Karlstein Castle? And even if they do, how will they return to the present day without the key? **TPB \$24.99**

Knife & Packer

Meet the Aliensons (Freak Street 01)

The Aliensons are just your average, everyday family . . . Yes, they come from Valvax-7, a planet far, far away. Yes, they have a one-eyed pet, Zog. Yes, Arlene Alienson starred on Galaxy Idol. And yes, their robot housekeeper—the Butloid 8000—is completely out of control! But that's nothing out of the ordinary, right? Will Arlene win a date with the gorgeous Naughty Boyz lead singer, Chad Cheesly? Or will the Aliensons' rampaging Butloid 8000 ruin her chances, and destroy the whole town?! **PB \$9.99**

Meet The Humansons (Freak Street 02)

The Humansons are just your average, everyday family . . . Yes, they clean their car with yoghurt. Yes, they've trained their pet slug to belly dance. Yes, Harriet Humanson invented the 'Toffee Tie'. And yes, they're looking for a new pet . . . at the zoo! A killer whale perhaps? But that's nothing out of the ordinary, right? Annual Pet Day is coming up, but Horace is sick! Can the Humansons train a new pet in time? And what's happened to guest judge, animal-loving TV star, Woof Barkwel? Will one of Harriet's inventions save the day? **PB \$9.99**

Meet the Wizardsons (Freak Street 03)

The Wizardsons are just your average, everyday family . . . Yes, they travel by Turbo-Broom. Yes, they stir up trouble in the Magic Cauldron Room. Yes, Wyman Wizardson can turn you into a frog. And yes, they're looking for a new dragon to fire-up their annual barbecue! But that's nothing out of the ordinary, right? Wendy Wizardson is sure her new script will win Freak Street School the 'Best Musical' title in this year's finals. But can she convince TV beauty queen Lavelle Lovely to star in the production? And can the Wizardson's BBQ go ahead without magical mayhem? **PB \$9.99**

Meet the Zombiesons (Freak Street 04)

The Zombiesons are just your average, everyday family . . . Yes, their brains are exposed. Yes, their dog has three heads. Yes, Zigi Zombieson was kicked off the soccer team because his foot flew off. And yes, Granny Zombieson's brain has gone missing! But that's nothing out of the ordinary, right? Granny Zombieson is in town for her 500th birthday, but what has happened to her brain? Will the family find Granny's brain? And will Zigi Zombieson help the Freak Street soccer team beat Snob Street in the Cup Final? **PB \$9.99**

Gail Carson Levine

Fairest

Once upon a time, there was a girl who wanted to be pretty . . .

Aza's singing is the fairest in all the land, and the most unusual. She can "throw" her voice so it seems to come from anywhere. But singing is only one of the two qualities prized in the Kingdom of Ayortha. Aza doesn't possess the other: beauty. Not even close. She's hidden in the shadows in her parents' inn, but when she becomes lady-in-waiting to the new queen, she has to step into the light—especially when the queen demands a dangerous favor. A magic mirror, a charming prince, a jealous queen, palace intrigue, and an injured king twine into a maze that Aza must penetrate to save herself and her beloved kingdom. **BPB \$15.99**

C S Lewis

The Complete Chronicles of Narnia (Narnia)

The best known of the Chronicles, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, is included here as one of the seven titles which make up the set, now bound together in one volume. **HC \$69.95**

Tom Lombardi

My Summer on Earth

Clint, a disguised alien visiting Earth in order to take down another alien who has defected, become a successful actor, and threatens to expose the alien civilization, becomes distracted by a beautiful runaway named Zoe. **PB \$14.95**

Lois Lowry

The Giver

It is the future. There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in The Community wants for anything. Everyone is provided for. Each Family Unit is entitled to one female and male child. Each member of The Community has their profession carefully chosen for them by the Committee of Elders, and they never make a mistake. Jonas, a sensitive twelve-year-old boy, had never thought there was anything wrong with his Community, until one day. From the moment Jonas is selected as the Receiver of Memory at The Ceremony, his life is never the same. Jonas discovers that The Community is not as perfect as it seems. Although they appear to have everything, they are missing something of great importance. It is up to Jonas, with the help of the Giver, to find what long ago had been lost. And so Jonas embarks on an adventure to save the world as he knows it. Simply and beautifully written, *The Giver* is sure to touch the heart of every reader. Lois Lowry deals with issues of everyday life that are so often taken for granted. Through the noble character of Jonas, she presents a glimpse of what could be the future. As the tension in the novel mounts, so does the number of questions that Lowry confronts the reader with. *The Giver* is a book of courage and adventure, and most importantly, one of deep thought. Once readers make contact with Lowry's treasure, they may never see things exactly quite the same. Lowry presents a forceful novel that demands to be heard and philosophically dealt with. Ages: 12+ **BPB \$14.99**

Sophie Masson Australian Author

The Case of the Diamond Show

When Daisy Miller accepts an exciting new job in London with the mysterious Mrs Peabody, her old friend George Dale is more than a little jealous. But all is not quite as it seems and Daisy soon realises that there's more to this job than meets the eye. Before long the two friends find themselves in Paris and on the tail of daring jewel thief, The Shadow. Full of the glamour and daring of the 1930s, the Golden era of detective fiction, *The Case of the Diamond Show* will enchant young and older readers alike. **PB \$14.95**

Stephenie Meyer

Twilight (Twilight 01)

An electrifying debut novel of a young woman's love for a vampire. In spite of her awkward manner and low expectations, she finds that her new classmates are drawn to this pale, dark-haired new girl in town. But not, it seems, the Cullen family. These five adopted brothers and sisters obviously prefer their own company and will make no exception for Bella. Bella is convinced that Edward Cullen in particular hates her, but she feels a strange attraction to him, although his hostility makes her feel almost physically ill. He seems determined to push her away - until, that is, he saves her life from an out of control car. Bella will soon discover that there is a very good reason for Edward's coldness. He, and his family, are vampires - and he knows how dangerous it is for others to get too close. **TPB \$24.99**

Eclipse (Twilight 03)

The third book in the New York Times bestselling vampire romance series that has developed a cult following among teens. Readers captivated by TWILIGHT and NEW MOON will eagerly devour ECLIPSE, the much anticipated third book in Stephenie Meyer's riveting vampire love saga. As Seattle is ravaged by a string of mysterious killings and a malicious vampire continues her quest for revenge, Bella once again finds herself surrounded by danger. In the midst of it all, she is forced to choose between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob - knowing that her decision has the potential to ignite the ageless struggle between vampire and werewolf. With her graduation quickly approaching, Bella has one more decision to make: life or death. But which is which? **TPB \$29.99**

Catherine Gilbert Murdock

Princess Ben

Benevolence is not your typical princess - and Princess Ben is certainly not your typical fairy tale.

