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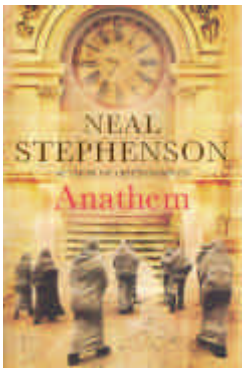
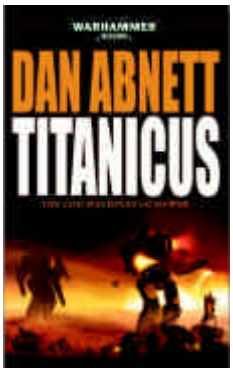
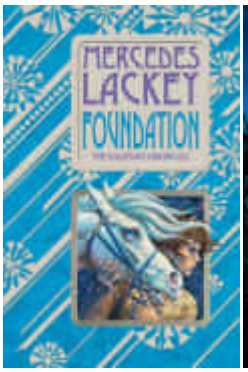
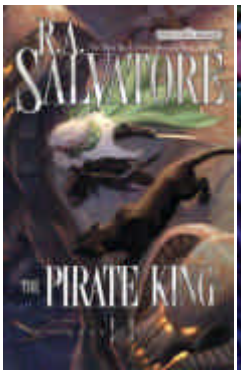
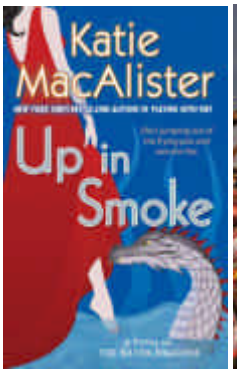


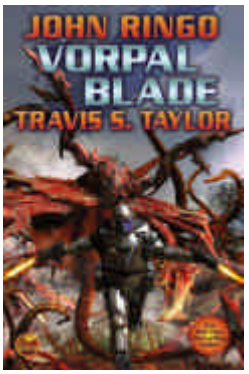




Bill Congreve and Michelle Marquardt (eds)	***Year's Best Australian Science Fiction Fantasy & Horror***
Neal Stephenson	***Anathem*** in hardcover and trade paperback.
Dan Abnett	***Titanicus*** a new Warhammer 40K novel in hardcover.
John Birmingham	***Without Warning*** in trade paperback.
M Lackey	***Foundation*** a new Valdemar novel in hardcover.
Terry Pratchett	***Nation*** in hardcover.
R A Salvatore	***The Pirate King*** a new Drizzt hardcover.
Scott Adams	***Dilbert 2.0*** boxed hardcover.
Karen Chance	***Midnight's Daughter*** in paperback.
Alan Dean Foster	***Patrimony*** in paperback.
Katie MacAlister	***Up In Smoke*** in paperback.
John Ringo & Travis S Taylor	***Vorpal Blade*** in paperback.







News and Forthcoming Events

Monsterpocalypse is a new miniature game from Privateer Press for 2 people. You play giant monsters rampaging through cities. Starter, booster and accessory packs should be available from October 10th. All are listed on the website for pre-order already. Miniatures come pre-painted, and the Starter kit has the minimum you need for one person to play. We will be holding launch events in store on October 23rd (5pm start), 30th (5pm start) and November 1st (10am start). You are invited to come and play in any one (or more) of these events. Please register in-store, or at the Privateer events site. Check our forums for more details: http://infinitas.com.au/forums/viewtopic.php?t=950

FreeCon 2008 for SF fans will be 8th & 9th Nov at 280 Pitt St, Sydney. http://www.freecon2008.sydneyfuturian.org/

Terry Pratchett discusses his Alzheimer: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-1070673/Terry-Pratchett-Im-slipping-away-bit-time--I-watch-happen.html

Hitchikers Guide to the Galaxy is to get a sixth book to be written by Eoin Colfer: http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2008/sep/17/douglasadams

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.

The Steel Remains by **Richard Morgan**, reviewed by Garry P Dalrymple

http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575079502

This is a review of Richard Morgan's book 'The Steel Remains'. If you want an entirely positive review of a Fantasy book, read the first and the last paragraphs of this review, the bits in between are the too demanding opinions of a reader of too much Science Fiction! I started reading 'The Steel Remains' with a view that anyone who can write good SF, storytelling where the familiar is inverted into the new and novel usually via a technological 'What if?' and still makes sense, can write above average Fantasy, by inverting slightly the prevailing well known forms of that Genre to come up with something that might be a fresh treatment? Nothing I have read in 'The Steel Remains' contradicts this view.

'The Steel Remains' is a decent read. A quest story of fighting companions drawn together to meet one more threat.

The story is set on a world that might be Earth, after the Moon is shattered into a Ring and a medieval fundamentalist culture prevails. Four sorts of 'people' are involved. Human, Kiriath, Dwenda and possibly even Gods / primal Spirit creatures. The by now mythic Dwenda used to rule the place, with Magic / technological / nearly Godlike powers, but they were defeated by the Kiriath and are now for the most part the stuff of Myth and legend. The Kiriath, modified humans, or just humans changed by their travels and technology, came from somewhere else in their Flame ships, across Space or across the dimensions of inner space? They have since done an Elvis, leaving behind Archeth and some scattered technology. The Humans are at a Medieval political and technological stage of development, a society stuck in a Millennia long Middle ages? The three main characters are a Archeth, Half-Kiriath woman, Egar a Steppe Nomad warrior and Ringil, a fighting man of privileged birth whose criminalised sexuality has alienated him from his home society, he was forced to attend the publicly execution by grotesque torture his first teenage Gay lover. The three met a decade earlier when Lizard men and Dragons invaded from the sea, threatened humanity with extinction and had to be repulsed by a rare unity of purpose among this world's human societies, with Kiriath assistance. The Kiriath were Black skinned, so extra bonus points there, Archeth is then a Black, half-breed Lesbian woman without family in a man's world. Surprisingly little is made of this, unless it is intended as an ironic comment on all the other 'half- ' characters encountered in fiction and their alienation plus latent powers?

Archeth, at her Emperor's command is set to a search to explain why an Imperial Sea Port has been devastated, blasted out of existence by unknown insurgents Ringil is asked by his Mum to recover a Cousin sold off into Slavery by her husband's debts and Egar is getting tired of the Plains drifter life even as Clan leader before the a shape shifting god / nature spirit sets his brothers on the course to fratricide, for the good of old time traditions.

The Dwenda haven't been seen for a real long time, the Kiriath depart, and then the strange things start happening. Each is set on a path to a re-union and a showdown. Dwenda meddle in the affairs of men and shape shifting Gods appear and speak to men once more taking sides in a conflict? The Companions unite in the face of a Dwenda attack and they prevail, to philosophise on survivor guilt in a beer garden on a sunny afternoon (and Lashings of Ginger Beer!).

The Homosexuality of Ringil is essential to the plot. He encounters, fights and then has a sexual relationship with a Dwenda (how likely is that?). His encounters are described in as much detail as are the fight scenes, as they arte probably as pivotal to the progress of the story as the fight scenes, however the Lesbian inclinations of Archeth are not as well treated (look but do not touch!), she might as well have be a eunuch for the purposes of the story. If she had been an 'available' woman, in a masculine warrior dominated society then her life and interactions on a quest with male companions would have been much more complex? Is this the new prudery, Male to Male sex is OK in the furtherance of a plotline, but describing Male / Female or Female / Female sex would be 'pornographic', or worse, non-PC?

The Faults of this Book were only those of Fantasy generally. SF, in exploration of a 'What If' has to make sense, Fantasy doesn't. With Fantasy the ride and the scenery matter, not the basis of Quest. For example in this story, set on a Planet with a known history of 4,000 or more years, has no one ever thought of guns? Secondly, the Dwenda with their nearly Ghodlike powers of magic/technology choose to fight humans in nearly equal combat in armour and with blade weapons, not blasters or even Jedi light sabres, dramatic, but dumb!

If you read Fantasy then you will probably enjoy this book a lot. What I most enjoyed about this book was the 'realism' of the world of the Quest. Life was horrible for most, and in society of intolerance and unequals, social status was precarious, certainly in this story there was no hearkening back to a Golden Age of Heroes. GD 01SEP08

Awakening by **Lara Morgan**, reviewed by Josephine Crowley

http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781405038904

Awakening - book one of this first trilogy by Australian author Lara Morgan is the story of an ancient conflict. It is between peoples of several nations and the good inhabitants who dwell within and the evil god who they live in fear of. Serpents also live within these lands and have magic powers and they too are ruled by the ancient evil god.

The characters in this book are many and as I read I referred often the glossary. Thank you for these lists, also the great maps which create a visual setting for what is a very interesting and engrossing read. I enjoyed this novel from a new author who shows tremendous imagination and has the ability to hold one's interest to the very last page. Congratulations Lara Morgan. Book two in this series will be awaited eagerly.

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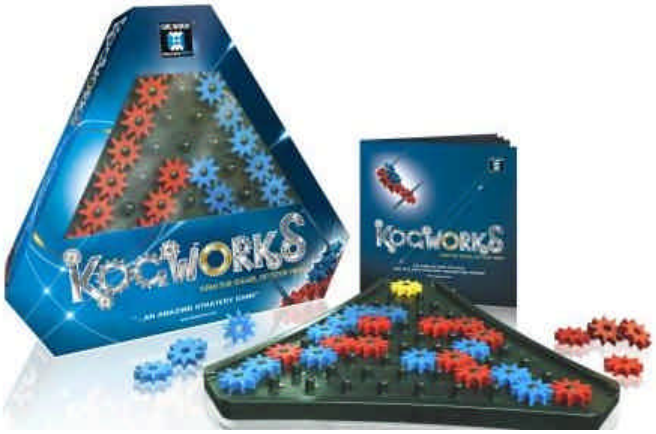

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Airport Security by **Daniel Cotton**

Gate 56: After having traipsed past fifty-five near identical departure gates attended by even more identical staff, he'd finally made it. *Who designs an airport with all the departure gates in a single row anyway?* He'd taken a little longer than he'd planned because he didn't want to be sweating when he boarded his plane. He'd worn his best suit in the hope of being upgraded to first class. A dishevelled appearance would spoil his chances. Plus there was that same dilemma every time he approached a travellator. *Can I justify having a machine walk for me?* Eventually the answer had been yes, on account of the desire not to perspire, but the indecision had added minutes.

TONE. "Now boarding flight one-oh-three to Auckland, New Zealand," said a honey-sweet contralto voice over the PA. He groaned. 103 was his flight but he still had one more security check to clear, the one *they* had added after the last round of terrorist hijackings.

Why anyone would want to hijack a flight to Auckland was a mystery to him. *It's not like it's a rocket flight with Gold Star Aerospace! Well maybe if you accidentally boarded the wrong flight, the shock of discovering you're on your way to Auckland, well that would be enough to drive you to a terrorist act.* He chuckled.

He approached the iconic door frame structure in the middle of the room, briskly placed his leather satchel on the adjacent conveyor belt to be X-rayed and stepped through, only to be immediately accosted by a hail of high pitched sirens. He stepped back. Fumblingly he reached into his pants pocket and removed what he thought to be the offending item, which he'd forgotten he had in the rush. There wasn't much metal in it. *They keep making these things more sensitive.*

"What is that?!" demanded a security guard, pointing to the black box that had set off the metal detector. A woman of significant girth, she moved with unexpected speed. Her movement to intercept him had eclipsed the corridor leading to the aircraft.

"It's a bomb," he replied with a mischievous yet nervous half grin, simultaneously holding up the offending object for the imposing woman to get a better view. The words 'dA bOMB! mp3 player' were emblazoned in a solid silver font on the hard case.

The security woman frowned. She jabbed her solid yet flabby arm, the marshmallow like structure on the end of it that was her hand indicated a rectangular sign. The sign was clean, shiny and white with a black border, orderly mounted just like the others in the airport; this one though, had sharp edges. 'AIRPORT SECURITY HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOUR,' it warned in bold black letters.

"Do recruitment screen for that or is it part of your training?" he asked impulsively. Then immediately regretted it. The woman's facial expression didn't change. *What am I saying? I'll get cavity searched for sure, and she has such large fingers, they always have large fingers!* He started fidgeting with his tie (a pearlescent light blue affair meant to contrast his dark business suit and show a little of his personality).

In a gruff voice she answered, "Security staff are not recruited. We are all cloned from genetically modified DNA. The lack of *that* impediment is just one of the desirable qualities with which we are created." The response was automatic, somewhat prideful. *Did she mean it?* In the background, he was dimly aware, the contralto voice was making the final boarding call. "Please try again *Sir*," the guard instructed with authority.

"Of course, of course" he mumbled, placing the mp3 player in a plastic box to be X-rayed. The head-phones briefly caught on the edge of his pocket but he untangled them quickly. He stepped through the metal detector, the alarm didn't sound this time and he claimed his possessions. Observing no further incident the guard, her duty completed, stepped aside and he hurried down the corridor to board his plane. He didn't give the 'clone' security guard of Gate 56 another thought, instead his thoughts returned to the possibility of an upgrade.

Flight 103: Still holding the music player, he approached the plane via the gangway. He smiled at the hostess, partly because she was attractive – her eyes seemed to perfectly match the powder blue skirt and blouse that formed her uniform – but also because she would be the one to make the offer of an upgrade (if it were to be made at all).

"Boarding pass please sir," she returned his smile in making the request. Her teeth were advertising-poster straight he noted, as he clumsily searched his pockets. *Where did I leave it?* In the process of searching he dropped his satchel. There was a metallic clank as its buckle contacted the steel gangway.

He leant over to recover his possession. The stewardess glanced discreetly at her wrist, then knelt down, keeping her back straight and placing a hand to her flight cap to prevent its dislodgement from her blonde mane. Her knees hovered just above the gritty gangway. "Can I be of assistance sir?" she asked.

He handed her the music player and continued searching his coat as they both rose. After a few moments the thinness of his suit lining allowed him to locate the boarding pass in the breast pocket. He pinched the material, *Maybe this isn't going to be warm enough for Auckland,* before reaffixing his eyes on the stewardess, *but she'd be hot in any weather.*

The stewardess flipped the gadget over in her hand; glanced at it; then returned her gaze to him. Without looking at the boarding pass he was now presenting to her, she said the words he'd been longing to hear, "As the result of cancellations, I am authorised to offer you an upgrade to First Class today sir." *Yes!* "You may take seat 3C, it's an isle seat near the front of the cabin."

"Thankyou, you're wonderful!" he replied, simultaneously hastening toward the front of the plane.

Her voice chased him down the plane though, "Wait sir, I need to give you this!" Others were looking now. A crew member's raised voice a momentary distraction from luggage to be stowed. He turned. *Please let it be a phone number.*

She handed him the music player. "You'll need this." *Oh, right.* He made a show of putting the ear-phones in. She turned away. He pressed play and made toward his seat.

Here it is: 3C. Having finally made his seat, he placed his bag in the overhead compartment; there was only just enough space. He sat down and had begun to relax into the flight when a terrible screeching emanated from the mp3 player. He tore the phones from his ears, and saw that they were bloodied. *What the hell? What track is that!?*

He was about to investigate further when the seat belt light came on and he was obliged to turn off the electronic device. The captain welcomed everyone aboard. The stewardess pointed out the exits as passengers looked on (or didn't). The plane whistled down the runway and lifted into the air. *Finally. Now let's have a look at that music player.*

The plane reached cruising altitude and he reached for the music player, only to black out…

When he came to he found that instead of holding a 'dA bOMB' mp3 player, he had his hands firmly gripping the wrists of a one-legged man sprawled out on the floor. To his further astonishment he found that he had a knee in the man's back; the rest of the cabin was applauding.

He looked around: the same stewardess from earlier was groggily getting to her feet. He looked forward: from the now badly mangled cabin door protruded a plastic prosthetic leg – like an old fashioned can opener jutting out of a tin of pet food. *Must be that new polymer.* Then he looked to the side: there lay the music player; the words '`Air Marshall Activation`' scrolled across the screen. *Ah.*

He addressed the man squirming beneath his knee. "There's just one thing I don't understand," he said, genuinely puzzled. "Why Auckland?"

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Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested just come along. 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 6th November: *My favourite 5 characters in fantasy, science fiction and horror*

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 16th October:
With the Lightnings by David Drake (SF)
Lord of the Isles by David Drake (F)
Thursday 20th November:
Battle at the Moons of Hell by Graham Sharp Paul (SF)
The Magic of Recluse by L E Modesitt Jr (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.
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Bestsellers for September

General Release

Without Warning	*John Birmingham **
Brisingr	Christopher Paolini
The Last Colony	John Scalzi
The Ashes of Worlds	Kevin J Anderson
Nation	Terry Pratchett
Fleet of Worlds	Larry Niven & Edward M Lerner
Battle of the Hammer Worlds	*Graham Sharp Paul **
The Sunrise Lands	S M Stirling
Paul of Dune	Kevin J Anderson & Brian Herbert
The Summoning	Kelley Armstrong

Media and Games Related Titles

Red Fury	Warhammer 40,000
Battle for the Abyss	Warhammer 40,000
Forgotten Realms Campaign Guide	D&D 4th Edition
Forgotten Realms Player's Guide	D&D 4th Edition
Nagash the Sorcerer	Warhammer
Jedi Twilight	Star Wars Coruscant Nights
Adventurer's Vault	D&D 4th Edition
Bone Key	Supernatural
Street of Shadows	Star Wars Coruscant Nights
The Force Unleashed	Star Wars

** Australian Authors*

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine 36 **Magazine $8.95**

Sunny

Mona Lisa Awakening (Monere 01)

Mona Lisa, an unusual young woman who has always known that she is different, is drawn to Gryphon, a mysterious man of unearthly beauty who arrives during her night shift in the E.R., and discovers that he, like herself, is a Monère, a child of the moon, and is introduced to the nighttime world of the Monère, one of calculated cruelty, intrigue, and casual lust. **APB $17.95**

Marta Acosta

Bride of Casa Dracula (Casa Dracula 03)

Becoming engaged to Dr. Oswald Grant of a sophisticated vampire clan, Milagro de los Santos becomes increasingly anxious in the face of a hostile vampire council and distracts herself by taking a job as a ghost-writer for a shape-shifting anthropologist. **TP $19.95**

Tony Allan

The Mythic Bestiary

Throughout history, fantastic beasts have stalked our imaginations. This book casts light on these shadowy creatures, displaying them in all their beauty and ferocity. It covers the monsters and hybrids of the classical world, the myriad serpents and dragons of both East and West, and the malevolent ogres and trolls of Scandinavia. **HC $39.95**

Jay Amory

The Wingless Boys (Clouded World 01, 02)

Gathered together in this superb value omnibus are the first two books in The Clouded World series. Written by debut novelist Jay Amory, these are fast-paced, thrilling fantasy adventures. Imagine a city high in the sky comprised of pristine white spires, bathed in glorious golden sunlight - a city above the cloud layer, looking down on the ever-changing cloud formations below. From up here, the worst thunderstorms are little but flashes of light amongst the cloud cover, their force directed away from the cities and the tiny two- and four-seater aircraft its inhabitants use for travel. The world below the clouds may be disturbed, but in the tranquil world above, populated by winged people, life is good. Life isn't so good for Azreal Gabrielson. He's one of the Airborn too. With a stretch and a beat of their eight-foot wings his people can flit effortlessly around their cities, living a life of airy ease and beauty . . . and in this world Az is an oddity, a painfully isolated exception: Az Gabrielson is a wingless boy. And he's about to be sent on a mission. **TP $35**

Taylor Anderson

Crusade (Destroyermen 02)

Hurtled through time and space from the World War II Pacific, Lieutenant Commander Matthew Reddy, and the crew of the USS Walker find themselves in a strange alternate world where they and the destroyer Mahan ally theselves with the Lemurians in their battle against the warlike reptilian Grik, who have seized control of the Japanese battleship Amagi. **HC $49.95**

V C Andrews

Delia's Crossing

When her parents are killed in a truck accident outside their poor Mexican village, Delia Yeberra is sent to live with her wealthy aunt in Palm Springs, California, but she soon discovers the dark underside of her glamorous new life as she become caught in a bitter battle whose resentment may be linked to a sinister secret, in the first volume in a trilogy. **APB $19.95**

Vivi Anna

Veiled Truth (Valorian Chronicles)

Five years ago, virginal Lyra Magice had fled powerful dhampir Theron LeNoir's advances. But now an ancient text the dhampir possesses holds the key to solving murders that have plagued Necropolis. When another body is found and evidence points to the Mistress of the city, duty dictates that Lyra work with Theron—a man she regards as haughty, arrogant and immoral—to translate the symbols left at the crime scenes. But with their forced alliance comes darkly sensual dreams that leave her feeling wanton and achy….

