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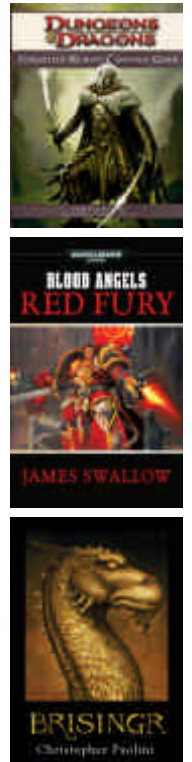
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Featured Books



Kevin J Anderson
Terry Brooks
Mercedes Lackey and James Mallory
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Richard Morgan
John Ringo and Tom Kratman
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Arthur C Clarke and Frederik Pohl
Dungeons & Dragons
Warhammer 40,000
Christopher Paolini

The Ashes of Worlds in trade paperback
The Gypsy Morph in trade paperback.
The Phoenix Unchained in paperback
Fleet of Worlds a Ringworld paperback.
The Steel Remains in trade paperback.
Yellow Eyes a Posleen paperback
The Sunrise Lands Change 4 in paperback.
The Scourge of God Change 5 in hardcover.
The Last Theorem in trade paperback.
Forgotten Realms Campaign Guide.
Red Fury a Blood Angels paperback.
Brisingr in trade paperback and hardcover.



News and Forthcoming Events

Brisingr, Christopher Paolini's 3rd book in his Inheritance series will be released at 2pm on Saturday 20th. Therefore, we will stay open until 3pm so that customers wanting it for the weekend can pick it up on the day. If you're running late, give us a call to warn us.

Monsterpocalypse is a new miniature game from Privateer Press, where you play giant monsters rampaging through cities. We will be holding launch events in store on October 23rd (6pm-8pm), 30th (6pm-8pm) and November 1st (10am – 2pm). Starter and booster packs will be available from early October. Please let us know if you would like to play so we can plan tables. Check our forums for more details: <http://infinitas.com.au/forums/viewtopic.php?t=950>

Stephenie Meyer has stopped working on her next novel *Midnight Sun* after a partial manuscript was published online without permission. <http://www.stepheniemeyer.com/midnightsun.html>

Infinitas Website: We continue to gradually improve our website, recently by adding thousands of thumbnail images and improving layout of data on listings of books. Feedback is welcome.

Doctor Who: A new batch of Dr Who gadgets, figurines and games have arrived in store.

Aussiecon 4: The World Science Fiction Convention will be held in Melbourne for 2010. This is the 4th time it has been held in Australia. <http://www.aussiecon4.org.au/>

Traci Harding fans are meeting at Trazfest 2008 Sunshine Coast QLD over the October long weekend. For details see: <http://www.trazling.net/trazfest.htm>

Springfest is an annual D&D gaming convention at Blacktown, 13th & 14th Sept. <http://www.warhorn.net/blacktown/>

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

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

Conflux 5, a speculative fiction convention will be held 3rd to 6th October 2008 in Canberra: <http://www.conflux.org.au/>

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.

A Deadly Business by **Lenny Bartulin**, reviewed by Sue Crawford

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781921372025>

Lenny Bartulin's first novel *A Deadly Business* (Scribe, 2008) opens with a literal cliff-hanger. Second-hand book dealer Jack Susko is dangling in perilous proximity to headland cliffs. Metaphorically speaking this scene pretty much describes Jack Susko's situation throughout the book, but as the hero himself says there's "Nothing like fresh air and imminent death to clarify things".

Set in Sydney – the city, the suburbs, the bushier outskirts – this boiling pot of literary and family mystery is dived into by a likable loner whose best advice comes from his cat. With the delectable (unreliable) Annabelle thrown in as love interest, what Aussie thriller/mystery/crime reader could want for more?

In a deft prologue Bartulin whisks us from the climax to the foreplay and back again, giving hints of what makes the plot tick. Before we launch into Chapter One, to hear the tale from its logical beginning, we've got the message: get ready for guns, handcuffs, big money, dangerous women, death and entanglements. Like the prologue, the plot is well-structured, the pace is good. Some long dangling loose ends are eventually tied.

But brace yourself for Bartulin's writing which uses the eye of the literary poet (he is one). By cleverly choosing a second-hand book dealer as protagonist, Bartulin has given himself an excuse to write well. The poetic taste doesn't linger too long though, being in tight companionship with Jack Susko's adapted clichés ("Curiosity got the cat's head blown off"; and his stream of unkind similes, for example concerning Detective Peterson's ears: "They were fleshy, like oysters, and large enough to pick up FM radio signals."

Jack Susko is not a classic detective or private eye. His links to the dark side of Sydney are an accident of naïve risk-taking but his dipping into classic tomes for prophetic guidance is habitual. He can crack a joke in the face of death, describe a scene with poetic attention, and show a considerable lack of talent for keeping himself out of trouble. For the most part the blend is controlled with enviable assurance by this first time novelist.

But to the tale.... Jack Susko has a new client, one who promises to boost the weekly income of his not-so-thriving second hand book store in a Sydney, York Street basement. Tycoon Hammond Kraspowicz wants to buy any and every book of poetry written by an esteemed Sydney poet, Edward Kass and he's offering more than market value. Jack sets out to oblige and at his first meeting with Kraspowicz claps hungry eyes on his client's daughter, the elegant, cool Annabelle. Jack soon learns that there's a feud of Byzantium proportions in the Kraspowicz clan and that money is almost certainly at the bottom of the festering hatreds between family members. His commission is controversial at best. When the poet Edward Kass is killed and his presumed murderer is shot by Annabelle's ex-husband, Jack is less than frank with police – spinning him even deeper into the web for the sake of his devious client? Out of lust for the provocative Annabelle? Susko's detection work is always playing catch-up because his opponents are smart or powerful and his own motives blurred. More cadavers inexorably pile up before his cliff-hanger moment of truth.

If I have any detractions to make it's probably just my wingy preference for metaphor over simile. I'd prefer to see fewer colourful phrases spinning on that irritatingly over-used word 'like'. But then our top poets use simile all the time so Bartulin's in good company. Another near criticism: Bartulin makes the salubrious parts of Sydney sound suspect because otherwise I wouldn't have over-looked the low shot at Sydney's West. I also found the co-incidence of one scene a little too stretchy and the body count a tad high, however this is a crime mystery after all, and I decided to be forgiving. I am not a big reader of Aussie crime but I've enjoyed a few lately and think Bartulin shapes up well against the big names. Looking forward to the next Jack Susko novel...

Royal Exile by **Fiona McIntosh**, reviewed by Josephine Crowley

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732284770>

Wow! Fiona McIntosh, you have done it again. Please, please hurry and write number 2 - and number 3 in this new series "Valisar". I so enjoyed *Royal Exile* and once again I wanted to stay up all night and read and read!

This is the story of the Donova Set - made up of seven realms and each governed by a king. A Tribal warlord, Leothar, a wicked and cruel man, battles to take command of them all. He seeks control of Penraven and the magic that is present within the royal family that governs the land. This author has the ability to take the reader into the very heart and being of the many characters in this book. There is much suspense and lots of magic and the scene is set for an action packed book number 2 and 3. As I said - do hurry and write them Fiona McIntosh and thank you.

The Atrocity Shop by **Kurt Von Trojan**, reviewed by Garry Dalrymple

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780646354057>

In *The Atrocity Shop*, we are invited to sit down and watch in the near present a stationary version of very similar experience to that of in mobile carnival of Richard Harland's *The Dark Crusade*. Originally written at about the time of the Thatcherite decay of political morality and Institutions, it was published in 1998 it hasn't really dated that much. The same venal characters can be identified on the public stage post 911 and post July 01 in an Australian context. Well worth getting a copy of, rolling yourself in a carpet, and reading on a dark winter's day. Readers of Joseph Smith might note – an even latter day testament!

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Blokey Stuff Newsletter (extract only)

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History of Father's Day

A brief research of the history of Father's Day shows this year may well be its centenary!

A little searching found a recurring story about a woman in Washington, Sorora Dodd (nee Smart) who while celebrating Mother's Day, thought of honouring her father, a sole parent of 6. This may have been in 1908 or 1909. Possibly the first public Father's Day event was held at the YMCA in Spokane Washington in 1910.

Another story of the creation of Father's Day is as a memorial service held 5th July 1908 for victims of a mine explosion at Monongah, West Virginia, which killed 361 men, many of them fathers.

Father's Day is 7th September

In Australia and NZ, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in September each year. However, the date of Father's Day varies wildly from country to country. In various cultures it has been adopted and tied to other significant dates or related celebrations. In Australia there are several Father of the Year awards linked to fund raising for deserving charities. You may notice these attracting media attention early September.

Father's Day this year is Sunday 7th September. Remember your Dad, visit him if you can.

Of course, we here at Blokey Stuff encourage you to give your Dad a gift for Father's Day. We are experienced at matching stuff to blokes, and would love to help your choose. Contact us early if you are after a particular item, so we can have enough for all.

Dr Who



Just arrived is a batch of Doctor Who figurines, board games and gadgets related to the current series, includes: Tardis USB hub, talking key ring, Sonic Screwdrivers, programmable RC Dalek, tradeable miniatures game...

Military History

We sell a lot of Australian military history books. Ask us if you are after a particular title. Here are some recent releases.



Father's Day Gift Ideas



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Blood Sausage by David Such

And then she said those words which every man dreads to hear, "So what are you thinking?"

Sam Blood blushed, his eyes darted around the room, and unconsciously he began to reach for his holstered side arm but then quickly clasped his hands instead. Sam's bulging biceps looked like to two pythons wrestling under a blanket. "Well, eh, I," he mumbled.

He blew a quiet sigh of relief as his uCom beeped for attention. Blood glanced down at his utility belt. "I gotta fly," he said to his girlfriend, "we just received a priority tasking order and Georgia's outside. We'll talk when I get back. Definitely."

"What is it with woman and this compulsive need to know what you're thinking?"

"Blood you need to get your mind in the game," replied Georgia, "are you getting anything on the sniffer?"

Blood tapped the signal tracer on the dash of the flitter. "Nope, not a sausage. I miss the old days when foiling a bank heist was simple. Go to the bank, shoot the bad guys, job done. These days banks are virtual and the bad guys are dweebs."

"Who are you kidding? You're not old enough to remember banks. So what's this problem with Jes?"

"Damned if I know. She tells me about these problems she's having, then I come up with these outstanding solutions but it just seems to piss her off. I'd have more success communicating with an Andalucian Cuttlefish."

"You idiot, it's obvious ..." Georgia paused when the tracer tone began to vary, "wait a second I think we have a lock."

Blood tapped the screen and then read out the co-ordinates from the sniffer.

"Hang on," said Georgia as she banked the flitter sharply.

Blood's thumbprint opened the weapons hold on the flitter. As he reached for the Obliterator 9000 Georgia said, "You can't take that, we only have tasking for level 2 damage levels. Any more than that and they'll dock our success fee. Just use your Glock D."

"C'mon, they'll never know. I never get to use the 0b9."

"That's because the last time you did you levelled a city block. Close her up, we need to keep the damage to a minimum. Let's go before the dweeb makes like a tree and leaves."

Blood held his infrared sensor pack against the wall. He could see a vague red blob moving around inside. "The bear is in the woods," he whispered.

"Would you stop with that crap?" Georgia snapped. "On my signal we breach, you go left."

Sam watched her bend over as she attached a shaped charge to the door. Those coveralls sure were tight.

"Yeah, yeah, sure," Sam replied, "but before we do this can you just finish what you were saying in the flitter about Jes?" Blood looked hopefully at Georgia, but she just rolled her eyes and drew her gun. Smiling, she detonated the charge.

Blood didn't have time to cover his ears and was partially deafened by the blast. "Bloody Hell," he swore as he followed Georgia through the shattered doorway. Drawing his weapon he began laying down covering fire for his partner. He shot anything that looked like it might explode spectacularly. Ozone filled the air as incandescent bolts of lightning shot from the Glock D. Sam was pleased to see that some small fires had started amongst the tattered furniture. A faux fur rug started to smoulder and added its acrid tang to the smoke filled room. He blew a hole through the wall he was facing. Hallways were for wimps plus that was what people expected you to use. In the next room he found his partner with the dweeb secured and face down on the floor. It looked like the poor sucker had a bowel malfunction in all the excitement.

Blood fired off a few final bolts into what looked like pretty expensive computer equipment. Georgia seemed to be shouting something but it was hard to hear over his ringing ears. Gradually he began to make out her words.

"You bloody idiot. Those computers contained all the evidence. Don't you ever think? Sometimes the best course of action is to not act! This is why your girl friend is so pissed. Try just listening; she doesn't want you to solve her problems, just to share them with you. You are so stupid..."

Blood tuned Georgia out as she started to repeat herself. Could it be that simple he thought? He just needed to listen? Well it was worth a try.

Sam smiled as Jes snuggled into his arms. "You are so understanding," she said. "I never knew that you were so sensitive."

"I just want to share everything," Blood replied.

That was tougher than he thought it would be. He desperately wanted to interject and tell her what to do as she rambled on about her issues. It was an agony, but he restrained himself. He was very proud of himself, he had become a SNAG.



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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 4th September: Post awards discussion

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 18th September:

The Year's Best SF 13 by David G Hartwell (SF)
Sasha by Joel Shepherd (F)

Thursday 16th October:

With the Lightnings by David Drake (SF)
Lord of the Isles by David Drake (F)

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

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/WritersGroup.php>

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

Bestsellers for August

General Release

<i>The Last Colony</i>	John Scalzi
<i>Exceptions to Reality</i>	Alan Dean Foster
<i>Toll the Hounds</i>	Steven Erikson
<i>Omega Games</i>	S L Viehl
<i>Cry Wolf</i>	Patricia Briggs
<i>Other Times Than Peace</i>	David Drake
<i>Breaking Dawn</i>	Stephenie Meyer
<i>By Schism Rent Asunder</i>	David Weber
<i>Dead Over Heels</i>	Charlaine Harris
<i>The Accidental Time Machine</i>	Joe Haldeman

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Battle for the Abyss</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Jedi Twilight</i>	Star Wars Coruscant Nights
<i>Forgotten Realms Campaign Guide</i>	D&D 4 th Edition
<i>The Clone Wars</i>	Star Wars
<i>The Orc King</i>	Forgotten Realms
<i>The Force Unleashed</i>	Star Wars
<i>Legion</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Reckoning</i>	Star Wars Last of the Jedi
<i>Thunderspire Labyrinth</i>	D&D 4 th Edition
<i>Players Handbook I</i>	D&D 4 th Edition

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Mario Acevedo

Nymphos of Rocky Flats (Felix Gomez 01)

A humorous thriller follows the exploits and adventures of ex-soldier-turned-vampire Felix Gomez, who confronts shadowy government agents, Eastern European vampire hunters, and lustful women when he investigates an outbreak of nymphomania at a secret government facility in Rocky Flats. **APB \$19.95**

Ann Aguirre

Wanderlust (Jax)

When Sirantha Jax, a "jumper" who has the ability to navigate faster-than-light ships through grimspace, is asked by the government to lead a diplomatic mission to the planet of Ithiss-Tor, she must deal with Syndicate criminals, romance, and man-eating aliens along the way. **APB \$19.95**

G A Aiken

Dragon Actually

While battling against her greatest enemies, a warrior princess is torn between her fierce desire for an arrogant knight and her feelings for a powerful dragon. **APB \$17.95**

Kevin J Anderson & Brian Herbert

Paul of Dune (Dune)

Here at last is the missing history of Dune, its empire and its ruling family during those twelve action-packed years. It is a story of love and idealism; of ambition and intrigue; of war and reconciliation. Above all, it is the story of how Paul Atreides - a young man who achieved absolute power over a thousand planets when scarcely more than a boy - comes to renounce that empire and seek a new way forward for the people he rules.