With her parents lost to unknown assassins, Princess Ben ends up under the thumb of the conniving Queen Sophia, who is intent on marrying her off to the first available specimen of imbecilic manhood. Starved and miserable, locked in the castle's highest tower, Ben stumbles upon a mysterious enchanted room.

So begins her secret education in the magical arts: mastering an obstinate flying broomstick, furtively emptying the castle pantries, setting her hair on fire... But Ben's private adventures are soon overwhelmed by a mortal threat facing the castle, and indeed the entire country. Can Princess Ben save her kingdom from annihilation, and herself from permanent enslavement? **BPB \$16.99**

James Patterson

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X (Daniel X 01)

Daniel X works alone. Having watched from the shadows as the brutal murder of his own parents unfolded before him, he has been forced to make his own way in a dark and unforgiving world with a heavy task handed to him.

Daniel's father was an alien hunter, working his way through a fearsome 'wanted' list of aliens intent on seeking control and wreaking devastation. But as he planned his next target, his own time was running out. Following his parents' sudden deaths, Daniel faced an uncertain future: he knew little about his family nor where he came from but a few things were clear, he had inherited the list from his father and a unique ability to create anything that he needs including some very devoted friends to help him along the way.

His life has become dedicated to the mission. Every day has been transformed into a terrifying hunt, watching each step he takes for danger awaits around every corner and lurks within the shadows. His ultimate aim is to exact revenge against number 1 on his list: his parents' murderer. But first he must target the others: each more sinister and gruesome than the last. **TPB \$29.95**

Stephan Petrucha et al

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Tales From the Crypt is the acknowledged premier horror comic of all time. The original series suspended publication over 50 years ago. Papercutz has obtained the exclusive rights to revive this frightful franchise and to create all-new Tales From the Crypt comics, in our full-colour digest-sized format. The debut volume features four tales of terror. The debut volume features four tales of terror:

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More scary comics stories sure to shock! The original EC comic book series inspired a generation of young filmmakers, including Stephen Spielberg, John Carpenter, and George Lucas, as well as authors such as Stephen King and RL Stine. Who knows which future superstars minds will be warped by this volume's collection of creepy comics?

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The stories are introduced by The Crypt-Keeper, and his fellow GhouLunatics, The Old Witch and The Vault-Keeper, in classic pun-filled CRYPT-style. **BPB \$12.99**

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Harry has been burdened with a dark, dangerous and seemingly impossible task: that of locating and destroying Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes. Never has Harry felt so alone, or faced a future so full of shadows. But Harry must somehow find within himself the strength to complete the task he has been given. He must leave the warmth, safety and companionship of The Burrow and follow without fear or hesitation the inexorable path laid out for him . . . In this final, seventh instalment of the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling unveils in spectacular fashion the answers to the many questions that have been so eagerly awaited. The spellbinding, richly woven narrative, which plunges, twists and turns at a breathtaking pace, confirms the author as a mistress of storytelling, whose books will be read, reread and read again. Available in a choice of covers. **BPB \$22.95**

Holly Webb

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The Crimson Thread (Once Upon A Time)

Bertie O'Malley, a seamstress, helps save the J. P. Wellington family fortune thanks to Ray Stalls, a man from Bertie's tenement who creates stunning evening gowns in the night, but when Ray asks for Bertie's first born as payment, she never imagines that he is serious. **PB \$9.95**

Kim Wilkins Australian Author

The Sunken Kingdom (Sunken Kingdom)

Asa and Rollo are the royal children of the Star Lands. Emperor Flood, the court magician, has usurped the power of their parents. With only loyal friends and their shape-shifting abilities, Asa and Rollo must pit themselves against Flood to reclaim the kingdom. **PB \$17.99**

Media and Comic Related

Angel Graphic Novel

After the Fall

Angel: After the Fall

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Dennis O'Neil

Batman fights crime on the dark streets of Gotham City, but when a crazed psychopath unleashes a fresh reign of chaos, it seems Batman has met his match in the ultimate crime lord, The Joker. **APB \$16.95**

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Duane Swierczynski

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Doctor Who

Starships and Spacestations

Justin Richards

The Doctor has his TARDIS to get him from place to place and time to time, but the rest of the Universe relies on more conventional transport. From the British Space Programme of the late twentieth century to Earth's Empire in the far future, from the terrifying Dalek Fleet to deadly Cyber Ships, this book documents the many starships and spacestations that the Doctor and his companions have encountered on their travels.

He has solved mysteries on spacestations and stopped invasions spearheaded by starships. He has been held prisoner in space, escaped from the moon, witnessed the arrival of the Sycorax and the crash landing of a space pig. More than anyone else, the Doctor has seen the development of space travel between countless worlds.

In this stunningly-illustrated book, Doctor Who historian Justin Richards documents the amazing story of Earth's ventures into space, examines the many alien fleets who have paid Earth a visit, and explores the other starships and spacestations that the Doctor has encountered on his many travels.

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Wetworld

Mark Michalowski

When the TARDIS makes a disastrous landing in the swamps of the planet Sunday, the Doctor has no choice but to abandon Martha and try to find help. But the tranquillity of Sunday's swamps is deceptive, and even the TARDIS can't protect Martha forever. The human pioneers of Sunday have their own dangers to face: homeless and alone, they're only just starting to realise that Sunday's wildlife isn't as harmless as it first seems. Why are the native otters behaving so strangely, and what is the creature in the swamps that is so interested in the humans, and the new arrivals? The Doctor and Martha must fight to ensure that human intelligence doesn't become the greatest danger of all. **CD \$29.95**

Forever Autumn CD

Mark Morris

It is almost Halloween in the sleepy New England town of Blackwood Falls. Autumn leaves litter lawns and sidewalks, paper skeletons hang in windows, and carved pumpkins leer from stoops and front porches. The Doctor and Martha soon discover that something long-dormant has awoken in the town, and this will be no ordinary Halloween. What is the secret of the ancient chestnut tree and the mysterious book discovered tangled in its roots? What rises from the local churchyard in the dead of night, sealing up the lips of the only witness? And why are the harmless trappings of Halloween suddenly taking on a creepy new life of their own? As nightmarish creatures prowl the streets, the Doctor and Martha must battle to prevent both the townspeople and themselves from suffering a grisly fate... **CD \$29.95**

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James Bond

James Bond: The Authorised Biography

John Pearson

Like most of the world, John Pearson assumed that James Bond was nothing more than a character in Fleming's highly charged imagination. Then he began to have his doubts. He finally became convinced that James Bond was not only real, but actually alive.