Unwilling to reveal his dark past, the dhampir soon discovers that Lyra—a witch of great power—is to be the sacrificial virgin in a demonic scheme to open a portal to hell itself. Salvation will come only if Theron can win Lyra's trust—and her heart. **APB $14.95**

Piers Anthony

Two to the Fifth (Xanth 32)

When a powerful magical bird seizes control of Xanth by magically eliminating all who would counter him, the Good Magician Humphrey enlists half-human playwright Cyrus the Cyborg in a covert effort that involves disguising the magical princesses Melody, Harmony, and Rhythm as actresses. **HC $51.95**

Air Apparent (Xanth 31)

The mysterious disappearance of the Good Magician Humfrey's son Hugo sends a diverse group of characters--Debra, a cursed young girl; Hugo's blind but sensitive wife Wira; Happy and Fray, two storm-spirits; Nimbus, the Demon Xanth's own son; and the Random Factor, an enigmatic outlaw--off on a dangerous and madcap pair of parallel quests. **APB $17.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Personal Demon (Otherworld 08)

Hope Adams, a gorgeous half-demon determined to use her powerful gifts only for good, undertakes a dangerous mission on behalf of the Cortez Cabal to infiltrate a Miami gang of bored, wealthy, and troublemaking supernaturals, but when she becomes entangled in their plots, she is forced to turn to her crooked werewolf ex-boyfriend and the heir to the Cortez Cabal for assistance. **APB $17.95**

Keri Arthur ***Australian Author***

Beneath a Rising Moon (Ripple Creek 01)

On the werewolf reservation of Ripple Creek, a killer is on the loose. Three women are dead and Neva Grant s twin sister is fighting for her life. Neva vows to hunt down the killer, if Savannah finds the strength to live. To begin the hunt, she must seduce a member of the suspected Sinclair clan. To her dismay, the only Sinclair not under suspicion is a wolf with a hard-drinking, hard-loving reputation. Duncan Sinclair has been called back home to find a killer. Soon, he s approached by a wolf who has more than seduction on her mind, and he finds himself ensnared in a web of desire and deceit. As the murders continue, Duncan and Neva find themselves having to trust each other in order to survive. Can they trust the emotions flaring between them? Or will the lies of the present, the deeds of the past and a killer s intentions tear them apart? **APB $19.99**

Beneath a Darkening Moon (Ripple Creek 02)

Someone is murdering humans on the Ripple Creek Werewolf Reservation, and the murders are eerily similar to those Chief Ranger Savannah Grant witnessed nearly ten years ago. Having once had the reputation for being the wild sister, it seems her past has come back to haunt her. Worse still, the man sent in to help with the investigation is the one man Savannah had hoped never to see again - the man who had taken her trust and her heart, and smashed them both. Cade Jones is in Ripple Creek to catch the killer who escaped a decade ago. He doesn t expect to find the woman who nearly caused his death - a woman who knows far more than she ll ever let on. This time, Cade has every intention of discovering exactly what she does know. Soon it becomes clear that the murders are not random and Savannah finds herself having to trust the one man she d sworn never to trust again. **APB $19.99**

Amanda Ashley

Night's Master (Night 03)

As an evil forces invades the supposedly neutral territory of Oak Hollow, a place for supernatural beings, Raphael Cordova, the leader of the American vampires, is drawn to bookstore owner Kathy McKenna, an innocent mortal who becomes drawn in a paranormal war. **APB $17.95**

L A Banks

Bite the Bullet (Crimson Moon 02)

With rogue wolves ravaging both the human and paranormal worlds, Sasha Trudeau, werewolf leader of a secret government task force, races against time to stop the attacks and isolate the deadly toxin poisoning their blood, only to find herself caught in the middle of a supernatural war for power, with her only ally a man who may be more dangerous than she knows. **APB $17.95**

Toby Barlow

Sharp Teeth

An ancient race of lycanthropes survives in modern L.A. and its numbers are growing as packs convert the city's downtrodden into their fold.
Stuck in the middle are a local dogcatcher and the woman he loves, whose secret past haunts her as she fights a bloody one-woman battle to save their relationship. Meanwhile, dog packs fight and scheme all around them, hiding out in old warehouses, city kennel cages, or the plush comfort of suburban homes. Paying no heed to the moon, these packs change from human to wolf at will, squaring off against one another as they seek dominance at any cost.
SHARP TEETH is a novel-in-verse that blends epic themes with dark humour, dogs playing cards, crystal meth labs, and acts of heartache and betrayal in Southern California. **BPB $24.95**

Anya Bast

The Chosen Sin

Determined to seek revenge on the vampire that nearly destroyed her, special forces agent Daria must abandon her own mortality to succeed, turning for help to sexy vampire Alejandro Martinez to bring the monster to justice, in an erotic paranormal romance. **TP $28.95**

Jo Beverley, Barbara Samuel, Karen Harbaugh & Mary Jo Putney

Dragon Lovers

Fantasy and romance come together in a quartet of enchanting love stories dealing with dragons of all forms, in a collection featuring original tales by Jo Beverley, Mary Jo Putney, Karen Harbaugh, and Barbara Samuel that range from a virgin princess's first love and a shape-shifting samurai groom to a knight dealing with a damsel in distress and a young widow involved in a secret project with her sexy handyman. **APB $19.95**

John Birmingham ***Australian Author***

Without Warning

2003: In Paris, an assassin wakes from a coma. In Kuwait, American forces are assembled for their invasion of Iraq. In the pristine forest of the Cascades, a lone hiker watches a plane fly into the side of a mountain. And just north of the Equator, a modern-day pirate, a rogue Tasmanian, is witness to the unspeakable. A wave of inexplicable energy has slammed into America. And destroyed it. In one instant, all around the world, from Cairo to Canberra, things will never be the same.
Now, allied soldiers are fighting a war without command; a correspondent files a story for a newspaper that no longer exists. The line of Presidential succession is in tatters; the functioning remnants of government are in Pearl Harbor, Guantanamo Bay, and one desperate, isolated corner of the Pacific Northwest.
For the jihadists, Allah has performed a miracle. For Sadaam, it is a chance for revenge. Iran declares war, but on an America that doesn't exist, except in the hearts and souls of the men and women who want it to. For US allies, Armageddon has arrived. Israel acts. Australasia, far from the noxious waste darkening Europe's skies, beckons as a possible oasis.
Without Warning tells a fast, furious story of survival, violence, and a new, soul-shattering reality. Here is a world without its sheriff, its Great Satan, or its saviour...
An unknowable future struggles to be born. **TP $32.99**

Shayla Black

Tempt Me With Darkness

Condemned to live forever alone after seducing and abandoning the sinister witch Morganna, Marrok, a skilled warrior for King Arthur, discovers that his only hope in breaking the spell lies in a magical book in the possession of Olivia Gray, an art dealer and direct descendant of Morganna, but passion may get in the way of freeing him from the curse. **APB $14.95**

Ray Bradbury

Now and Forever

Two previously unpublished novellas comprise this astonishing new volume from one of science fiction's greatest living writers. In the first, 'Somewhere a Band is Playing', newsman James Cardiff is lured through poetry and his fascination with a beautiful and enigmatic young woman to Summerton, Arizona. The small town's childless population hold an extraordinary secret which has been passed on for thousands of years unbeknownst to the rest of human civilization. In the second novella, 'Leviathan '99', the classic tale of Herman Melville's 'Moby Dick' is reborn as an interstellar adventure. It recounts the exploits of the mad Captain Ahab, who, blinded by his first encounter with a gigantic comet called 'Leviathan', pursues his lunatic vendetta across the universe. Born in space and seeking adventure in the skies, astronaut Ishmael Jones joins the crew aboard the Cetus 7 and quickly finds his fate in the hands of an indefatigable captain. Published together for the first time in one volume, these two stories twinkle with Bradbury's characteristically intricate metaphors and lyrical phrases. Both are a lasting testament to an older generation of writers that, much like the Leviathan itself, are on the threshold of passing on into the realm of legend. **BPB $22.99**

Terry Brooks

Gypsy Morph Library Edition (Genesis of Shannara 03)

MP3 CD unabridged audo.

With the fall of the last cities, demons and other minions of the dark roam the ravaged landscape of the former United States, while a small band of survivors--the Elves of Cintra, a ragtag group of human children, and their protectors, including two Knights of the Word--journeys northward toward a safe haven, led by a boy named Hawk, the legendary gypsy morph. **CD $78**

Steven Brust

The Phoenix Guards (Khaavren 01)

Together with three loyal friends, Khaavren of the House of Tiassa joins the Emperor's guards in search of adventure and fortune, only to find himself involved in treacherous Imperial politics, as he and his faithful band become the sole hope of the Dragaeran Empire. **TP $30.95**

Jim Butcher

Welcome to the Jungle (Dresden Files)

Harry Dresden, the only professional wizard listed in the Chicago phone book, returns to take on new supernatural villains out to turn the world upside down, in an original graphic novel adventure based on the best-selling fantasy series. **HC $39.95**

Jacqueline Carey

Kushiel's Scion (Kushiel 04)

A compelling and seductive epic of adventure, intrigue and swordplay. 'I was afraid of the dark tide that stirred in me. I did not want any part of my mother's blood. And yet it called to me.' Imriel de la Courcel, third in line to the throne, was enslaved and tortured as a boy, leaving him scarred and wary of his future. Son of a traitor, Imriel fears the dangerous passions of his bloodline - and his potential for destruction. His beloved stepmother, exotic and lovely, has trained him in the arts of covertcy - espionage skills that will either serve his country well, or draw him into a web of corruption and treachery. Imriel will need all of these resources as he travels, incognito, to escape the demands of court and family... What he discovers is not freedom, but a city at war, and a political game so deep that he may never escape its net. **PB $24.99**

Jonathan Carroll

The Ghost in Love

Surviving an accident that was supposed to have killed him, a man perplexes a ghost who was to guide him to the afterlife and who is assigned to be his companion while higher authorities investigate the mistake, a situation that is complicated when the ghost falls in love with the man's girlfriend. **HC $51.95**

Kristin Cashore

Graceling

Having the ability to kill a man with her bare hands since she was a young girl, Katsa, a Graceling, has been forced to do the king's dirty work for years in order to live in his kingdom, but things change dramatically when she falls in love with Prince Po and secrets about her powers are suddenly revealed. **HC $36.95**

P C Cast & Kristen Cast

Untamed (House of Night 04) **TP $20.95**

Michael Chabon

Gentlemen of the Road

950AD, the Kingdom of Aran in the Caucasus Mountains. 2 adventurers wander the region, plying their trade as swords for hire, until they become embroiled in a bloody coup in the medieval Jewish empire of the Khazars as bodyguards for a fugitive prince with a mysterious secret. **TP $28.95**

Karen Chance

Midnight's Daughter (Dorina Basarab 01)

Dorina Basarab is a dhampir - half-human, half-vampire. Subject to uncontrollable rages, most dhampirs live very short, very violent lives. So far, Dory has managed to maintain her sanity by unleashing her anger on those demons and vampires who deserve killing.

Now Dory's vampire father has come back into her life. Her uncle Dracula (yes, THE Dracula), infamous even among vampires for his cruelty and murderous ways, has escaped his prison. And her father wants Dory to work with the gorgeous master vampire Louis-Cesare to put him back there.

Vampires and dhampirs are mortal enemies, and Dory prefers to work alone. But Dracula is the only thing on earth that truly scares her, and when Dory has to go up against him, she'll take all the help she can get... **BPB $19.95**

C J Cherryh

The Collected Short Fiction of C J Cherryh

Vividly creating many worlds--mystical, alien, and futuristic--an electrifying collection of short stories, novellas, and novelettes from a modern master of science fiction and fantasy includes "Cassandra," the Hugo Award-winning tale of a woman plagued by prophetic madness. **APB $19.95**

Glen Cook

Dragon Never Sleeps **TP $29.95**

MaryJanice Davidson, Gena Showalter, P C Cast & Susan Grant

Mysteria Lane (Mysteria)

This collection of paranormal romances centers around the Disdaine Triplets--Glory, a witch who uses a magic pen to find love; Summer, a vegan vampire who has trouble adapting to her new life until she meets a sexy fellow vamp; and Shay, an emissary for Satan who has a penchant for disaster. **APB $19.95**

Claire Delacroix

Fallen (01)

Determined to uncover the truth when her estranged husband's death is mistakenly ruled an accident, Lilia Desjardins braves the perils of the Republic, only to discover that she has been targeted by unknown forces and that her only hope lies in the enigmatic Adam Montgomery, a man on his own mysterious mission, in the first volume in a paranormal romance trilogy. **APB $17.95**

Philip K Dick

The Eye of the Sibyl (Collected Stories of Philip K Dick Vol 5)

A collection of stories by the celebrated science fiction writer includes never-before-published selections as well as the author's standards--``The Little Black Box'' and ``The Pre-Person'' among them. By the author of The Man in the High Castle. **TP $29.95**

William C Dietz

When Duty Calls (Legion of the Damned)

As Captain Antonio Santana and his crew of biobods and cyborgs confront overwhelming odds in the war with the Ramanthian, his true love, diplomat Christine Vanderveen must deal with growing shortages of supplies, treacherous allies, emotional upheaval, and the charismatic new president of the Clone Republic. **HC $51.95**

David Farland

Worldbinder (Runelords 06)

Fallion and Jaz, sons of the Earth King Garborn, have returned from their long exile. Yet they have arrived under cover of darkess, fugitives in their own kingdom. There seems little left to save, but Fallion s heritage has given him a powerful calling to heal not just this land, but all lands - if he can master the flameweaver s talent that threatens to consume him. But he has an ancient enemy, skilled in the ways of evil, and she initiated the catastrophe that doomed the worlds of men. Many ages ago, a perfect world was split into fragments, and each fragment was but a distorted image of this golden age. If Fallion could but unite all these splinters, he could recreate the One True World of Legend, and heal the sickness in the realm. But his adversary wants the One World for her own ends, and an army of darkness is on her side. **PB $22.99**

Christine Feehan

Dark Possession (Carpathian)

Dangerously close to becoming a vampire, Manolito De La Cruz has been called back to his Carpathian homeland and has unexpectedly caught the scent of his destined lifemate, MaryAnn Delaney. MaryAnn is human and well aware of the aggressive instincts of Carpathian males. A counsellor for battered women, MaryAnn has no room in her life for someone like Manolito. But when she goes to South America to offer guidance to a young woman, she has no idea of the trap awaiting her. For she s been lured there by Manolito, who has seductive plans for the irresistible human female. Once there, she ll be his. Once his, she ll never be released. She is his dark possession. **APB $19.99**

Cathy Fenner & Arnie Fenner

Spectrum 15

The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art. With art drawn from a wide variety of sources -- books, graphic novels, video games, films, galleries, and advertising -- "Spectrum 15" reinforces both the importance and prevalence of fantasy art in today's culture. Featuring over 300 exceptional works by artists from around the globe, this gorgeous full-color collection celebrates a cadre of creators working in every style and medium. Included are luminaries such as Brom, James Gurney, Marc Gabanna, Shaun Tan, and 2008's Grand Master Award winner, John Jude Palencar. **TP $44.95**

Eric Flint & Dave Freer

Pyramid Power (Pyramid 02)

In the sequel to Pyramid Scheme, the alien pyramidal device sent by the invading Krin to dominate Earth has been sitting inactive in the middle of Chicago, until a power-hungry Washington bureaucrat sends the survivors of the first expedition back into the pyramid, which hurtles them into the world of the Norse gods. **APB $19.95**

Slow Train To Arcturus

Sending a spaceship to rendezvous with an enormous vessel made up of a series of globular habitats approaching its star system, the aliens find a savage race calling themselves "humans" who promptly slaughter the exploration team, except for a single survivor who escapes to another habitat, where he finds more friendly humans whose help he requires to get back to his own ship. **HC $49.95**

Michael Flynn

The January Dancer

Drawing on themes from classic space opera works, a fast-paced tale follows the adventures of Captain Amos January and a host of rivals struggling to obtain an ancient pre-human artifact of great power that incites murderous actions in those who seek it. By the Robert A. Heinlein Award-winning author of Eifelheim. **HC $51.95**

Alan Dean Foster

Patrimony (Flinx 13)

In this new Pip & Flinx thriller, Alan Dean Foster displays the brilliance that has made him one of the brightest lights in science fiction. In Patrimony, fans will learn more about their favorite redhead-with emerald eyes, uncanny powers, and a poisonous minidrag-than they ever dreamed possible.

"I know who your father is . . . Gestalt." A shocked Flinx hears these dying words from one of the renegade eugenicists whose experiments with humans twenty-odd years ago shocked the galaxy . . . and spawned Flinx. So Flinx and his minidrag, Pip, venture to Gestalt, an out-of-the-way planet perfect for someone who never wants to be found-disregarding the advice of those who think Flinx could make better use of his time locating the ancient, sentient weapons platform that could be the galaxy's only chance of stopping the exterminating scourge that's fast approaching. Flinx might agree with them-but the quest for patrimony wins out. (Sorry, galaxy!)

Could Gestalt supply the key to Flinx's shadowy past and strange powers? An eccentric loner in a remote area could be the father Flinx has never stopped searching for, perhaps the only person who can unravel the mystery of his birth and his amazing, agonizing powers.

Unfortunately for Flinx, Gestalt also hosts a resident bounty hunter who's just learned about the stupendous reward offered for a certain dead redhead. Flinx gets a chance to test his adversary's skills when our hero's skimmer is blasted out of the sky and into a raging river in the middle of nowhere-a nowhere of impassable terrain and ravenous, carnivorous beasts.

But hey, what's one more impossible challenge for someone who's spent his life defying the odds and escaping the inescapable? Flinx has one thing going for him . . . plenty of experience. **PB $14.95**

William Gibson

Pattern Recognition

Cayce Pollard has been flown to London. She's a 'coolhunter' - her services for hire to global corporations desperate for certainty in a capricious and uncertain world. Now she's been offered a special project: track down the makers of the addictive online film that's lighting up the 'net. Hunting the source will take her to Tokyo and Moscow and put her in the sights of Japanese computer crazies and Russian Mafia men. She's up against those who want to control the film, to own it - who figure breaking the law is just another business strategy. And they'll relish turning the hunter into the hunted. **BPB $24.95**

Felix Gilman

Thunderer

When an innocent wandering monk accidentally unleashes a dark power, the city of Ararat will be forever changed, as will the lives of two powerful men--Captain Arlandes, the troubled commander of Thunderer, the airship patrolling the skies over Ararat, and his nemesis, Jack Silk, a god-touched rebel leader. A first novel. **APB $17.95**

Leopoldo Gout

Ghost Radio

Hosting an underground Mexican radio call-in show dedicated to paranormal phenomena, former punk rocker Joaquin detects a structured burst of static that proves to be a voice from another dimension, a discovery that has profound consequences for both the living and the dead. **HC $52.95**

Simon R Green

Haunting the Nightside (Nightside)

The second of three omnibus editions collecting the first six books of Simon R. Green?s New York Times best selling series.

It's always night in the Nightside. It's always three o'clock in the morning, and the dawn never comes. You can buy or sell anything in the Nightside, and no-one asks questions. No-one cares.