TPB \$32.99 HC \$56.95

Kevin J Anderson

The Ashes of Worlds (Saga of Seven Suns 07)

The allied factions of humanity, along with the waning Ildiran Empire and the powerful water elementals and sentient trees, have defeated the near-invincible alien race of the hydrogues, driving them back into the depths of gas-giant planets. But before peace can heal the wounds between the races, two ancient enemies return: the capricious fiery elementals, the faeros, who mean to burn all those who fought alongside their mortal enemies. And the lost hive race of the Klikiss, who intend to reclaim all the worlds they inhabited 10,000 years earlier, worlds that are now home to many human colonies. Meanwhile, the leader of the Terran Hanseatic League, Chairman Basil Wenceslas, intends to pull all of humanity's unruly stepchildren into his iron grip - even if it means he has to hold the Ildiran Mage-Emperor hostage, risking renewed war with an entire alien civilization. The Ashes of Worlds brings to a thrilling conclusion the myriad storylines of galactic warfare and personal betrayals, starlost romances and titanic alien conflicts. **TPB \$32.95**

Poul Anderson

The Van Rijn Method (Technic Civilization)

The first volume in the complete Technic Civilization Series includes the full-length novel The Man Who Counts, as well as the short novels The Saturn Game, a Hugo and Nebula winner; The Margin of Profit, which introduces interstellar trader Nicholas Van Rijn; and seven other novellas and stories. **HC \$45.95**

Alex Archer

The Golden Elephant (Rogue Angel 14)

Archaeologist Annja Creed, in need of money, journeys to the mountainous jungles of Southeast Asia to find a priceless golden elephant and soon discovers that someone else is after the artifact and is leaving a trail of carnage in his or her wake. **APB \$17.95**

Neal Asher

The Engineer Reconditioned

This collection of electrifying sci-fi stories, filled with strange aliens, ruthless terrorists, angry androids, and giant spaceships is presented by the author of The Skinner and The Voyage of the Sable Keech. **APB \$17.95**

Jennifer Ashley

The Redeeming (Immortals)

After seven hundred years of torture and captivity, Tain is finally free and finds himself forced to rescue the enemy with the help of a half-demon named Samantha who drives him to distraction. **APB \$19.95**

James Axler

Thunder Road (Deathlands 83)

As Thunder Rider, a self-proclaimed superhero who wreaks deadly havoc with napalm and nerve gas, prowls the Deathlands, Ryan Cawdor and his band of renegades prepare for the ultimate battle when this crazed vigilante kidnaps one of their own. **APB \$17.95**

Kage Baker

House of the Stag

Losing his beloved family and exiled from his passive people for rebelling against their Rider enslavers, half-demon founding Gard becomes the slave of a powerful mage and earns small and subtle freedoms before rising to become a powerful redeemer and loving family man. By the author of The Anvil of the World. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Baxter

Flood

Next year. Sea levels begin to rise. The change is far more rapid than any climate change predictions; metres a year. Within two years London, only 15 metres above the sea, is drowned. New York follows, the Pope gives his last address from the Vatican, Mecca disappears beneath the waves. Where is all the water coming from? For the tip of Everest to disappear beneath the waters would require the seas to triple their volume. That amount of water is still much less than 1 percent of the earth's volume. And somehow it is being released. The world is drowning. The biblical flood has returned. And the rate of increase is building all the time. Mankind is on the run, heading for high ground. Nuclear submarines prowl through clouds of corpses rising from drowned cities, populations are decimated and finally the dreadful truth is known. Before 50 years have passed there will be nowhere left to run... **TPB \$35**

Greg Bear

City At the End of Time

Do you dream of a city at the end of time? In a time like the present, on a world that may or may not be our own, three young people—Ginny, Jack, and Daniel—dream of a fabulous, decadent city in the distant future: the Kalpa. The dreams of Ginny and Jack overtake them without warning, leaving their bodies behind while carrying their consciousnesses forward, into the minds of two inhabitants of the Kalpa—a would-be warrior, Jebrassy, and an inquisitive explorer, Tiadba—who have been genetically retroengineered to possess qualities of ancient humanity. In turn, the dreams of Tiadba and Jebrassy carry them back, into the minds of Jack and Ginny. As for Daniel: he dreams of an empty darkness—all his future holds. But more than dreams link Ginny, Jack, and Daniel. They are fate-shifters, born with the ability to skip like stones across the surface of the fifth dimension, inhabiting alternate versions of themselves. And they are each guardians of an object whose origins and purpose are unknown, a gnarled, stony artifact called a sum-runner that persists unchanged through all versions of time. They can save the future, but they are being hunted down.

TPB \$35

Peter V Brett

The Painted Man

Mankind has ceded the night to the corelings: demons that rise up out of the ground each day at dusk, killing and destroying at will until dawn, when the sun banishes them back to the Core. As darkness falls, the world's few surviving humans hide behind magical wards, praying that the magic will see them through another night. As years passed, the distance between each tiny village stretched farther and farther. It seems that nothing can stop or harm the corelings, and nothing can unite the dwindling populations. Born into these isolated hamlets are three children: A Messenger teaches 10-year-old Arlen that it is fear, rather than the demons, which has crippled humanity. When she is only 13 summers old, Leesha's perfect life is destroyed by a simple lie, and she is reduced to gathering herbs for an old woman more fearsome than the demons at night. And young Rojer's life is changed irrevocably when a travelling minstrel comes to his town and plays his fiddle. But these three children all have something in common. They are all stubborn, and know that there is more to the world than what they've been told, if only they can risk leaving their safe wards to find it.

HC \$45 TPB \$29.99

Stefan Brijs

The Angel Maker

After many years Doctor Victor Hoppe returns to the small village he grew up in. His return after an absence of many years generates a lot of interest - and suspicion - as he is accompanied by three triplets, all of whom share the same physical deformity as the doctor - a hare lip. These children are very quiet and are rarely seen in the village. But with time, and a series of apparently miraculous cures and tales of the wife he lost, the doctor begins to win the villagers over. He hires an ex schoolmistress, Charlotte, to look after the children and has strict instructions about the way they are to be brought up. But the longer Charlotte works with the doctor, the more she begins to suspect that the children - and the doctor - aren't what they seem. As a child, the doctor was locked away in a harsh children's home run by nuns - because of his autism and his hare lip, he was assumed to be an idiot. He was eventually rescued but was determined never to succumb to the religious zealotry he witnessed in the convent and to dedicate his life instead to the pursuit of science. He began a career as a geneticist but his desire to correct the mistakes of nature lead him to eventual ruin and disgrace.

TPB \$32.99

Terry Brooks

Gypsy Morph (Genesis of Shannara 03)

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. **MP3 CD \$52.95 HC \$56.95 TPB \$32.99**

The World of Shannara (Shannara)

An updated fan's resource to the seventeen-volume Shannara epic contains information on the history, mythology, magic, characters, places, and events of the best-selling series, in a volume complemented by full-color and black-and-white illustrations. **HC \$78**

Robert Buettner

Orphanage (Orphanage 01)

Mankind's first alien contact tears into Earth: projectiles launched from Jupiter's moon, Ganymede, vaporize whole cities. Under siege, humanity gambles on one desperate counterstrike. In a spacecraft scavenged from scraps and armed with Vietnam-era weapons, foot soldiers like eighteen-year-old Jason Wander—orphans that no one will miss—must dare man's first interplanetary voyage and invade Ganymede. They have one chance to attack, one ship to attack with. Their failure is our extinction. **APB \$17.95**

Orphan's Destiny (Orphanage 02)

At twenty-five, General Jason Wander has fought and won man's only alien conflict. Now, after long years in space, he's coming home...but to what? Earth's desperate nations, impoverished by war damage and military spending, are slashing defense budgets. There's just one problem with this new worldwide policy—the first alien invasion was merely Plan A.

Suddenly, the real assault begins: Earth is attacked by a vast armada of city-sized warships. To block their invasion, mankind has only one surviving craft and a single guerrilla strike force...a suicide squad led by Jason Wander. **APB \$17.95**

Jayne Castle

Dark Light

When Ghost Hunter Guild boss John Fontana proposes a marriage of convenience to uncover a conspiracy within his own organization, reporter Sierra McIntyre, along with her dust-bunny companion named Elvis, agrees to this business arrangement, which soon results in otherworldly passion. **APB \$19.95**

Arthur C Clarke & Frederik Pohl

The Last Theorem

30 light years away, a race known simply as the One Point Fives are plotting a dangerous invasion plan, one that will wipe humankind off the face of the Earth...Meanwhile, in Sri Lanka, a young astronomy student, Ranjit Subramanian, becomes obsessed with a three-hundred-year-old theorem that promises to unlock the secrets of the universe. While Ranjit studies the problem, tensions grow between the nations of the world and a UN taskforce headed up by China, America and Russia code-named Silent Thunder begins bombing volatile regimes into submission.

On the eve of the invasion of Earth a space elevator is completed, helped in part by Ranjit, which will herald a new type of Olympics to be held in Low-Earth Orbit. But when alien forces arrive Ranjit is forced to question his own actions, in a bid to save the lives of not just his own family but of all of humankind. This book tackles with ease epic themes as diverse as third world poverty, the atrocities of modern warfare in a post-nuclear age, space elevators, pure mathematics and mankind's first contact with extra-terrestrials. **HC \$49.99 TPB \$32.95**

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

The Clan are a people divided into seven small tribes, which are scattered across the world and prevented from advancing by two other races that control both technology and terrain, until one young woman masters the mysterious power of the M'hir, which changes everything. **APB \$19.95**

Riders of the Storm (Stratification 02)

Exiled from the rest of their people, Om'ray Aryl Sarc and her supporters seek refuge in the mountains, where they work to rebuild the ruined village of Sona and try to discover the fate of the previous inhabitants of Sona, unaware that the dark secrets of the region could threaten the future of their new clan, in the sequel to Reap the Wild Wind. **HC \$51.95**

Cecilia Dart-Thornton *Australian Author**Fallowblade (Crowthistle Chronicles 04)*

A beautiful Lord of Wickedness, with hair as black as iniquity, is about to shatter the life of the weathermage Asrathiel. Of this she has no notion as she prepares for battle against a tyrant who plans to seize dominion over the Four Kingdoms.

The invading armies are pushing further north and it seems that all is lost... Until a new peril unexpectedly looms; a far more dangerous and deadly menace that threatens not merely the balance of power, but the entire human race. It seems their only hope lies with the golden sword Fallowblade, and only Asrathiel can wield that weapon. But what of this stranger, this perilous eldritch warrior, whose beauty outshines the night...? **APB \$19.99**

Andrew Davidson*The Gargoyle*

After rolling his car down an embankment a man lies in hospital with severe burns to most of his body. He endures his pain, his disfigurement, and the excruciating treatments to remove his dead and rotting skin only in the hope of getting well enough to be able to end his life.

But then Marianne Engel-sculptor of gargoyles-appears. She is convinced she nursed him when he was burned once before, long ago. And she unravels a tale of their meeting in 14th century Germany at the monastery of Engelthal. Weaving stories within the story-fables of love in Japan, Iceland, Italy and England-Marianne slowly brings beauty and love into his life.

The Gargoyle is a wild, brilliant, beautiful journey, sweeping across centuries and continents. When it ends you'll want to read it again. **TPB \$32.95**

Kimberly Dean*Hotter Than Her Dreams*

Whenever petite blond research scientist Shea Caldwell walks into the office of security specialist Derek Oneiros, his chiseled muscles tense with need and his mind goes wild with fantasies about the silky curves under her business suits. By day their relationship is strictly professional, but at night Shea fulfills her desire for Derek in her dreams. Lately she's doing dangerous things in her sleep, though, and Derek is the only one who can help her.

A mischievous Somnambulist is the source of Shea's sleepwalking, but when her groundbreaking research notes are stolen and she discovers candles burning all over her home, it's clear she has a stalker of another kind, too. As she and Derek fight the unseen forces that prey upon her while she sleeps, they also start indulging the sizzling erotic fantasies that keep them both up at night... **TPB \$19.95**

Philip K Dick*The Man in the High Castle*

It is 1962 and the Second World War has been over for seventeen years: people have now had a chance to adjust to the new order. But it's not been easy. The Mediterranean has been drained to make farmland, the population of Africa has virtually been wiped out and America has been divided between the Nazis and the Japanese.

In the neutral buffer zone that divides the two superpowers lives the man in the high castle, the author of an underground bestseller, a work of fiction that offers an alternative theory of world history in which the Axis powers didn't win the war. The novel is a rallying cry for all those who dream of overthrowing the occupiers. But could it be more than that? Subtle, complex and beautifully characterized, *The Man in the High Castle* remains the finest alternative world novel ever written, and a work of profundity and significance. **HC \$22.99**

William C Dietz*When All Seems Lost (Legion of the Damned)*

When the Confederacy's Presidential entourage is captured by alien Ramanthians and imprisoned in a brutal slave labor camp, members of the group, led by diplomat Christine Vanderveen, risk everything to keep their identities a secret, while an unauthorized rescue mission, organized by General Bill Booly and led by Christine's ex-lover, Lieutenant Tonio Sanchez, races against time to free the captives. **APB \$19.95**

Michael Dobson & Douglas Niles*MacArthur's War*

Just as Fox on the Rhine and Fox at the Front showed readers an alternate Europe in which Hitler had been killed, thereby radically changing the course of World War II, Douglas Niles and Michael Dobson bring us the Battle of Midway with a very different outcome.

The Allies are wildly out-manoeuvred and sent home in disgrace. Back in the States, things are looking rather grim as the ultra-secret Manhattan Project runs into snafus that greatly delay the final production of the atomic bomb. President Roosevelt's approval ratings drop dramatically. Congress is desperate and the country cries out for a hero. That hero might just be Douglas MacArthur, who vowed that he would return to his beloved Philippines. He plans to do so with the backing of the entire US Armed Forces.

MacArthur's plan of action is simple: bring the war back to the Japanese, island by bloody island, until standing on the shores of Japan, he can proclaim victory. And possibly gain the leadership of the United States as well. **APB \$16.99**

David Drake & Eric Flint*Belisarius: Thunder at Dawn (Belisarius 01, 02)*

An omnibus edition containing the first two novels in the Belisarius saga features *An Oblique Approach*, in which warrior commander Belisarius leads the campaign against the evil of the Malwa empire, and *In the Heart of Darkness*, in which the commander and his forces attempt to bring down the Malwa Empire, which has conquered India with the help of the forces of darkness. **HC \$47.95**

Cynthia Eden, Shelly Laurensten & Noelle Mack*Everlasting Bad Boys*

Featuring heroes who have both supernatural and sensual talents, this hot collection includes Shelly Laurensten's "Can't Get Enough," in which dragon Ailean the Wicked decides that his new conquest will be a gorgeous dragoness who needs his help in vanquishing her enemies. **TPB \$28.95**

Ian Cameron Esslemont*Return of the Crimson Guard (Malazan)*

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

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

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

Jennifer Estep*Jinx*

Feeling like the blacksheep in a family of superheroes with her uncontrollable ability to generate static electricity, Bella suddenly finds herself confronted by a new master villain and his diabolical plots, as well as a gorgeous but mysterious stranger who calls himself Debonair. By the author of Hot Mama. **APB \$19.95**

Tim Etchells*The Broken World*

Our narrator's life is slowly coming apart at the seams. The Pizza job looks shaky, the best friend Brainiac is getting depressed and the live-in girlfriend is increasingly restless. Somehow, when he most needs to focus, his attentions are elsewhere. He's writing an online guide to a computer game called The Broken World - an engrossing, possibly addictive, adventure that takes him from town to town in a struggle with zombies, agents, puzzles, robots and mysteries.

Before the narrator can press 'Escape' his girlfriend has packed her bags and walked, Brainiac has vanished off the face of the earth and the Pizza job has been vaporised. Meanwhile deep in the towns of The Broken World things are getting very strange indeed. Marooned in the landscape of his empty apartment, amidst the bare cupboards and dirty dishes, our narrator is trying to work out solutions to problems involving life and love and happiness, not just for The Broken World, but for the real one too.