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Money Penny Diaries 03: The Final Fling

Kate Westbrook

It's the mid-1960s and the British secret intelligence service is hit by a series of defection scandals. Facing considerable personal danger, Jane Money Penny combines forces with 007 to try to smoke out a mole that she is convinced is buried deep in the heart of the Office. But as Bond is sacked and M forced into retirement, Money Penny may have to find him alone. Forty-two years later, Miss Money Penny's niece and heir, Kate Westbrook, starts to suspect that her aunt's death was not an accident. She is sure the clues to what happened lie in the search for the mole. But as she pieces them together, she realises that there are significant forces determined to prevent her. From the glamour of 1960s Jamaica to the treacherous beaches of the Outer Hebrides, Final Fling relates the thrilling adventures of the world's most famous secretary and reveals just how far people are prepared to go to defend - or betray - their beliefs. **HC \$55**

The Mummy

The Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

Max Allan Collins

In this sequel to The Mummy and The Mummy Returns, dashing adventurer Alex O'Connell is tricked into awakening China's Dragon Emperor from eternal slumber and must seek help from his parents, Rick and Evelyn O'Connell, to take down the undead. **APB \$19.95**

Predator

Turnabout

Deep in the Alaskan forest, ranger Sloan comes across the torn and bloody carcasses of Grizzly bears. Searching a human cause for the massacres, he discovers a team of poachers hunkered within the Alaska wilderness, waiting for the chance to score a big kill. He also finds evidence of the most fearsome killers in the universe: the Predators. **APB \$17.95**

Star Trek **Up Till Now**

William Shatner

William Shatner gets the joke about William Shatner. In fact, most of the time he's the one telling it. His self-effacing attitude, so perfectly parodied in the bombastic character he now plays on *Boston Legal*, Denny Crane, is one of the reasons for his huge popularity. While best known for his creation of Captain James T Kirk, commander of the starship *Enterprise* on *Star Trek*, William Shatner has been a working actor for more than half a century. He has experienced all the ups – the awards and acclaim – and the downs – having to live for a time in the truck bed of his camper when he couldn't get work – that are a part of the actor's world.

Now in *Up Till Now*, he tells us about his remarkable life, from training as a Shakespearean actor under Sir Tyrone Guthrie to his time on Broadway, his movie career and, of course, his successful TV series. He has worked with an extraordinary range of actors, among them Spencer Tracy, Burt Lancaster, Marlene Dietrich, Judy Garland, Walter Matthau, Sandra Bullock, Ben Stiller and Robert DeNiro. He also writes, with glee, about some of his less successful ventures, including *Incubus*, the only feature ever made entirely in Esperanto. As funny, charming and self-deprecating as the man himself, this book will delight his many fans of all ages. **TPB \$34.99**

Deep Space Nine: *These Haunted Seas*

David R George III & Heather Jarman

In *Twilight*, Commander Vaughn leads the crew of the *Defiant* on an exploratory mission in the Gamma Quadrant while Bajor's theological unity threatens to shatter, and in *This Gray Spirit*, Kira struggles with Cardassia's peaceful overtures while the crew of the *Defiant* staves off a genocidal war. **TPB \$24.95**

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Olivia Woods

Sixteen years after the failure of a plot to replace Bajoran resistance fighter Kira Nerys with a Cardassian sleeper agent, Iliana Ghernor, surgically altered to resemble Kira, a vengeful Ilian Ghernor returns determined to destroy her rival, while the crew of *Deep Space Nine* must protect the flow of history through two parallel universes. **PB \$14.95**

Terok Nor: Dawn Of Eagles 2360 - 2369

S D Perry & Britta Dennison

As violent Bajoran resistance continues to escalate, the Cardassian forces battle for control of the captive planet, while on *Terek Nor*, shifting alliances, secret dealings, and a mysterious shape-shifting life form play their own role in a revolution that could affect the fate of the universe, in the third volume in the *Terek Nor* trilogy. **PB \$14.95**

Star Wars

Graphic Novel: *Droids*

Before the fateful day Luke Skywalker met Artoo and Threepio for the first time, those two troublesome droids had some amazing adventures all their own! Entangled with pirates, bounty hunters, rock monsters, and the notorious space criminal Olag Greck, they do their best to stick together in a dangerous galaxy where anything can happen.

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X Files

X Files Book of the Unexplained: Volumes 1 and 2

Jane Goldman

A two-part guide to the paranormal starts each chapter off with an episode from the hit TV show, photographic stills, interviews with the cast and creative team, and investigations of the paranormal by scientists and officials, as it addresses the reality behind such phenomena as stigmata, astral travel, near-death experiences, psychic abilities, and UFOs. **TPB \$39.99**

Games Related

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Keith Baker, Tracy Hickman, Margaret Weis, Scott McGough & R A Salvatore

Dragons are myths in only some worlds.

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Dragonlance

Dragons of the Hourglass Mage

Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman

Between Chronicles and Legends, what made Raistlin aspire to godhood?

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Eberron

Lanternlight 01: When Night Falls

Parker DeWolf

Taking on a seemingly simple job, troubleshooter-for-hire Ulther Whitsun suddenly finds himself caught in the middle of a revolution that threatens to ignite all of Sharn, the City of Towers, and confronted by a series of senseless massacres, betrayal, and intrigue that could destroy him. **APB \$14**

Forgotten Realms

Citadels: SentinelSpire

Mark Sehestedt

When a ranger and his apprentice are captured by a cadre of assassins who want their help in overthrowing the Old Man of the Mountain, their leader and the ruler of SentinelSpire, they reluctantly join forces after they discover that the mad master has schemes that could destroy everything they hold dear. **APB \$14**

Transitions 01: The Orc King

R A Salvatore

An uneasy peace between the dwarves of Mithral Hall and the orcs of the newly established Kingdom of Many-Arrows can't last long. The orc tribes united under Obould begin to fight each other, and Bruenor is determined to finish the war that nearly killed him and almost destroyed everything he's worked to build. But it will take more than swords and axes to bring a lasting peace to the Spine of the World. Powerful individuals on both sides may have to change the way they see each other. They may have to start to talk.

But it won't be easy. **PB \$16**

Warhammer

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Feared and reviled, the reclusive necrarch vampires lurk in their lairs, engrossed in dreams of depraved glory. When one of these foul creatures invades an Empire town and slaughters the inhabitants, its knight protector, the aging hero Reinhardt Metzger swears vengeance. **APB \$16**

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World of Warcraft

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Wings of War is a game series that merges card and board game mechanics to recreate aerial combat. The first series of Wings of War games focus on the "knights of the air" age, World War I, portraying the abilities of the fighting planes of this period.

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Demon Hunters RPG

Demon Hunters RPG

Since the most ancient days of the world, the forces of evil have gathered minions of all kinds - from syphilitic ninja vampires to werewadgers and demons of all varieties - to wreak havoc on the mortal plane. Heaven's answer was to form an organization of warriors who fight to prevent Hell on Earth. They are known as the Brotherhood of the Celestial Torch, but often called Demon Hunters.