John Taylor is a private eye working the mean streets of this shady netherworld, selling his talent at finding things - anything - to the highest bidder. From hunting for teenaged runaways, to questing for the Unholy Grail, to finding out the true identity of his own mother, follow Taylor's exploits in this fascinating series. **APB $16**

Man With the Golden Torc (Secret Histories 01)

You know what? It's all true. Everything that ever scared you, from conspiracy theories to monsters under the bed to ghosties & ghoulies & long-leggity beasties. The only reason they haven't taken over the world yet is because my family has always been there to stand in their way. We guard the door, keeping you safe from the big bad wolf, and you never even know our names. Of course, there's a price to be paid. By us, and by you. The username's Bond. Shaman Bond. Licensed to kick supernatural arse. And Bond - real name Eddie Drood - comes from one of the oldest families in England, a family that has been protecting Humanity from the forces of darkness for more centuries than anyone can even remember. And Eddie Drood loved his job - until the day it all blew up in his face . . . SECRET HISTORIES is a mix of James Bond and Blade, a fast-paced roller-coaster ride through the dark side. **PB $22.99**

Daemons Are Forever (Secret Histories 02)

The Drood family is all that stands between Humanity and all the forces of darkness. They were supposed to protect the world, but ended up ruling it. Eddie Drood discovered the lies at the heart of his family, and brought them down. For his sins, they put him in charge: to run the family, and to redeem it. Eddie feels the need to prove to the world that the Drood family is as strong as it ever was. So he decides to wipe out one of Humanity's greatest enemies, the soul eaters known as the Loathly Ones. But once started on this venture, he discovers that the Loathly Ones are just the forerunners of something far worse; the Many-Angled Ones, the Hungry Gods, descending from a higher dimension to consume every living thing in this world. Eddie Drood has got his work cut out for him . . . **TP $32.99**

Talia Gryphon

Key to Redmeption

When her lover, master vampire Aleksei Rachlav, offers his home as a safe haven for those paramortals who stand against Dracula's army, fighter and healer Gillian Key finds their relationship strained by the new clients he has brought to her and by the return of an old enemy. **APB $19.95**

Warren Hammond

Ex-KOP

Desperate for money for his wife's medical bills, former police officer Juno agrees to help his ex-partner, Maggie Orzo, with a case involving a death-row inmate whom Maggie suspects may be innocent, an investigation that is complicated by Maggie's violent new partner. **HC $51.95**

Frank Hampson

The Red Moon Mystery (Dan Dare)

Colonel Dan Dare and his crew travel to into space to uncover the secrets of a strange red moon that has entered the solar system and is threatening the Earth. **HC $26.95**

Charlaine Harris

An Ice Cold Grave (Harper Connolly 03)

Heading for Doraville, North Carolina, to investigate the disappearance of a young boy, Harper Connelly and her brother Tolliver are stunned to discover that he is one of several teens who had vanished over the previous five years, but when she uses her talent to communicate with the dead to find the missing boy, she discovers that her knowledge has placed her in the sights of a killer. **APB $19.95**

Barb Hendee

Blood Memories

Shocked when an old friend destroys himself by walking into the sunlight in front of her, vampire Eleisha Clevon finds herself the target of two very special police detectives with some unique gifts of their own and a knowledge of who and what she really is. **TP $28.95**

Mina Hepsen

Under the Blood Red Moon

Isolated from the outside world by her unsettling telepathic gifts, beautiful Angelica spends her days in the library of her father's English country estate before she is forced to make her London debut, during which she meets an unusual suitor in vampire leader Alexsander, who wants to use her talents to capture a rogue vampire. **TP $28.95**

Robert E Howard

The Hour of the Dragon (Weird Works of Robert E Howard 04)

Restored to its original pulp text, this story, which is the only Conan novel every written by this author, features the title story as well as the history of Conan's world, The Hyborian Age. **APB $14.95**

Sarah A Hoyt

Gentleman Takes a Chance (02)

In the sequel to Draw One in the Dark, Kyrie Smith, a young panther shape shifter, must decide whether she will stand with her fellow shifters or join forces with humans, as she joins forces with police detective--and lion shifter--Rafiel Thrall to uncover who is responsible for killing large numbers of shifters. **HC $47.95**

Tanya Huff

Blood Price (Blood 01) **APB $19.95**

Shaun Hutson

Every Last Drop

An outcast among his fellow vampires in Manhattan, vampire P.I. Joe Pitt is coerced by Dexter Predo, the minister of the Coalition Clan, into infiltrating Cure, the newest Clan, only to find himself trying to discover where the powerful Coalition gets all their blood. By the author of Half the Blood of Brooklyn. **TP $28.95**

Jessica Inclan

Intimate Beings

When Claire, who has the ability to go anywhere she wants just by wishing it, meets a man with the exact same power, she discovers that he is her partner and life mate, and as they explore their sensual connection, they must go up against an evil, power-hungry race that wants to destroy them. **TP $26.95**

Ian Irvine ***Australian Author***

The Last Albatross (Human Rites 01)

Ian Irvine has taken a bold new direction! The Last Albatross is the newly packaged reissue of the first book in the fast-paced eco-thriller The Human Rites trilogy.

In the 1950s, the British carried out atomic bomb testing at Maralinga. Afterwards they blew up 23 kilograms of plutonium with explosives, then left the fragments lying in the South Australian desert. Thirty years later, two students, Ryn and Hercus, decided to steal a huge piece of plutonium - one of the deadliest substances on the planet - and bury it in a backyard.

It is years after the prank. Hercus is a middle-aged failure obsessed with the continuing destruction of the environment. In a desperate attempt to redeem himself, he digs up the plutonium and blackmails his friend Ryn to help him achieve the ultimate act of terrorism and save the world from humanity.

Jemma, Ryn's wife, narrates the story as the couple desperately try to stop Hercus without incriminating Ryn. Against the backdrop of technological wizardry, political intrigue and environmental lobby groups battling for control of society, Jemma and Ryn race against time to stop Hercus from fulfilling his deadly dream. **TP $29.95**

Jack Ketchum

The Girl Next Door **PB $19.95**

Mindy Klasky

Magic and the Modern Girl

When her world is turned upside down, witch Jane Madison, slowly losing her powers, stakes everything on a last-ditch spell that goes hilariously awry, causing her to question everything, including her grandmother's upcoming nuptials and her ability to find her own soulmate. **TP $28.95**

Dierdre Knight

Red Fire (Gods of Midnight)

Searching the world for the other half of his soul, the woman who can release him from his immortal prison, Ajax Petrakos finally finds her in Shay Angel, the youngest of a powerful demon-hunting clan who draws the deadly attention of Ajax's worst enemy. **APB $17.95**

Sharie Kohler

Kiss of a Dark Moon (Moon Chasers)

A hunter dedicated to the eradication of the lycans who had killed her parents, Kit March has put everything else in her life on hold, until she meets legendary lycan hunter Rafael Santiago, who is determined to put an end to her activities--if his growing feelings for her do not get in the way.
APB $17.95

Dean Koontz

The Darkest Evening of the Year

Amy Redwing risks everything in her chosen field of dog rescue. She's as reckless as if she plans on living the life–span of a dog herself. When she confronts a violent drunk in order to rescue Nickie, a beautiful golden retriever, Amy has no misgivings. Dogs always do their best, and so will she. Whatever it takes. Riding shotgun nervously is her friend and lover, Brian, an architect who would marry her if only she were not so committed to these crazy ... heroics! He blames her work for her refusal to marry him. But everything is due to change in the Redwing household. Someone is trying to destroy Amy. Subtle intrusions escalate into terrifying assaults on everything she holds dear. Amy believes her attacker is Wes Greeley, just released after an eighteen–month stretch, thanks to Amy's testimony, for egregious animal cruelty. But if Greeley is the culprit, it's clear he's not working alone. At last Amy understands her need of Brian, and a lot more from her troubled past that has been hidden by her passion. Unable to turn to any authority, Amy and Brian are pressed to the edge of a precipice as Koontz's most emotionally devastating thriller races with inexorable speed to a wrenching climax. **APB $19.99**

Susan Krinard

Come the Night

Gillian Maitland, forced to marry a werewolf of her father's choosing, is torn between duty and desire when the father of her child, Ross Kavanaugh, returns to England a changed man and a murder suspect. **APB $17.95**

Mercedes Lackey

Reserved for the Cat (Elemental Masters 06)

Alone and penniless, talented dancer Ninette Dupond finds her luck changing when she meets a cat who, speaking to her mind-to-mind, orders her to impersonate a renowned Russian ballerina who is missing, plunging her into the middle of a war against the darkest--and most evil--Elemental Spirit. **APB $19.95**

Foundation (Valdemar Collegium Chronicles 01)

Magpie, a thirteen-year-old orphan, escapes a life of slavery in the gem mines when he is chosen by one of the magical Companion horses of Valdemar to become a Herald, in which role he discovers talents that he never knew he had and witnesses the founding of the Heralds' Collegium, in a novel of the early history of Valdemar. **HC $52.95**

Margo Lanagan ***Australian Author***

Tender Morsels

Tender Morsels is a dark and vivid story, set in two worlds and worrying at the border between them. It is a tale of journeys and transformations, penetrating the boundaries between male and female, reality and myth, conscious and unconscious, temporal and spiritual, human and beast From girl to witch to woman. From boy to beast to man. From hell to heaven to the real world.

Liga is a young peasant girl of no consequence. Abused by her father (who plies her with potions to induce miscarriages that destroy all evidence of his shame), then raped by callous youths, she has two beautiful babies. One day she is saved by natural magic and, in exchange for her earthly life, her world is changed into her own personal Heaven, given to her by natural magic. Safe in this nurturing world, Liga builds a life of loving domesticity for her daughters, gentle Branza and curious Urdda, who grow up there, protected from all that once harmed Liga: violence, sexual predation and village prejudice. What is this potent place? Is it the idealized world of Liga's imagination, a shared unconscious, or the realm of myth and magic?

But back in the real world, hedge-witch Muddy Annie, begged by a desperate, debt-ridden friend, tries sending him to his own Heaven. Her botched attempt puts him instead into the world of Liga and her daughters, and gives him on arrival the power to turn wildflowers to coins, frog-eggs to pearls, tiny birds to precious stones and to pass back into the real world with the wealth he gathers. But his numerous journeys create perforations in the skin between the real world and the magic world.

Although these generally have no effect, on Bear Day every spring the fur-costumed Bears running the ritual chase through the village sometimes tumble through, transformed from lusty young men into real, wild bears in Liga's Heaven.

How far can you take your fantasies before they grow dangerous? How fully can you protect your children, and how completely should you? Built on a mythic scaffolding, Tender Morsels asks timeless questions about what it is to be human, and explores the evil and sweetness in the world and reveals the essential magic of learning to live with both.

A long-awaited novel from an author acclaimed for the fearless range of her imagination, the emotional intensity of her stories, and the virtuosity of her writing.

A story of astonishing beauty, originality and power. **TP $32.95**

Keith Laumer

The Universe Twister

Hurtled into the exotic world of Artesia thanks to an experiment with self-hypnosis, Lafayette O'Leary must contend with a variety of bizarre creatures, including hungry dragons, as he uncovers the secret of multiple universes, in a trilogy of novels of cross-dimensional adventure--The Time Bender, The World Shuffler, and The Shape Changer. **APB $19.95**

Elizabeth Laval

A Cat's Tale

When Lilia falls into a deep slumber as a result of a dark curse of an ancient amulet, Peter and his fellow felines must leave their comfortable surroundings in their faraway kingdom to find the banished Sorcerer Urgul in the hopes that he will know how to break the spell. **HC $51.95**

Tanith Lee

No Flame But Mine

Searching for the beautiful witch Jemhara, the magician Thryfe at last finds her in the reinvented town of Kandexa, where a strange and passionate wooing begins. From this union a son is born – golden-skinned, red-haired, blue-eyed – and thus the Lionwolf returns to the world of men.

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

Strafed by the tumult of such conflicting powers, the be-wintered realm of mortals can only wait to learn its destiny. **APB $21.99**

Kim Lenox

Night Falls Darkly (Shadow Guard)

Archer, a member of the immortal Shadow Guard, arrives in London to eliminate Jack the Ripper, but finds himself distracted from his mission by his beautiful young ward, Miss Elena Whitney, who needs his help in remembering her past--and who just might be the Ripper's next victim.
APB $17.95

H P Lovecraft

The Watchers out of Time (Updated edition)

A chilling collection of horror tales by one of the twentieth century's most influential horror writers, reworked from unfinished manuscripts and story fragments by his longtime collaborator, features fifteen stories, including "The Shuttered Room," "Innsmouth Clay," and more. **TP $28.95**

Brian Lumley

The Taint and other Novellas (Cthulhu)

Prior to the bestselling Necroscope series, Brian Lumley had a reputation writing stories set against H. P. Lovecraft's cosmic Cthulhu Mythos backdrop. While Lumley's novels are all currently available, many of them in hardcover format, his Mythos short stories and novellas have until now remained uncollected. This volume contains the very best of Brian Lumley's works in this sub-genre. **TP $28**

Katie MacAlister

Up In Smoke (Silver Dragons 02)

Finding it increasingly more difficult to fend off the amorous advances of a demon lord, May Northcott, whose heart belongs to the leader of the silver dragons, is stunned when her master, who has an ulterior motive, orders her to succumb to the demon, forcing her to choose between her destiny and her freedom. **APB $19.95**

Gregory Maguire

A Lion Among Men (Wicked Years 03)

In this much-anticipated third volume of the Wicked Years, we return to Oz, seen now through the eyes of the Cowardly Lion - the once tiny cub defended by Elphaba in Wicked. While civil war looms, a tetchy oracle named Yackle prepares for death. Before her final hour, an enigmatic figure known as Brrr - the Cowardly Lion - arrives searching for information about Elphaba Thropp, the Wicked Witch of the West. As payment, Yackle demands some answers of her own. Brrr surrenders his story: abandoned as a cub, his earliest memories are gluey hazes, and his life's path is no Yellow Brick Road. A Lion Among Men chronicles a battle of wits hastened by the Emerald City's approaching armies. At once a portrait of a would-be survivor and a panoramic glimpse of a world gone shrill with war fever, Gregory Maguire's new novel is written with the sympathy and power that have made his books contemporary classics. **TP $32.99**

Jeff Mariotte

River Runs Red

Returning to their small Texas town and the labyrinth of caves in which they once spent time, Wade, Molly, and Byrd are drawn together by mysterious forces that plunge them into a supernatural war that spans across the globe through the raging currents of the world's rivers. **APB $17.95**

George R R Martin

Hedge Knight **TP $29.95**

George R R Martin, Daniel Abraham & Gardner Dozois

Hunter's Run

A fight in an alley behind a bar: a visiting European is knifed by local thug Ramon Espejo and all hell breaks loose.
The dead man was a diplomat on an important mission to São Paulo, and next day Ramon is on the run heading north in his van toward land that no one has ever explored, or even thought of exploring, land so far only glimpsed from orbit during the first colony surveys.
There are women still alive on São Paulo who can recall the initial descent onto an untouched world. All the cities of the south have bloomed since then, like mold on a Petri dish.
Ramon was among the second wave of colonists. He's gone from being nothing in the hills of Mexico to being nothing on this strange alien world. His only friend Griego tells Ramon God meant him to be poor, or he wouldn't have made him so mean. Ramon's rage has never deserted him. It was there in the alley behind the bar, but he can't actually remember why he killed the European.
Leaving all the hell and shit and sorrow of Diegotown behind, Ramon's plan is to look for minerals in the unmapped lands while the heat dies down. He's made a bare living prospecting so far, expecting each trip to be the big one that'll make him rich, and this one is no different. The first samples he blows out of the mountain, however, bring down the mountain upon him as well and a whole undiscovered alien race. Ramon is tethered to one of them and set to 'perform his function'. Whatever that means, he'll find out. And he'll remember why he killed the European. **BPB $22.99**

Liz Maverick

Irreversible (Shomi)

When her best friend Katherine is stolen by a brilliantly twisted man who, driven by hate and revenge, forces her to live a manufactured life, L. Roxanne Zaborovsky enlists the help of a time-anomaly specialist who is the only one that can save Katherine from the vagaries of time.
APB $14.95

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough

Third Watch (Acrona's Children 03)

Khorii, the rebellious daughter of the near-mythic Acorna and her lifemate, Aari, has followed in Acorna's footsteps leading their people from danger, but the pressure to succeed and fulfill a legacy is tremendous.
For the deadly foe that has ravaged the known worlds and weakened even her famous parents has launched its final assault, and only Khorii and her newly discovered sister, Ariin, are able to stop the brutal attack. But success is elusive, and fragile, and even time itself may not be enough to help their desperate quest to save their family...much less the universe. **APB $22.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Todd McCaffrey

Dragon Harper (Pern)

As a deadly epidemic sweeps across the land of Pern, only Kindan, a young apprentice to the guild of musicians and teachers known as the Harpers, recognizes the imminent peril of the arrival of the dreaded Thread and must come up with a way to stop the illness from spreading and to protect the dragonriders before the Thread returns. **APB $19.95**

Ian McDonald

Brasyl

Ian Macdonald's RIVER OF GODS, painted a vivid picture of a near future India, 100 years after independence. It revolutionised British SF for a new generation by taking a perspective that was not European or American. BRASYL will do the same for South America's largest and most vibrant country. A story that begins in the favelas, the slums of Rio, and quickly expands to take in drugs, corruption, and a frightening new technology that allows access to all the multiple worlds that have slipped into existence in other planes everytime we make a decision. This is rich, epic SF that opens our eyes to the world around us and posits mind-blowing alternative sciences. It is a landmark work in modern SF from one of its most respected practitioners. **PB $22.99**

Dennis L McKiernan

Once Upon a Dreadful Time (Faery 05)

When the evil witch Hradian launches a scheme to free her master from his prison in the Castle of Shadows, she unleashes deadly forces that could have unforeseen consequences, unless the heroes of Winterwood, Summerwood, Springwood, and Autumnwood can join forces to stop her.
APB $19.95

City of Jade (Mithgar)

Aravan, captain of the Elven ship Eroean, his Magekind Seeress beloved Aylis, and his crew of men and dwarves embark on a perilous quest to find a long-lost, legendary city carved of precious jade, only to discover dark sorcery and death lurking amidst the treasure. **HC $49.95**

Robin McKinley

Dragonhaven

When Jake Mendoza, who lives in the Smokehill National Park where his father runs the Makepeace Institute of Integrated Dragon Studies, goes on his first solo overnight in the park, he finds an infant dragon whose mother has been killed by a poacher. **APB $19.95**

Richelle Mead

Succubus Dreams (Georgia Kincaid)

Shape-shifting succubus Georgina Kincaid, who gets her energy from seducing men, is frustrated by her non-sexual relationship with best-selling author Seth Mortensen and her attraction to Dante, a dream interpreter, while dealing with a mysterious force that is draining her energy. **TP $30.95**

Storm Born

Just typical. No love life to speak of for months, then all at once, every horny creature in the Otherworld wants to get in your pants...
Eugenie Markham is a powerful shaman who does a brisk trade banishing spirits and fey who cross into the mortal world. Mercenary, yes, but a girl's got to eat. Her most recent case, however, is enough to ruin her appetite. Hired to find a teenager who has been taken to the Otherworld, Eugenie comes face to face with a startling prophecy - one that uncovers dark secrets about her past and claims that Eugenie's first-born will threaten the future of the world as she knows it. Now Eugenie is a hot target for every ambitious demon and Otherworldy ne'er-do-well, and the ones who don't want to knock her up want her dead. Eugenie handles a Glock as smoothly as she wields a wand, but she needs some formidable allies for a job like this. She finds them in Dorian, a seductive fairy king with a taste for bondage, and Kiyo, a gorgeous shape-shifter who redefines animal attraction. But with enemies growing bolder and time running out, Eugenie realizes that the greatest danger is yet to come, and it lies in the dark powers that are stirring to life within her.... **PB $21.95**

Christopher Moore

Bloodsucking Fiends

Jody never asked to become a vampire. But when she wakes up under an alley Dumpster with a badly burned arm, an aching neck, superhuman strength, and a distinctly Nosferatuan thirst, she realises the decision has been made for her. Making the transition from the nine-to-five grind to an eternity of nocturnal prowlings is going to take some doing, however, and that s where C. Thomas Flood fits in. A would-be Kerouac from Incontinence, Indiana, Tommy (to his friends) is biding his time night-clerking and frozen turkey bowling in a San Francisco Safeway. But all that changes when a beautiful, undead redhead walks through the door ... and proceeds to rock Tommy s life - and afterlife - in ways he never imagined possible. **PB $22.99**

Joy Nash

Crossing, The (Immortals)

When a faerie child under his protection almost dies, Manannan mac Lir, on the hunt for the would-be killer, finds Armeis Black, a dangerous woman who infuses his soul with deadly magic and forbidden desire. **APB $14.95**

Andre Norton & Sasha Miller

The Knight and the Red Beard (Oak, Yew, Ash and Rowan 05)

Winning the love of the newly restored kingdom of NordornLand, rulers Ashen and Gaurin focus on raising their children, including power-hungry thirteen-year-old Elin, who pursues an alliance with the evil Ysa, and eleven-year-old Mikkel, who is taken prisoner after stowing away on a Sea-Rover ship. **HC $52.95**

Naomi Novik

Victory of Eagles (Temeraire 05)

Laurence and Temeraire have betrayed the British. They have foiled their attempts to inflict death upon the French dragons by sharing the cure they found in Africa with their enemy. But following their conscience has a price. Laurence feels he must return to face the consequences, and as soon as they land they are taken into custody. Laurence is condemned to the gallows and Temeraire faces a life of captivity in the breeding grounds. None of their friends or allies can come to their aid, for every hand is needed elsewhere. Britain is completely unprepared for Bonaparte invasion and the advanced tactics of his own celestial dragon – Temeraire's mortal enemy – Lien. **HC $35**

Philip Palmer

Debatable Space

Flanagan (who is, for want of a better word, a pirate) has a plan. It seems relatively simple: kidnap Lena, the Cheo s daughter, demand a vast ransom for her safe return, sit back and wait. Only the Cheo, despotic ruler of the known universe, isn t playing ball. Flanagan and his crew have seen this before, of course, but since they ve learned a few tricks from the bad old days (being particularly bad if you happen to have been one of the myriad sons or daughters the Cheo let die rather than give in to blackmail) and since they know something about Lena that should make the plan foolproof, the Cheo s defiance is a major setback. It is a situation that calls for extreme measures. Luckily, Flanagan has considerable experience in this area. . .
Top of page **PB $20.99**

Terry Pratchett

Nation

Washed up on the shores of a remote island, two kids from cultures half a world apart have to learn to get along and survive. Brilliantly funny novel from the master story-teller and creator of Discworld.