Tim Etchells' writing is a refreshing mixture of the easy-going contemporary charm of Douglas Coupland and the depth and dark inventiveness of British authors J.G. Ballard and David Mitchell. **HC \$32.95**

John Everson*Covenant*

Winner 2004 Bram Stoker Award: Best First Novel

Reporter Joe Kieran is determined to find the truth surrounding the cliffs of Terrel's Peak, an evil place where horrible things happen and mysterious deaths occur, until he comes face-to-face with the town's hidden past and what waits in the caves below. **APB \$19.95**

David Farland*The Wyrmling Horde (Runelords 07)*

Imprisoned on the fantastical world that he himself created by combining two alternate realities, Fallion Orden, the only person capable of saving the worlds from dark magic and monstrous armies, awaits rescue by his allies. By the author of Worldbinder. **HC \$52.95**

Christine Feehan*Dark Curse (Carpathian)*

Lara Calladine is haunted by childhood memories of being held prisoner in an ice cave and kept sane by the whispered stories told to her by her imprisoned aunts. They instilled Carpathian magic deep within her and then helped her escape. She has spent years searching for the cave in hope of finding the answers to the riddle of her past, as well as finding her aunts who may have given their lives saving her. Nicolas De La Cruz has returned to the Carpathian Mountains ? his homeland ? on orders from his eldest brother, Zacarias, to bring news of a conspiracy to the prince of their people. He is weary of his long existence and plans to end it away from his brothers, where they will be unable to stop him once he has fulfilled his duty. Lara and Nicolas paths collide in an explosive adventure that rocks the Carpathian world. **TPB \$32.99 HC \$51.95**

Raymond E Feist*Wrath of A Mad God (Darkwar 03)*

The Darkwar has fallen upon the worlds of Kelewan and Midkemia; a time of heroes, trials and destruction. Following their dangerous mission to the realm of the alien Dasati, Magnus and the other members of the Conclave must now find a way to use what they discovered to help save their own people from the wrath of a mad god. **TPB \$32.99**

Jacquelyn Frank*Noah (Nightwalkers)*

Noah, a Demon King dedicated to protecting his kind from human and Nightwalker enemies, is tormented by visions of a woman named Kestra, who risks her life on a daily basis, and draws her into his world where he proves that she is his destiny. **APB \$17.95**

Kimberley Freeman Australian Author*Gold Dust*

Three women linked by their blood, their dreams and their sins. From Leningrad in the seventies to America and London in the present day, Kimberley Freeman's new novel follows the lives of two sisters, Lena and Natalia, and their cousin, Sofi, as they move away from Russia and all they have known. Despite promising to always take care of each other, a pact to meet every winter is shattered as their lives change and long-held resentments begin to surface. Can that resentment turn to hatred? To murder? **TPB \$32.99**

P R Frost*Moon in the Mirror (Tess Noncoire Adventure)*

Best-selling fantasy writer Tess Noncoire, who is also a martial arts master trained by the Sisterhood of the Celestial Blade Warriors to fight evil, returns home after saving the world, only to discover that trouble has followed her, when a Windago demon, garden gnomes, and a vengeful spirit make her life miserable. **APB \$19.95**

Gary Gibson*Stealing Light*

In the 25th century, only the Shoal possess the secret of faster-than-light travel (FTL), giving them absolute control over all trade and exploration throughout the galaxy. Mankind has operated within their influence for two centuries, establishing a dozen human colony worlds scattered along Shoal trade routes.

Dakota Merrick, while serving as a military pilot, has witnessed atrocities for which this alien race is responsible. Now piloting a civilian cargo ship, she is currently ferrying an exploration team to a star system containing a derelict starship. From its wreckage, her passengers hope to salvage a functioning FTL drive of mysteriously non-Shoal origin. But the Shoal are not yet ready to relinquish their monopoly over a technology they acquired through ancient genocide. **APB \$21.99**

Laura Anne Gilman*Bring it On (Retrievers 03)*

Wren Valere used to have a simple life. Her partner Sergei would negotiate the terms of the Retrieval-all right, the theft-and she would use her magic to carry it out. Pay cheque deposited, on to the next job.

But her relationship with Sergei is complicated. Her fellow lonejacks are trying to organise against the Mage's Council. The non-human population of Manhattan is getting fed up with being ignored and abused. And the Council? Well, they have an agenda of their own, and it's not one the lonejacks are going to like. **APB \$18.95**

Christopher Golden*The Ferryman*

Struggling to rebuild a relationship with her former lover, David Bairstow, Janine Hartschorn discovers that a mysterious force with the power to conjure up ghosts from David's past and the knowledge of her own near-death experience will do anything to keep them apart. **TPB \$28.95**

Jo Graham*The Black Ships*

The World is ending. One by one the mighty cities are falling: to earthquakes, to flood and to raiders - on both land and sea. In a time of war and doubt, Gull is an oracle, a mouthpiece of the gods. Daughter of a slave plundered from fallen Troy, she was chosen as a child to serve the Lady of the Dead, and it is her fate to counsel kings. When nine black ships appear as foretold in her dreams, captained by an exiled Trojan prince, Gull must make her choice. She must decide between her sacred calling and the most perilous adventure - joining her mother's people in their desperate flight from slavery. From the doomed bastions of the City of Pirates to the temples of Byblos, from the intrigues of the Egyptian court to the haunted caves beneath Mount Vesuvius, only Gull can guide Prince Aeneas on his quest. And only she can dare the gates of the Underworld itself to lead him to his destiny. In the last shadowed days of the Age of Bronze, one woman dreams of the world beginning anew. This is her story. **PB \$22.99**

Chris Marie Green*Break of the Dawn (Vampire Babylon 03)*

In the wake of her confrontation with the Vampire Killer, Hollywood stuntwoman Dawn Madison discovers long-hidden secrets about her missing father and dead mother and ventures deep into the Vampire Underground on a perilous quest to save her father, confront a devastating betrayal, and uncover the very essence of good and evil. **TPB \$28.95**

Daryl Gregory*Pandemonium*

In a strange world in which entities--including pop-cultural avatars such as Truth, The Captain, and Little Angel--possess ordinary men, women, and children, Del Pierce is desperate to escape the entity known as the Hellion that is trapped inside his head and struggling to escape, only to discover that he may hold the key to eliminating the plague of possession forever. A first novel. **TPB \$26.95**

Austin Grossman*Soon I Will be Invincible*

This morning on planet Earth there are 1686 enhanced, gifted, or otherwise-superpowered persons. 678 use their powers to fight crimes, while 441 use their powers to commit them. 44 are currently confined in Special Containment Facilities for enhanced criminals. Of these last, it is interesting to note that an unusually high proportion have IQs of 300 or more - eighteen to be exact. Including me...' **BPB \$24.95**

Charlaine Harris*Grave Surprise (Harper Connelly 02)*

A bolt of lightning struck Harper Connelly when she was 15, leaving her with a strange spider web of red on her torso and right leg, episodes of weakness, shakes and headaches - and an ability to find dead people. Harper is summoned to Memphis to demonstrate her unique talent, but there are still plenty of sceptics, even as Harper stands atop a grave and announces there are two bodies buried there. The police are convinced there's something fishy going on when the grave is opened to reveal the centuries-dead remains of a man, which they'd expected (that being his grave, after all) and a dead girl, which no one expected - except Harper, of course. And suspicions are raised even further because Harper had failed to find eleven-year-old Tabitha Morgenstern when she was abducted two years before. Harper and Tolliver need to find the real killer to prove Harper's innocence, especially after their nocturnal visit to the cemetery in hopes that Harper can sense something more is followed by the discovery, the following morning, of a third dead body in the grave . . . **APB \$19.99**

An Ice Cold Grave (Harper Connelly 03)

Harper Connelly was struck by lightning as a teenager, and now she can find the dead. In her third case, Harper and Tolliver, her stepbrother, are hired to find a missing grandson. But the truth is far worse than a single dead child, for numerous teenage boys, all unlikely runaways, have disappeared from Doraville, North Carolina. Harper soon finds the eight bodies, buried in the half-frozen ground, but then, still reeling from coming into contact with her first serial killer, she is attacked and injured. Now she and Tolliver have no choice but to stay in Doraville while she recovers, and as she reluctantly becomes part of the investigation, she learns more than she cares to about the dark mysteries and long-hidden secrets of the town: knowledge that makes her the most likely person to be next to end up in an ice-cold grave. **TPB \$32.99**

Jack Heath *Australian Author*

Money Run (01)

Take two child geniuses (thieves in their spare time), one obsessed assassin, and the richest man in the world to create a compelling, completely unpredictable young adult thriller.

Fifteen-year-olds Ashley and Benjamin have concocted a daring master plan: to steal billionaire Hammond Buckland's most precious belonging, hidden in the depths of his conspicuous corporate building. But Hammond Buckland has a most elaborate plan of his own – and none of them have counted on Peachey, the hit man with a determination to finish the job – at any cost! **BPB \$16.99**

Remote Control (Six of Hearts 02)

Agent Six of Hearts is back in another high-octane adventure, and this time – it's personal!

The evil Methryn Crexe, the mastermind behind the superhuman assassin project, has been rescued from the Deck's supposedly impenetrable prison. The Deck agents follow his trail to a disused apartment block where they are ambushed by a highly trained, mysterious army. At the height of the fierce shootout, Kyntak, Six's clone, is kidnapped.

As Six scours the City for his brother, a strange girl appears as his protector; he becomes increasingly aware of a sinister power; the Deck is put into lockdown – and the clock ticks steadily against Kyntak's life.

Once again, Six of Hearts is on the run: from his past, his fellow agents, even his own DNA... **BPB \$16.95**

Samatha Henderson

Heaven's Bones

Love and death walk hand in hand...

Dr. Sebastian Robarts is a man paralyzed by the fate of his adored wife, dead in childbirth, their only child with her. He searches for a way to build angels from women, a pastime known to Scotland Yard as murder. Robarts meets the Vistani seer named Trueblood, who becomes his assistant and leads him to the Antebellum-era domain of Riverbend, controlled by the sadistic Dr. Weldon, to create angels, unfettered by conventional morality, or even rules. When the murderer returns to earth, it is the task of a Vistani policeman and a woman with a strange connection to Robarts to stop him. If he can be stopped.

Heaven's Bones skillfully blends horror and steampunk and classic Victorian literary style into something exotic and fascinating. **APB \$16**

Frank Herbert

God Emperor of Dune (Dune 04)

Leto II, God Emperor of Dune, trades his humanity for immortality and, as the magnificent but despotic sandworm of Dune, desperately attempts to save humankind, in spite of a rising rebellion led by Siona, a member of the Atreides, who is unaware of her own destined role in preserving the future, in a new edition of the fourth book in the Dune Chronicles. **HC \$51.95**

Susan Hill

The Man in the Picture

A new tale by the author of the Simon Serrailer mysteries follows a Cambridge professor's revelation of a mysterious painting's eerie secret and power to demonically possess the minds of people who stare at it. **HC \$30.95**

Robert E Howard

And Their Memory Was A Bitter Tree

An anthology of nine classic Conan the Barbarian stories is complemented by a full-length novel and an illustrated version of the cover story, in a collection that also includes a tribute to the author by his friend and contemporary, H. P. Lovecraft. **HC \$51.95**

Tonya Hurley

Ghostgirl

Charlotte Usher has always felt invisible at school. But now she has a plan to break into the popular crowd and nothing is going to stop her. Not even death. It's the first day of the rest of Charlotte's life. She isn't going to be invisible anymore. And she's not going to stop at just getting noticed, she's determined that she'll be envied! Much to Charlotte's surprise her plan actually seems to be working: Petula, the most popular girl at school has finally acknowledged her existence and her lab partner for the rest of the term is none other than Damen Dylan, school heart-throb and object of Charlotte's desire. It's only a matter of time before she's accepted into their elite circle...that is until, in her excitement, Charlotte chokes to death on a gummy bear. So, ok, it's the first day of the rest of Charlotte's death - why should that change her plans? **HC \$24.99**

Larissa Ione

Pleasure Unbound (Demonica)

Someone has been cutting up demons and removing their body parts, and this doesn't make sense to doctors Eidolon and Shade, the only surgeons in the world who care exclusively for demons. One patient after another has been arriving at the 'demon ER' with missing internal organs, and Eidolon vows to find who has been targeting his race and for what purpose. To make matters worse for Eidolon's demon-kind, he's just gone and treated a female demon-slayer who heats his blood as no other has. Tayla is a sexy, lustful, demon-slaying warrior who works for The Aegis, a council of humans who have vowed to rid the world of demons. Eidolon knows Tayla's deepest secret: that she is actually half demon herself. She is, in fact, the only being Eidolon has ever seen who has half-demon, half-human blood. And she's the only woman who has ever captivated him so. But is this woman, who is trained to eradicate Eidolon's species, the person responsible for the rash of demon mutilations that are turning his hospital upside down? **APB \$17.95**

Liam Jackson

Offspring (Offspring 01)

As Lucifer plots to destroy all creation, only the Offspring, the descendants of ancient unions between humans and angels, have the power to save humankind from the evil that threatens them, but first they must escape powerful ancient enemies that plot their demise. A first novel. **APB \$17.95**

Jean Johnson

Storm (Sons of Destiny 06)

In the sixth novel featuring eight brothers--four sets of twins--destined to fulfill the Curse of Eight Prophecy, Rydan, the troubled sixth-born son, meets his own destined bride, Rora, a woman who possesses her own secret power, one that can bring them together or destroy everything around them. **TPB \$28.95**

The Master

Kidnapped by slavers, Dominor, one of eight brothers destined to fulfil a prophecy, is sold to Lady Serina, a beautiful mage who needs his powers to re-enact a mating ritual in order to reverse a dangerous Tantric spell. **PB \$12.95**

Brenda Joyce*Dark Embrace (Masters of Time)*

Feared by all and trusted by none, Aidan, the Wolf of Awe, who seeks vengeance against the evil that destroyed his son, travels through time to modern-day Manhattan to save the life of a beautiful empath. **APB \$19.95**

Paul Kearney*Ten Thousand*

The world of Kuf is a brash jewel swarming with all manners of races and peoples. The Assurian Empire is dominant, prestigious and thought to be invincible. However, this ancient colossus is about to be shaken to its very foundations. Ten thousand elite mercenaries of a legendary race known as the Macht are hired by an Empire exile to take the throne by force. But when their employer is killed, and they are surrounded by Empire armies, the Ten Thousand find themselves abandoned.

This is the story of their fight for freedom. **APB \$16**

Jackie Kessler*Hell's Belles*

Forced to live as a mortal when Hell puts a price on her head, Jezebel, a once-powerful succubus, becomes an exotic dancer in New York City, where she falls in love with one of her clients while trying to elude the demons who are hot on her trail. **APB \$17.95**

Caitlin Kiernan*Daughter of Hounds*

Stolen from their human parents to be raised by ghouls, the Children of the Cuckoo are changelings who are forbidden any human contact, but now they are coming to reclaim a lost child, Emmie Silvey, a precocious and solitary young girl, who has been raised by her widower father and is haunted by two very different women—one who stalks her and one who haunts her dreams. **APB \$19.95**

Stephen King*Duma Key*

When Edgar Freemantle moves to Duma Key to escape his past, he doesn't expect to find much there. But Duma Key and its mysteries have been waiting for him. The shells beneath his house are whispering to him, and something in the view from his window urges him to discover a talent he never knew he had. Edgar Freemantle begins to paint. Even though he has lost an arm. And the hand he uses is the one he lost ... **PB \$24.99**

Caitlin Kittredge*Pure Blood (Nocturne City)*

Werewolf homicide detective Luna Wilde finds herself caught in the middle of a magical war between rival witch clans as she struggles to investigate a series of brutal murders all over town and to cope with her growing attraction to Dimitri Sandovsky, who has been forbidden to associate with Luna after suffering a demon bite. **APB \$17.95**

Kathleen Korbel*Deadly Redemption (Daughters of the Myth)*

Orla, youngest daughter of the Fairy Queen, is almost as famous for her powers of seduction as she is for her rebellious nature. So when her ill-advised attempt at the throne unleashes the threat of civil war, Orla faces a stern penalty: marry the fearsome prince of the enemy fairy clan, Liam the Avenger.