Demon Hunters and Demon Hunters: Dead Camper Lake are cult-hit films by Dead Gentlemen Productions, who created The Gamers and its sequel, The Gamers: Dorkness Rising. They have now joined forces with Margaret Weis Productions, Ltd. to bring the gaming community an RPG filled with action and horror, brought together with off-kilter humor.

Every copy of the game ships with a DVD that includes a 30- minute film and a DVD-ROM section with bonus game features. **\$56**

Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & Dragons Premium Dice

Premium polyhedral dice for your D&D game.

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This four-panel cardstock screen features new full-color artwork and allows Dungeon Masters to keep their campaign notes and die rolls private, without blocking their view of the game table.

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Adventure H2 : Thunderspire Labyrinth

A 4th Edition D&D adventure for characters of levels 4-6

Beneath Thunderspire Mountain lies a sprawling network of mazes, tombs, and caverns collectively known as the Labyrinth. In recent years, this vast labyrinth has become a living dungeon where trade between the surface and subterranean worlds is possible. However, beyond the well-lit halls where prospectors, merchants, and traders convene lies a darker world where adventurers battle monsters and fiendish beings perform secret rituals for their dark masters....

H2 Thunderspire Labyrinth is a D&D adventure designed for heroic-tier characters of levels 4-6. It can be played as a standalone adventure or as the second part of a three-part series. This product includes an adventure booklet for the Dungeon Master, a campaign guide with player handouts, and a full-colour poster map, all contained in a handy folder.

H2 Thunderspire Labyrinth is the second adventure in a three-part series that began with H1 Keep on the Shadowfell and concludes with H3 Pyramid of Shadows. It can also be played as a stand-alone adventure. **TPB \$40**

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Illustrated cardstock terrain tiles for use with the Dungeons & Dragons Roleplaying Game.

This product adds a new dimension to D&D games and gives Dungeon Masters an easy and inexpensive way to include great-looking terrain in their games. This set provides ready-to-use, configurable tiles with which to build exciting dungeons, temples, and monster lairs. This accessory for the D&D game contains six double-sided sheets of illustrated, die-cut terrain tiles printed on heavy cardstock.

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Sam Barone

Empire Rising

3157 B.C. At the eastern edge of the great southern desert in Mesopotamia, men are at war. Roaming bandits desperate for food, water, women, and slaves ravage vulnerable towns. Yet one thing eludes them: gold. A rogue named Ariamus has joined forces with Korthac, a fierce bandit who saved his life, and together they set their sights on the impenetrable walled city of Akkad, ruled by the former barbarian Eskkar and his enchanting wife Trella. Korthac devises a brilliant plan to conquer the city from within. Slipping into Akkad in disguise, he will gradually win the trust of Trella. While Eskkar is away, bringing other towns into his burgeoning empire, Korthac and Ariamus will strike, wreaking havoc on the city in a way it never expects. Told with rich historical detail and full of violence, sex, passion, and battles reminiscent of the best of Bernard Cornwell, *Empire Rising* is a marvelous trip into the past. **TPB \$34.95**

John Birmingham Australian Author

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David Boon Australian Author

David Boon's Big Book Of Great Sporting Jokes

Sport is supposed to be a serious business, yet few activities are more likely to provide a chuckle or three. No one captures this juxtaposition better than David Boon, a man who, for many people, has come to epitomise the 'great Aussie bloke'. Fans somehow sense that Boonie is a man who likes a joke. And now, in *David Boon's Big Book of Great Sporting Jokes*, he provides a bumper collection of cracks, true stories and one-liners, not just from cricket but across all sports. This is a book you'll want to share with your friends – not by handing them a copy, but by retelling some of Boonie's favourites at the ground, propping up the bar or around the barbie. The trick will be to do so using his deadpan style, with maybe just a hint of a grin, while your mates are having a good old belly laugh and asking for some more. **BPB \$24.99**

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After rescuing the son of Florida crime lord Gordon Burns from an assassin, private detective Ric Alvarado and his new assistant, Annie Dugan, get the chance to infiltrate Burns's inner sanctum to investigate rumors that he has been smuggling terrorists into the United States. By the author of *Into the Storm*. **APB \$19.95**

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The crew has just completed a top-secret mission against Iran in the Persian Gulf, when they come across a cruise ship adrift in the sea. Hundreds of bodies litter its deck, and as Cabrillo tries to determine what happened, explosions rack the length of the ship. Barely able to escape with his own life and that of the liner's sole survivor, Cabrillo finds himself plunged into a mystery as intricate - and as perilous - as any he has ever known, and pitted against a cult with monstrously lethal plans for the human race . . . plans he may already be too late to stop. **TPB \$32.95**

Janet Evanovich

Fearless Fourteen (Stephanie Plum 14)

Dom Rizzi robbed a bank, stashed the money and did the time. His family couldn't be more proud. He always was the smart one. Joe Morelli, Dom Rizzi and Dom's sister Loretta are cousins. Morelli is a cop, Rizzi robs banks, and Loretta is a single mother waiting tables at the firehouse. The all American family. Less than a week after Dom's release from prison, Joe Morelli has shadowy figures breaking into his house and dying in his basement. He's getting threatening messages, Loretta is kidnapped, and Dom is missing. Morelli hires Walter "Mooner" Dunphy, stoner and "inventor" turned crime-fighter to protect his house. Morelli can't afford a lot on a cop's salary, and Mooner will work for potatoes. Now add into the mix Stephanie Plum. Stephanie and Morelli have a long-standing relationship that involves sex, affection and driving each other nuts. She's a bond enforcement agent with more luck than talent, and she's involved in this bank-robbery-gone-bad disaster from day one. **TPB \$32.99**

David Everett Australian Author

Shadow Warrior: From the SAS to Australia's Most Wanted

David Everett - renegade soldier, outlaw, fugitive and, at one time, Australia's most-wanted man - always liked a bit of action. Here, for the first time, he tells his remarkable story.

A far-from-strapping lad from Tasmania, Dave proved everybody wrong by passing the gruelling selection course to join the SAS Regiment. Unsatisfied with the Regiment, he left to take up the cause of the oppressed Karen people of Burma, becoming a seasoned jungle fighter in the process.

On his return to Australia, Dave became every government's nightmare: a highly skilled special-forces soldier going on a crime spree. On a mission to raise funds for the Karen he kidnapped people from their homes, robbed movie theatres and plotted some of the most audacious crimes ever committed in Australia. At the height of Everett's infamy every police officer in the country was on the lookout for him, while the tabloid press fuelled the public's fear of a trained killer gone crazy.

Being blown-up, shot-at, starved, bashed, interrogated, tortured and locked in solitary confinement all failed to diminish Dave's wild streak. While serving his jail sentence, he had time to reflect. In *Shadow Warrior*, he tells his story with unflinching honesty and larrikin wit. **TPB \$32.95**

Christopher Fowler

The Victoria Vanishes (Bryant and May)

London pubs are meant to be safe places where anyone can sit quietly with a drink, but not anymore.