Finding himself alone on a desert island when everything and everyone he knows and loved has been washed away in a huge storm, Mau is the last surviving member of his nation. He's also completely alone - or so he thinks until he finds the ghost girl. She has no toes, wears strange lacy trousers like the grandfather bird and gives him a stick which can make fire.

Daphne, sole survivor of the wreck of the Sweet Judy, almost immediately regrets trying to shoot the native boy. Thank goodness the powder was wet and the gun only produced a spark. She's certain her father, distant cousin of the Royal family, will come and rescue her but it seems, for now, all she has for company is the boy and the foul-mouthed ship's parrot.

As it happens, they are not alone for long. Other survivors start to arrive to take refuge on the island they all call the Nation and then raiders accompanied by murderous mutineers from the Sweet Judy. Together, Mau and Daphne discover some remarkable things - including how to milk a pig and why spitting in beer is a good thing - and start to forge a new Nation.

As can be expected from Terry Pratchett, the master story-teller, this new children's novel is both witty and wise, encompassing themes of death and nationhood, while being extremely funny. Mau's ancestors have something to teach us all. Mau just wishes they would shut up about it and let him get on with saving everyone's lives! **HC $49.95 CD $45**

Calendar 2009: Discworld Collector's Edition (Discworld Calendar)

The annual full-colour Discworld Calendar features scenes from the Discworld novels by award-winning artists. This year's fantastic illustrators include Pratchett favourites Paul Kidby (the Discworld DIARIES, THE LAST HERO, THE ART OF DISCWORLD and numerous book covers), David Wyatt (Discworld Stamps, book covers) and Stephen Player (THE ILLUSTRATED WEE FREE MEN, conceptual art for Sky One's blockbuster two-parter THE HOGFATHER). Other superstars in the fantasy art firmament featured iinclude Les Edwards, Edward Miller, Jackie Morris, Sandy Nightingale, Jon Sullivan, David Frankland, Mel Grant and Dominic Harman.

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The Illustrated Wee Free Men (Discworld)

'They can tak' oour lives but they cannae tak' oour trousers!'

Whenthe Queen of Fairyland steals away Tiffany Aching's young brother, Tiffany has to do something. Helped by the Nac Mac Feegle - the thievin', fightin', stealin' pictsies known as the Wee Free Men - she steps through into another world...

A terrific adventure set on the Discworld, filled with Terry Pratchett's inimitable wit, style and invention - and this new gift edition includes extra new material to give real added value for fans. **HC $45**

Terry Pratchett & Jacqueline Simpson

The Folklore of Discworld (Discworld)

Most of us grow up having always known to touch wood or cross our fingers, and what happens when a princess kisses a frog or a boy pulls a sword from a stone, yet sadly, some of these things are now beginning to be forgotten. Legends, myths, fairytales: our world is made up of the stories we told ourselves about where we came from and how we got there. It is the same on Discworld, except that beings that on Earth are creatures of the imagination, like vampires, trolls, witches and, possibly, gods,are real, alive and in some cases kicking on the Disc.

Here Terry Pratchett teams up with leading British folklorist Jacqueline Simpson to give an irreverent yet illuminating look at the living myths and folklore that are reflected, celebrated and affectionately libelled in the uniquely imaginative universe of Discworld. **HC $49.95**

Terry Pratchett & Stephen Briggs

The Wit and Wisdom of Discworld (Discworld)

'A marriage is always made up of two people who are prepared to swear that only the other one snores.' From, THE FIFTH ELEPHANT

'Inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened.' From, MOVING PICTURES

The Discworld is filled with a vast and diverse population - from witches to vampires and from the fiendish to the foolish, it is a world in which magical books can devour the unsuspecting, and Death can escape to the country for some time off. The Wit and Wisdom of Discworld is a collection of the wittiest, pithiest and wisest quotations from this extraordinary universe, dealing one-by-one with each book in the canon. Guaranteed to transport you back to your favourite or forgotten Discworld moments it is the perfect book for die-hard Pratchett fans, as well as anyone coming to the Discworld for the first time. **BPB $24.95**

Tony Richards

Dark Rain

A powerful, nightmarish entity that feeds on terror and blood descends on the mysterious town of Raine's Landing, Massachusetts, a village populated by descendants of the original Salem witches--who have been cursed to never be able to step beyond the town line--and Ross Devries and Cassandra Mallory may be the only hope of saving the entire trapped population from evil run amok. **APB $19.95**

John Ringo & Travis S Taylor

Vorpal Blade (Looking Glass 02)

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

APB $19.95

Patrick Rothfuss

The Wise Man's Fear (Kingkiller Chronicle 02)

Forced to leave the university and seek his fortune abroad, Kvothe travels to Vintas, only to become entangled in the politics and intrigues of courtly society as he uncovers an assassination plot, reveals the truth about Amyr, the Chandrian, and the deaths of his parents, and is tutored in the ways of true magic by Felurian, an irresistible faerie woman. **HC $51.95**

Michelle Sagara

Cast In Fury (Chronicles of Elantra 04)

When a minority race of telepaths is suspected of causing a near-devastating tidal wave, Private Kaylin Neya, called in to ease racial tensions, tries to stay neutral but finds herself drawn into a world of politics and murder where even her magic will not save her. **TP $29.95**

Sharon Sala ***et al***

Aftershock

Penance by New York Times bestselling author Sharon Sala

After being shot, Nicole Masters's "penance" for cheating death dictates that she must help others—even if it means putting herself in danger. Now she and Detective Dominic Tucci—a neighbor determined to make Nicole accept her new gift—team up to rescue an innocent child before time runs out.…

After the Lightning by Janis Reams Hudson

Hailey Cameron fears she's fried more than a few brain cells after she's struck by lightning and begins hearing voices. Experience has made former police detective Aaron Trent more accepting of this newfound ability than Hailey is. Especially since her gift might help him stop an underground child-smuggling ring. But has fate brought them together for another reason as well?

Seeing Red by Debra Cowan

A near-death experience has firefighter Cass Holister witnessing fires before they happen. But it's proving harder to deal with Ben Wyrick—a man she once walked away from who is now investigating the blazes—than it is to handle her new talent! **APB $14.95**

Brandon Sanderson

The Hero of Ages (Mistborn 03)

In a concluding installment to the Mistborn trilogy, Emperor Elend Venture, having survived only to become a Mistborn himself, struggles to find clues by the Lord Ruler that will save his world, while a guilt-consumed Vin takes on a seemingly hopeless task of ending the cosmic power of the Ruin mystic force. **HC $56.95**

Lynsay Sands

The Rogue Hunter (Argeneau 10)

After eight hundred years as a bachelor, Garrett Mortimer, an immortal hunter assigned to protect the world from renegade vampires, finds himself strangely attracted to Samantha Willan, a workaholic attorney seeking some relaxation in a country cottage after a recent romantic breakup.
APB $19.95

Mary SanGiovanni

Found You

In the small town of Lakehaven, Sally, stalked by a creature straight out of her nightmares that thrives on her fear and guilt, desperately tries to stop the madness before others perish at the hands of this faceless evil. **APB $14.95**

Jose Saramago

Blindness

A driver waiting at the traffic lights goes blind. An opthamologist tries to diagnose his distinctive white blindness is affected before he can read the textbooks. It becomes a contagion spreading throughout the city. Trying to stem the epidemic, the authorities herd the afflicted into a mental asylum where the wards are terrorized by blind thugs. **PB $24.95**

Martin Scott

Thraxas and the Sorcerers (Thraxas 05)

Thraxas, a portly private dectective in the corrupt, violent, and enchanted city of Turai, is looking forward to an increase in business when word hits the street that the Sorcerers Guild is planning to hold its convention downtown. **APB $19.95**

Maggie Shayne

Angel's Pain

Bent on revenge, Briar, who believes that she needs no one, joins the mysterious Reaper and his misfit gang of vampires in an attempt to destroy Gregor, the renagade vampire who had betrayed and tortured her. **APB $19.95**

Sharon Shinn

Reader and Raelynx (Twelve Houses)

A magic wielder and mystic, Cammon must put aside his growing feelings for Princess Amalie to offer readings of the souls of her prospective suitors for any potential threats and begins to suspect that Amalie herself may possess magical powers, a revelation that could endanger her life and plunge the entire kingdom into chaos. **APB $19.95**

Raymond Walter Siebert

Supernova

Uris, the Princess Regent of Ur, rules for her father who has gone to map the new neutron star Draco. Uris is summoned to the ruling world of the known galaxies on Regis Xinor. Past the time that her father can ever return, she must declare him as lost. As Queen, she is thrust into a political struggle arising from an atomic explosion that has destroyed an ambassadorial Shuttle of the powerful Pandamon Empire. **TP $32.95**

Kathryn Smith

Before I Wake (Nightmare Chronicles 01)

The actual daughter of the king of the dream world and capable of wandering the dreams of others to battle the nightmares that plague them, Dawn, an employee of the Sleep Center, comes to the aid of Noah Clarke, a sexy man able to control his own dreams, when he is stalked by an unnatural evil bent on destroying him and the entire human world. **APB $14.99**

Craig Spector

Underground

Planning a final bash to coincide with the graduation that will separate them, seven disenchanted friends set up a night of drugs and music at an abandoned plantation manor but find their lives shattered by an evil force that kills one of their number and causes another to disappear, events that force the survivors to uncover the truth behind the manor's sinister nature. **APB $17.95**

John Steakley

Vampires

Vampires infest the modern world, and a small cadre of brave people devote their lives to hunting them down

In a classic horror tale, vampires infest the modern world, and a small cadre of brave people devotes their lives to hunting them down. By the author of Armor. Reissue. **APB $19.95**

Duglad A Steer
Dragonology: The Frost Dragon (Dragonology)
HC $24.95

Neal Stephenson
Anathem
Since childhood, Raz has lived behind the walls of a 3,400-year-old monastery, a sanctuary for scientists, philosophers, and mathematicians. There, he and his cohorts are sealed off from the illiterate, irrational, unpredictable "saecular" world, an endless landscape of casinos and megastores that is plagued by recurring cycles of booms and busts, dark ages and renaissances, world wars and climate change. Until the day that a higher power, driven by fear, decides it is only these cloistered scholars who have the abilities to avert an impending catastrophe. And, one by one, Rax and his friends, mentors, and teachers are summoned forth without warning into the unknown. **TP $35**

S M Stirling
Ice, Iron and Gold **APB $19.95**

Matthew Woodring Stover
Caine Black Knife
A street thug turned superstar and master assassin, Caine has become a living legend because of his single-handed extermination of the fierce Black Knives, in an action-packed adventure that reveals the truth behind the myth. By the author of Blade of Tyshalle and Heroes Die. **TP $28.95**

Charles Stross
The Merchant's War (Merchant Princes 04)
In the sequel to The Clan Corporate, Miriam seeks refuge from the machinations of both the Clan and their opponents by escaping to yet another world, only to discover that there is a nasty war going on in the Gruinmarkt world of the Clan and that unexpected perils await her. **PB $19.95**

Harry Turtledove
Gladiator (Crosstime Traffic 05)
Growing up in an alternate-world Milan in which the Soviet Union won the Cold War and spread communism throughout the planet, teens Gianfranco and Annarita struggle with high pressure and boredom that worsens when their favorite gaming store is abruptly shut down, a situation that reveals that the store had been operated by a time traveler from a democratic world. **APB $17.95**

After the Downfall **HC $49.95**

Carrie Vaughn
Kitty and the Silver Bullet (Kitty 04)
Kitty's radio show, Kitty's Midnight Hour, is as popular as ever, and now she has a boyfriend who actually seems to understand her. Can she finally settle down to a normal life? Not if this is just the calm before the storm. When her mother falls ill, Kitty rushes back to Denver -- and right back to the abusive pack of werewolves she escaped a year ago. To make matters worse, a war is brewing in the vampire community as Denver's two oldest vampires vie for the city, threatening the whole supernatural community. Though she wants to stay neutral, Kitty is once again drawn into a world of politics and violence. To protect her family, her lover, and herself, she'll have to choose sides . . . and maybe become what she hates most about her kind: a killer. **PB $19.99**

Jo Walton
Half A Crown (Farthing 03)
A final installment in the alternate-world historical trilogy that began with Farthing and Ha'penny follows a 1960 peace conference that brings together the allied leaders of Britain, Germany, and Japan to oversee the final partition of the world, an effort that is challenged by coup-plotting street fighters. **HC $52.95**

J R Ward
Black Dagger Brotherhood: An Insider's Guide (Black Dagger Brotherhood)
An insider's guide to the Black Dagger Brotherhood series offers profiles of the members of the Brotherhood and their romantic adventures, includes a teaser for the upcoming novel in the series, Lover Avenged, and features an original short story about Zsadist and Bella. **TP $28.95**

Christine Warren
One Bite With a Stranger (Others 01)
When her friends set her up for a "Fantasy Fix" to help her get over her cheating ex-boyfriend, Regina finds herself attending the Vampire Ball in Manhattan's East Village, where she meets the gorgeous Dmitri Vidâme, unaware of his bloodsucking secret or that he is a member of the Council that governs The Others. **APB $17.95**

J D Warren
Crate & Peril
Determined to exact revenge on the Kin, a shape-shifitng race that stole three years of her life, Samantha Dorringer joins forces with the mysterious leader of the Storm Ravens when the Kin help a Hollywood agent smuggle his A-list clients into their land to keep them young forever. **APB $14.95**

David Weber
Worlds of Weber
Ms. Midshipwoman Harrington and Other Stories
A collection of stories from one of the favourite authors in our genre, with Treecats, starships, dragons, alternate history, Bolo super tanks, wizards, sailing ships, and ironclads. Contents:
A Certain Talent
In the Navy
The Captain from Kirkbean
Sir George and the Dragon
Sword Brother
A Beautiful Friendship
Ms. Midshipwoman Harrington
Miles to Go
The Traitor **HC $90**

Brent Weeks

The Way of the Shadow (Night Angel 01)

The perfect killer has no friends. Only targets. For Durzo Blint, assassination is an art. And he is the city s most accomplished artist, his talents required from alleyway to courtly boudoir. For Azoth, survival is precarious. Something you never take for granted. As a guild rat, he s grown up in the slums, and learned the hard way to judge people quickly - and to take risks. Risks like apprenticing himself to Durzo Blint. But to be accepted, Azoth must turn his back on his old life and embrace a new identity and name. As Kylar Stern, he must learn to navigate the assassins world of dangerous politics and strange magics - and cultivate a flair for death. **PB $19.99**

David Wellington

Vampire Zero

Having learned everything she knows about vampires from her ex-partner, U.S. Marshal Jameson Arkeley, police investigator and vampire fighter Laura Caxton must put her skills to the ultimate test when she takes on Arkeley, now a vampire himself, when he becomes the leader of a legion of monsters, in the sequel to 99 Coffins and 13 Bullets. **TP $28.95**

Diane Whiteside

Bond of Darkness (Texas Vampires)

After years as a follower of Don Rafael Perez, the vampire patron of Texas, Ethan Templeton endangers everything he has known when he falls in love with Stephanie "Steve" Darling, a mortal Texas Ranger, as they work together to stop a vicious serial killer. **TP $28.95**

Liz Williams

Winterstrike

First novel in a captivating Gothic SF trilogy, which is set in the same world as Banner of Souls – shortlisted for the Arthur C Clarke Award.

Winterstrike spy Hestia Mar has been sent to Caud to recover details of an ancient weapon. During her stay in the Martian city, she encounters the ghost of a warrior, who turns out to be the encoded representation of the city's bombed library. She downloads the data contained here, and the details of the weapon are among them. But Hestia Mar realises too late what she has done: by accessing the data, she has virtually guaranteed the use of the weapon against Caud by her own government. Desperate to rescue the situation she makes her way back home across the dangers of the Crater Plain.

Meanwhile, in Winterstrike itself, the festival of Ombre has been taking place upon the eve of war. Shorn, a woman imprisoned by her family for accidentally consorting with a male, manages to escape. Her sister Essgui follows Shorn and sets out across the Crater Plain where she meets Hestia Mar. Their journey – to recover lost sister and missing weapon – takes them into the dangerous mountains of Mars, and the discovery of a group of outcast male creatures who hold the secrets to the Martian past, and to its future… **HC $39.99**

C L Wilson

King of Sword and Sky

Risking everything to protect his kingdom, the Fey King must help his truemate and new bride embrace her magical powers to save both the tairen and her soul. **APB $19.95**

F Paul Wilson

Bloodline (Repairman Jack 11)

Asked to look into the reasons why a private detective hired by Christy Pickering to investigate Jerry Bethlehem, the much older man dating her teenage daughter, is not returning her calls, Repairman Jack discovers that the PI is dead, the victim of a bizarre water-torture murder, and that the enigmatic Bethlehem is not who he says he is. **APB $19.95**

John Wyndham

The Kraken Wakes

It started with fireballs raining down from the sky and crashing into the oceans' deeps. Then ships began sinking mysteriously and later 'sea tanks' emerged from the deeps to claim people...

For journalists Mike and Phyllis Watson, what at first appears to be a curiosity becomes a global calamity. Helpless, they watch as humanity struggles to survive now that water - one of the compounds upon which life depends - is turned against them. Finally, sea levels begin their inexorable rise...

The Kraken Wakes is a brilliant novel of how humankind responds to the threat of its own extinction and, ultimately, asks what we are prepared to do in order to survive. **BPB $22.95**

The Midwich Cuckoos

In the sleepy English village of Midwich, a mysterious silver object appears and all the inhabitants fall unconscious. A day later the object is gone and everyone awakens unharmed - except that all the women in the village are discovered to be pregnant.