As his wife, Orla is infuriated by the warrior's brusque, cold indifference—and her own uncontrollable craving for his touch. Now, as she works to redeem herself by restoring balance to the kingdom, Orla must dare to capture the one prize she may forever be denied: her husband's carefully guarded heart. **APB \$14.95**

Mercedes Lackey & James Mallory*The Phoenix Unchained (Enduring Flame 01)*

After a millennium of peace in which much Magick has vanished from the world, Bisochim, a powerful Wild Mage, launches a campaign to reintroduce Darkness into the world, opposed only by Tiercel, a young Armethalian nobleman and would-be High Mage, and Harrier, future Harbormaster of Armethalieh and reluctant hero, in a sequel to The Obsidian Trilogy. **APB \$19.95**

The Phoenix Endangered (Enduring Flame 02)

A second installment of a trilogy that began with The Phoenix Unchained finds aspiring High Mage Tiercel and reluctant Knight-Mage Harrier working on their powers while witnessing devastating attacks by the Wild Mage Bisochim, and while young Shaira leads the desert tribespeople toward a legendary oasis. **HC \$56.95**

Keith Laumer*The Long Twilight and Other Stories*

Two full-length classic novels--The Long Twilight, in which long-time enemies Grayle and Falconer meet in a final confrontation that threatens the very existence of Earth, and Night of Delusion, in which a detective's investigation alters the very fabric of reality--come together in a volume that includes three other short novels. **APB \$19.95**

Victoria Laurie*Death Perception (Psychic Eye Mystery 06)*

While in Las Vegas, psychic Abby Cooper doesn't have time for gambling when her FBI agent boyfriend's cousin Chase is kidnapped after a bloody shoot-out in an alleyway, and all bets are off when she keeps having disturbing visions that predict Chase's death. **APB \$17.95**

Edward Lee*Brides of the Impaler*

When Cristina moves into what she believes is her dream house, she is plagued by strange longings and sensual visions that draw her into a dark world from which there is no escape. **APB \$19.95**

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller*Duainfey*

With her reputation in tatters after a carriage accident in which her companion, a high-flying young man is killed, Rebecca Beauvelly has little choice when her father finds her an elderly rogue who is willing to marry her, until she makes the decision to elope with Altimere, a fey who offers a chance at romance and adventure. **HC \$49.95**

Anna Leonard*The Night Serpent*

All her life Lily Malkin has been plagued by nightmares she can never quite remember. Nightmares that haunt her with glimpses of past lives and past betrayals. And lately, the nightmares—and the memories—have gotten worse. A shadowy figure that destroyed her once before is closing in... The Night Serpent's grisly, ritualistic cat killings bring Special Agent Jon T. Patrick to town. But it's Lily—the intriguing "Cat Whisperer" brought in to help solve the case—who makes him want to stay. Their passion is electric...and dangerous. Because Jon isn't the only one watching Lily. And as the Night Serpent begins his final strike, the stakes are raised for a battle to the death. **APB \$14.95**

C S Lewis*Illustrated Screwtape Letters*

This classic masterpiece of satire has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to 'Our Father Below'. Now this most engaging account of temptation – and triumph over it – is in production as a theatrical film release, and it is the perfect time to discover (or rediscover) the beautifully written satirical satire that is The Screwtape Letters. At once wildly comic, deadly serious and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the worldly wise old devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. This new edition is beautifully illustrated with a sequence of hilarious cartoons depicting the devilish Screwtape and the resourceful young Wormwood which demonstrate each character's attitudes and reactions to the events in the letters. These remarkable drawings by the late William Papas, in the mould of classic political satirical cartoons, are uniquely complemented by their inspiration – C.S. Lewis's own rarely-seen sketch of Screwtape. Dedicated to Lewis's friend and colleague J.R.R. Tolkien, and now complete with Lewis's own preface and his essay "Screwtape Proposes a Toast", the only other occasion when he wrote about Screwtape, this new illustrated edition is the ultimate version of this must-read classic work of literary humour. **BPB \$24.99**

Thomas Ligotti*Teatro Grottesco*

Thomas Ligotti is often cited as the most curious and remarkable figure in horror literature since H. P. Lovecraft. His work is noted by critics for its display of an exceptionally grotesque imagination and accomplished prose style. In his stories, Ligotti has followed a literary tradition that began with Edgar Allan Poe, portraying characters that are outside of anything that might be called normal life, depicting strange locales far off the beaten track, and rendering a grim vision of human existence as a perpetual nightmare. The stories collected in Teatro Grottesco feature tormented individuals who play out their doom in various odd little towns, as well as in dark sectors frequented by sinister and often blackly comical eccentrics. The cycle of narratives introduce readers to a freakish community of artists who encounter demonic perils that ultimately engulf their lives.

PB \$24.95

Tom Lloyd*The Twilight Herald (Twilight Reign 02)*

After the shattering events of THE STORMCALLER, the eyes of the Land are on the minor city of Scree, which could soon be obliterated as the new Lord of the Farlan plots his revenge against Scree's rulers. Suffering under an unnatural summer drought and surrounded by volatile mercenary armies that may be its only salvation, the city is a strange sanctuary for a fugitive abbot to flee to, but he is only the first of many to be drawn there. Kings and princes, lords and monsters; all walk the sun-scorched streets while the evenings witness the performance of cruel and subversive plays that work their way into the hearts of the audience. Elite soldiers clash after dark and the city begins to tear itself apart as the sanity of its citizens crumbles, yet even chaos can be scripted. There is a malevolent will at work in Scree and one that has a lesson for the entire Land; nations can be manipulated, prophecies perverted, and Gods denied. Nothing lies beyond the reach of a shadow, and no matter how great a man's power, there some things he cannot be protected from. **PB \$22.99**

Kathy Love*I Want You To Love Me*

On the advice of her psychic, Erika Todd moves to New Orleans where yet another prediction comes true in the form of a reclusive musician, and two-hundred-year-old vampire, who refuses to lose his heart to another mortal. **TPB \$28.95**

Violette Malan*The Soldier King (Dhulynd and Parno)*

When the War Commander who had hired them refuses to honor the code that prisoners taken by them are to be released unharmed, mercenaries and martial arts masters Dhulynd and Parno break their contract and escape with their prisoner, Prince Edmir, heir to the Tegriani Realm, a decision that could bring Dhulynd to the truth about her past, or to doom for them all. **TPB \$30.95**

Mari Mancusi*Razor Girl*

Technologically enhanced by her father and built to survive in a world ravaged by a deadly zombie-creating virus, Molly Andersen and her childhood friend, Chase Griffin, must journey to Disney World where her father believes that all civilization will be reborn. **APB \$17.95**

A Lee Martinez*A Nameless Witch*

Hiding her inherent beauty while hunting for men to consume, an immortal witch enters a reluctant partnership with the pure-hearted White Knight in order to counter the efforts of an insane sorcerer who is threatening their world. **APB \$17.95**

Too Many Curses

Serving a wizard who has transformed innumerable victims into monsters and other cursed forms and then imprisoned them in his castle, housekeeper Nussy faces a disastrous uprising when the wizard suddenly dies, leaving his victims to overwhelm everything in their paths.

TPB \$30.95

Paul McAuley*Cowboy Angels*

America, 1984 - not our version of America, but an America that calls itself the Real, an America in which the invention of Turing Gates has allowed it access to sheaves of alternate histories. For ten years, in the name of democracy, the Real has been waging clandestine wars and fomenting revolution, freeing versions of America from communist or fascist rule, and extending its influence across a wide variety of alternate realities. But the human and political costs have proven too high, and new President Jimmy Carter has called an end to war, and is bringing troops and secret agents home. Adam Stone is called out of retirement when his former comrade, Tom Waverly, begins to murder different versions of the same person, mathematician Eileen Barrie. Aided by Waverly's daughter, Linda, Adam hunts for his old friend across different sheaves, but when they finally catch up with Waverly, they discover that they have stumbled into the middle of an audacious conspiracy that plans to exploit a new property of the Turing Gates: it will change not only the history of the Real, but that of every other sheaf, including our own. COWBOY ANGELS combines the high-octane action and convoluted plots of the TV series 24 in a satirical, multi-layered alternate reality thriller. **PB \$24.99**

Fiona McIntosh *Australian Author**Royal Exile (Valisar 01)*

Led by Loethar, an ambitious and ruthless tyrant, a terrifying army of mercenaries and renegades from the great southern steppes threaten to overwhelm the Kingdom of Penraven, having already overthrown its two neighbouring realms, leaving a trail of devastation and broken lives in their wake. Penraven is Loethar's most desired prize, not only because of its wealth, safe harbour, extensive coastline, and abundant natural resources. This time the tyrant wants more than a crown. Driven by dreams of empire, fuelled by his increasing obsession with magic, Loethar's plan to overthrow King Brennus of Penraven, 9th of the Valisars, was cemented the hour upon when he learned that Brennus possessed the power of coercion. All of the Valisar heirs have been blessed down the ages with the sinister ability to bend people entirely to their will and Loethar is convinced that if he consumes these empowered people he will then be imbued with their skills and magics... and be unstoppable.

HC \$45 TPB \$32.99

Patricia A McKillip*The Bell at Sealey Head*

On the outskirts of Sealey Head, a small ocean-side town haunted by the ringing of a bell that no one can see, is Aislinn House, a large estate whose elderly owner, Lady Eglantyne, is on her deathbed and where mysterious doors sometimes open to reveal a colorful fantasy castle populated by knights and princesses. **HC \$49.95**

Walter Moers*The City of Dreaming Books*

A translation of a follow-up to *The 13 1/2 Lives of Captain Bluebeard* finds young writer Optimus Yarnspinner inheriting from his beloved godfather an unpublished anonymous short story, a bequest that takes him to the city of Bookholm in search of its writer. **TPB \$34.95**

Karen Marie Moning*Bloodfever (Darkfever 02)*

In the sequel to *Darkfever*, MacKayla Lane, a fledgling sidhe-seer, confronts a terrifying new challenge as she struggles to outwit the Unseelie minions of the Lord Master, as well as a vengeful, inhuman enemy determined to destroy the last living O'Connor Null. **APB \$18.95**

Christopher Moore*Coyote Blue*

As a boy growing up in Montana, he was Samson Hunts Alone - until a deadly misunderstanding with the law forced him to flee the Crow reservation at age fifteen. Today he is Samuel Hunter, a successful Santa Barbara insurance salesman with a Mercedes, a condo, and a hollow, invented life. Then one day, shortly after his thirty-fifth birthday, destiny offers him the dangerous gift of love - in the exquisite form of Calliope Kincaid - and a curse in the unheralded appearance of an ancient Indian god by the name of Coyote. Coyote, the trickster, has arrived to transform tranquility into chaos, to reawaken the mystical storyteller within Sam ... and to seriously screw up his existence in the process. **PB \$22.99**

Practical Demonkeeping

In Christopher Moore's ingenious debut novel, we meet one of the most memorably mismatched pairs in the annals of literature. The good-looking one is one-hundred-year-old ex-seminarian and roads scholar Travis O Hearn. The green one is Catch, a demon with a nasty habit of eating most of the people he meets. Behind the fake Tudor facade of Pine Cove, California, Catch sees a four-star buffet. Travis, on the other hand, thinks he sees a way of ridding himself of his toothy travelling companion. The winos, neo-pagans, and deadbeat Lotharios of Pine Cove, meanwhile, have other ideas. And none of them is quite prepared when all hell breaks loose. **PB \$22.99**

Melina Morel*Prey*

Determined to keep her private life as a werecat a secret, Vivian Roussel, an importer of Russian artifacts, turns to surveillance expert and Russian Blue werecat Pavel Dederov for help when someone steals a priceless icon and tries to kill her. **APB \$17.95**

Alexis Morgan*Dark Warrior Unleashed (Paladins of Darkness)*

He's on a mission to annihilate the enemy.

A Talion enforcer, Ranulf Thorsen has served his people for a thousand years, delivering the eye-for-an-eye justice by which his kinsmen live. Weary of the centuries-long fight, the fierce warrior with icy blue eyes has secluded himself on a mountain far from the chaos of the modern world below. Now he's been summoned to face the most dangerous battle of his life -- and the fate of his people is on the line.

But when he meets the beautiful woman he has sworn to defend...

Ranulf and his bitter rival, fellow Talion Sandor Kearn, must find the rogue Kyth who set a violent fire in a nightclub. The near-deadly blaze's unlikely heroine, Kerry Logan, is also a Kyth, possessing the ancient Nordic people's unique ability to manipulate human energy. She just doesn't know it yet. ...who will protect his heart?

Kerry finds more than comfort in her warrior's embrace, and Ranulf hungers to both defend and claim the petite powerhouse for his own. But with time ticking away and their lives on the line, will Kerry believe the wild tale he's telling her, and master her powers...before it's too late? **APB \$14.95**

Lara Morgan Australian Author

Awakening

In the lands of Saranthium, the pact between human and serpent is failing. Rogue serpents are attacking villages, and in the city of Salmut, rumours claim that the banished god, Azoth, has returned to resurrect his empire of slavery.

An orphan at five, a thief and a survivor, Shaan lives in a whorehouse and works in the serpent yards of Salmut. She dreams of joining the Riders, the elite warriors who patrol the skies from the backs of the serpents. But Shaan's dreams are haunted by visions of a burning city and a voice that whispers in an ancient tongue.

Meanwhile, in the harsh desert of the Clans, Tallis has grown up under the burden of his difference. When he faces being made an outcast, his mother reveals the truth of his birth – it is a secret that propels him away from all he has known and onto a journey to understand the unnatural power locked within him. Drawn together, Shaan and Tallis are ensnared in the resurrection of an ancient conflict. But on whose side? That of the serpents or the people? **TPB \$32.99**

Richard Morgan

Steel Remains (01)

When a man you know to be of sound mind tells you his recently deceased mother has just tried to climb in his bedroom window and eat him, you have two options. You can smell his breath, take his pulse and check his pupils to see if he's ingested anything nasty, or you can believe him. Ringil Angeleyes had already tried the first course of action with Bashka the Schoolmaster to no avail, so he put down his pint with an elaborate sigh and went to get his broadsword. And he's not the only one to be dragged from the serious business of drinking for something as mundane as the walking dead. Archeth - pragmatist, cynic and engineer - is called from her work at the whim of the most powerful man in the Empire. Ekar Dragonbane finds himself entangled in a small-town battle between common sense and religious fervour. And after a personal encounter with the vengeful gods Poltar the Shaman is about to be an awful lot more careful who he prays to. Anti-social, anti-heroic, and decidedly irritated, all four of them are about to be sent unwillingly forth into a vicious, vigorous and thoroughly unsuspecting fantasy world. **TPB \$35 HC \$55**

C E Murphy

Hands of Flame (Negotiator 03)

When war erupts among the five Old Races due to a death she caused, Margrit, New York City's most unusual lawyer, faces her toughest negotiation yet, while her gargoyle lover is taken prisoner and she is torn between conflicting loyalties. **TPB \$30.95**

Ted Nasmith

Calendar 2009: Tolkien

J R R Tolkien's SILMARILLION is the core work of the Middle-earth canon. It is in this dense and often neglected masterpiece that the entire cosmology for the background for THE HOBBIT and, particularly, THE LORD OF THE RINGS is documented. It contains fabulous tales of heroes and monsters, and the history of the Elves and of the Silmarils – the magical jewels produced by the Children of Iluvatar, or Elves (humans being the Younger Children of Iluvatar); it tells of the creation of Middle-earth, and the coming of Men into the world; it chronicles the early battles between good and evil, forces of light and dark, which foreshadow the great conflict with Sauron, the Dark Lord, in LORD OF THE RINGS. These tales of Middle-earth were published posthumously in 1977. Tolkien worked on THE SILMARILLION all his life – long before THE HOBBIT or LORD OF THE RINGS – and his son and literary executor Christopher Tolkien edited the material he left behind into its current form. When the book was reset acclaimed Tolkien artist Ted Nasmith was commissioned to provide more than two dozen breathtaking new paintings, making the new illustrated edition of THE SILMARILLION the most sumptuous and desirable ever published. **\$22.99**

Diary 2009: Tolkien

The Tolkien calendar has become an established publishing event, eagerly looked forward to by Tolkien fans the world over. This year's is more sumptuous than ever, and is not only illustrated by the acclaimed and Oscar-winning Tolkien artist, it has been designed by him, too, with the same care and attention to detail that has seen his work embraced by the Tolkien Estate, Peter Jackson and discerning fans around the world. The content itself is particularly special, as it is inspired by a Tolkien work that is seeing print in its complete form for the very first time. To accompany each watercolour painting from 'The Children of Hurin', the newly published epic tale of adventure by J.R.R. Tolkien, every month features complementary pencil drawings selected by Alan and there are also brand new sketches produced exclusively for this calendar. Alan Lee has depicted famous scenes including Gollum and Bilbo, Rivendell and Smaug the Dragon in his celebrated illustrated editions of 'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord of the Rings', but with these brand new paintings and drawings he will take the reader deeper into the enchanting world of Middle-earth than ever before. **HC \$22.99**

Larry Niven & Edward M Lerner

Fleet of Worlds (Known Space)

When a chain reaction of supernovae explosions at the core of the galaxy unleashes a deadly wave of radiation that will sterilize the entire galaxy, the Citizens--accompanied by Kirsten Quinn-Kovacs, a descendant of human survivors rescued by the Citizens from a dying starship--flee into the unknown, in a novel set in the Known Space universe. **APB \$19.95**

Larry Niven & Jerry Pournelle

Inferno

A science-fiction re-imagining of Dante's Inferno, updated to set the stage for its forthcoming sequel, finds writer Allen Carpentier awakening at the gates of hell after an accident and trekking through the Nine Layers of Hell to gather material for a book. **TPB \$26.95**

Robin D Owens

Heart Fate (Celta 07)

Wed against her will as a young girl to a wealthy older man, seventeen-year-old Lahsin Yew is on the verge of her Second Passage when she flees her abusive home to seek sanctuary in a secret garden, where she meets Tinne Holly, unaware that he is her HeartMate, in the seventh novel in the futuristic Celta romance series. **TPB \$28.95**

K J Parker*Belly of the Bow (Fencer 02)*

The city of Perimadeia has fallen. Bardas Loredan, the man who was supposed to save it, is now living on the Island - a recluse, living apart from his family in the mountains, with only a young apprentice for company. His life as a fencer-at-law is over. Instead, Loredan spends his days perfecting the art of bow-making. But his isolation will not last forever; and when the Island comes under attack, his skills as a soldier and general are once again called upon. **APB \$19.99**

The Proof Fence (Fencer Trilogy 3)

After years spent in the saps under the defences of the apparently impregnable city of Ap' Escatoy, Bardas Loredan, sometime fencer-at-law and the betrayed defender of the famed Triple City, is suddenly a hero of the Empire. His reward is a boring administrative job in a backwater, watching armour being tested to destruction in the Proof House. But the fall of Ap' Escatoy has opened up unexpected possibilities for the expansion of the Empire into the land of the plainsmen, and Bardas is the one person their king fears the most. It seems that not even the Proof House can keep Bardas from the bloody arena of war, politics and family. **APB \$19.99**

Lydia Parks*Addicted*

Vampire Jake Brand, a master of pleasure, finally finds the one woman who can satisfy his every need, while Thomas Ward, bringing his victims to the peak of sexual ecstasy, meets his match in a mortal beauty who has the power to bring him to his knees. **TPB \$28.95**

Graham Sharp Paul Australian Author*The Battle of the Hammer Worlds (Hellfort's War 02)*

Narrowly escaping a massacre by the Hammer that destroys his Federated Worlds heavy cruiser Ishaq and a fleet of merchant ships, Junior Lieutenant Michael Helfort and the other remnants of the Ishaq are confined to a prison camp, forced to do battle against an enemy out to hide all evidence of their culpability in the attack. **APB \$19.95**

Kristan Proudman Australian Author*Sorcerers of War*

As a child, Conrad Hikes dreamed of becoming a knight of the Kingdom of Yaul. His childhood friend Kallum always wished he would become great sorcerer. In a strange twist of fate, both their dreams are coming true. Yaul is going to war against the ancient and savage nation of Argate.