One night, Arthur Bryant sees a drunk middle-aged lady coming out of a pub in a London backstreet. The next morning, she is found dead at the exact spot where their paths crossed.

There's a bizarre twist; the street itself appears to have changed, for Bryant is convinced that he saw the public house as it looked over a century before. The elderly detective has already lost the funeral urn of an old friend. Could it be that he's losing his mind as well?

It becomes clear that a number of other women have lost their lives in London pubs. A silent, secret killer is at work, striking in full view...and yet nobody has a clue how or why, or where he'll attack next. The likeliest suspect seems to be a mental patient with a reason for killing. But knowing who the killer is and catching him are two very different propositions. As they send their new team out on the hunt for a madman, the octogenarian detectives of the Peculiar Crimes Unit prepare themselves for the pub crawl of a lifetime, and come face to face with their own mortality. **HC \$54.95**

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Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear

The Betrayal

There is an alternate story of the life of Jesus. One the early Church fathers found so menacing they outlawed the books that documented it, ordered them burned, and threatened anyone found copying them with death. International bestselling authors and award-winning archaeologists Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W Michael Gear put more than 30 years of exhaustive research into this fascinating novel. In AD 325, Brother Barnabas is a student of the ancient holy texts. These books paint a portrait of Jesus that is radical, heretical, and irresistible. In the writings of Mary Magdalene, Phillip, and James, Barnabas finds clues to a secret he must protect at all costs. But the Ecumenical Council of Bishops has just declared his cherished books a hotbed of manifold perversity. Emperor Constantine has decreed that the documents must be burned and that anyone found copying them will be executed as a heretic. Barnabas monastery is attacked. Brother Barnabas flees with his trusted companions, but they are being followed, for the True Church cannot allow them to find the most sacred place on Earth. In fact, it will do anything to stop them... **HC \$45**

Leah Giarratano Australian Author

Vodka Doesn't Freeze

When a middle-aged man is brutally murdered in the dunes overlooking a children's pool, it's immediately clear to Sergeant Jill Jackson that this was no ordinary victim: someone has stopped a dangerous paedophile in his tracks. Knowing first-hand the impact of such men on their prey, Jill is ambivalent about pursuing the killer, but when more men die - all known to police as child sex offenders - she is forced to face the fact that a serial killer is on the loose. As the investigation deepens, Jill unearths a long-established Sydney paedophile ring - a club of wealthy men who have thought until now that they are untouchable. Despite the deaths of some of its members, the club is still operating and until Jill can shut it down, children are still in grave danger. As she faces predators and their victims, a psychotherapist losing her mind, and her own nightmares come to life, Jill is forced to decide whether or not she really wants to catch this killer. **APB \$21.95**

Voodoo Doll

A year since the death of the man who abducted her, Sergeant Jill Jackson has been promoted and is stronger than she's been in years. But with the promotion comes a transfer to a taskforce targeting gang-related home invasions in south western Sydney, a new partner, a whole new team to work with, and some of the grisliest cases Jill's ever encountered. The gang is believed to be responsible for at least five brutal home invasions over the past two months, with the most recent culminating in a vicious machete attack that has left one of the victims crippled.

When the violence escalates to murder, suddenly Jill and the team find themselves hunting a psychopath, and delving into the pasts of victims and witnesses in a race against time to uncover what links them to the killer. The thrilling follow-up to her bestselling debut, *Vodka Doesn't Freeze*, *Voodoo Doll* will have you double checking the locks on your doors. **TPB \$32.95**

Ray Grover New Zealand Author

March to the Sound of Guns

During World War I New Zealand shipped one hundred thousand young men halfway round the world to fight at Gallipoli and the Western Front. Eighteen thousand were killed — a death rate of nearly one in five. Thousands more were maimed physically and emotionally. The men had gone with the encouragement of their families and the blessings of their churches.

In *March to the Sound of the Guns* five people tell us the story of their war: the oldest is Colonel Malone, one of the very few who knows what war is about and who trains his men hard but, on going into action, is faced with incompetence at the highest

levels. The other four are nineteen-year-olds who volunteer for reasons that derive from the raw colonial society in which they have been born and raised: Harry, the Christian sniper; Jim, the leftwing activist; Frank, the intellectual. Each has no alternative but to endure fear, sickness, wounds, and the imminent prospect of death under the foulest of conditions. Then there is Nelle, the nurse, patching up the remnants of men who have 'survived'. Sharing much with *Band of Brothers* and *Pat Barker's Regeneration* trilogy, *March to the Sound of the Guns* has been drawn from over twenty years of research into soldiers' diaries, letters and memoirs, along with close inspection of the battlefields and study of authoritative historians. It is a searing, searching account of a generation of New Zealanders who went to a war and were changed forever. **TPB \$34.95**

Lincoln Hall

Dead Lucky

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

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

After three days of climbing higher into the oxygenless air, he was blessed with a perfect summit day. For a few minutes, Hall was the highest man on the planet. His Sherpa companions arrived, photos were taken, and the climbers commenced their long descent.

Then things began to go horribly wrong. Hall was struck by cerebral oedema - highaltitude sickness - in the aptly named 'death zone'. Drowsiness quickly became overpowering lethargy, and he collapsed in the snow. Two Sherpas spent hours trying to revive him, but as darkness fell he was pronounced dead. The expedition's leader ordered the Sherpas to descend to save themselves. The news of Hall's death travelled rapidly from mountaineering websites to news media around the world, and by satellite phone to Hall's family in Australia.

Early the next day, Dan Mazur, an American mountaineering guide with two clients and a Sherpa, was startled to find Hall sitting cross-legged on the knife-edged crest of the summit ridge. Hall's first words - 'I imagine you are surprised to see me here' - were a massive understatement.

Much was reported in the press about Hall's resurrection, but only he has real insight into what happened, and how he survived that longest night.