The resultant children of Midwich do not belong to their parents: all are blonde, all are golden eyed. They grow up too fast and their minds exhibit frightening abilities that give them control over others and brings them into conflict with the villagers just as a chilling realisation dawns on the world outside...

The Midwich Cuckoos is the classic tale of aliens in our midst, exploring how we respond when confronted by those who are innately superior to us in every conceivable way. **BPB $22.95**

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

A Dangerous Climate (Saint-Germaine)

Disguised as a nobleman during a spy mission in Czarist Russia, the vampire Count Saint-Germain witnesses political clashes by those who would influence the czar and oversees the efforts of Peter the Great to built the future city of St. Petersburg. **HC $56.95**

Cathy Yardley

Ravish: Awakening of Sleeping Beauty

Collapsing into a mysterious coma while anticipating the loss of her virginity, twenty-year-old Aurora haunts the dreams of her doctor, Jacob, who experiences increasingly heady and erotic nights while unknowingly entering into the sleeping Aurora's subconscious. By the author of Crave.
TP $28.95

Anthologies

Man with the Strange Head and other Early Science Fiction Stories
A compilation of the best work of the author, a pioneer in the science fiction genre, includes his first publication, "The Man with the Strange Head," his dystopian novel Paradise and Iron, stories, the essay "The Future of Scientification," a critical statement of his genre, and some of his letters.
TP $45.95

Jeanne Cavelos ***Editor***
The Many Faces of Van Helsing
An all-original anthology of short stories captures the diverse faces and feats of Van Helsing, the famed vampire hunter from Bram Stoker's Dracula, in works by such authors as Katherine Dunn, Elizabeth Hand, Kathe Koja, Tanith Lee, Kristine Katherine Rusch, F. Paul Wilson, Christopher Golden, Graham Joyce, and others. **APB $19.95**

Bill Congreve & Michelle Marquardt ***Australian Author Editor***
Year's Best Australian Science Fiction And Fantasy Vol 4 (04)
Walk to the edge of reality and look out into worlds that just might be: human observers wutness the preparations for war on an alien planet; a serial killer with a fetish for collecting; a knight and an animated puppet seek evil in a medieval city; Victorian era detectives seek a dkiller on a distant planetoid; friends find more than they expect on a hike into deserted bushland; a child who speaks to the dead is called to a funeral. These are just a few of the stories that wait inside. **BPB $19.95**

Ellen Datlow, Gavin J Grant & Kelly Link ***Editor***
Year's Best Fantasy and Horror 2008
An expanded collection of the finest short fantasy and horror fiction and poetry published during the previous year features an ecclectic assortment of works by Billy Collins, Joyce Carol Oates, Karen Joy Fowler, Elizabeth Hand, M. Rickert, and other notable authors, along with a year-end wrap-up in publishing, film, music, and graphic novels. **HC $70**

Nick Gevers ***Editor***
Extraordinary Engines
The Definitive Steampunk Anthology. **APB $16**

Charlaine Harris ***Editor***
Wolfsbane and Mistletoe
Lycanthropy is the theme of a special anthology of holiday tales featuring an outstanding collection of werewolf stories by Charlaine Harris, Simon R. Green, Keri Arthur, Dana Stabenow, Carrie Vaughn, Patricia Briggs, Rob Thurman, and others. **HC $52.95**

Rich Horton ***Editor***
Fantasy: Best of the Year 2008 Edition
Featuring contributions from some of the genre's greatest authors, such as Andy Duncan, Karen Joy Fowler, Kelly Link, Garth Nix, and Holly Phillips, this collection showcases the best fantasy prose written in 2007. **APB $14.95**

Denise Little ***Editor***
Witch High
Featuring contributions from Laura Resnick, Jody Lynn Nye, Karen Fox, and Diane Duane, this enchanting collection of fourteen original tales explores the many challenges students of the magical arts face in Salem Township Public High School, from a bully with magical powers to perfecting the right spell for studying--and passing--exams. **APB $19.95**

Peter Straub ***Editor***
Poe's Children
A chilling anthology of the best of modern horror fiction features tales from twenty-five masters of the genre, with such selections as Stephen King's "The Ballad of the Flexible Bullet," Dan Chaon's "The Bees," Peter Straub's "Little Red," and works by Neil Gaiman, Jonathan Carroll, and Brian Evenson, among others. **HC $51.95**

Young Adult

Paul Bajoria
The City of Spirits (Printer's Devil 03)
Mog and Nick travel to Calcutta, in India, the country of their birth and the supposed location of the mysterious Winter diamond. Their family has owned the diamond for generations, and when they learn that a ruthless sea-captain is intending to seek it out and make his fortune, they determine to beat him to it and claim what is rightfully theirs. But when they arrive in Calcutta, they soon learn that the diamond also has far more sinister powers, and as they pursue their quest, the shadowy figure of Damyata is never far away... **BPB $16.95**

Enid Blyton
The Enchanted Wood (Faraway Tree) **PB $14.95**
Folk of the Faraway (Faraway Tree) **BPB $14.95**

Philip Caveney
The Eye of the Serpent
Egypt 1923.
Fifteen-year-old Alec Devlin is on his way to the Valley of the Kings. Accompanied by his faithful valet, Coates, Alec is to spend his summer holidays working on his Uncle Will's archaeological dig. It's not the first time he's spent his summer this way . . . but this year things are different.
Uncle Will and his young assistant, Tom Hinton, have recently made an amazing discovery - an ancient tomb hidden deep below the earth. But only hours after opening its doors, Uncle Will falls mysteriously ill and Tom seems to have disappeared without trace.
Together with Ethan Wade, the young American soldier of fortune who is managing the dig in Uncle Will's absence, and a pretty French woman called Madeleine Duval, Alec sets about unravelling the tomb's mysteries. Seemingly harmless animals have turned into rabid killers . . . long dead mummies are rising from their tombs . . . the spirit of a powerful High Priest is claiming the bodies of the living as his living hosts . . . Together Alec and Ethan must confront a terror that has waited three thousand years to be reborn. **BPB $17.95**

Joseph Bruchac

The Return of Skeleton Man

Molly thought she'd put her traumatic past behind her when she escaped from Skeleton Man last year. She rescued her parents and tried to get her life back to normal. She thought her family would finally be able to live happily ever after. She thought wrong. Skeleton Man is back for revenge–but this time Molly is ready. Features 10 black–and–white full–page illustrations. **PB $14.99**

Stephen Cole

Revenge of the Fang (Astrosaurs 13)

Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur - he's an astrosaur! On the incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil and eats a lot of grass! Teggs has got serious trouble. His old friends Blink and Dutch from Astrosaur Academy have been dino-napped by a gang of his old enemies, working together and calling themselves the Brothers of the Fang. To save his schoolfriends he must turn against the DSS and deliver top astrosaur secrets into their claws... But when Admiral Rosso finds out, Arx, Iggy and Gipsy are ordered to stop him by any means necessary! To put things right, Teggs must fight friends and foes alike... and his only ally is his biggest rival at Astrosaur Academy - exasperating diceratops Damona! **PB $14.95**

Tony Davis

Roland Wright at the Joust (Roland Wright)

He's been at Twofold Castle for just a month, but Roland's skill and determination have already impressed the king's bravest knights. And Roland is ready for his first tournament. He is only meant to be watching, of course. But when Little Douglas, the best fighter of his height in the known world, throws down a challenge, things become a great deal more serious.

Can Roland - or his pet mouse Nudge - save the day? Will nasty Hector make things even worse? And why is Jenny Winterbottom suddenly back on the scene?

With swordsmanship, jousting, chivalry, comedy, tragedy and even a little bit of poetry, Roland and Nudge find themselves in their tightest scrape yet in book three of their amazing adventures. **PB $12.95**

Terry Deary

Flight of the Fire Thief (Fire Thief 02)

It's 1795 and plucky 12-year-old Nell and her crafty Pa are swindling Eden City with their travelling stage show. Meanwhile, up on Mount Olympus, Zeus and Hera are bickering as never before. Their latest plan for Troy can only end in disaster. Prometheus has a soft spot for humans in need, but using his powers to help his new friends Nell and Pa will lead to trouble! Much hilarity ensues as the Trojan War battle parallels events in Eden City. **PB $14.99**

Tony DiTerlizzi

Kenny and the Dragon

When the townsfolk in Kenneth's sleepy little village catch wind that there's a dragon running loose in the countryside, they call George--a retired knight and dragonslayer--out of retirement, and it is up to Kenneth to protect these two--who happen to be his two best friends. **HC $19.95**

Robert Dodds

The Murrian

Ben and Clare are staying with Aunt Gwen in Antmouth for the summer. They've been told the coast there is haunted by the ghosts of smugglers, but they are soon much more alarmed by the living residents of the village. There's the tall thin fellow in charge of the Insect Zoo, who acts like the worst kind of mad scientist. And then there's all the fish-eyed golfers who seem to be spying on them. Why do their golf balls seem to get everywhere - even into the cottage itself? And what is going on in the big Bosswood estate at the top of the hill, where a mysterious dome rises above the trees? Most frightening of all, why do people from the village keep vanishing? Once again, in this fourth Ben and Claire Swift thriller, the thin curtain of normality is ripped aside, plunging the reader into a bizarre world of hidden terror! **PB $16.95**

Clare Dunkle

The Sky Inside

Martin lives in a perfect world. Every year, a new generation of children arrives on a conveyor belt to meet their parents. Every spring, the residents of this suburb take down the snow they've stuck to their windows and put up the flowers. Every morning, the residents gather around their televisions and vote for whatever matter of national importance the president has on the table. Today, it is the colour of his drapes. And on this particular day, which happens to be Martin's birthday, he receives his first pet - an Alldog, the smartest, most technologically advanced robotic pet in the world.

But things are about to change. As Martin grows more and more curious about what makes his domed suburb run, he begins to wonder what lies outside the walls that have surrounded him his entire life. And when a man arrives to take a group of children away - a group which includes Martin's sister, Cassie - it's up to Martin to find a way out. **BPB $19.95**

Nancy Yi Fan

Sword Quest

Swordquest follows the life of Wind-Voice, the heroic dove of peace, and how he wins his magical sword. Wind-Voice and his companions, a woodpecker and a mynah bird, join the rebel bird forces to fight against their oppressors, the archaeopteryxes. Once again Nancy creates a richly imagined bird world full of fanciful characters, adventure and intrigue. Ages: 8 - 12 **BPB $14.99**

Cornelia Funke

Igraine the Brave

Everyone at Castle Pimpernel is looking forward to Igraine's birthday. But when her magical present goes wrong and her parents turn themselves into pigs, it's up to Igraine to put things right-even if that means facing giants, three-headed dragons and a particularly Spiky Knight. **BPB $14.99**

Sandy Fussell ***Australian Author***

White Crane (Samurai Kids 01)

A one legged boy wants to train to be a samurai, but who will waste training on a cripple? **APB $14.95**

Jessica Day George

Dragon Flight (Dragon 02)

With the Dragon Wars over, Creel finds herself bored with life as a seamstress. Then word comes that a bordering country has been breeding dragons in preparation for an invasion. Never one to miss out on the action, Creel throws herself headlong into an adventure that will reunite her with Shardas, the king of the dragons, pit her against a vicious new dragon, and perhaps rekindle a friendship with Prince Luka.

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Christopher Golden & Ford Lytle Gilmore

The Horseman (Hollow 01)

New to Sleepy Hollow, teens Aimee and Shane Lancaster find that upon their arrival an ancient curse has been unleashed upon the town, tracing back to the town's famous legend, which just might be more truth than myth. Now an array of evil demons is after them, with the infamous Headless Horseman leading the pack. **TP $12.95**

Alison Goodman ***Australian Author***

Singing the Dogstar Blues

Since an alien selected her to be his time-travelling partner, Joss has met an assassin, confronted an anti-alien lobby and had her freewheeling lifestyle nipped in the bud by the high security that surrounds the first Chorian to study on Earth! But life with Mavkel is not really that bad, especially considering harmonica-playing Joss is fascinated by Chorians - a harmonising species who communicate through song. Only, Mavkel is sick - he is pining for his lost twin, and his will to live is draining away. Joss wants to help but this means breaking the rules and going back to the petri dish where it all began.

SINGING THE DOGSTAR BLUES won the 1998 Aurealis Award for Best Young Adult Novel, and was shortlisted for the 1999 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Young Adult Fiction. It was also listed as a Children's Book Council Notable Book, and an American Library Association Best Book (2004).

Ages 14+ **BPB $14.99**

Lois H Gresh

The Fan's Guide to Artemis Fowl (Artemis Fowl)

An unauthorised look at the bestselling series, published to tie in with the upcoming major motion picture release

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. With two trusty sidekicks in tow, he hatches a cunning plot to terrorise the fairy world. Combining folklore, fantasy, and a fistful of high-tech funk, Eoin Colfer has created the first children's fantasy series for the 21st Century. And with millions of copies in print, Artemis Fowl has been recognised as the successor to Harry Potter in the realm of children's literature.

The Fan's Guide to Artemis Fowl is the ultimate companion to the world of Artemis Fowl. Filled with sidebars, mythology, technology, and science, along with an in-depth analysis of the books, this unofficial guide will be the definitive resource for the series. This will be the first and only guide for young adults. **TP $16.99**

Joanne Harris

Runemarks

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

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

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

An epic romp into the heart of the old Norse tales: wild, dangerous, richly inventive and superbly imaginative. **BPB $19.95**

Charlie Higson

Young Bond: By Royal Command (Young Bond 05)

Following a treacherous rescue mission high in the freezing Alps, James Bond is preparing for life back at Eton. But James is under surveillance; his every move is being watched. He alone holds the clue to a sinister plot that will bring bloodshed and carnage to his school - and his country.

Forced to flee from Eton to Austria, James must leave behind everything he knows, with only a beautiful - and dangerous - girl by his side.

Soon he is trapped in a deadly war of secrets and lies, as a nightmare reunion with a bitter enemy plunges him once more into the face of death.

Life for James Bond will never be the same again. **TP $19.95**

Erin Hunter

Warriors New Prophecy Boxed Set (Warriors) **BPB $70**

Victor Kelleher ***Australian Author***

Goblin At the Beach (Goblin)

From the ski slopes of the Snowy Mountains to the rainforests of Far North Queensland - and everywhere in between - Gibblewort the goblin has blundered, crawled and whinged his way through Australia's vast landscape. So surely a relaxing day at the beach will be safe?! Not if 'fun in the sun' includes frying your feet on hot sand, accidentally chugging down sun cream and hitching a ride on an angry shark. Can Gibblewort beat the heat and finally get back home to rainy ol' Ireland? **PB $12.95**

Stephen Lawhead

Scarlet (King Raven 02)

From his gaol cell, outlaw Will Scatlocke waits to be hanged. Before he swings, Will - known to his friends as Scarlet - dictates his story to Odo, a duplicitous monk who has been given the job of recording his confession. Odo serves the ambitions of Abbot Hugo, who is gathering evidence that will lead to the capture of the men who have plagued the aristocracy and robbed the church of treasure. Hugo seeks the destruction of the elusive King Raven and his band, the Grellon. Driven from his home in the north of England, Will has trekked to Wales to join his fortunes with that of the man whose reputation is growing throughout Britain. A forester skilled with the longbow, Will is soon part of Bran ap Brychan s inner circle. In a failed attempt to kidnap sheriff Richard de Glanville, Will is captured. With rumours of conspiracy deepening at court, the humble prisoner becomes a vital link to the outlaws who abandoned him - and on whose loyalty their lives depend - and the throne of England. Stephen R. Lawhead s King Raven series brings to life the legend of Robin Hood as never before. **BPB $16.99**

Joan Lennon

The Witch Bell (Wickit Chronicles 04)

The Fens are flooding, but as the water rises relentlessly, it isn't just local folk who come to find shelter at Wickit Abbey. Pip the orphan and Perfect the stone gargoyle meet up with a mysterious stranger - a man with a murky past who has actually heard the ghostly sound of a Witch Bell. Hot on his trail is the Holy Hunter, sniffing out demons and devils and any who have been in contact with witches. By accident, Pip becomes his quarry. Can Perfect, some red ribbons and a handful of pepper save the day? Or will Pip be overcome by the worst danger he has ever faced? **PB $16.95**

Gemma Malley

The Resistance

The year is 2140. Peter and Anna are now living on the Outside as Legals. Impatient to see action as an agent in the Underground, Peter is tasked by Pip, its charismatic leader, to infiltrate Pincent Pharma Corporation and find out what's going on in the secret Longevity programme. Peter must feign a reconciliation with his grandfather, Richard Pincent, one of the most powerful men on the planet, whose company is chasing the holy grail of modern science - a drug which will reverse ageing and make people look young again.But his grandfather has his own plans for Peter - plans which threaten the young couple's dreams for the future. **HC $24.95**

The Declaration

Anna Covey is a 'Surplus'. She should not have been born. In a society in which ageing is no longer feared, and death is no longer an inevitability, children are an abomination. Like all Surpluses, Anna is living in a Surplus Hall and learning how to make amends for the selfish act her parents committed in having her. She is quietly accepting of her fate until, one day, a new inmate arrives. Anna's life is thrown into chaos. But is she brave enough to believe this mysterious boy? A tense and utterly compelling story about a society behind a wall, and the way in which two young people seize the chance to break free. **PB $17.95**

Melina Marchetta ***Australian Author***

Finnikan of the Rock

An epic fantasy of feudal intrigue, ancient magic, bloodshed and exile, and two opposing lovers destined to unite...

At the age of nine, Finnikin is warned by the gods that he must sacrifice a pound of flesh in order to save the royal house of his homeland, Lumatere. And so he stands on the rock of three wonders with his childhood friend Prince Balthazar and the prince's cousin, Lucian, and together they mix their blood. And Lumatere is safe. Until the 'five days of the unspeakable'. When the King and Queen and their children are slaughtered in the palace.

And an imposter king takes the throne. And a curse is put on Lumatere, which traps those caught inside and forces thousands of others to roam the land as exiles, dying of fever and persecution in foreign camps. But ten years later Finnikin is led to another rock to meet the young novice, Evanjalin. A girl plagued by dark dreams, who holds the key to their return to the Land of light... **TP $24.95**

Melissa Marr

Ink Exchange

After suffering a terrible trauma at the hands of her brother's dealer friends, Leslie becomes obsessed with the idea of getting a tattoo – it's the one thing that will allow her to reclaim her body, renew her self–confidence. And when Rabbit, her local tattoo artist, shows her a secret book of his own designs, she finds one of them irresistible. Soon, her back is adorned with a pair of mysterious eyes, framed by black wings. Leslie feels good – more than good. Nothing bad can touch her. But what she doesn't know is that her new tattoo binds her tightly to the faery whose symbol she chose: Irial, the exquisitely dangerous king of the Dark Court... Ages: 12+ **BPB $19.99**

Robin McKinley

Chalice

Offers a fantastical tale about Chalice, a member of the Master's Circle who is responsible for binding the group to the new Master of Willowlands, a Priest of Fire who has been pulled back into the human world by the death of someone she loves. **HC $38.95**

Stephenie Meyer

New Moon (Twilight 02)

Now in a Special Trade Demy Paperback Edition.The dramatic sequel to TWILIGHT, following the tale of Bella, a teenage girl whose love for a vampire gets her into trouble.I stuck my finger under the edge of the paper and jerked it under the tape. 'Shoot,' I muttered when the paper sliced my finger. A single drop of blood oozed from the tiny cut. It all happened very quickly then. 'No!' Edward roared... Dazed and disorientated, I looked up from the bright red blood pulsing out of my arm - and into the fevered eyes of the six suddenly ravenous vampires.For Bella Swan, there is one thing more important than life itself: Edward Cullen. But being in love with a vampire is more dangerous than Bella ever could have imagined. Edward has already rescued Bella from the clutches of an evil vampire but now, as their daring relationship threatens all that is near and dear to them, they realise their troubles may just be beginning… **TP $29.99**

Henry H Neff

The Second Siege (Tapestry 02)

Grave forces are converging to seize control of the Book of Thoth, a hidden artifact whose pages hold the key to creating - or unraveling - the very threads of existence.