A dark legion gathers at the borders, waiting to rain fire and death down upon the peaceful cities of men, elves and dwarves. The kingdom will need every swordsman and sorcerer it can gather if it's to survive the coming storm.

Something stirs among the ruins of the long-dead Empire of Torsan. Secrets that have long been forgotten by the world of mortals are once again being whispered in deep dungeons and crooked towers. Aided by a fanatical wandering warrior-priest, a mysterious elf, and a pickpocket who may have her eye on more than mere coin, the pair set out on a dangerous quest to unravel an ancient mystery. **\$34.95**

Robert Rankin*The Da-Da-De-Da-Da Code*

Robert Rankin, the world's Master of Far Fetched Fiction, takes us on a roller coaster ride in his brand-new bestseller, which focuses on the biggest conspiracy theory in the world, ever. Here, in the Da-Da-Di-Da-Da Code, you will find the music of the angels - and the music of the devil. Aliens, flying saucers from hell, the Multiverse, the Illuminati: every wacky, way-out conspiracy theory you've ever heard: they're all here, wrapped into a plot that will leave Dan Brown fans breathless, Michael Shea readers stupefied, Raymond Khoury lovers incredulous . . . Robert Rankin: the original and the best **PB \$19.99**

Ronald L Rice*The Earthwalkers*

This fast-paced contemporary novel is set in the afterlife where troubled souls return to earth to resolve unfinished business. A family man who has been murdered uncovers a plot threatening his loved ones and his legacy. A female paranormal investigator and a handsome police detective follow intriguing clues. Her scientific methods and passionate approach lead to a suspenseful adventure in the mountains of Tennessee. **TPB \$17.95**

John Ringo*Yellow Eyes (Posleen)*

With the alien Posleen invaders advancing on the strategically important Panama Canal, the United States, overstretched as it prepares to defend the U.S. itself, sends a handful of advanced Armored Combat Suits, rejuvenated combat veterans, and three antiquated warships to assist the Panamanians in preventing the canal from falling into enemy hands. **APB \$19.95**

Patrick Rothfuss*The Name of the Wind (Kingkiller Chronicle 01)*

'I have stolen princesses back from sleeping barrow kings. I burned down the town of Trebon. I have spent the night with Felurian and left with both my sanity and my life. I was expelled from the University at a younger age than most people are allowed in. I tread paths by moonlight that others fear to speak of during day. I have talked to Gods, loved women, and written songs that make the minstrels weep. My name is Kvothe. You may have heard of me' So begins the tale of Kvothe - currently known as Kote, the unassuming innkeeper - from his childhood in a troupe of traveling players, through his years spent as a near-feral orphan in a crime-riddled city, to his daringly brazen yet successful bid to enter a difficult and dangerous school of magic. In these pages you will come to know Kvothe the notorious magician, the accomplished thief, the masterful musician, the dragon-slayer, the legend-hunter, the lover, the thief and the infamous assassin. The Name of the Wind is fantasy at its very best, and an astounding must-read title. **PB \$24.99**

Lilith Saintcrow*Night Shift (Jill Kismet 01)*

Jill Kismet is a dealer in dark things and demon slayer, and it's her job to patrol the night side. In the cold pre-dawn, Jill is called in to assess the aftermath of a particularly savage cop-killing. Under the haunted eyes of the forensic techs, Jill picks up the stench of hellbreed and something else - something dangerous and tainted. But this makes no sense as hellbreed always work alone, distrusted even by their own kind. Jill's a Hunter, trained by the best, but she's in over her head. Welcome to the night shift ... **PB \$19.99**

Hunter's Prayers (Jill Kismet 02)

A hunter working with the police on a bizarre case involving the mutilation murders of young prostitutes, Jill Kismet finds herself facing down a deadly creature out of legend and dealing with a woman from her past as she searches for an unlikely ally among the pimps of Santa Luz, the woman who had killed the previous hunter, and a demon out to destroy her. **APB \$19.95**

Chris Salvatore

Necking

Gia Felice has a Rolodex full of vampires, werewolves, witches, and aliens -- not to mention the livestock suppliers, undead-friendly hotels, and sleazy bars that cater to her clients' more carnal needs. Sometimes being the premier book publicist to the underworld can suck -- literally. Especially if you're human. Especially if you've got the hots for irresistible Johnny and his sly half smile that shows just a little fang.

Her best friend, Lola, a werewolf, can't talk any sense into her, and now Gia's agreed to help Belladonna Nightshade, a New York Times bestselling vampire author, find the supernatural killing machine who changed Bella centuries ago...if he doesn't find Gia first. Yesterday, Gia's biggest problem was how to get an alien with a metal skeleton through airport security. Today she's got a bloodthirsty boyfriend dying to get into her pants, and an evil, centuries-old vampire on the hunt for her. Who knew publicity was such a deadly business? **TPB \$19.95**

Robert Scott & Jay Gordon

The Larion Senators (Eldarn 03)

Nerak is defeated. Steven Taylor has cast the malevolent dictator's soul into the Fold's inky void - but the evil that controlled Nerak and brutalised the people of Eldarn has escaped, and taken Mark Jenkins with it. Return to Eldarn for this towering finale, where our heroes face a terrifying army of mutated beasts, and the mysteries of the Larion Senators are waiting to be unlocked, for good or for evil . . . **BPB \$24.99**

Martin Scott

Thraxas Under Siege (Thraxas 08)

In the sequel to the World Fantasy Award-winning Thraxas, the overweight, beer-guzzling private detective is up to his neck in trouble as he deals with an army of rampaging Orcs and races against time to find a missing talisman that is capable of saving the enchanted city of Turai from the invaders. **APB \$17.95**

Nalini Singh New Zealand Author

Hostage to Pleasure

Forced to create a neural implant that will enslave her psychically gifted race in exchange for her son's life, Ashaya Aleine, a powerful Psy, finds an unlikely ally in a DarkRiver sniper who lost his sister to a Psy killer and hungers for revenge. **APB \$19.95**

Michael Marshall Smith

The Servents

His life turned upside-down in the wake of a move, his mother's illness, and his father's bossiness, eleven-year-old Mark befriends an elderly neighbor through whom he finds a doorway to a secret and shadowy world where nothing is quite as it seems. **TPB \$30.95**

Jeanne C Stein

Legacy (Anna Strong)

When Avery, the sinister vampire who turned her, is killed and leaves her his vast fortune, Anna Strong, clinging to what humanity is left within her, must protect those she loves from a werewolf who, claiming to be Avery's widow, is out for blood and money. **APB \$19.95**

Neal Stephenson

Anathem

Having lived in a monastery since childhood away from the violent upheavals of the outside world, Raz becomes one of a group of formerly cloistered scholars who are appointed by a fear-driven higher power to avert an impending catastrophe. **HC \$60**

Steve Stillwell

Plight of the Toothless Vampire

Comedy, Suspense, Horror. Some of the rules of vampirism have just been changed. Chester Watkins is a student of the old school with the tenacity of a bulldog. Ravaged to death by a rogue vampire and unable to regenerate any teeth, this determined grandpa sets out on a quest to apprehend his killer. A unique story with a different twist. **TPB \$21.95**

S M Stirling

A Meeting at Corvalis (Change 03 CD)

Tensions continue among Mike Havel's Bearkillers and their allies, Clan Mackenzie under the leadership of Juniper Mackenzie and Norman Arminger, the warlord of Portland, after Arminger's daughter falls into the hands of Clan Mackenzie. **MP3 CD \$70**

The Sunrise Lands (Change 04)

A generation after The Change that rendered all technology inoperable around the world, western Oregon is finally settling down, until, in Paradise Valley, Wyoming, a man known as The Prophet, head of the Church Universal and Triumphant, begins exhorting his followers to destroy the remnants of technological civilization and those who use them. **APB \$19.95**

The Scourge of God (Change 05)

To forge new allies in the continuing battle against The Prophet, who seeks the destruction of the remnants of all technology, Rudi MacKenzie makes his way across the country to Nantucket, hoping to uncover the truth behind The Change, unaware that a fanatical officer in the Sword of The Prophet has been sent to stop him, by any means necessary, in the sequel to The Sunrise Lands. **HC \$52.95**

Tawny Taylor

Real Vamps Don't Drink O-Neg

When her best friend Dao falls victim to a female vampire, paranormal researcher Sophie Hahn, determined to save him, must place her trust in a sexy college professor and vampire who needs her help in finding two ancient relics that will save his people and Dao. **APB \$17.95**

Adrian Tchaikovsky

Empire in Black and Gold (Shadows of the Apt 01)

Seventeen years ago Stenwold witnessed the Wasp Empire storming the city of Myna in a brutal war of conquest. Since then he has preached vainly against this threat in his home city of Collegium, but now the Empire is on the march, with its spies and its armies everywhere, and the Lowlands lie directly in its path. All the while, Stenwold has been training youthful agents to fight the Wasp advance, and the latest recruits include his niece, Che, and his mysterious ward, Tynisa. When his home is violently attacked, he is forced to send them ahead of him and, hotly pursued, they fly by airship to Helleron, the first city in line for the latest Wasp invasion. As things go from bad to worse amid escalating dangers, Stenwold learns that the Wasps intend to use the newly completed railroad between Helleron and Collegium to launch a lightning strike into the heart of the Lowlands. Then he gathers all of his agents to force a final showdown in the engine yard... **APB \$21.99**

J R R Tolkien*Silmarillion Gift Set CD*

These tales tell of the rebellion of Feanor and his kindred against the gods, and of the war, hopeless, despite great heroism, against the great enemy.
CD \$145

Tim Waggoner*Cross Country*

Years after seizing the land from local tribes who guarded the region's dark secrets, the Cross family and other inhabitants of Cross County are terrorized by a grisly murder that bears a striking resemblance to a series of killings from years earlier, and it is up to the local sheriff to uncover the truth before it is too late. **HC \$45.95**

David H Webb Australian Author

Beckwood Brae (Chronicles of the Corran Wars) **TPB \$34.95**

David Wellington*13 Bullets (01)*

"The monster knelt in the mud, his balled fists punching at the ground, his head bowed. He started to get up and Arkeley shot him again. He'd had thirteen bullets to start with how many did he have left?" All the official reports say they are dead-extinct since the late '80s, when a fed named Arkeley nailed the last vampire in a fight that nearly killed him. But the evidence proves otherwise. When a state trooper named Caxton calls the FBI looking for help in the middle of the night, it is Arkeley who gets the assignment who else? He's been expecting such a call. Sure, it's been years since any signs of an attack, but Arkeley knows what most people don't: there is one left. In an abandoned asylum she is rotting, plotting and biding her time in a way that only the undead can. Caxton is out of her league on this case and more than a little afraid the fed's made it plain that there is only one way out. But the worst thing is the feeling that the vampires want more than just her blood. They want her for a reason, one she can't guess; a reason her sphinxlike partner knows but won't say; a reason she has to find out or die trying. Now there are only 13 bullets between Caxton and Arkeley and the vampires. There are only 13 bullets between us, the living, and them, the damned. **PB \$14.95**

99 Coffins (02)

"A hundred vampires wouldn't just be a problem. They would be an army. An army of blood-fuelled killing machines." Laura Caxton vowed never to face them again. The horror of what the vampires did is too close, the wounds too fresh. But when Jameson Arkeley, broken and barely recognisable, comes to her with an unfathomable, unholy discovery, her resolve crumbles. Arkeley leads Caxton to a tomb in Gettysburg recently excavated by a local archaeology professor. While the town, with its legendary role in the Civil War's worst battle, is no stranger to cemeteries, this one is remarkably, eerily different. In it lie 100 coffins 99 of them occupied by vampires, who, luckily, are missing their hearts. But one of the coffins is empty and smashed to pieces. Who is the missing vampire? Does he have access to the 99 hearts that, if placed back in the bodies of their owners, could reanimate an entire bloodthirsty army? How did the vampires end up there, undisturbed and undiscovered for 150 years? The answer lies in Civil War documents that contain sinister secrets about the newly found coffins secrets that Laura Caxton is about to uncover as she is thrown into a deadly, gruesome mission of saving an entire town from a mass invasion of the undead. **PB \$14.95**

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

A warrior witch assigned to eliminate the dark forces threatening the world, Merilee Alexander finds herself drawn to Jake Lowell of the NYPD's Occult Crimes Unit, a detective hiding his own dark secrets, but they must put their mutual passion aside to track down a charismatic demonic kingpin out to unleash unstoppable evil on an unsuspecting world. **APB \$17.95**

Gene Wolfe*An Evil Guest*

A tale set a century into the future finds an actress confronting ancient and supernatural forces while struggling to choose between her two lovers, a sorcerer private detective who launches her career and a mysterious man of wealth who appears with her in a play. **HC \$52.95**

John Wyndham*The Chrysalids*

David Storm's father doesn't approve of Angus Morton's unusually large horses, calling them blasphemies against nature. Little does he realize that his own son, his niece Rosalind and their friends, have their own secret aberration which would label them as mutants. But as David and Rosalind grow older it becomes more difficult to conceal their differences from the village elders. Soon they face a choice: wait for eventual discovery or flee to the terrifying and mutable Badlands... The Chrysalids is a post-nuclear story of genetic mutation in a devastated world, which tells of the lengths the intolerant will go to keep themselves pure. **BPB \$22.95**

The Day of the Triffids

When a freak cosmic event renders most of the Earth's population blind, Bill Masen is one of the lucky few to retain his sight. The London he walks is crammed with groups of men and women needing help, some ready to prey on those who can still see. But another menace stalks blind and sighted alike. With nobody to stop their spread the Triffids, mobile plants with lethal stingers and carnivorous appetites, seem set to take control.

The Day of the Triffids is perhaps the most famous catastrophe novel of the twentieth century and its startling imagery of desolate streets and lurking, lethal plant life retains its power to haunt today. **BPB \$22.95**

John Wyndham*The Trouble With Lichen*

Francis Saxover and Diana Brackley, two scientists investigating a rare lichen, discover it has a remarkable property: it retards the aging process. Francis, realising the implications for the world of an ever-youthful, wealthy elite, wants to keep it secret, but Diana sees an opportunity to overturn the male status quo by using the lichen to inspire a feminist revolution. As each scientist wrestles with the implications and practicalities of exploiting the discovery, the world comes ever closer to learning the truth...