DEAD LUCKY is Lincoln Hall's own account of climbing Everest during a deadly season in which eleven people perished on the world's highest mountain. **PB \$24.95**

Stephen Hawking

A Briefer History of Time

Stephen Hawking's worldwide bestseller, *A Brief History of Time*, has been a landmark volume in scientific writing. Its author's engaging voice is one reason, and the compelling subjects he addresses is another: the nature of space and time, the role of God in creation, the history and future of the universe. But it is also true that in the years since its publication, readers have repeatedly told Professor Hawking of their great difficulty in understanding some of the book's most important concepts. This is the origin of and the reason for *A Briefer History of Time*: its author's wish to make its content accessible to readers - as well as to bring it up-to-date with the latest scientific observations and findings. Although this book is literally somewhat 'briefer', it actually expands on the great subjects of the original. Purely technical concepts, such as the mathematics of chaotic boundary conditions, are gone. Conversely, subjects of wide interest that were difficult to follow because they were interspersed throughout the book have now been given entire chapters of their own, including relativity, curved space, and quantum theory. This reorganization has allowed the authors to expand areas of special interest and recent progress, from the latest developments in string theory to exciting developments in the search for a complete, unified theory of all the forces of physics. Like prior editions of the book-but even more so - *A Briefer History of Time* will guide nonscientists everywhere in the ongoing search for the tantalizing secrets at the heart of time and space. Thirty-eight full-colour illustrations enhance the text and make *A Briefer History of Time* an exhilarating addition in its own right to the literature of science. **TPB \$32.95**

Nancy Holder*Disclosure (Athena Force)*

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In June 1950, No 77 Squadron RAAF was in Japan, packed up and ready to go home. Instead, they went to Korea, flying Mustang fighters as part of a UN force aiding South Korea fight invading communists from the north. Early flights helped hold the crucial Pusan Perimeter, after which they moved north to fight both the enemy and the deep cold of the Korean winter. When Chinese MiG-15 jet fighters entered the war the squadron re-equipped with twin-jet Meteors. The MiGs were controlled Russian fighter experts who targeted the Meteors, driving them out of 'MiG Alley'. Adopting ground attack with rockets as their main role, they still fought MiGs, ending the war with a five-all draw. It was valuable but very dangerous work and squadron pilots faced a one in four chance of death or capture for much of the war. Their deeds warranted lasting fame. Instead, they became the Forgotten Few of a largely forgotten war; those who read this book will find they deserve better than that. **TPB \$29.95**

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From the universally praised New York Times science writer George Johnson ("He provides some of the best science writing I have come across in a long time"-Paul Davies), an irresistible book on the ten most fascinating experiments in the history of science-moments when a curious soul posed a particularly eloquent question to nature and received a crisp, unambiguous reply.

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The diligence of all these scientists was rewarded: in an instant, confusion was swept aside, and something new about nature leapt into view.

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Ben Kane*The Forgotten Legion*

Romulus and Fabiola are twins, born into slavery after their mother is raped by a drunken nobleman on his way home from a good night out. At 13 years old, they and their mother are sold: Romulus to gladiator school, Fabiola into prostitution, where she will catch the eye of one of the most powerful men in Rome, and their mother into obscurity and death in the salt mines.

Tarquinius is an Etruscan, a warrior and soothsayer, born enemy of Rome, but doomed to fight for the Republic in the Forgotten Legion.

Brennus is a Gaul; the Romans killed his entire family. He rises to become one of the most famous and feared gladiators of his day - and mentor to the boy slave, Romulus, who dreams night and day of escape and of revenge.

The lives of these four characters are bound and interwoven in a marvellous story which begins in a Rome riven by corruption, violence and political enmities, but ends far away, at the very border of the known world, where Romulus, Brennus and Tarquinius find themselves fighting against the Parthians and overwhelming odds **TPB \$32.95**

Annete Curtis Klause*The Silver Kiss*

A mysterious teenage boy harboring a dark secret helps Zoë come to terms with her mother's terminal illness.

Only Simon, the young vampire who comes to her house in the middle of the night, can help Zoe overcome her brooding thoughts of her dying mother and her own loneliness. **APB \$20.95**

Jeff Lindsay*Dexter in the Dark (Dexter 03)*

Dexter Morgan is busy planning his wedding to Rita to complete his nice guy disguise. But when a student is found burnt, molested and headless - seemingly sacrificed to an ancient god - and Dex is brought in as forensic analyst to help investigate, he realises he could be dealing with someone a whole lot more sinister than he is. Soon it seems the dark passenger in Dexter's head has gone into hiding. And when something creeps out your friendly neighbourhood serial killer, you know it's serious...As Halpern and Dexter are stalked by death, it looks like it's getting personal - especially as Dex now has a family to protect. Gradually, Dexter realises his stepchildren might share his extracurricular interest in death. Could he help them target their bloodlust, just as he steers his own? But to do that, Dex must cope with a certain mutilated sergeant from his past and, more importantly, stay alive... **BPB \$19.99**

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Michael MacConnell Australian Author

Splinter (Sarah Reilly)

Sarah Reilly just brought down one of America's worst serial killers. Her father, FBI legend Harry Reilly, was kidnapped during the investigation, and the man she loved was murdered. Refusing offers of extended leave, Sarah launches herself back into her work in the Boston FBI field office. But the murder of a child in California sees her and her new partner assigned to a special taskforce to investigate. It's a high-profile case. The parents are famous, wealthy and, it seems, they are holding information back. The media and public sympathy that initially was directed to them at their son's senseless murder has turned to suspicion. The whispers about their guilt are growing. Sarah is right in the middle, looking for the truth, and she isn't going to let PR spin doctors or the LAPD get in her way. Sarah, haunted by her past and faced with the murder of another young boy, is equally determined to make sure the killer is brought to justice. **TPB \$32.99**

Hector MacDonald

The Storm Prophet

The Sydney Hobart yacht race is world famous: the crowds at the Boxing Day start; the Harbour full of colour; giant super-maxis competing for line honours and glory. But in the wrong weather, it can be deadly. No one will ever forget the carnage of 1998.

This year, Kirsten McKenzie must win. The bank she's inherited is in trouble, and desperately needs the PR boost of a race victory. Everyone thinks she'll do it - she's got the fastest boat and the best record. Everyone, that is, except a boy called Moses who claims to be able to see the future. He doesn't foresee victory. He sees a storm, mountains of water. He sees a disaster.

Petra Woods is Director of the Sydney New Coastguard. She doesn't want to believe Moses's warning, but as the race draws closer and his other predictions start coming true, she might not have a choice. The only option may be to plunge in between the perfect race and the perfect storm.

The Storm Prophet is a truly gripping thriller about a vision, a race and the merciless power of the sea. **APB \$19.95**

David McIntosh

Beaten By A Blow

One man's story of life as a shearer, a tearaway and a young father trying to make ends meet.

Dennis McIntosh was always determined not to get stuck in a factory like his father, but it's only once he takes a job as a roustabout that he discovers what he really wants to be: a shearer. Travelling from station to station, he revels in the smell and feel of the sheds, and the freedom of being answerable to no man except his mates.

And it's a thrilling time to be in this legendary occupation. There's a fight on: the union is defending its workers against scab labourers' use of the wide comb. But while shearing's a fine life for a nineteen-year-old, it's a hard one for a man. As the added weight of adulthood settles on Dennis's shoulders, the sheds take their unforgiving toll.