Under the care and tutelage of Cooper, Rowan's lethal Agent, Max McDaniels and David Menlo embark on a quest to protect the Book from the demon Astaroth, who would exploit its secrets with dire consequences. And with Astaroth free after centuries of imprisonment, the world outside Rowan's gates has already become hostile: dark things scratch at windows, simmering rivalries are renewed, and governments fall one by one.

Far from home, cut off behind enemy lines, Max and his allies must journey across Europe, descend into the fabled Frankfurt Workshop, brave the tangled corners of the Black Forest . . . and ultimately cross beyond the veils of our world. **PB $17.95**

Justin Richards

Thunder Raker (Agent Alfie 01)

A hilarious new series for younger readers, following the misadventures of an ordinary boy at an extraordinary school for young spies! **BPB $9.99**

Mark Robson

Dragon Orb (Firestorm)

Dragon's in Areth each have a single predestined rider and a single life mission, given to them by the Oracle. But this once all-powerful being is now fatally damaged and fading fast...Only the dragons and their riders can save it! **BPB $17.95**

Emily Rodda ***Australian Author***

Wizard of Rondo (Rondo 02)

The fantastic world of Rondo can be perilous, but Leo and Mimi know they can't keep away. They have to play their part in the continuing battle to keep Rondo safe from their deadly enemy, the remorseless Blue Queen. Plunging once more into the magic world within the antique music box, they are determined to stay out of trouble. But Rondo's spell soon draws them in, and their quest to find a missing wizard becomes something far more dangerous as they try to track the Blue Queen's henchman, Spoiler, and confront an ancient terror lurking in the skies of the north. Filled with fun, excitement and startling twists, this outstanding sequel to the highly acclaimed The Key to Rondo is as rich, surprising and irresistible as Rondo itself. **HC $29.99**

J K Rowling

From the Library of Hogwarts: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them/Quidditch Through the Ages (Harry Potter)

Presents hardcover, facsimile editions of two books from the world of Harry Potter--the text for Hogwarts' Care of Magical Creatures class and a book on the origins and development of the wizarding game of Quidditch.

Young Quidditch fans at Hogwarts consult this book on almost a daily basis. Find out when Quidditch was first introduced to New Zealand, and why Australia is such a good place to play Quidditch. **HC $29.95**

Angie Sage

Ghostsitters (Araminta Spook 05)

Araminta's Aunt Tabby has won a Transylvanian holiday for four so she and all the adults of Spook House are going for a much-needed break. But it just so happens to be Araminta's birthday, too. So who will keep an eye on Araminta and her friend Wanda? Mathilda, Araminta's 'grown up' cousin, arrives to babysit, along with two rowdy teenage ghosts. At first, Araminta and Wanda are in heaven - staying up late, playing loud music, and ordering takeaways - no more of Aunt Tabby's rules! But they soon find themselves cleaning up after everyone else; being home alone isn't turning out as they'd hoped.So Araminta and Wanda come up with a plan. They have to find a way to move their unreliable ghost-sitters to another house. Maybe then Araminta can start to have a proper birthday. . . **HC $14.95**

Thomas E Sniegoski

The Brimstone Network

Thirteen-year-old Abraham "Bram" Stone always knew that one day he'd take his father's place as a warrior trained to defeat all paranormal dangers, but that day comes too soon when he learns that every member of the Brimstone Network, including Bram's father, has been assassinated and suddenly it's up to Bram to form a new Brimstone Network out of the rubble of the old. **PB $9.95**

Tiffany Trent

By Venom's Sweet Sting (Hallowmere 02)

As Corrine falls for Euan, the Unhallowed creep in.

Following the destruction of Falston and the loss of the rathstone, nothing can keep Corrine safe. The Fey have spies everywhere. And they are determined to find Corrine wherever she may hide.

With no options left, the Council of Elaphe takes Corrine and the rest of the Falston girls to Scotland where they can fight the Fey on their own terms. As the Council struggles to come up with a battle plan, the girls become immersed in preparations for their first ball. There, a mysterious young man soothes Corrine's heartache and she begins to let down her guard -- perhaps sooner than she should. For there is a new danger lurking on the Scottish moors, a danger more sinister than any Corrine has faced before. **PB $14.95**

Media and Comic Related

Complete Tove Jansson Comic Strip Volume 3

Tove Jansson **HC $40.95**

The DC Vault

Martin Pasko

Unlocks DC Comics' most fascinating secrets and deeply buried treasures, presenting a colorful array of historic and never-before-published memorabilia and containing more than 25 plastic-encased archival pieces for readers to pull out and examine--all while learning about the artists, writers, and world-famous super heroes that make up the DC Universe. **HC $65**

Calendar 2009: Thunderbirds (Classic) **$35.95**

Batman

Dark Knight: Featuring Production Art and Full Shooting Script

A fan's guide to the making of the latest Batman movie by the director of Batman Begins evaluates the performances of such stars as Christian Bale, Morgan Freeman, and Heath Ledger while providing accompanying storyboard art, Christopher Nolan's original shooting script, and personal behind-the-scenes material. **TP $55**

Burn Notice

The Fix

Tod Goldberg

Former covert operative Michael Westen, forced into exile in his hometown of Miami, decides to help socialite Cricket O'Connor find the man who had conned her out of most of her money despite his promise to the FBI to stay out of trouble. **APB $17.95**

Conan 06

Conan 6: Hand of Nergal **TP $34.95**

CSI Miami

Right to Die

Jeff Mariotte

When an innocent bystander ends up dead following a drug buy gone bad, igniting tensions between two rival gangs, Caine and his team must find the shooter before Miami goes up in flames, while, at the same time, searching for a bomber who had killed a doctor and his family. **APB $14.95**

Doctor Who

Calendar 2009: Dalekmania **$35.95**

Doctor Who Storybook 2009 **HC $26.95**

10th Doctor: *The Doctor Trap*

Simon Messingham

Sebastiene was perhaps once human. He might look like a nineteenth-century nobleman, but in truth he is a ruthless hunter. He likes nothing more than luring difficult opposition to a planet, then hunting them down for sport. And now he's caught them all - from Zargregs to Moogs, and even the odd Eternal.

In fact, Sebastiene is after only one more prize. For this trophy, he knows he is going to need help. He's brought together the finest hunters in the universe to play the most dangerous game for the deadliest quarry of them all.

They are hunting for the last of the Time Lords - the Doctor. **HC $21.95**

Doctor Who

Shining Darkness

Mark Michalowski

For Donna Noble, the Andromeda galaxy is a long, long way from home. But even two and a half million light years from Earth, danger lurks around every corner...

A visit to an art gallery turns into a race across space to uncover the secret behind a shadowy organisation.

From the desert world of Karris to the interplanetary scrapyard of Junk, the Doctor and Donna discover that appearances can be deceptive, that enemies are lurking around every corner - and that the centuries-long peace between humans and machines may be about to come to an end.

Because waiting in the wings to bring chaos to the galaxy is The Cult of Shining Darkness. **HC $21.95**

Ghosts of India

India in 1947 is a country in the grip of chaos - a country torn apart by internal strife. When the Doctor and Donna arrive in Calcutta, they are instantly swept up in violent events.

Barely escaping with their lives, they discover that the city is rife with tales of 'half-made men', who roam the streets at night and steal people away. These creatures, it is said, are as white as salt and have only shadows where their eyes should be.

With help from India's great spiritual leader, Mohandas 'Mahatma' Gandhi, the Doctor and Donna set out to investigate these rumours.

What is the real truth behind the 'half-made men'? Why is Gandhi's role in history under threat? And has an ancient, all-powerful god of destruction really come back to wreak his vengeance upon the Earth? **HC $21.95**

Short Trips: *Defining Patterns*

The known universe is home to countless trillions of lives, all interweaving with each other and affecting the line of history. When someone makes a decision, no matter how significant or seemingly irrelevant, they cause unknown effects throughout the ages…

Perhaps other, unreachable, factors at are play too: does the universe have a destiny? Are we all predetermined to follow a particular path? Do we reap what we sow or is it a case of what will be will be? Are coincidences really just that, or do we miss their deeper meanings?

Everywhere he looks, the Doctor sees the same patterns – the same events, decisions and actions cropping up again and again. Look at the bigger picture, however, and maybe – just maybe – you'll see how the universe works. How the universe lives…But, as the Doctor and his companions discover, are these patterns really there? Or do we, by the very nature of seeing them, define them? **HC $53.95**

How the Doctor Changed My Life

Doctor Who, Short Trips and How the Doctor Changed My Life

A collection of new Dr Who short stories. **HC $53.95**

Footrot Flats

Footrot Flats: The Long Weekender

Murray Ball

A beautifully produced collector's edition featuring all of Murray Ball's 'Weekender' cartoons. These were cartoons that were run in the weekend newspapers. Many have never before been published in book form, and many never seen in New Zealand. (They were run in Saturday and Sunday newspapers in Australia, but only on Saturdays here.) A unique feature of the Weekenders is the Footrot Flats 'photographs', where Murray has drawn our favourite characters onto colour photographic backgrounds. These colour photographs appear throughout. A beautiful work of rare Footrot Flats material that every collector or Footrot Flats fan must have. **HC $89.99**

Footrot Flats Gallery 1

Murray Ball

FOOTROT FLATS IS BACK! This treasury includes the very best of that hugely successful Kiwi icon - the FOOTROT FLATS cartoon series. Selected by author and illustrator Murray Ball, these cartoons take us back to the classic FOOTROT FLATS, introducing all of the lovable characters such as The Dog, Wal, Cooch, Horse, Major... Their adventures will continue to delight old fans and new alike. **PB $24.99**

Footrot Flats Sports Collection

Murray Ball

FOOTROT FLATS IS BACK! This treasury is all about sports but includes far more than the classic rugby and cricket cartoons - The Dog takes to the netball court, Wal tries his hand at waterskiing, and much more. Selected by author and illustrator Murray Ball, these cartoons are sure to delight old fans and new alike. **PB $24.99**

Footrot Flats Gallery 2

Murray Ball

This 136-page treasury includes the very best of that hugely successful Kiwi icon - the Footrot Flats cartoon series. Selected by author and illustrator Murray Ball, these cartoons take us back to the classic Footrot Flats, introducing all of the lovable characters such as The Dog, Wal, Cooch, Horse, Major... Their adventures will continue to delight old fans and new alike. **PB $24.99**

Footrot Flats The Dog Strips

Murray Ball

A beautifully produced collector's edition incorporating the very best of the hugely successful Kiwi icon - Footrot Flats. At over 500 pages, it includes almost 1 500 cartoon strips - all selected and introduced by author and illustrator Murray Ball.For the first time in print, Murray shares the inspiration and background of the characters, landscapes and activities that make up Footrot Flats. Murray's commentary includes information on long puzzled-over Footrot Flats features such as why the Dog is not named, why the farm is called Footrot Flats, whether the characters are based on real people and animals and much more. **HC $99**

Footrot Flats Gallery 3

Murray Ball

More of the very best of the hugely successful Kiwi icon-Footrot Flats. Selected by author and illustrator Murray Ball, these cartoons take us back to the classic Footrot Flats, introducing all of the lovable characters such as The Dog, Wal, Cooch, Horse, Rangi and Cheeky Hobson. Their adventures will continue to delight old fans and new alike. **PB $24.99**

Predator

South China Sea

Jeff Vandermeer

On a remote South China Sea island, a deadly hunt is underway . . . but not the kind of expedition the participants expected. In this remote jungle-covered island somewhere between Thailand and Indonesia some of the most exotic animals in the world have been gathered as the prizes in a challenge of human against nature. The hunters come from all walks of life: a South African arms dealer, a Romanian ex-wrestler, two former KGB agents, a wildlife TV host, a Thai pirate, and John Gustat, a billionaire with a mysterious past. Each has come to the island for personal reasons, some secret, some deadly. But when the encampment's owner, ex-Khmer Rouge Colonel Rath Preap, finds the fences cut and his security men missing, it's clear that the game has turned. And as the hunters battle for survival, they discover there is another creature out for blood--a Predator with an unstoppable lust for conquest. **APB $17.95**

Star Trek

Star Trek 101

Terry J Erdmann

In the future, a heroic captain and his crew explore the Galaxy in a really fast spacecraft. The crew's standing orders are:

"...to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before."

Simple, straightforward -- that's Star Trek. So what's all the fuss? Why do news crews always seem to find someone, somewhere dressed up in a Star Trek costume? What could be so interesting to so many people?

Star Trek 101 is the answer. You'll learn just a little about the heroes (Captain Kirk believes that man wasn't meant to live in paradise), the villains (Klingons have a thirst for conquest), and the important aliens (Vulcans live their lives by logic). In the handy recaps for all things Star Trek, you'll discover that the television shows and movies run the gamut from action-adventure to comedy. Just want to sample? The ten essential episodes are offered for your consideration. Star Trek 101 is a quick primer of the television shows and movies that carry the Star Trek name. **TP $24.95**

Star Trek Enterprise

Kobayashi Maru

Michael A Martin & Andy Mangels

To stop the destruction of civilian shipping vessels, the fledgling Coalition of Planets sends Captain Jonathan Archer and Captain Erica Hernandez, commanders of two powerful starships, on escort duty, but as Archer begins to suspect the Romulans, he must make a choice that could threaten the fragile alliance. **APB $14.95**

Star wars

Calendar 2009: Star Wars **$26.95**

Dashboard Driver Darth Vader

The first Star Wars was released on May 25 1977 and has gone on to become a pop culture phenomenon. Darth Vader says lines like: "You don't know the power of The Dark Side", "What is thy bidding thy master?". **$19.95**

Dashboard Driver Yoda

The first Star Wars was released on May 25 1977 and has gone on to become a pop culture phenomenon. Yoda says lines like: "I mean you no harm...", "Strong am I with the force". **$19.95**

Republic Commando 04: *Order 66*

Karen Traviss

An official tie-in novel based on the bestselling Star Wars: Republic Commando video game. The fourth novel in the Republic Commando series, where multiple storylines come to a head in the wake of Emperor Palpatine's issuing of the notorious Order 66. When the order comes through, the clone troopers of Delta and Omega squads must decide whether to turn on their Jedi generals - or to disregard the command and face dire consequences. **APB $19.99**

Stargate

SG-1 Audio 1.1 : *Gift of the Gods*

Sally Malcolm

Doctor Daniel Jackson wakes up on the floor of his SGC lab, with no memory of what happened or how he got there. With him is Lt. Hunter of SG-12 – the team that should have accompanied SG-1 on their mission to P2K-797. But now, here they are, back on Earth with the whole of Stargate Command incapacitated around them.

So what happened? Why can no one remember? And why is the Stargate apparently connected to an alternate reality?

Audio CD 70 minutes **CD $35.95**

Atlantis Audio 1.2 : *A Necessary Evil*

This story assumes that Doctor Weir was mind-probed by the Asurans following her capture at the beginning of season four. During the probe, the incident she recalls is set during season three, after Common Ground and prior to First Strike.

Synopsis

"This planet that you love so much... If you were not hidden, it would not exist, or at least not like this."

When Sheppard's team encounter a culture with phase shift technology that keeps their entire population invisible - and immaterial - to the outside world, it looks like Atlantis might have found the perfect protection from the Wraith. Eager to make a trade for the technology, Doctor Weir embarks on a diplomatic mission to negotiate with the people of Lannavulin. But once there, it becomes apparent that not everyone is happy with the planet's status quo... **CD $35.95**

SG-1 Audio 1.3 : *Shell Game*

James Swallow

"One reaches a certain level of notoriety in the business of appropriating things, and you'd think you'd get accommodation that matches your rep. But no…"

Vala Mal Doran finds herself in a particularly sticky situation when an old foe catches up with her. With only Daniel Jackson able to fight her corner, Vala may have to do something that's really not her style – tell the truth.

This story takes place during season ten, after The Pegasus Project. **CD $35.95**

Atlantis Audio 1.4: *Perchance to Dream*

Sally Malcolm

"I thought there'd be more pain. My patients have always complained of more pain..."

Doctor Carson Beckett finds himself in an uncomfortable situation when he becomes a patient in his own infirmary. After a disastrous mission, Beckett is brought back to Atlantis with a broken leg – and a bad case of amnesia.

But that's the least of his troubles. Cared for by Doctor Gilbert, Beckett watches as a strange affliction overcomes his friends and colleagues. One by one, members of the Atlantis crew are brought in, unconscious and unresponsive yet with no sign of trauma. What's causing this peculiar illness? And why doesn't anyone want to hear what Carson has to say about it? **CD $35.95**

SG-1 Audio 1.5: *Savarna*

Returning from a mercy mission, the Prometheus is attacked and Doctor Janet Fraiser is kidnapped. Finding herself amongst a crew of outlaws, the Doctor must treat a desperately ill patient and keep herself alive long enough to escape. But are things all that they seem?

70 minutes audio CD. **CD $35.95**

Atlantis Audio 1.6: *Zero Point*

James Swallow

"Then the energy shockwave hit us, and the Apollo was thrown about as if it were a rowboat in a storm."

Zelenka reluctantly finds himself aboard the Starship Apollo as part of Colonel Carter's drive to survey the area of space surrounding Atlantis' new planet. It's a sensible idea, he understands that – but it's also very dull. Dull, that is, until the ship discovers an entirely new life form… **CD $35.95**

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X-Men Wolverine

Wolverine: Election Day

Peter David

With the presidential election--pitting the incumbent against a popular challenger--heating up, an act of domestic terrorism leaves a young boy as a hostage, as the military requests the assistance of the mutant Wolverine to find the child before the entire country descends into chaos. **APB $14.95**

Games Related

Diablo

Diablo Archive

Mel Odom & Richard A Knaak

An anthology of the first three Diablo novels includes Legacy of Blood, The Black Road, and The Kingdom of Shadow, and is complemented by the original eBook title, Demonsbane, in which a warrior, the sole survivor of a massacre, is driven to avenge his fallen comrades. **TP $19.95**

Dragonlance

Dwarf Home 02: *Heir of Kayolin*

Douglas Niles

With dark magicians and ruthless fanatics locked in a battle to the death in the depths of Thorbardin, Brandon Bluestone returns to Kayolin, aided by a beautiful dwarf priestess, to confront an ancient enemy, with the fate of the entire dwarven race hanging in the balance. **APB $14**

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

The Pirate King

R A Salvatore

When Captain Deudermont comes to the aid of the city of Luskan, which has become a safe haven for the Sword Coast's most dangerous pirates, dark elf Drizzt Do'Urden is drawn into the struggle to save the city from itself, in a fantasy adventure that will change the Forgotten Realms world forever. **HC $52**

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Drew Karpyshyn

Location: Our galaxy, at a time set far in our future ... Every 50,000 years, a race of machines returns to harvest the galaxy's organic life forms. In the first MASS EFFECT game, it is the year 2183, and the machines are about to return once again. This book will be a bridging novel set between the first and second MASS EFFECT games. **PB $19.99**

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Mutant Chronicles

Matt Forbeck

As the soldiers of four powerful conglomerates battle for control of Earth's dwindling resources, Mitch Hunter is recruited by the mysterious Brother Samuel to take on a new enemy that threatens all humankind, an army of NecroMutants out to destroy anything and everyone in its path. **APB $17.95**

Warhammer 40K

Gaunt's Ghosts 11: *Only In Death*

Dan Abnett

The latest novel in the phenomenally popular SF series Gaunt's Ghosts series, now available in paperback.

As the crusade to liberate the Sabbat Worlds continues, Colonel-Commissar Gaunt and the Tanith First-and-Only are posted to an unforgiving new warzone - the fortress world of Jago. As the enemy assaults increase in fury, Gaunt and his regiment must face the terror of the present alongside the ghosts of their past, for only in death does duty end. **APB $16**

Titans: *Titanicus*

Dan Abnett

The first ever Titan novel by the author of Gaunt's Ghosts and Horus Rising.