Trouble With Lichen is a scintillating story of the power wielded by science in our lives and asks how much trust should we place in those we appoint to be its guardians? **BPB \$22.95**

*Monsterology (Ology)***HC \$34.95**

Anthologies

Adrienne Basso, Hannah Howell & Eve Silver

Nature of the Beast

A thrilling collection of supernatural romances includes Hannah Howell's "Dark Hero," in which vampire Berawald MacNachton, living in comfortable seclusion, finds his peaceful existence shattered by the arrival of a mysterious woman and her young brother. **TPB \$24.95**

Orson Scott Card, Marvin Kaye, Tanith Lee & Brian Lumley

Ghost Quartet

An anthology of four original ghost tales includes Orson Scott Card's "Hamlet's Father", Marvin Kaye's "The Haunted Single Malt", Tanith Lee's "Strindberg's Ghost" and Brian Lumley's "A Place of Waiting". **HC \$51.95**

Orson Scott Card & Edmund R Schubert *Editor*

Orson Scott Card's InterGalactic Medicine Show Volume 1

Collects the year's top-selected stories as published in Card's popular online magazine, in a volume that complements pieces by David Farber, Tim Pratt, and David Lubar with four new Ender's Game universe stories. **TPB \$32.95**

Elaine Cunningham, Susan Kearney & Kassandra Sims

Beyond Magic

In a trio of paranormal romance tales, a skeptical journalist falls victim to the astral projection machine she has been sent to debunk, a medium and a psychic team up to solve a series of baffling kidnappings and murders, and an apathetic witch is forced to choose sides to preserve the world's magic. **APB \$17.95**

Gardner Dozois & Jonathan Strahan *Editor*

The New Space Opera

In the late 1970s, the release of George Lucas's Star Wars brought unprecedented attention to the romantic, epic potential of space adventure, and it hasn't stopped since! What sets space opera apart from any other kind of fiction is its sheer scale. It is about bursting out ... it is about going beyond. Looking at things every which way are eighteen fabulous writers, including Peter F. Hamilton, Ken MacLeod, Nancy Kress, Alastair Reynolds, Dan Simmons, Steven Baxter and many other top names in the genre. From two of the most highly-respected editors in the genre comes this must-have collection of cutting-edge space opera. **APB \$21.99**

Jeff Gelb & Del Howison *Editor*

Dark Delicacies II: Fear

A second anthology of twenty original short tales of horror and suspense features pieces by foremost contemporary authors, including Barbara Hambly, John Farris, L. A. Banks, Tanarive Due, and James Sallis. **APB \$19.95**

Martin H Greenberg & John Marco *Editor*

Imaginary Friends

Featuring contributions from Rick Hautala, Anne Bishop, Jean Rabe, and Fiona Patton, among others, this magical collection of original stories brings to life those special companions, some human, some not, who help those in need. **APB \$19.95**

Rich Horton *Editor*

Science Fiction: Best of the Year 2008

Collects the best science fiction stories written in 2007 by some of the genre's greatest authors, including Greg Egan, Ken MacLeod, and Geoffrey Landis. **APB \$19.95**

Peter Washington *Editor*

Ghost Stories

A chilling compendium of classic ghost stories features such works as "The Body Snatcher" by Robert Louis Stevenson, Henry James's "The Friends of the Friends," and P. G. Wodehouse's "Honeysuckle Cottage," as well as tales by Elizabeth Bowen, Jorge Luis Borges, Eudora Welty, Ray Bradbury, Edith Wharton, Vladimir Nabokov, and other notable authors. **HC \$30.95**

Young Adult

Kelley Armstrong

The Summoning (Darkest Power 01)

The first book in the Darkest Powers trilogy - a brand new series by bestselling author Kelley Armstrong. All Chloe Saunders wants is a life like any normal teenager - the chance to get through school, make friends, and maybe meet a boy. But when she starts seeing ghosts, she knows that life will never be normal again. Soon ghosts are everywhere, demanding her attention. When Chloe finally breaks down, she's admitted to a group home for disturbed kids. At first Lyle House seems okay, but as she gets to know the other patients - charming Simon and his ominous, unsmiling brother Derek; obnoxious Tori; and Rae, who has a 'thing' for fire - Chloe begins to realise that something strange and sinister binds them all together, and it isn't your usual 'problem kid' behaviour. And they're about to discover that Lyle House is not your usual group home, either . . . **PB \$19.99**

Tom Becker

Nighttrap (Darkside 03)

A third spine-tingling visit to the secret borough of Darkside. Mrs Elwood has been kidnapped, and Jonathan will do anything to get her back, even if this means breaking in to the home of one of Darkside's most sinister citizens. With the help of a criminal circus troupe, the plan's in place for a dangerous heist-but is this mission impossible from the start? **BPB \$15.99**

Malorie Blackman

Stuff of Nightmares

Kyle has always been afraid of things, especially dying. But when he gets on the train that is taking him and his class on a school trip, he has no idea how close to Death he is going to come. Death enters the train and Kyle moves with him, past his friends, who are frozen in time, in life-or-death situations. Kyle finds that he can pick up on their deepest, darkest fears - real things that have happened to them, or may happen in the future, and sometimes their surreal nightmares too.

Kyle realises that he isn't the only one who has buried fears and, more importantly, he now burns with the desire to live, and to live without fear. But will Death release him? **PB \$19.95**

Alex Duval

Hunted (Vamprie Beach)

Jason Freeman is torn, wondering which natural wonder is more deserving of his attention - the awesome-looking Malibu surf, or Sienna Devereux, who lounges on the beach. He lives in Malibu, has a gorgeous girlfriend and some very cool friends - most of whom just happen to be vampires. The vampire clique are settling in for a good summer. Jason is hoping that things will be calmer than they have been over the last few months. But their peace is shattered when evidence emerges that there's a vampire hunter in town. Friends are going missing and then reappearing with no real memory of what's happened to them. What's really going on? **PB \$17.95**

Anthony Eaton Australian Author

Into White Silence

During the winter of 1922, the Exploration Vessel RAVEN became trapped in the Antarctic icepack, entombing twenty-eight men aboard it through the dark polar night. INTO WHITE SILENCE tells their story - a story of a lost past, of a tragic future, of ice, ambition and madness. It captures the terrible, fascinating beauty of Antarctica, both as it was then and as it is today, and is a journey into the mind of every person who has ever set foot upon those ice-bound shores. **PB \$23.95**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author

The Cat's Eye Shell (Chain of Charms 04)

Life is always hard for the gypsies, who live to their own rhythm and their own rules, but since Oliver Cromwell had seized control of England, life had been harder - and drabber - than ever. But now life for the Finch tribe has gone even more horribly wrong. They have been accused of vagrancy and murder, and thrown into gaol with only three weeks to live. The only members of the family to escape are 13-year-old Emilia and her cousin Luka. They have been entrusted to find the six charms and bring them together again. Then, perhaps, the gypsies could once again have some luck... and the Finch tribe could walk free. What Emilia and Luka do not realise is that there is a price to be paid for each lucky charm, and that the cost may prove too high...

20th August - 24th August 1658:

Having acquired the first three charms in the quest to secure their family's freedom, Luka and Emilia flee into Sussex with soldiers hot on their heels, in company with a Royalist duke, a Catholic priest, a highwayman and young Tom Whitehorse. Only the Catholic underground can help them all escape - but this is a most dangerous religion in the time of Puritan rule. And Emilia and Luka still must find the elusive gypsy tribe of the cat's eye shell, who, it seems, have turned to smuggling... **APB \$12.99**

The Lightning Bolt (Chain of Charms 05)

27th August 1685:

Sussex was the first county secured by the Roundheads because of its iron foundries. Here in the Weald, the Smith tribe are working for Parliament, making cannons and weaponry. They have prospered under Cromwell's rule, and have no interest in old gypsy charms. And it is here where Luka and Emilia must find the fifth charm, a finely-wrought lightning bolt, and amidst the smoke and noise of the Horsmonden foundry, the gypsy children run into old friends... and old enemies. **APB \$12.99**

Butterfly in Amber, The (Chain of Charms 06)

28th August - 3rd September, 1658:

Luka and Emilia travel to London to find the last of the Graylings tribe, who has married a Puritan lawyer and turned her back on her past. As well as all the perils of the capital city, the children must escape the vengeful Coldham, and still get to Kingston-Upon-Thames in time to rescue their families. But then, on the anniversary of his greatest victory, the Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell is mysteriously stricken down... Will everything change? And can the children save their family in time? **APB \$12.99**

Neil Gaiman

Coraline Graphic Novel

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door in her new home and into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others. **HC \$38.95**

Neil Gaiman & Micheal Reaves

Interworld

At nearly fifteen years of age, Joey Harker learns that he is a Walker, able to travel between dimensions, and soon joins a team of different versions of himself, each from another dimension, to fight the evil forces striving to conquer all the worlds. **PB \$19.99**

Debi Gliori

Witch Baby and Me

Lily is 9. Her sister Daisy is 1. And she's no ordinary baby. Somehow, when she was born, something went rather wrong... and now Daisy is a Witch Baby. Nobody knows this but Lily - she's the only one who can see when Daisy makes the fridge float in the air, or turns people into slugs, or summons up her very stinky dog Waywoof...

The sisters have just moved to a new neighbourhood, and their mum wants them to make friends. She decides to throw a party and send Lily and Daisy out to deliver the invitations. They meet some odd characters along the way... Will the party be a big success or will Daisy's magic mean things are even more chaotic than normal? **PB \$14.95**

Roderick Gordon & Brian Williams

Deeper (Tunnels 02)

The new adventure finds Will, Chester and Cal reunited on a miners' train plunging towards the Deeps. There they discover the Styx have ambitions to rise up and take over top-soil by releasing a 'Bird-flu'-a deadly strain they have thoroughly tested on the indigenous inhabitants of the Deeps. The boys together with their new found comrades-renegades Drake and Elliott-must find a way to foil the Styx plans and save the top-soilers. **PB \$16.99**

Charlie Higson

Hurricane Gold (Young Bond 04)

"The Mayan's used to talk of a cursed treasure called hurricane gold, which if you held on to it would bring ruin to you and your family..."

As the sun blazes over the Caribbean island of Lagrimas Negras, its bloodthirsty ruler is watching and waiting. Criminals come here to hide, with blood on their hands and escape on their minds.

On the mainland, ex-flying ace Jack Stone leaves his son and daughter in the company of James Bond. But a gang of thieves lies in ambush - they want Stone's precious safe, and will kill for its contents. A deadly chase through the Mexican jungle begins and on this terrifying trail of greed and betrayal, only danger is guaranteed... Survival is not. **BPB \$16.95**

Douglas Hill

Prey (Demon Stalkers 01)

A new and exciting fantasy-horror adventure series.

Nick Walker can pass for 18, which comes in useful while living on the streets. But Nick isn't 18. He's 14. He's been 14 for years...

A chance encounter with Manta, an exceedingly powerful witch, sees Nick cursed with changelessness. Not only will he never age, but, more usefully to Manta, broken bones and sliced flesh, while excruciatingly painful, will mend themselves in a short space of time – making Nick the perfect weapon against the demonic assassins sent by the evil Cartel. Constantly hunted, Nick is forced to run – evading his enemy when he can and facing gruesome and bloody battles when he can't.

But, help comes from a surprising source – April, a young girl Nick rescues from some occult enthusiasts intent on sacrificing her, has powers beyond her control or understanding. Together, might they be a match for the sinister forces that stalk them? **BPB \$14.99**

Stuart Hill

Last Battle of the Icemark (Icemark 03)

With her murderous daughter Medea banished to the spirit world, Queen Thirrin's tiny kingdom of Icemark has enjoyed a time of peace. But her consort, Oskan Witchfather, fears for their nation-and rightly so. Medea is out for revenge. Allied with the King of the Darkness and his terrifying Ice Demons, the power of evil grows stronger day by day. The dark is rising and the Icemark and its allies must stop it. **BPB \$19.99**

Mary Hoffman

Stravaganza City of Secrets (Stravaganza)

When Matt is unexpectedly transported to the Scriptorium of Padavia (real-life Padua) University, he discovers he is a Stravagante who can travel through time using his talisman, a leather-bound book. Together with Luciano, now studying at the University, and Arianna, in disguise as a boy, he must fight the dangerous di Chimici clan who are on the verge of making a terrifying breakthrough into our world. A breathtaking and thrilling novel that will delight all Stravaganzafans. **PB \$16.95**

Stravaganza City of Masks (Stravaganza)

Imagine you are one moment ill in bed, and the next transported to a world that is awash with deception, intrigue and glamour. In a spine-tingling discovery, Lucien finds out that he is in fact a 'Stravagante' - somebody who, with the help of a talisman, can transport himself in time and place. But that is not all - in his new-found world it appears that he is integral to saving the city, Belleza, from disaster . . . Swishing velvet, glittering masks, political intrigue and treachery, a demanding and imperious Duchessa - inspired by Venice, Belleza is filled with an extraordinary richness that touches all the senses. **PB \$16.95**

Stravaganza City of Stars (Stravaganza)

"Georgia fell asleep with the model of the flying horse in her hand, wishing she could find a place where horses had wings and she could fly away from her troubles forever." Georgia loves horses and hates Russell, her step-brother. It seems Russell's main aim is to make Georgia miserable, whereas all Georgia wants to do is to go horse-riding whenever she can get the opportunity. When Georgia finally saves up enough money to buy the little model of a winged horse she has admired in the window of an antiques shop, she knows she has to keep it well out of Russell's way in case he realises it is important to her. But what Georgia doesn't know is that the little horse offers her an escape to another world and another time, that of the sixteenth century Remora, a city that is similar to Siena in Italy. Readers will once again be bewitched by the dangerous, treacherous world that is Talia. And Georgia will have to work out her role in this exhilarating yet terrifying new world. **PB \$16.95**

Stravaganza City of Flowers (Stravaganza)

Sequel to City of Masks and City of Stars, the narrative moves to the Talian equivalent of the city of Florence, where beauty and danger walk - as ever - hand in hand. The focus this time is on the new Stravagante, Sky, whose talisman is an ornate and delicate blue glass bottle. Sky is propelled right into the midst of a deadly feud between the di Chimici and Nucci families, who think nothing of sliding a knife between a man's ribs for revenge. **PB \$16.95**

Anthony Horowitz

Snakehead (Alex Rider 07)

While working with the Australian Secret Service to infiltrate a ruthless South East Asia gang that is smuggling drugs, weapons, and people, teenaged spy Alex Rider uncovers information about his parents--and about his old nemesis, Scorpia. **PB \$19.95**

John Hulme

The Glitch in Sleep (Seems 01)

When a Glitch is reported in the Department of Sleep, Becker is dispatched to Fix it, but he's not so sure this is a routine mission. Could the Bed Bugs, who are behind our Worst Nightmares, be responsible for the problems? Or maybe it's The Tide, an underground organisation bent on destroying The Seems? No matter what, Becker's in for an adventure, and it'll take all his training, a little luck, and the coolest 'Tools' known in (or out of) The Seems to Fix the problem. **PB \$15.95**

Erin Hunter

Warriors Boxed Set (Warriors)

The first story arc in the #1 nationally bestselling epic warrior cat series is now available in a beautiful box set. **BPB \$70**

Eva Ibbotson

A Company of Swans

An enchanting love story set in the Amazon, by the award-winning and bestselling author of Journey to the River Sea.

Weekly ballet classes are Harriet Morton's only escape from her intolerably dull life. So when she is chosen to join a corps de ballet which is setting off on a tour of the Amazon, she leaps at the chance to run away for good.

Performing in the grand opera houses is everything Harriet dreamed of, and falling in love with an aristocratic exile makes her new life complete. Swept away by it all, she is unaware that her father and intended fiancé have begun to track her down... **BPB \$14.99**

Julia Jarman

Ghost Writer

Take a boy with a reading problem, a protective mother, and a village primary school set in its original 19th century buildings and there all the ingredients for an accessible modern ghost story.

Frankie wants to stay in this school that he likes, and hide from his mother that there is a bullying teacher who thinks that 'dyslexic' is another name for lazy. Who is the ghost boy who writes: GET HER on the blackboard in the original classroom - and what is his connection with the cupboard at the back? What really happened in the influenza epidemic that swept the village 70 years before - and who died in it? **BPB \$14.95**

Diana Wynne Jones*The Magicians of Caprona (Chrestomanci)*

Casa Montana and Casa Petrocchi look after the magical business in the Dukedom of Caprona, watched over by its magnificent guardian statue, the Angel. The families have been feuding for years, so when all the spells start going wrong, each naturally blames the other. Then young Tonino Montana and Angelica Petrocchi disappear. Could the terrible rumours of a White Devil who threatens Caprona be true after all? Ages: 9–11

BPB \$14.99

Witch Week (Chrestomanci)

The note said: **SOMEONE IN THIS CLASS IS A WITCH.** It was written in ordinary blue ballpoint and had appeared between two of the homework books Mr Crossley was marking. Anyone could have written it, but the most awful thing was, the note might be true – for this was a school for witch-orphans. The last thing Miss Cadwallader, the Headteacher, would want was a visit from the Divisional Inquisitor. Mr Crossley wondered what to do about it... Ages: 9 – 13 **BPB \$14.99**

Melissa Marr*Wicked Lovely*

Rule #3: Don't stare at invisible faeries. Aislinn has always seen faeries. Powerful and dangerous, they walk hidden in the mortal world, and would blind her if they knew of her Sight. Rule #2: Don't speak to invisible faeries. Now faeries are stalking her. One of them, Keenan, who is equal parts terrifying and alluring, is trying to talk to her, asking questions Aislinn is afraid to answer. Rule #1: Don't ever attract their attention. But it's too late. Keenan is the Summer King and has sought his queen for nine centuries. Without her, summer itself will perish. He is determined that Aislinn will become the Summer Queen at any cost... Suddenly none of the rules that have kept Aislinn safe are working any more, and everything is on the line: her freedom; her best friend, Seth; her life; everything. **BPB \$14.99**

Sophie McKenzie*Girl, Missing*

Lauren has always known she was adopted but when a little research turns up the possibility that she was snatched from an American family as a baby, suddenly Lauren's life seems like a sham. How can she find her biological parents? And are her adoptive parents really responsible for kidnapping her? She manages to wangle a trip across the Atlantic where she runs away to try and find the truth. But the circumstances of her disappearance are murky and Lauren's kidnappers are still at large and willing to do anything to keep her silent... **PB \$16.95**

Blood Ties

When Theo discovers the father he thought died when he was a baby is still alive, he's determined to find him. The clues lead him to the lonely Rachel, who has problems of her own, including parents who compare her unfavourably to her long-dead sister.