Beaten by a Blow shows us the reality behind the romance of the shearer. Most of all, it tells the story of a boy dull of hope crashing headlong into life - into work, into drink, into responsibilities he isn't ready for, which come closer to breaking his back than shearing ever did. **TPB \$32.95**

A J McKinnon

Unlikely Voyage of Jack de Crow: Mirror Odyssey from North Wales to the Black Sea

A couple of quiet weeks' sailing on the River Severn was the intention. 'Somehow things got out of hand,' writes A.J. Mackinnon. 'A year later I had reached Romania and was still going.'

Equipped with his cheerful optimism and a pith helmet, this Australian Odysseus in a dinghy takes you with him from the borders of North Wales to the Black Sea - 4,900 kilometres over salt and fresh water, under sail, at the oars, or at the end of a tow-rope - through twelve countries, 282 locks and numerous trials and adventures, including an encounter with Balkan pirates.

An epic voyage, undertaken with courage, and recounted with flair and humour. **TPB \$32.95**

Fern Michaels

Fast Track (Sisterhood)

Relieved to be settled back in the United States after an enforced exile, the ladies of the Sisterhood must decide if they are prepared to take on a dangerous task, a job which could reward them beyond their wildest dreams or cause them to lose everything. **APB \$17.95**

Gary D Mitchell

Sniper's Journey

In 1968, Gary Mitchell enlisted in the army and was sent to Vietnam, where he caught the eye of his superiors, who found that he excelled at long-distance shooting - a discovery that set him on the path to a new identity as a sniper.

During his time in Vietnam, American intelligence agents "borrowed" him from his Army unit and used him to carry out planned assassinations most likely as part of the covert Phoenix Program. But this is not just the story of a man at war; it's also about the war within the man, because the memories of his sniper missions followed him home - and nearly destroyed him. **PB \$24.95**

Terri Persons

Blind Spot

Bernadette Saint Clare is an FBI agent with a difference: she sees through the eyes of killers. But her ability makes her a dangerous maverick in the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Her reward is a backwater posting to Minnesota, but on her very first day a mutilated body is found: the killing is the work of a vigilante killer intent on settling old scores. Soon more bodies appear up and down the Mississippi. All are evildoers who have preyed on the innocent - the murderer is literally interpreting the Old Testament's injunction, 'a life for a life'. He will take as many as he can and quickly as he can before he can be stopped.

Forensic investigation is too slow for the dizzying sequence of events that now take place. Bernadette is catapulted from the heart-stopping sequence of slayings into a chase where stalker and prey swap places and where her visions will take her to the very brink of sanity. **APB \$21.95**

Terri Persons

Blind Rage

A string of troubled, young women committing suicide haunts the Twin Cities. But FBI Agent Bernadette St. Clare has a hunch that these women didn't die by their own hand but were killed by a fetishistic serial killer.

It's a big leap to take and Bernadette's going to need some serious evidence to back it up. There is the English professor who teaches a course on Suicide in Literature who has got uncomfortably close to one of the victims. And then there is the uncooperative psychiatrist who treated two of the dead girls. Both of them know more than they are saying. Saint Clare is going to have to use unorthodox methods to unlock their secrets.

With a cast of characters including a partner who's no longer among the living and a handsome boss who's available, this is the most unique psychological thriller you're bound to read all year.

In her second novel featuring Agent Bernadette Saint Clare, Terri Persons delivers a thriller with enough twists and turns to keep you guessing until the last page **TPB \$32.95**

Amanda Quick

The River Knows

A delightful new romp from Amanda Quick filled with suspense, wit - and the steamy Victorian passion her devoted readers love. The first kiss occurred in a dimly-lit hallway on the upper floor of Elwin Hastings's grand house. Louisa never saw it coming... Of course, Anthony Stalbridge couldn't possibly have had romantic intentions. The kiss was an act of desperation, meant to distract the armed guard about to catch the pair in a place they did not belong. After all, Louisa Bryce is no man's idea of an alluring female in her dull maroon gown and gold-rimmed spectacles. The only thing the two interlopers have in common is a passionate interest in the private affairs of Mr. Hastings - a prominent member of Victorian Society whom they both suspect of hiding terrible secrets. Each has a reason for the quest. Anthony's fiancée was said to have thrown herself into the Thames - but Anthony has his own suspicions. Louisa - whose own identity is shrouded in layers of mystery - is convinced Hastings has a connection to a notorious brothel. But bringing Hastings to justice will be more perilous than either anticipates. **BPB \$22.99**

James Rollins

The Last Oracle

Having discovered a way to manipulate and enhance autistic savants as part of a plan to bio-engineer the world's next great prophet, a rogue group of Cold War scientists triggers an unexpectedly dangerous side effect in its young patients. **HC \$54.95**

Gena Showalter

The Stone Prince

When she--on a strange whim--kisses the lifelike statue in her garden, Katie James is stunned a gorgeous man from another world emerges from the stone and tells her that he must find true love in two weeks' time or return to his marble prison forever. **APB \$16.95**

The Pleasure Slave

Santa Fe antique dealer Julia Anderson finds her life forever changed when she purchases a jewelry box that contains a love slave named Tristan, a virile warrior whose prowess in the bedroom is unrivaled and who is the victim of a centuries-old spell. **APB \$16.95**

Beatrice Small

A Dangerous Love

Orphaned by England's War of the Roses and betrayed by her half-sister, Adair Radcliffe is taken captive during a border raid and sold into servitude to Scottish laird Conal Bruce. The laird seeks a housekeeper-but finds that beneath the girl's dirty, dishevelled appearance is a spirited violet-eyed beauty who refuses to be tamed. It is she who will teach the stubborn Scot that love recognizes neither borders nor rank. **APB \$12.95**

Peter Smalley Australian Author

Barbary Coast

It is the eve of the French Revolution and England awaits with trepidation the news from the Continent that will propel her into war again after six years of peace. But Lieutenant James Hayter's orders from the Admiralty do not at first involve the sea. He must go inland to seek out his friend Captain William Rennie, who has disappeared into the wilds of Dartmoor.

When he finds Rennie alone and broken down in an isolated farmhouse, Hayter fears the Captain will be unable to make the journey to London. Hayter has his own hopes of a command, but these are cruelly dashed when they reach the capital, where they find the sinister spymaster, Sir Robert Greer is once more behind their deployment. They are to sail in HMS Expedient to the Mediterranean, to assist Britain's ally Rashid Bey of Rabhet, with Hayter yet again Rennie's second in command.