Fresh from a hard-fought campaign, one of the Imperium's most celebrated Titan Legions prepares to ship out to the Sabbat Worlds. Stopping at the forge world of Orestes for refit and repair, the Legion's princeps finds himself thrown back into battle when a force of Chaos Titans attacks. But as the flames of war spread, a religious schism tears the Adeptus Mechanicus apart, testing the resolve of the Imperial defenders to the limit. **HC $50**

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Gotrek and Felix 10: *Elfslayer*

Nathan Long

The brand new Gotrek & Felix adventure

While travelling to Marienburg to fulfil a last request from his dying father, Felix and the Dwarf Trollslayer Gotrek meet their old acquaintance Max Schreiber. The Imperial wizard has been sent north to investigate some disturbing magical phenomena off the northern coast of the Empire. Pretty soon, the heroic duo and their companions find themselves caught up in a new adventure, fighting for their lives against the dark elves! **APB $16**

Roleplaying Games & Boardgames

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Technical Readout 3075

In November 3067 the Second Star League disbanded. The Word of Blake - a splinter group of ComStar - had been on the verge of joining in fulfillment of ancient prophecies. Denied their dream, the Blakists sought to preserve the Star League against the follies of the Houses, but its fanaticism manifested this noble goal as the Jihad: a horrific war that has pitted every faction against each other and even themselves. Against such an anvil, new cutting edge machines of war are marched into the fire. The discovery of an ancient Hegemony Memory Core graphically showcases the desperation of the conflict, as primitive 'Mechs not seen on a battlefield since the dawn of 'Mech production over half a millennia ago once again appear.

Classic BattleTech Technical Readout: 3075 provides a comprehensive look at the latest machines of war debuting during the Jihad: from 'Mechs to battle armor, Support Vehicles to DropShips and more. In addition, a complete "Age of War" section covers the Terran Hegemony and each of the five Great Houses during the Age of War, including the very first BattleMechs produced by each faction and how such machines are starting to appear once more. Each military vehicle is illustrated in detail, accompanied by a description of its history, capabilities, game stats, and some of the unit's most famous pilots. **TP $56**

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Dungeons & Dragons Starter Set

This new box-set makes it easier than ever to start playing Dungeons & Dragons immediately.

The D&D Roleplaying Game Starter Set introduces the complex world of D&D play to new fans in simple, easy-to-understand ways while retaining the fantastic inspiration of the full game experience.

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Adventure P1: *King of the Trollhaunt Warrens*

D&D adventure for 11th-level characters.

King of the Trollhaunt Warrens is the first-ever paragon-level adventure for 4th Edition Dungeons & Dragons. Designed to take characters from 11th to 14th level, this adventure pits the heroes against a variety of horrible monsters and fiendish foes as they seek to thwart the evil machinations of the denizens of the Trollhaunt Warrens.

This adventure can be run as a stand-alone adventure or as Part One of a three-part series of adventures that spans 10 levels of gameplay. **TP $35**

Dungeon Tiles DU2 : *Streets of Shadow*
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.
Quick and easy play: Dungeon Masters can use these tiles to create all sorts of dungeons.
Versatile: The tiles in this set are specifically designed with Large and Huge miniatures in mind, allowing Dungeons Masters to build wider halls and more spacious rooms. A combination of generic floor tiles and special-feature tiles make this a terrific starter set.
Streets of Shadow set is compatible with all past and future dungeon tiles sets, giving Dungeon Masters additional dungeon building options. **TP $17**

Exalted

Terrestrial Directions III The East
The third of five Terrestrial Direction books devoted to fleshing out the bare bones of Creation presented in the Exalted core book, this one devoted to the East. Includes mass combat stats for the forces of Halta, Linowan and other Eastern powers, as well as dominion stats for the Mandate of Heaven plus Traits for the East's native gods and beasts. **TP $44**

GURPS

GURPS Mysteries
Create murder mysteries as stand-alone adventures, as part of an existing campaign includes the crime scene, including detailed forensic information on causes of death, investigation methods, and a forensic timeline. Plus interesting villains, including matching disadvantages to motives and means. **TP $35**

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GURPS Supers
A guide to the supers genre and to capturing it in your campaign. Focused on drama and characterization, it includes powers and other abilities, codes of conduct, dual identities, vehicles, equipment and secret bases. **TP $44**

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1 random Alpha form monster, 1 corresponding Hyper form monster. **$22**

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1 random building, 4 random units. **Figurine $20**

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Learn the secrets to becoming the most fearsome force ever to rampage through an urban landscape. Unlock your monster's full potential to level buildings, crush obstacles, and body slam your opponent right through a building!
The Monsterpocalypse: Rise Strategy Guide contains all the inside knowledge you'll need to dominate your opponents, straight from designers behind the game.
Inside you'll find 64 full-color pages that include:
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Everything one player needs to get started in Monsterpocalypse.
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Monsterpocalypse Rise: Red Accesory Pack
Contains 31 red ID rings needed to tell a player's figures apart from his opponent's on the table, and help organize a player's forces. Also included is an extra Monster Health Tracker and full set of Power, Action and Boost dice needed for multi-monster battles. **$24**

Monsterpocalypse: Blue Accesory Pack
Inside you will find
1 Health Tracker, 10 Action Dice, 10 Power Dice, 4 Boost Dice, and 31 blue ID Rings.
Contains 31 color-coded ID rings needed to tell a player's figures apart from his opponent's on the table, and help organize a player's forces. Also included is an extra Monster Health Tracker and full set of Power, Action and Boost dice needed for multi-monster battles. **$24**

Supernatural RPG

Supernatural Screen RPG

Game master's screen for the The Supernatural Role Playing Game
Raise a Little Hell
You've got a group of hunters ready to exorcise demons, destroy monsters, and put those unquiet spirits back in their graves-all using the Supernatural Role Playing Game. A little help is in order to help keep your game running at the speed of a souped-up '67 Chevy Impala, and we've got it for you right here.
The Supernatural Game Master Screen is an attractive acessory for the game table, with images from the show on the "art" side and all the useful Cortex System game information a GM needs for easy reference on the other. Also included is a poster with a map of the United States with notations for various haunted locales, monster sightings, and demonic disturbances. Everything a group needs to hit the road!
Useful game accessory with attractive design and easy rules references.
Poster can be used as an idea-generator for a campaign, or just used as an atmosphere-generating prop. **$24**

Traveller RPG

Mercenary

Think the hot jock fighter and starship pilots have all the glory? Think again.
Mercenary is a detailed expansion for the Traveller game, and the first in the line of Core Supplements. With advanced options for Soldier and Marine characters, any player with an interest in infantry combat will find something of value in this manual. With new weapons and tactics, career options, and the lucrative mercenary ticket system, Mercenary puts ground combat front and centre. **HC $40**

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Command the stars themselves with the most powerful fleets ever assembled. Dedicated to Naval characters, whether actively serving on a frontline warship or semi-retired on a rusting tramp freighter, High Guard expands the possibilites of space combat. Dedicated to Naval characters, whether actively serving on a frontline warship or semi-retired on a rusting tramp freighter, High Guard expands the possibilites of space combat. With a new and highly evolved starship construction system and a wealth of choices for weapon emplacements and other additions, no captain will want to venture into space withouot this important manual at his side. Naval characters will also benefit from new career options and choices made during creation that will see them prepared for the worst the galaxy can throw at them. **TP $50**

Spinward Marches

The Spinward Marches lie on the edge of Imperial space, and area that borders rival interstellar governments that directly oppose any further expansion. Far from the major centres of power the local rulers have more practical power than the Emperor himself. It is here that bands of daring individuals can take advantage of the hostile factions in order to carve out a fortune for themselves. The Spinward Marches offer untold asventure for those willing to seek it out. The book details the history of the sector and how the various governments interact. The role of mega-corporations is also discussed with their rivalries causing almost as much conflict as the clash of the mighty empires. The various alien races that can be found in the sector are also looked at as is how they interact with the main powers. Many planets are given a short description with many plot links that Games Masters can use for their own campaigns. A number of planets are given more detailed descriptions, with some of the more notable being so described. This sourcebook for the Traveller game serves a springboard for any new campaign set during the Third Imperium. **TP $48**

Other Books

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

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My Father Said

A collection of words and sayings passed on from fathers to their sons and daughters - from DIY tips to offerings of wisdom about love and life. It includes chapters on Home Improvement, Money, Love and Laughter, Life's Ups and Downs and Growing Up. **HC $19.95**

Self-Editing for Fiction Writers: How to Edit Yourself into Print

A revised and expanded edition of the classic tutorial for would-be authors covers such topics as characterization, exposition, point of view, dialogue, proportion, and voice as it provides expert advice and techniques for transforming a manuscript into a published novel or short story.
TP $28.95

Peter Ackroyd

The Casebook of Victor Frankenstein

"It was at Oxford that I first met Bysshe. We arrived at our college on the same day; confusing to a mere foreigner, it is called University College. I had seen him from my window and had been struck by his auburn locks." The long-haired poet - 'Mad Shelley' - and the serious-minded student from Switzerland spark each other's animated interest in the new philosophy of science which is over-turning long-cherished beliefs. Perhaps there is no God. In which case, where is the divine spark, the soul? Can it be found in the human brain? The heart? The eyes?

Victor Frankenstein begins his anatomy experiments in a barn in the secluded village of Headington, near Oxford. The coroner's office in Clarendon Street provides corpses - but they have often died of violence and drowning: they are damaged and petrifying. Victor moves his coils and jars and electrical fluids to a deserted pottery manufactory in Limehouse. And, from Limehouse, makes contact with the Doomesday Men - the resurrectionists.

He pays better than any hospital for the bodies of the very recently dead. Even so, perfect specimens are hard to come by ... until that Thames-side dawn when Victor, waiting, wrapped in his greatcoat, on his wooden jetty, hears the splashing of oars and sees in the half-light that slung into the stern of the approaching boat is the corpse of a handsome young man, one hand trailing in the water.... **TP $32.95**

Lori G Armstrong

Snow Blind

The frigid winter months are mighty slow in the PI biz for Julie Collins and her partner, Kevin Wells—until the duo is hired by a young woman to investigate problems at her grandfather's assisted living facility, where they encounter lax security, unqualified healthcare personnel, and a shady senior volunteer organization.

Julie barely has time to delve deeper into the puzzling case before she reluctantly finds herself in an isolated cattle shelter on the Collins ranch with her father during a raging blizzard. There is no escape from her father or from the biting cold and bitter memories.

A missing hired ranch hand found dead on the ranch only complicates matters further. In trying to uncover the truth about the man's death, Julie is forced to wrestle with issues that make her question old wounds and new family loyalties.

Kevin's reckless involvement with their new client tests the bounds of professionalism, and Julie's relationship with Tony Martinez is strained, as he deals with power struggles within the Hombres organization, putting them both in jeopardy.

When the bodies and the snow piles up, Julie seems at odds with everyone, leaving her to wonder if she's being blinded to the cold, hard truths in her life by love . . . or by hate. **APB $19.95**

Nina Bangs, Dara Joy & Sandra Hill

This Year's Christmas Present

Includes Nina Bang's "The Man with the Golden Bow," in which a shy Jersey girl has a good time unwrapping her special Christmas present; Sandra Hill's "Fever," in which a bitter businessman finds the one woman who can melt his icy heart, and Dara Joy's "Santa Reads Romance." **APB $13.95**

Eric Berne

Games People Play

Do you realise you, and all the people you know, play games? All the time? Sexual games, marital games, complex games that you're not even aware of as you go about your usual life? This book offers an analysis of the games we play in order to live with one another - and with ourselves.
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Bob Brant, Jon A Phillips & Seth Leitman

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Shannon K Butcher

No Escape

After years as a Navy SEAL, Grant wants nothing more than build a new life and is reunited with Isabelle, an old friend from the foster home in which he spent his childhood, and finds himself drawn into her investigation into a series of mysterious "suicides" targeting some of the other foster children with whom they grew up. **APB $17.95**

Jeremy Clarkson

Motorworld

Jeremy Clarkson gets under the skin of 12 countries by looking at the cars people drive and how they drive them. Hilarious travel writing.
BPB $26.95

Patricia Cornwell

Scarpetta (Scarpetta)

Leaving behind her forensic pathology practice in South Carolina, Kay Scarpetta takes up an assignment in New York City, where the NYPD has asked her to examine an injured patient in a psychiatric ward. The handcuffed and chained patient, Oscar Bane, has specifically asked for her, and when she literally has her gloved hands on him, he begins to talk - and the story he has to tell turns out to be one of the most bizarre she has ever heard. He says his injuries were sustained in the course of a murder...that he did not commit.Is Bane a criminally insane stalker who has fixed on Scarpetta? Or is his paranoid tale true, and it is he who is being spied on, followed and stalked by the actual killer? The only thing Scarpetta knows for certain is that a woman has been tortured and murdered - and that more violent deaths will follow… **HC $49.99**

General Peter Cosgrove

Australian Greats

We all know that Australia is the greatest nation on earth, but what is it exactly that makes Australia great? We live in a dynamic, culturally diverse hub-bub, so what now is typically Aussie? What continues to shape us and what are we collectively most proud of in our past and present?

AUSTRALIAN GREATS is a fascinating and wide-ranging collection of pieces by noteworthy writers, commentators, larrikins and curmudgeons on distinctive and sometimes surprising aspects of Australian life and history. There are 553entries providing a veritable cornucopia of subjects including politics, the arts, food, sport, distinguished individuals, language, innovations, discoveries, fashion, film and more in a spicy mix of popular and high culture. The delight in this book comes not just from a given subject but who has written about it and what he or she has to say about it. The whole is a quirky and compelling volume that contributes to the debate on national identity in a highly idiosyncratic and readable way.

AUSTRALIAN GREATS is a spirited colloquy on identity and nationhood for those of us who call Australia home. **HC $59.95**

Ian Coutts
Dadzooks **PB $16.95**

Clive Cussler
The Chase
For decades, Clive Cussler has been delighting readers with novels filled with suspense, action and sheer audacity. Now he does it again, in one of the wildest, most entertaining historical thrillers in years.
April 1950: The rusting hulk of a steam locomotive rises from the deep waters of a Montana lake. Inside is all that remains of three men who died forty-four years before. But it is not the engine nor its grisly contents that interest the people watching nearby. It is what is about to come next... .
1906: For two years, the western states of America have been suffering an extraordinary crime spree: a string of bank robberies by a single man who then cold-bloodedly murders any and all witnesses, and then vanishes without a trace. Fed up by the depredations of 'The Butcher Bandit,' the U.S. government brings in the best man they can find - a tall, lean, no-nonsense detective named Isaac Bell who has caught thieves and killers from coast to coast. But he has never had a challenge like this one. From Arizona to Colorado to the streets of San Francisco during its calamitous earthquake and fire, he pursues what is quickly becoming clear to him is the best criminal mind he has ever encountered, and the woman who seems to hold the key to the man's identity. Using science, deduction and intuition, he repeatedly draws near, only to grasp at empty air, but at least he knows his pursuit is having an effect. Because his quarry is getting angry now, and has turned the chase back on him. The hunter has become the hunted. And soon, it will take all of Bell 's skills not merely to prevail... but to survive. Filled with intricate plotting, his signature dazzling set pieces, and not one, but two, extraordinary villains, this is the master working at the height of his powers. **APB $19.95**

Danny Danziger & Mark McCrum
The Thingummy
What do you call the groove that runs between your nose and your mouth? (your philtrum)
What is the name for the small plastic or metal cladding at the end of a shoelace that keeps the twine from unravelling? (the aglet)_
What's the little metal saucer underneath a lightbulb called? (a bobŠche)
What is that thingummy called!?
The world is full of thingummies - things we ought to know the names for, probably think we do know the names for, but when it comes to it we don't. THE THINGUMMY is a lighthearted but informative look at everything from a-line skirts to umbrellas. It provides us with the real names for many of those elusive thingummies complete with the history, myth and anecdote behind them.
Grasp The Thingummy and you'll never grasp helplessly for words again. **HC $29.95**

Philip K Dick
Humpty Dumpty in Oakland
In 1950s San Francisco, as Jim Ferguson, an elderly garage owner with a heart condition, prepares to retire and sell his business, he is offered the deal of a lifetime by record-company owner Chris Harman, but Al Miller, a somewhat irresponsible mechanic who works in Jim's Garage, believes that Harman is a crook and sets out to protect his mentor. **TP $30.95**

Susan Duncan ***Australian Author***
The House at Salvation Creek **TP $34.95**

Warren Ellis
Crooked Little Vein
Burned-out private dick Michael McGill needs to jump-start his career. What he gets instead is a cattle prod to the crotch. The president's heroin-addicted chief of staff wants McGill to find the Constitution-the real one the Founding Fathers secretly devised for the time of gravest crisis. And with God, civility, and Mom's homemade apple pie already dead or dying, that time is now. But McGill has a talent for stumbling into every imaginable depravity-and this case is driving him even deeper into America's darkest, dankest underbelly, toward obscenities that boggle even his mind. **BPB $24.99**

James Fergusson
A Million Bullets
The real story of the forgotten war in Afghanistan
In May 2006 a small British Army force was sent to the Helmand province of Afghanistan. They were to keep the peace and perhaps help to build some roads. The defence minister said the mission could be carried out 'without a shot being fired'. But there was no peace to keep and the province quickly turned into a battle zone.
The fiercest fighting was in the small, dusty town of Sangin, where the soldiers of 3 Para, a regiment of the 16th Air Assault Brigade, rapidly found themselves besieged by a determined and well-armed enemy. By July they were isolated and surrounded. They were running out of food and were down to boiling river water. In temperatures often approaching 45C, they came under attack three to five times a day, every day for over seven weeks. At times they were assisted on the barricades by non-combatant regiments who were trapped alongside them: drivers and mechanics of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers who had never fired a mortar or a machine-gun in their lives before. The siege lasted for 52 days.
Over a million bullets, 700 dead Afghans and 6 VC recommendations later, James Fergusson brings us the gripping story of those 52 days. Based on extensive interviews with the soldiers of 3 Para and members of the Afghan forces who fought against them, this is a story of striking heroism under fire that goes right to the heart of the so-called 'war on terror'. **TP $34.95**

Ian Fleming
Quantum of Solace: The Complete James Bond Short Stories (James Bond)
To celebrate the release of the new James Bond film, Quantum of Solace, all Ian Fleming's short stories are being published in one volume for the first time.
From a View to a Kill
For Your Eyes Only
Quantum of Solace
Risico
The Hildebrand Rarity
Octopussy
The Living Daylights
The Property of a Lady
007 in New York **BPB $24.95**

Joanne Fluke, Laura Levine & Leslie Meier

Candy Cane Murder

This delightful collection of holiday whodunits, featuring more than fifteen delectable recipes, includes Joanne Fluke's Candy Cane Murder, in which bakery owner Hannah Swenson, while dressed as an elf, finds murder on the agenda at Lake Eden's annual Christmas gala. **APB $17.95**

Christopher Fowler

White Corridor (Bryant & May)

Heading for the International Spiritualists' Convention, John May and Arthur Bryant find themselves stranded along with dozens of other motorists by a massive blizzard and soon discover that a notorious killer is also stuck along the same remote stretch of highway, forcing them into a desperate race against time to stop him before he claims his next victim. **TP $26.95**

Diana Gabaldon

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

Diana Gabaldon takes readers back to eighteenth-century Britain as Lord John Grey pursues a deadly family secret as well as a clandestine love affair, set against the background of the Seven Years War.

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

From barracks and parade-grounds to the battlefields of Prussia and the stony fells of the Lake District, Lord John's struggle to find the truth leads him through danger and passion, ever deeper, toward the answer to the question at the centre of his soul-what is it that is most important to a man? Love, loyalty, family name? Self-respect, or honesty? Surviving both the battle of Krefeld and a searing personal betrayal, he returns to the Lake District to find the man who may hold the key to his quest: a Jacobite prisoner named Jamie Fraser. Here, Grey finds his truth and faces a final choice: between honour and life itself. **APB $23.95**

Richard A Gabriel

Genghis Khan's Greatest General: Subotai the Valiant **TP $34.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear

It dreams in Me

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

In the wake of the Eagle Flute Village massacre, Red Raven witnessed a woman murder Chief Short Tail of the Loon people in an exotic ritual. As word spreads, more people want Sora found and killed, but there is still hope to heal her... she must find her reflection-soul. But Short Tail's shadow-soul managed to find a home in his last breath, and, hell-bent on revenge, he'll do anything to put an end to Sora's life. **APB $14.99**

William Gibson

Spook Country

What happens when old spies come out to play one last game?