But when Rachel and Theo are attacked by men from RAGE - the Righteous Army against Genetic Engineering - at Rachel's school disco, they are rescued by strangers and taken to meet a mysterious figure. There, they both make some startling discoveries about their identities, which will affect their past, present, and future in dramatic and life-altering ways... **BPB \$18.95**

Richelle Mead*Frostbite (Vampire Academy 02)*

Rose loves Dimitri, Dimitri might love Tasha, and Mason would die to be with Rose...

It's winter break at St. Vladimir's, but Rose is feeling anything but festive. A massive Strigoi attack has put the school on high alert, and now the Academy's crawling with Guardians-including Rose's hard-hitting mother, Janine Hathaway. And if hand-to-hand combat with her mom wasn't bad enough, Rose's tutor Dimitri has his eye on someone else, her friend Mason's got a huge crush on her, and Rose keeps getting stuck in Lissa's head while she's making out with her boyfriend, Christian! The Strigoi are closing in, and the Academy's not taking any risks... This year, St. Vlad's annual holiday ski trip is mandatory.

But the glittering winter landscape and the posh Idaho resort only create the illusion of safety. When three friends run away in an offensive move against the deadly Strigoi, Rose must join forces with Christian to rescue them. But heroism rarely comes without a price... **TPB \$12.95**

Simon Morden*The Lost Art*

A millennium after the formidable war machines of the User cultures devoured entire civilisations and rewrote planetary geography, Earth is in the grip of a perpetual Dark Age. Scientific endeavour is strongly discouraged, while remnant technology is locked away - hidden by a Church determined to prevent a new Armageddon. This is the world to which Benzamir Michael Mahmood must return. A descendant of the tribes who fled the planet during those ages-old wars, he comes in pursuit of enemies from the far reaches of space. The technology he brings is wondrous beyond the imaginings of those he will meet, but can its potency match that of the Church's most closely guarded treasure? For centuries it has lain dormant, buried in a lead-lined tomb deep beneath the flagstones of a remote Siberian monastery. But it is about to be unearthed, and the powers that will be unleashed may be beyond anyone's capacity to control. Even a man as extraordinary as Benzamir... **BPB \$21.95**

Christopher Paolini*Brisingr (Inheritance)*

Forces collide in Book III of the phenomenally successful Inheritance Cycle. Eragon represents the greatest hope for a better Alagaesia. Can this once simple farm boy rise to become a leader who can unite the rebel forces and defeat the King?

Following the colossal battle against the Empire's warriors on the Burning Plains, Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have narrowly escaped with their lives. Still there is more at hand for the Rider and his dragon, as Eragon finds himself bound by a tangle of promises he may not be able to keep, including Eragon's oath to his cousin Roran to help rescue Roran's beloved, Katrina, from King Galbatorix's clutches. But Eragon owes his loyalty to others, too. The Varden are in desperate need of his talents and strength, as are the elves and dwarves. When unrest claims the rebels and danger strikes from every corner, Eragon must make choices -- choices that take him across the Empire and beyond, choices that may lead to unimagined sacrifice.

Conflict, action, adventure and one devastating death await readers as Eragon battles on behalf of the Varden while Galbatorix ruthlessly attempts to crush and twist him to his own purposes. Rich with a thoughtful examination of Eragon's maturing psyche, BRISINGR explores how Eragon must come to terms with his role as a leader and the moral obligations that weigh heavily upon his young shoulders as a Dragon Rider.

TPB \$34.99 HC \$55 CD \$59.95 (from 20th September)

Guillaume Prevost

Book of Time

A statue; a coin; an old book. They look as dusty as everything else in the Faulkner Antiquarian Bookstore, where 14-year-old Sam Faulkner seeks his father, missing for days. But when Sam slips the coin into the statue, he's swept back in time-to Scotland in 800 AD-where he must find both the statue and another coin in order to return to the present. It's the first step in an adventure that will take him to ancient Egypt, World War I, even Dracula's castle-and a mystery that will end only when Sam saves his father, or loses him in time . . . **PB \$12.99**

Susan Price

Odin's Son (Odin 03)

Since his mother, Odinstoy's, death, Gift has become obsessed with the idea of tracking down his real father. In secret, he employs a private detective to make investigations on Earth so that he can uncover his past. But when a Newsblog reveals evidence to suggest that Odinstoy wasn't his real mother, Gift doesn't know where to turn. He flees to the poisonous surface of Mars in the hope that the great god Odin can give him some answers...Meanwhile the mysterious Sherri, whose resemblance to Gift is undeniable, is making her way to Mars with some important news. Will she find him before it's too late? **BPB \$17.95**

Michael Pryor Australian Author

Word of Honour (Laws of Magic 03)

Magical genius Aubrey Fitzwilliam, along with his loyal friend George, is trying to immerse himself in his new life at university. But for Aubrey life is never straightforward. When Aubrey's father, the Prime Minister, invites him and George to take a ride on a top-secret submersible, Aubrey can't resist. The magical attack that threatens to send them to the bottom of the ocean begins a whirlwind series of events - a plot to rob Albion's largest bank, strange underground disturbances and an opera singer who bears an uncanny resemblance to Aubrey's nemesis, Dr Tremaine . . . How can Aubrey concentrate on his studies when there are mysteries to unravel? **PB \$17.95**

Philip Pullman

His Dark Materials (His Dark Materials)

Lyra and her daemon ... The first four words of this extraordinary book tell us at once that we are in a story like no other. Twelve-year-old Lyra, whose daemon Pantalaimon is part of her very self, is growing up in an ancient, ritual-haunted Oxford, when she learns that her friend Roger has been kidnapped for some evil purpose. Desperate, she sets off at once to rescue him. Her journey takes her to the far north, where she faces a horror far worse than she could ever imagine. Meanwhile, in our own world, a boy called Will has his own dangerous task to fulfil. Like Lyra, he makes surprising discoveries about his parents. He, too, is pursued by forces eager to destroy him. When Lyra and Will meet, they find out that their quests are linked together in the most astonishing way. With the double-edged help of the subtle knife, Will and Lyra open the way to many different worlds, and meet characters who have their own passionate interest in the outcome of the events. Characters such as the armoured bear, Iorek Byrnison; the Texan aeronaut, Lee Scoresby; the graceful witches who fly beyond the Northern Lights; and the most unexpected angels in fiction, Balthamos and Baruch. Their epic journey reaches its climax in the simplest of things: the impulsive response of a girl and a boy to one simple story. When it is over, everything has changed. **HC \$59.99**

Candice Ransom

Message in the Mountain (Time Spies)

The Chapman kids travel back to 1934 where they meet Gutzon Borglum, sculptor of America's greatest engineering and artistic marvel, Mount Rushmore. When the Time Spies arrive, Borglum's in trouble. His massive sculpture of Jefferson has cracked and a mystery is afoot that threatens to scuttle the entire project. Can the Time Spies find a way to save this American masterpiece? **TPB \$12.95**

Justin Richards

Chaos Code

Matt's dad has disappeared. An eminent archaeologist, he's left Matt only a coded message with a bizarre set of instructions: clues that lead Matt to the enigmatic Julius Venture and on to a world-wide treasure hunt. The race is on to find a lost treasure so powerful that it could change the world. Desperate to rescue his father, Matt knows he must get to the treasure first. With the help of Venture's daughter Robin, and the sponsorship of an enthusiastic billionaire, Matt is soon crossing continents, deciphering codes and exploring ancient ruins in an exhausting bid to stay one step ahead of his enemies. But ancient powers are stirring, and all paths seem to lead to the same place - a magnificent pyramid hidden in the Peruvian jungle. The world isn't ready for what Matt's about to discover. An ancient secret that that could re-write history books. A secret that could blow open the greatest mystery of all: Atlantis. **PB \$16.95**

Rick Riordan

Maze of Bones (39 Clues 01)

The Cahills are the most powerful family the world has ever known. However, the family is fractured, and the source of its power has been lost. The story begins with the death of matriarch Grace Cahill. In her will she leaves her heirs a choice: they can either receive a million dollars or a clue. The first Cahill to assemble all 39 clues hidden around the world will discover what makes the family so powerful - a reward beyond measure. It's Cahill versus Cahill in a race to the finish, with readers hot on the heels of the main characters, fourteen-year-old Amy Cahill and her eleven-year-old brother, Dan. The story spans 10 adrenaline-charged books, 350 game cards, and an online world allowing readers to play a part in the story and compete for more than \$25,000 in prizes. **PB \$16.99**

39 Clues Card Pack 1 (39 Clues)

Randomly assorted card pack of 16 cards, including a game guide and tips on how to play. Each card has a unique number which readers enter into the website for a digital version of the card. **\$8.99**

Charlie Small

Charlie and the Daredevil Desperates (Charlie Small 04)

This fourth volume of Charlie Small's journal was found under unusual circumstances. Told of a sighting of Charlie, one of our intrepid editors packed their bags and by plane, hot air balloon and donkey, travelled to the valley where Charlie had last been seen. Charlie Small wasn't there. Our agent searched high and low and lower still. She did meet a skinny gunslinger in a bar who said he'd never heard of Charlie Small. But our editor had already spotted a familiar-looking notebook propped behind a bottle at the back of the bar. She slipped it into her pocket when the outlaw's back was turned... and this is it!

Having escaped the clutches of the evil Puppet Master, Charlie joins Wild Bob France's gang, The Daredevil Desperados of Destiny, whose sole aim is to get rid of the outrageous outlaw, Horatio Ham, and his band of hired gunslingers. Charlie, aka The Lariat Kid, brings down Ham's posse of gunslingers, takes part in a daring bank raid, is caught up in a ferocious gunfight, lands up in jail, and is about to be sacrificed to The Great Bird of Death. Will Charlie escape? Will Ham be defeated? Only by reading Charlie's extraordinary diaries will you find out... **PB \$14.95**

Charlie Small

Charlie and the Underworld (Charlie Small 05)

In the fifth journal found by us, the lucky and smug publisher, we learn that Charlie Small has become embroiled in an underworld from his nightmares...At the end of his fourth journal, Charlie bumped into the infamous Jakeman -- but when the mad professor was dragged down into the Underworld, a place under the earth containing extraordinary and dangerous subterranean creatures, Charlie had to follow - otherwise, how would he ever discover how to get back to his mum and dad?

Charlie's fifth adventure takes him into an unreal darkened world, where anything is possible. But will Charlie Small find a way out of this impossible situation and find his way home, or will he be trapped underground forever...? **BPB \$14.95**

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

Legion of the Dead (Barnaby Grimes)

Barnaby Grimes is a tick-tock lad, high-stacking his way across the rooftops of his city in search of adventure and mystery. In each tale, he encounters a supernatural force and must battle the horrors that await him.

In LEGION OF THE DEAD, Barnaby finds himself embroiled in a plot that includes a legion of zombies raised from the dead. In Dickensian times, people were terrified of being buried alive, and so were left in their coffin with a wire, attached to a bell, running from above the ground, down through the earth and the lid of the coffin, and tied to the little finger of the buried body. Those who found themselves awake in the darkness of their coffin could wiggle their finger and summon help. And so one night, Barnaby makes a shortcut through a graveyard and is horrified to hear the tinkling of dozens of little bells... **HC \$27.95**

Return of the Emerald Skull (Barnaby Grimes)

Barnaby Grimes is a tick-tock lad, running errands in his city, day and night, and high-stacking around the rooftops in search of new mysteries to solve. A fantastic romp through a Dickensian-style city, with a wonderful new hero in the guise of Barnaby.

After collecting a strange parcel from a deserted ship in the fog of the docks, and delivering it to the local schoolmaster, Barnaby thinks he's earned a moment to sit on the rooftops and eat his favourite pasty. But soon he realises that all is not well at the school - but is the problem quite as he expects it? A gruesome tale of a school overrun by a terrible curse - who will survive? **PB \$17.95**

Colin Thompson Australian Author

Top Gear (The Floods 06)

While the Floods were on holiday with their human friends the Hulberts, the Hearse Whisperer totally destroyed their home back in Acacia Avenue. So now they're on the run again . . .

To avoid detection they are, like, totally heavily disguised, man. Yeah, man, it's far out, the Floods have become hippies!

Will they end up living a life of love and peace and singing folk songs about rainbows and sunsets? Will they wear flowers in their hair and wear soya-bean sandals? Yeah, right. **PB \$14.95**

Sean Williams Australian Author

The Dust Devils (Broken Land 02)

Continuing Ros's extraordinary adventures in the Broken Lands ... Adi's body has been borne away across the desert by her Clan, but her spirit remains Ros's constant companion. If he can't find the travellers in time, Adi will be presumed dead and her body cremated, leaving her a ghost forever. But Ros is not prepared for the dangers lurking in the shifting sands. Rescued from bandits and Dust Devils by a boy named Yury, he takes refuge in Yury's home - an extensive network of tunnels known as Dunetown - and learns that Yury in turn needs Ros's help. His family has been kidnapped by the sand bandits, a ruthless gang led by a psychopath obsessed with treasure and power. Ros must learn to trust again, and to overcome those who cannot ever be trusted. Darker things lurk in the desert than Dust Devils and sand bandits. And, all the while, Adi's voice is a constant reminder that time is running out ... **BPB \$14.99**

Timothy Zahn

Dragon And Herdsman (Dragonback Adventures 05)

Barely escaping an attempt on his life that he blames on teen mercenary Alison Kayna, dragon's partner Jack Morgan reluctantly helps Alison to reach a primitive world, where they discover a lost colony of unintelligent dragons that are being threatened by mutual enemies. **HC \$36.95**

Media and Comic Related

Watchmen

Alan Moore

It all begins with the paranoid delusions of a half-insane hero called Rorschach. But is Rorschach really insane or has he in fact uncovered a plot to murder super-heroes and, even worse, millions of innocent civilians? On the run from the law, Rorschach reunites with his former teammates in a desperate attempt to save the world and their lives, but what they uncover will shock them to their very core and change the face of the planet! Following two generations of masked superheroes from the close of World War II to the icy shadow of the Cold War comes this groundbreaking comic story — the story of The Watchmen. **TPB \$39.95**

Zot! Complete Black and White Collection 1987-1991

Scott McCloud

Greatly influenced by the work of Astro Boy creator and "God of Manga" Osamu Tezuka, McCloud created Zot! more than two decades ago at the tender age of 23, making it the first manga-inspired American comics ever. Zachary T. Paleozogt, popularly known as Zot is a blond haired, blue eyed teenage hero from an alternate Earth —this alternate reality is a retro-futuristic technological utopia where flying cars, robots and interplanetary travel are common and nearly all of its inhabitants benefit from peace, prosperity and a marked lack of conventional social ills. Jaunting back and forth between the two worlds seems exciting for Zot at first, but there are subtle differences in the essential nature of the two planets that take some getting used to. On Zot's world, events naturally favor the "good guys" in any conflict, while on Earth, Zot is a less successful hero, reflecting the fact that our world clearly does not conform to the same rules as his. Nevertheless, Zot eagerly takes on Earth's challenges with the most amusing outcomes. The series is particularly notable for its imagery which is reminiscent of the Golden Age of Science Fiction, its energetic visual design and its meta-fictional underpinning. This newly revised cult classic is not to be missed! **TPB \$37.99**

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30 Days of Night

Eternal Damnation

Jeff Mariotte & Steve Niles

Raising the stakes in an already perilous situation, the elite members of a clandestine government sect have taken it upon themselves to become the arbiters of pain and violence against one of the most terrifying forces humanity has ever encountered. But there will be a heavy -- and horrifying -- final price to pay for both sides of an inhuman struggle that now threatens to spill over into an unsuspecting world.... **APB \$16.95**