So, unprepared for what they will find on the dangerous Barbary Coast, Expedient and the ten gun cutter Curlew sail into treacherous waters. The odds are daunting. They must make a show of defiance against the mighty corsair fleet of Rabhet's enemy the Dey of Tunis. Murky politics, threatened mutiny, desperate sea actions and imprisonment follow on the sweltering North African Coast, where the rules of European warfare no longer apply and the victor will take everything. **BPB \$24.95**

Julia Spencer-Fleming

I Shall Not Want (Clare Fergusson / Russ van Alstyne Mystery)

A trio of execution-style murders apparently targeting the migrant community of the rural Adirondack town of Millers Kill draws Episcopal priest Clare Fergusson and now widowed police chief Russ van Alstyne into a case plagued by media hysteria, conflict within the police, a series of baffling assaults, and the two sleuths' complex feelings for each other. **HC \$51.95**

All Mortal Flesh (Clare Fergusson / Russ van Alstyne Mystery)

Having long concealed his feelings for the Reverend Clare Fergusson, Police Chief Russ van Alstyne is stunned when he becomes the prime suspect in the murder of his wife and risks everything in his investigation to find the real culprit before it is too late. **APB \$17.95**

Out of the Deep I Cry (Clare Fergusson / Russ van Alstyne Mystery)

When a doctor from a local free clinic disappears, Episcopal priest Clare Fergusson and police chief Russ van Alstyne avoid their growing feelings for each other and pursue an investigation with links to the Jazz Age, Prohibition, and the Great Depression. **APB \$17.95**

A Fountain Filled With Blood (Clare Fergusson / Russ van Alstyne Mystery)

When a violent attack on a doctor triggers a series of gay hate crimes in the Adirondack town of Miller's Kill, Episcopalian priest Clare Fergusson and police chief Russ Van Alstyne, struggling with their mutual attraction, investigate a range of suspects. **APB \$17.95**

Peter Stanley

Invading Australia: Japan and the Battle For Australia 1942

1942 was a key year in Australia's history. As its people had so long feared, White Australia, an outpost of empire, seemed about to be invaded by the Japanese. In that one year, Darwin was bombed, submarines torpedoed ships in Sydney Harbour and Australian Militiamen died on the Kokoda Trail.

Each year, more and more Australians celebrate Anzac Day and honour the lives of those who fought for their country. There is even a push to create a new public holiday, in remembrance and celebration of the 'Battle for Australia'. But was there ever really such a battle, and how close did Australia actually come to being invaded?

Invading Australia provides a comprehensive, thorough and well-argued examination of these and other pertinent questions. Peter Stanley writes compellingly about Australian attitudes to Japan before, during and after World War II, and uses archival sources to discuss Japan's war plans early in 1942. He also shows that rather than a 'Battle for Australia' there was a worldwide fight for freedom and democracy that has allowed the West to enjoy great prosperity in the decades since 1945. **TPB \$35**

Stephen Szanti

Demon Bugs: VW Customs and Cruisers **\$49.95**

Peter Thompson Australian Author

Pacific Fury

PEARL HARBOR; THE FALL OF SINGAPORE; CURTIN'S FIGHT WITH CHURCHILL; THE BOMBING OF DARWIN; POW CAMPS; THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY; KOKODA; BUNA; KAMIKAZE PILOTS; HIROSHIMA

These words alone are enough to convey the terror, courage and drama of the Pacific War, when the balance of power stood on a knife-edge and when the future of Australia was on the brink - threatened by Japanese aggression on the one hand and British deception on the other.

After a conflict that took an unimaginable number of lives and ended with the unleashing of the most powerful weapon the world had ever seen, the Allies emerged victorious. Australia, however, was criticised by Churchill and his generals for showing cowardice in the face of the enemy and for not caring about the fate of other nations. The endorsement of these claims by several military historians today shows that the smear has not gone away. Until now.

Peter Thompson presents, for the first time, an account of the conflict that places Australian voices and action at the heart of the struggle.

Based on exclusive interviews with eyewitnesses and written with all the pace and verve you would expect of a master storyteller, *Pacific Fury* brings the people and the battles to life in a sensational history not to be bettered in a generation. **HC \$54.95**

Trevanian

Shibumi

Nicolai Hel uses his nearly superhuman mental and physical prowess to destroy political terrorists and decides to take on The Mother Company itself, a supermonolith of espionage and economic monopoly, in a twenty-fifth anniversary edition of the classic thriller. **TPB \$29.95**

Jennifer Valoppi

Certain Cure

A woman is dying of cancer when a mysterious doctor offers to save her life with nanotechnology. Her daughter, a struggling TV talk show host is wary, and her grandson is having troubling visions as the characters navigate Manhattan, a world filled with signs, symbols, and warnings, all hidden in plain sight, that begin to bridge the gap between modern science and ancient Judeo-Christian prophecies. **TPB \$32.95**

Jack Whyte

Standard of Honour (Templar Trilogy 02)

It is sixty years since the secret Brotherhood of Sion, founders of the Knights Templar, uncovered the treasure vouchsafed them beneath the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Now the ambitious and ruthless Plantagenet King Richard the Lionheart leads the Third Crusade against Saladin, and both the honour of the Templars and the mission of the Brotherhood are at risk. Andrew Sinclair is one of the few survivors of the Battle of Hattin in 1187. As a member of the clandestine Brotherhood he was taught Arabic before being sent to the Holy Land on a mission that neither the Order of Templars nor the leaders of the Pope's armies can know of. Sinclair's captivity following the battle led to his friendship with the infidel and threatened to divide his loyalty. One of the great secrets of the Brotherhood is that they are not Christians, unlike the Templars. Sinclair's cousin and fellow member of the Brotherhood, Sir Andre St Clair, arrives with Richard from Cyprus. The secret mission they must pursue will lead them into the desert and the lair of the fearsome Assassins. And meanwhile Saladin's clever tactics in battle, including the butchery of the magnificent destriers, the massive horses that carry armoured Frankish knights, bring reversals to the Christian cause from start of the Crusade. But it is Richard the Lionheart's treachery and deceit that convince both cousins that the Crusade is a sham, and that all men are venal and greedy, driven by the lust for power. **BPB \$24.99**

John Wright Australian Author

Special

The FJ Holden. It's an unmistakable, much loved and unique symbol of Australia - right up there with the pavlova, Don Bradman's baggy green, or Christmas on the beach. But how did it get this way? Exactly how did an American car company so accurately grasp Australia's automotive pulse to create a car that is now an Australian motoring icon? Right from the beginning, Holden understood the importance of brand, the need to create 'a car for every purse and purpose'. The advent of the FJ Holden, seen as 'Australia's Own Car', revolutionised Australian automobility. Australians clamoured for the Holden not just because it was a (relatively) affordable car but because it was seen as symbolic of the new post-war era of increasing prosperity. Holden now enjoys a unique, iconic status in the automotive culture of Australia. In this fascinating book - part social history, part corporate history, part biography of a car - Wright tracks the elements that made General Motors Holden such a successful company, from its beginnings in the 1920s and the boom in car ownership in the 1950s right through to the present day, when a Holden car - an artistic re-invention of the much-loved 1953 FJ Holden - was the star car at the 2005 Australian International Motor Show. This is a must-read story of opportunity, inspiration, and business genius for all motoring enthusiasts, Holden fans and car buffs. **TPB \$35**