In New York a young Cuban called Tito is passing iPods to a mysterious old man. Such activities do not go unnoticed, however, in these early days of the War on Terror and across the city an ex-military man named Brown is tracking Tito's movements.

Meanwhile in LA, journalist Hollis Henry is on the trail of Bobby Chombo, who appears to know too much about military systems for his own good. With Bobby missing and the trail cold, Hollis digs deeper and is drawn into the final moves of a chilling game played out by men with old scores to settle... **BPB $24.95**

Richard Hammond

Back on the Wheel

The wry, honest and often hilarious chronicles of a very brave and clever TV presenter, Arctic Explorer and general drawer of the Short Straw. Moving quickly on from the devastating crash that nearly killed him he ranges widely over his life and times: a visit to Glastonbury with James May reminds of him of his early years of playing in a band and how and why he never quite made it as a rock star; the stunts and other perils that come his way like the TopGear North Pole race (why is it Richard who is out in the howling elements in a dog sled whilst the others are in the heated cab of an all-terrain vehicle?), Africa where he falls in love with and repatriates a stray car, and the US (once to be chased by Rednecks in middle America, the other in pursuit of his mad hero Evel Knievel); his passion for cars, what he owns and why and although he loves his wife why it is a toss-up whether he says hello to the wife or the cars first. Balancing home and family with a crazy, peripatetic working life (or not, sometimes), the hamster is well and truly back on the wheel. **TP $35**

Bret Anthony Johnston ***Editor***

Naming the World

If you already have the tools to become a gifted writer; what you need is the spark. Harvard creative writing professor and acclaimed author Bret Anthony Johnston brings you an irresistible interactive guide to the craft of narrative writing. From developing characters to building conflict, from mastering dialogue to setting the scene, Naming the World jump-starts your creativity with inspiring exercises that will have you scrambling for pen and paper. Every chapter is a master class with the country's most eminent authors, renowned editors, and dedicated teachers. **TP $24.95**

Scott Kelby

Digital Photography Boxed Set, Volumes 1 and 2

TP $44.95

Jonathan King

The Western Front Diaries

Hidden under the shadow of Gallipoli for decades, the breathtaking story of what really happened on the Western Front has finally been brought into the bright light of day.

Five times greater than Gallipoli, the Western Front had:

five times more soldiers (250 000 rather than 50 000)

more than five times the amount of men killed (46 000 compared to 8709)

more than five times as many battles, with troops serving there for four times longer, and

five times the sum of Victoria Crosses earned (a total of 53).

Thankfully, the diggers serving in this first Australian Army Corps and under an Australian commander for the first time, actually helped win the war. Using hundreds of brutally honest and extraordinary eyewitness accounts of the diggers in the muddy and bloody trenches, Western Front Diaries reproduces their private diaries, letters and postcards to tell of their heart-rending experiences, battle by bloody battle. With its gallery of unpublished photographs, Western Front Diaries tells without embellishment the stories of the Australian soldiers and finally puts the Western Front on the map. **HC $49.95**

Cait London

For Her Eyes Only (03)

The oldest and most powerful of the Aisling triplets, Leona is troubled by dark visions of the crazed killer who has targeted her sisters and reluctantly puts her talents to work to find her unknown enemy and to help the troubled sister of rugged newcomer Owen Shaw, in the conclusion of a trilogy that began with At the Edge and A Stranger's Touch. **APB $17.95**

Malcolm MacPherson

Air Disasters

Discover the most sensational air disasters of recent years. Transcripts of actual black box recordings of conversations between captains, their crew, and air traffic control on the ground reveal the final moments during which life-and-death decisions were made. In some cases, disaster is averted; in others, the results are fatal. Every one of these real-life stories contains heroism and terror, and shows the sheer professionalism of those involved when under extreme pressure. They enable the reader to get right inside the cockpit and relive what happened, minute-by-minute, second-by-second. **BPB $22.99**

Ian Mannix

Great Australian Bushfire Stories

'I looked down into where the houses were totally surrounded by a sea of flame and thought, well, that s it, she s all over. Everybody will be killed down there.' John Hyles, farmer, Namadgi Ranges, ACT.Great Australian Bushfire Storiesis a collection of remarkable stories from all around Australia that tell of our country's fiercest natural phenomenon: the bushfire.Farmers, landowners, fire-fighters and city dwellers recount their experiences of fire. Some stories are funny, some tragic and some courageous but all the storytellers exhibit tenacity and grit in their fight to save their homes, their animals, their towns and, in some cases, their lives. **TP $29.95**

Val McDermid

A Darker Domain

1984, Fife: Heiress Catriona Maclennan Grant and her baby son are kidnapped. The ransom payoff goes horribly wrong. She is killed while her son disappears without trace. 2008, Tuscany: A jogger stumbles upon dramatic new evidence that re–opens the cold case. For Detective Sergeant Karen Pirie, it's an opportunity to make her mark. But it's an opportunity that comes with a high risk price tag. 1984, Fife: At the height of the politically charged national miners' strike, Mick Prentice abandons his family to join the strike–breakers down south. Labelled a blackleg scab, he might as well be dead as far as his friends and relatives are concerned. 2008, Fife: A young woman walks into a police station to report Mick Prentice missing. And since Karen Pirie's already immersed in 1984, another inquiry with a cold trail ends up on her desk. Past and present intertwine in a dark novel of psychological suspense that explores the intersection of desire and greed. **TP $32.99**

Allison McMillen & Kim McMillen

When I Loved Myself Enough

A beautiful, inspirational book that teaches the key to true happiness. Each page contains a message to help readers understand the wonders of their own lives: ‘When I loved myself enough I began taking the gift of life seriously and gratefully.' "When I Loved Myself Enough" is a collection of wisdom that is startling in its simplicity. By the end of the book the message becomes clear: loving yourself holds the key to loving others and having others love you. By sharing her insights, the author also shows us how to feel the same sense of peace and quiet joy that illuminated her life. This book began as one woman's gift to the world, hand-made by Kim McMillen and handed out to friends. After Kim's death her daughter Alison continued making the books - and word of mouth turned this into an underground bestseller in America. **PB $16.95**

Ian McPhedran ***Australian Author***

Soldiers Without Borders

'Jones knew the score with "deniable" operations that were sanctioned secretly at the highest levels. If they turned to custard and the cover was blown, the powers–that–be would simply deny everything and disown all involved, from the military down to the spooks and, at the bottom of the food chain, hired guns like him.' What happens to the elite, close–knit soldiers of Australia's Special Air Service (SAS) Regiment after they leave the Who Dares Wins world of special forces? For some, there are highly paid jobs in the world's war zones and trouble spots protecting global corporations from terrorism, sabotage and violence. Others become powerful government advisers, many join foreign armies to train their special forces and expand the global brotherhood. Most risky of all, is the shadowy world of deniable 'black ops'. Guarding a deadly secret military cargo – a new missile system brokered through a spook under the guise of a Middle Eastern arms dealer – is all in a day's work. These are the risky yet vital jobs that governments will never admit. From Iraq and Afghanistan to Africa and Asia, award–winning defence writer Ian McPhedran uncovers a virtually unknown network and tells how Australia's top soldiers are forever linked in a seemingly borderless world. **TP $35**

Brad Meltzer

The Book of Lies

Cain kills Abel in Chapter Four of the Bible. It is the world's most famous murder. But the Bible is silent about one key detail: the weapon Cain used to kill his brother. That weapon is still lost to history. In 1932, Mitchell Siegel was killed by three gunshots to his chest. While mourning, his son dreamed of a bulletproof man and created the world's greatest hero: Superman. And like Cain's murder weapon, the gun used in this unsolved murder has never been found. Until now. Today in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Cal Harper comes face-to-face with his family's greatest secret: his long-lost father, who's been shot with a gun that traces back to Michell Siegel's 1932 murder. But before Cal can ask a single question, he and his father are attacked by a ruthless killer tattooed with the ancient markings of Cain. And so begins the chase for the world's first murder weapon. **TP $32.99**

Bill Oddie

One Flew Into the Cuckoo's Nest

Bill Oddie is best known for the wacky humour of the Goodies, and the irrepressible enthusiasm of his nature programmes, off screen there has been a darker side. Bill has suffered from bouts of depression which have more than once taken him to the brink. Now he is back in control and wiser about the causes and the cure. Here he describes the childhood blighted by the absence of his mother who had been committed to a mental asylum when he was small. It was a lonely and difficult start to life, but there were to be happier times. Touring with the Cambridge Footlights in the 1960s saw him alongside the greatest comic talents of his generation John Cleese and of course fellow Goodies Tim Brooke-Taylor and Graeme Garden. Soon the Goodies were to become on of the biggest comedy hits of the 70s bringing a new brand of surreal humour to our screens. Now as Britain s favourite birdwatcher Bill has turned his private passion into his most public role and presented more than 20 nature programmes for the BBC. He has also become a fervent and outspoken campaigner for the environment. It has been an extraordinary and far from straightforward journey. Bill Oddie takes us along with him in a memoir which is as witty, candid, curious and unconventional as the man himself. **TP $35**

Don Pendleton

Desperate Passage (Exectutioner 359)

Mack Bolan is sent to Indonesia to stop a piracy ring that is funding a new bioterrorism weapon that will be used to destroy America--a mission that pits him against a team of very determined assassins. **APB $13.95**

Splintered Sky (Stony Man 97)

From deep-cover penetration of hostile Red China to preventing a suicide crash of a knockoff shuttle into New York City, the Stony Man team is pushed to the limit when an invisible enemy plots to launch a dirty bomb from orbit, determined to control the skies over the free world. **APB $17.95**

Tim Powers

Three Days to Never

More than fifty years after Einstein makes a horrific scientific discovery, Frank Marrity and his young daughter, Daphne, visit the home of Frank's deceased grandmother, unaware that she had been the secret daughter of the legendary scientist, they are being monitored by the Mossad and an occult European cabal, and Daphne has in her possession the key to an ultimate secret weapon. **APB $19.95**

James Reese

The Dracula Dossier

Returning to late-nineteenth-century London in the wake of a career slump, writer Bram Stoker strolls through the impoverished district of Whitechapel late one night and glimpses a familiar doctor slinking away, only to find himself charged with the murder of a prostitute. **HC $51.95**

John Elder Robison

Look Me in the Eye

Tells of a child's heartbreaking desperation to connect with others, and his struggle to pass as 'normal', a struggle that would continue into adulthood. By the time he was a teenager, John Elder Robison's odd habits -- such as a tendency to obsessively dismantle radios and dig five-foot holes (and stick his little brother in them) -- had earned him the label 'social deviant'. No guidance came from his mother, who conversed with light fixtures, or his father, who spent the evenings drinking. Small wonder Robison gravitated to machines, which could, at least, be counted on. It was not until he was forty that an insightful therapist told Robison he had the form of autism called Asperger's syndrome, transforming the way Robison saw himself -- and the world.

LOOK ME IN THE EYE is Robison's moving and blackly funny story of growing up with Asperger's syndrome at a time when the diagnosis didn't even exist. A born storyteller, Robison takes us inside the head of a boy whom teachers and other adults regarded as defective and who still has a peculiar aversion to using people's given names (he calls his wife Unit Two). He also provides a fascinating angle on the younger brother he left at the mercy of their nutty parents -- the boy who would grow up to write RUNNING WITH SCISSORS. Above all, you'll marvel at the way Robison overcame the restrictions of Asperger's to gain the connection he always craved: as a husband and father. **BPB $24.95**

Sam Savage

Firmin

This is a novel told through the voice of a rat. Firmin is born in the basement of a ramshackle old bookstore but because he is the runt of the litter, he is forced to compete for food and ends up chewing on the books that surround him. Firmin soon realizes his source of nourishment has endowed him with the ability to read and this discovery fills him with an insatiable hunger for literature and a very unratlike sense of the world and his place in it. As Firmin navigates the shadowy streets of his decaying area, looking for understanding, his excitement, loneliness, fear and self-consciousness become remarkably human and undeniably touching. Brilliantly original and richly allegorical, Firmin is brimming with charm and wistful longing for a world that understands the redemptive power of literature and treasures its seedy theaters, one-of-a-kind characters and cluttered bookshops. **HC $27**

Simon Singh & Edzard Ernst

Trick or Treatment

Prince Charles is a staunch defender and millions of people swear by it; most UK doctors consider it to be little more than superstition and a waste of money. Welcome to the world of alternative medicine. In Trick or Treatment? the truth about the efficacy of alternative medicine is rigorously addressed for the first time by the scientist uniquely qualified to do so: Professor Edzard Ernst, the world's first professor of complementary medicine. Having spent over a decade at Exeter University meticulously analyzing the bewildering evidence for and against alternative therapies, this former practitioner of both traditional and complementary medicine brings no bias to the subject. Writing with him is the respected science writer, Simon Singh, who also brings his considerable scientific knowledge and scrupulous impartiality to this most controversial subject. Together, they present a hard-hitting, groundbreaking examination of more than thirty of the most popular treatments, such as Acupuncture, Homeopathy, Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Chiropractic and Herbal medicines, delivering the ultimate verdict on all of them. **TP $37.95**

Jose Carlos Somoza

Zig Zag

While studying advanced physics at a prestigious European university, Elisa Robledo was invited to join a select research team on a secret project to manipulate String Theory. It was the opportunity of a lifetime for the eager young scientist—the chance to actually view monumental events from the far distant past: dinosaurs roaming the Earth, life during the Stone Age, the crucifixion of Christ. But on a remote island in the Indian Ocean, the team's experiments went horribly awry . . . and something terrible was awakened.

Now, years later, Elisa's former colleagues are dying, one by one. The nightmare they created by meddling with Time is taking a shocking and gruesome toll. And only by uncovering the sinister truth behind the science can Elisa hope to survive the dark, devouring forces that mean to destroy her and the world she knows. **APB $19.99**

Bram Stoker

The Jewel of Seven Stars

A mysterious attack on Margaret Trelawney's father brings young lawyer Malcolm Ross into the Egyptologist's bizarre home, and the couple soon find they are battling ancient forces greater than they previously could have imagined. The Egyptian queen Tera has been awoken, and is coming to take what she believes to be hers - whatever the cost to the Trelawney family. Set in London and Cornwall , and written at a time when a fascination with the East pervaded Victorian England, The Jewel of Seven Stars reflected the perceived contrast between the Orient's savagery and moral degradation, and its exotic beauty and opulence. **BPB $22.95**

David Stubbs

Tomorrow's World: Genius Gadgets and Gizmos

Now that we have arrived in the future, and we're not wearing silver space suits to work or eating pills instead of food, we can look back with some amusement on Tomorrow's World.

Illustrated throughout and structured by theme, this book will recall the best of TW's occasional successes and frequent failures. Kieran Prenderville was demonstrating cds as early as 1981, but more true to TW form was 'Hissing Sid', a snooker-playing robotic arm which, when challenged by Prenderville on the baize, combined the temperament of Rod Hull's emu with the ineptitude of Clouseau. We were promised miracle chopping boards, but they never made it to retail, and giant, Prisoner-like bubbles inside which commuters could traipse across the Thames haven't arrived to solve inner-city congestion. We're still waiting for holographic videophones, cybernautic sheep-shearing devices and flying cars, too.

With profiles of the main presenters dropped in throughout, critiquing their presenting skills, sartorial statements and science credentials, this trip back to the future has the irresistible pull of nostalgia, but is also a glorious celebration of a very British tradition in Heath Robinson-esque solutions to life's little problems. **HC $35**

Robin Wilson

Lewis Carroll in Numberland: His Fantastical Mathematical Logical Life

Lewis Carroll's writings have inspired and entertained generations of readers, but now his forgotten achievements in the world of numbers are finally brought to light by highly acclaimed author and mathematician Robin Wilson.

Here Wilson explores the singular imagination of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson - known to millions around the world as Lewis Carroll - the creator of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass. Lewis Carroll in Numberland shows how this incredible mind was not limited to the exuberant fantasy and word play of his children's books which brim with mathematical allusions - arithmetical, geometrical, logical and mechanical.

Dodgson's exceptional talent as a mathematician won him the Christ Church Mathematical Lectureship at Oxford, a position he held for over twenty-six years. During this time he published extensively and brilliantly in the traditional fields of geometry, logic and algebra. Wilson's passionate celebration of Dodgson's mathematical achievements reveals that his work in numbers went far beyond the purely academic. We are taken inside the mind of a man who turned his mathematical genius to the study of voting patterns, to the design of tennis tournaments and even to the prolific creation and popularization of imaginative, numerical puzzles.

This absorbing book introduces us to the mind behind the myth and shows the true range of Carroll's extraordinary talents and numerous contributions to British society. **HC $35**

Robyn Young

Brethren (Brethren 01)

From the burning plains of Syria to the filthy backstreets of Paris and London, Brethren is the story of Will Campbell, coming of age in a time of conspiracy, passion, politics and war.Will has been brought up from boyhood in the ways of the all-powerful Order of the Knights Templar. With a tragedy in his past that looms over his future, he faces a long, hard apprenticeship to the foul-tempered scholar Everard, before he can have any chance of becoming a Knight. As he struggles to survive in the harsh discipline of the Temple, Will must try to make sense of many things: his own past, the dangerous mystery that surrounds Everard, and his confused feelings for Elwen, the strong-willed young woman whose path seems always to cross his own.Meanwhile, a new star is rising in the East. A ruthless fighter and brilliant tactician, the former slave Baybars has become one of the greatest generals and rulers of his time. Haunted by his early life, he is driven by an unquenchable desire to free his people from the European invaders of his homeland.With page-turning suspense and thrilling action, Brethren brilliantly evokes that extraordinary clash of civilizations known in the West as the Crusades. Robyn Young portrays a rich cast of characters, reflecting on each side greed, ambition and religious fanaticism, as well as courage, love and faith. **PB $19.99**

Crusade (Brethren 02)

It is 1274 and in the fortified city of Acre, the last major stronghold of the Crusaders in Palestine, an epic conflict is beginning.Will Campbell is a Templar Knight, trained for war, but as a member of the mysterious group known as the Brethren, he is also a man of peace. After years of bloodshed, the Brethren have helped to create a truce between the Christians and Muslims. But Will now fears they have been betrayed. King Edward of England has promised the Pope that he will lead a new Crusade, while in Acre itself, a ruthless cabal of Western merchants, profiteering from slaves and armaments, is plotting to reignite hostilities in the Holy Land.Meanwhile, in Egypt, Sultan Baybars is caught in a power struggle. His son and heir has become involved in the dangerous designs of the insidious soothsayer, Khadir. While Baybars wants to take on the mighty Mongol empire, Khadir and others want to destroy the Christians once and for all.As war looms, Will is torn between his oath as a Templar, his secret role in the Brethren and his duty to Elwen, the woman he loves but is forbidden to marry. He is caught at the centre of a web of deception and destruction, as he and all those around him rush headlong towards one of the most dramatic moments in history. **PB $19.99**

Requiem (Brethren 03)

1295 AD. The Christian empire in the Holy Land lies in ruins. Returning to Paris, Templar Knight Will Campbell is at a crossroads. He has sworn to uphold the principles of the Anima Templi, a secret brotherhood within the Order whose aim is peace - but peace seems ever more impossible. The Temple has forged an alliance with Will's enemy, King Edward of England, vowing to help him wage war on Scotland. This pact against his homeland strikes at the core of Will's faith and allegiances, while his growing estrangement from his daughter, Rose, leads her into a dangerous affair. Will now faces a bitter choice: to stay with the Temple and fight another war he doesn't believe in, or to break his vows and forge his own path to peace - even if that too means fighting - for the Scots. Soon caught up in bloody conflict, Will is unaware that an even more ominous threat is rising, for there is a warrior king on the throne of France whose desire for supremacy knows no bounds and who will stop at nothing to fulfil his twisted ambitions. The fight for the Holy Land has ended. The Temple's last battle has just begun. **TP $32.99**