Doctor Who

18" Radio Control Dalek Supreme Version

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- Responds to over 30 different voice commands
- Room Guard Function
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- Full radio control functionality
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Requires 4 D batteries, 1 9V battery and 4 AA batteries. **Figurine \$295**

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Audio: Doctor Who and the Daemons CD

Doctor Who is strangely concerned about Professor Horner's plan to cut open an ancient barrow near the peaceful English village of Devil's End; equally worried is Miss Hawthorne, the local white witch, who foretells a terrible disaster if he goes ahead. Determined that the Professor should be Mr Magister, the new vicar (in truth the MASTER) whose secret ceremonies are designed to conjure up from out of the barrow a horribly powerful being from a far-off planet...The Brigadier and Jo Grant assist Doctor Who in this exciting confrontation with the forces of black magic! **CD \$39.95**

Fact Files 13: The Ood

Find out all about the Ood in this exciting fact file. Packed with facts about them and their home planet, the Ood-Sphere, quizzes to test your knowledge and a brand new story, Disappearing Act. **HC \$14.95**

Fact Files 14: The Sontarans

Find out all about the Sontarans in this exciting fact file. Packed with facts about this war-loving clone race, quizzes to test your knowledge and a brand new story, Blind Terror. **HC \$14.95**

Fifth Doctor Audio: Black Orchid CD

On a lazy June afternoon in 1925 the TARDIS materialises at the tiny railway station of Cranleigh Halt. Warmly welcomed by the local gentry, the time-travellers look forward to a well deserved rest from their adventures. After a stunning performance at a friendly cricket match, the Doctor, together with Tegan, Adric and Nyssa, is invited to a splendid masked ball by Lady Cranleigh and her son, Charles. But a dark menace haunts the secret corridors of Cranleigh Hall. And before the ball is over, the quiet summer will be shattered by the shocking discovery of a brutal murder. **CD \$39.95**

Micro Universe 3 Pack Doctor Who

Figurines for collectable miniature game. Pack of 3 figurines, 25mm scale, with statistics on the miniature's base and Tardis spinner. Each pack shows one of the figures but the other two are not identifiable until purchased and opened. **Figurine \$19.95**

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Donna Noble

Figurine from Doctor Who series 4. Approximately 14cm tall. Even the packaging is Tardis shaped. Highly detailed poseable figure. **Figurine \$24.95**

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Sontaran Commander Skorr

Figurine from Doctor Who series 4. Approximately 14cm tall. Even the packaging is Tardis shaped. Highly detailed poseable figure. Commander Skorr has taken off his helmet but it is included as a sperate item, along with his weapon. **Figurine \$24.95**

Sontaran Trooper

Figurine from Doctor Who series 4. Approximately 14cm tall. Even the packaging is Tardis shaped. This Sontaran is wearing his helmet which is not removable. **Figurine \$24.95**

The Doctor with Adipose

Figurine from Doctor Who series 4. Approximately 14cm tall. Even the packaging is Tardis shaped. The Doctor comes with 5 Adipose babies. **Figurine \$24.95**

Heroes

Saving Charlie

Aury Wallington

An official novel based on characters from the popular NBC television series Heroes follows the exploits of Hiro, who must use his ability to stop time to save Charlie, the girl he loves, from being brutally murdered. **APB \$19.95**

Smallville

Smallville Official Companion Season 7

Craig Byrne

An authorized companion to Smallville provides a definitive overview of season seven of the hit television series, giving an episode-by-episode summary, memorable quotes from each episode, and exclusive interviews with the cast and crew. **TPB \$30.95**

Star Trek

Myriad Universes: Echoes and Refractions

Keith R A deCandido

It's been said that for any event, there are an infinite number of possible outcomes. Our choices determine which outcome will follow, and therefore all possibilities that could happen do happen across countless alternate realities. In these divergent realms, known history is bent, like white light through a prism -- broken into a boundless spectrum of what-might-have-beens. But in those myriad universes, what might have been...is what actually happened.

THE CHIMES AT MIDNIGHT: In a continuum where Spock died during childhood, an Andorian named Thelin became Captain Kirk's stalwart friend and first officer. But at the moment of Khan's final defeat, history takes an even stranger turn, and the emerging potential of Project Genesis is revealed as the galaxy's greatest hope...and its most ominous threat.

A GUTTED WORLD: Terrorist Kira Nerys -- from a Bajor that was never liberated -- may hold the key to winning a war that has engulfed half the galaxy. But with the Romulans and the Klingons at each other's throats, and the Federation pulled into the conflict, even victory may not bring salvation.

BRAVE NEW WORLD: Dr. Noonien Soong's dream has been realized: androids are now woven inextricably into the fabric of the Federation, revolutionizing Starfleet and transforming the quality of humanoid life. But when Soong's long-missing breakthrough creation, Data, mysteriously resurfaces, civilization reaches a crossroads that could lead to a bright new future, or to ruin. **TPB \$19.95**

Next Generation: Greater Than the Sum

Christopher L Bennett

The Starship Rhea has discovered a cluster of carbon planets that seems to be the source of the quantum energies rippling through a section of space. A landing party finds unusual life-forms inhabiting one of the planets. One officer, Lieutenant T'Ryssa Chen -- a half-Vulcan -- makes a tenuous connection with them. But before any progress can be made, the Rhea comes under attack from the Einstein -- a Starfleet vessel now controlled by the Borg. The landing party can only listen in horror as their comrades are assimilated. The Borg descend to the planet, and just as Chen accepts that she will be assimilated, the lieutenant is whisked two thousand light-years away.

A quantum slipstream -- instantaneous transportation -- is controlled by these beings in the cluster, and in the heart of the cluster there is now a Borg ship. Cut off from the rest of the Borg collective, the Einstein cannot be allowed to rejoin it. For the sake of humanity, the Borg cannot gain access to quantum slipstream technology. Starfleet Command gives Captain Picard carte blanche: do whatever he must to help the beings in the cluster, and stop the Einstein no matter the cost. **APB \$14.95**

Star Wars

Art and Making of Star Wars: The Force Unleashed

More than two hundred full-color illustrations document the four-year process of developing LucasArts dramatic new Star Wars video game, whose story is set during the unexplored time period between the third and fourth films in the saga, revealing the revolutionary technologies used to create the game and its interactive characters. **TPB \$60**

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Sean Williams

A gripping action-adventure novel set during the previously unexplored "Dark Times" between Episode III: "Revenge of the Sith" and Episode IV: "A New Hope". The Jedi order has been crushed under the devious hand of Emperor Palpatine. A new order has risen, one that seeks to dominate the galaxy using the iron fist of Darth Vader. But Vader cannot control an entire galaxy alone. He has selected his own apprentice from among those gifted with Force-sensitive abilities. As the fate of the galaxy hangs in the balance, this new apprentice must choose their own destiny... **HC \$39.95**

Coruscant Nights 02: Street of Shadows

Micheal Reaves

The second of three related novels starring Jedi Jax Pavan, droid I-5YQ, and journalist Den Dhur during the time directly after the events of Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith. Jax Pavan is one of the few Jedi Knights who survived the slaughter of Order 66. Now he ekes out a living as a private investigator in the bowels of Coruscant, trying to help people in need while avoiding revealing himself as a Jedi to those who are still ready to kill any Jedi who remain alive--and especially Darth Vader. **APB \$21.95**

Republic Commando Order 66

Karen Traviss

When the ruthless Emperor Palpatine issues his nefarious Order 66, which calls for the extermination of the Jedi, the members of the Omega and Delta squads are faced with a desperate choice between the Order and their loyalty to their Jedi allies, in the epic conclusion of the Republic Commando series. **HC \$56.95**

Stargate

Atlantis 09: Mirror Mirror

Sabine C Bauer

A new tale based on the People's Choice Award-winning television series finds the team of soldiers and scientists working to unravel a new mystery in the Pegasus galaxy. **APB \$19.95**

SG-1 13: Hydra

Holly Scott & Jaimie Duncan

Colonel Jack O'Neill and the Stargate SG-1 team undertake a new mission that prompts a journey to myriad worlds in their efforts to safeguard humanity from hostile alien forces. **APB \$19.95**

Superman

The Last Days of Krypton

Kevin J Anderson

A detailed account of the tragic destruction of Superman's home planet depicts the lives of his parents, Jor-El and Lara, while giving insight into the political factors that doomed the planet and paved the way for such villains as Brainiac and General Zod. By the author of Hidden Empire.

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Supernatural

Bone Key

Keith R A deCandido

Sam and Dean Winchester head for Key West, Florida, to investigate the bizarre death of a tour guide, who apparently died because of an encounter with unexpected horror, and find themselves dealing with the island's ghostly residents, demons with a hidden agenda, and an ancient power out for revenge. **APB \$19.95**

Games Related

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Prism Pentad 01: The Verdant Passage

Troy Denning

Together, a maverick statesman, a half-elf slave girl, and a man-dwarf gladiator join forces to take on a sorcerer-king who has used the darkest of magics to drain the world of Athas of its life force for a millennium. **TPB \$26.95**

Forgotten Realms

Stone of Tymora 01: Stowaway

R A Salvatore

Guarding a secret that could jeopardize his life, Maimun escapes his home and flees out to sea, stowing away on the pirate hunting ship, Sea Sprite, where he comes across a most unlikely ally: the dark elf Drizzt Do'Urden. **HC \$34.95**

Waterdeep: Blackstaff Tower

Steven E Schend

The seat of arcane power, where the Arch Mage of Waterdeep holds his court. A dark monolith where the rules of reality do not apply. All Waterdeep rests in the shade of Blackstaff Tower

In Blackstaff, a man who helmed the Forgotten Realms for years tackled an epic tale of the famous wizard Khelben "Blackstaff" Arunsun -- and wrote an instant classic. In Blackstaff Tower, Steven Schend delves once more into the lore and wizardry of the Realms, and spins a tale that is a "must" for all who hold Waterdeep dear, and want to know what goes on behind the masks many folk in the Forgotten Realms wear. Pay much attention to the man behind the curtain! **APB \$16**

Waterdeep: Mistshore

Jaleigh Johnson

Believing that she has finally escaped the horrors of her past, Icelin soon discovers that her enemies have come hunting, targeting her friends in retaliation and forcing her to embrace the talents she fears in order to forever stop those threatening her future. **APB \$14**

Hellgate London

Covenant

Mel Odom

In the epic conclusion of a trilogy based on the hit video game, Simon Cross, an expatriate of a secret Templar group hidden in London's Underground for centuries, races against time to save desperate survivors from the Hellgate demons ravaging the broken city and to raise an army to battle the encroaching darkness. **PB \$19.95**

Magic The Gathering

Planeswalker's Guide to Alara

Doug Beyer & Jenna Helland

A meticulously illustrated guide describes the multiverse world of the planeswalker, an powerful immortal wizard with access to the vast secrets of the many planes of existence, in a guide that includes behind-the-scenes concept art and insider's information. **TPB \$34.95**

Metal Gear Solid

Metal Gear Solid

Raymond Benson

This novel goes back to the origins of the game series, retelling in greater detail the story of Solid Snake in the first MGS game. Solid Snake is a special operations agent with the Foxhound special forces unit. Called in to complete the jobs no one else can, Snake uses a combination of espionage, stealth and ruthlessness to achieve his goals - no matter what the cost. Learn more about Snake as he encounters the Metal Gear armour, his lifelong enemy Revolver Ocelot, and the mystery of Shadow Moses Island ... **PB \$19.99**

Order of the Stick

03: War and XPs

Rich Burlew

The epic battle between good and evil becomes more epic-y than ever in the long-awaited third volume in The Order of the Stick story, War and XPs. Follow the continuing adventures of Roy, Haley, Elan, Durkon, Vaarsuvius, and Belkar as they persevere prophecies, revenge, true love, heroic battles, villainous treacheries, tragic falls, and one swingin' party. Read in white-knuckled edge-of-your-seat anticipation as the Order leads the charge in a massive siege that makes the Battle of Thermopylae look like a sorority car wash. Continuing directly from the story in the award-winning No Cure for the Paladin Blues, this book is a must-have for those who have been collecting the entire The Order of the Stick story in print format. Only slightly briefer than its namesake, War and XPs is a mammoth 288-page comic book that weighs in at over 2 pounds of comedy and covers all of the OOTS comics between #302 and #484—but we didn't stop until we crammed more than 30 pages of never-before-seen bonus material into this book, too! Check it out:

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Warhammer 40K

Blood Angels 03: Red Fury

James Swallow

Following the tragic events that led the Blood Angels to the brink of civil war, the Chapter's strength has been badly depleted. The Blood Angels must act, and act quickly, before their enemies learn of their weakness and attack. With tempers flaring, and mutants running wild on their homeworld, can the Blood Angels and their successor Chapters put aside their rivalries and work together to rebuild their force before it is too late?

APB \$16

Warhammer

Time of Legends Nagash 01: Nagash the Sorcerer

Mike Lee

Two thousand years before the time of Sigmar, the mighty kingdom of Nehekhara flourished in the hot desert lands far to the south of the Old World. Mike Lee tells the bitter story of the rise of Nagash, a priest king whose quest for immortality would unleash a plague of death and evil that damned Nehekhara and its people forever. **APB \$16**

Roleplaying Games & Boardgames

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The book features a mix of classic items updated to the 4th Edition rules and brand-new items never before seen in D&D. **HC \$45**

Forgotten Realms : Forgotten Realms Player's Guide

The complete guide for building Forgotten Realms characters!

Welcome to Faerun, a land of amazing magic, terrifying monsters, ancient ruins and hidden wonders. The world has changed since the Spell plague, and from this arcane crucible have emerged shining kingdoms, tyrannical empires, mighty heroes, and monster-infested dungeons.

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Adventure FR1: Scepter Tower of Spellguard

A Forgotten Realms adventure for 2nd-level characters.

A mysterious presence has taken up residence in one of the towers of Spellgard, and now its dark minions plague the Gray Vale!

Scepter Tower of Spellgard is the first full-length Forgotten Realms adventure published for 4th Edition D&D. When paired with the adventure that appears in the Forgotten Realms Campaign Guide, this adventure provides the Dungeon Master with all he needs to get his campaign started. This stand-alone adventure is designed to take characters from 2nd level to 5th level. **TPB \$35**

d20 Pathfinder

Pathfinder Campaign Setting

Golarion, the exciting world of the Pathfinder Adventure Paths and Pathfinder Modules, comes alive in this massive 256-page full-colour hardcover tome primed up and ready to go for your new campaign! Detailed sections on more than 40 nations provide the full picture of the world of the Pathfinder Chronicles campaign setting, with new rules, new magic and spells, detailed descriptions of more than twenty gods and their religions, and a gorgeous poster map detailing the entire campaign setting. **HC \$80**

d20 Pathfinder

12 Curse of the Crimson Throne 6: *Crown of Fangs*

The heroes return to Korvosa to find their home city in a stranglehold of martial law and cruelty-and that Queen Ileosa has neared her goal of achieving immortality. With the holy weapon Seriththial in their hands, they must confront old enemies and explore ancient Thassilonian ruins if they hope to save the people of Korvosa from fueling a mad queen's lust for immortality.

This volume of Pathfinder closes out the Curse of the Crimson Throne Adventure Path, and also features a discussion of Varisia's largest dungeon-the untold vaults below Castle Korvosa, full details on the notorious dragon behind the Curse of the Crimson Throne, and many new monsters to vex and plague high-level heroes.

Pathfinder is Paizo Publishing's 96-page, perfect-bound, full-color softcover Adventure Path book printed on high-quality paper that releases in a monthly volume. Each volume is brought to you by the same staff which brought you Dragon and Dungeon magazines for over five years. It contains an in-depth Adventure Path scenario, stats for about a half-dozen new monsters, and several support articles meant to give Game Masters additional material to expand their campaign. Because Pathfinder uses the Open Game License, it is 100% compatible with the world's most popular fantasy roleplaying game. **TPB \$36**

13 Second Darkness 1: *Shadow in the Sky*

The elves of the Mierani Forest have been hiding something from outside eyes for hundreds of years, but now, this sinister secret has escaped. What at first seems to be a sudden uprising in unsanctioned banditry in the Riddleport hinterlands is in fact something altogether more menacing-the dark elves have come to Varisia. Yet the threat presented by the drow from below may be nothing compared to a new threat from the skies above. Can a new group of heroes save the world from the Second Darkness?

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Curse of the Crimson Throne Map Folio

Introduces players to the sprawling city of Korvosa, the largest city in all Varisia. Contains reprinted maps of all the key locations explored in Pathfinder's second Adventure Path. Even if you aren't running Curse of the Crimson Throne, the maps inside can serve as cities, dungeons, castles, and worlds for any RPG campaign. **\$24**

Exalted

Role of Glorious Divinity II

In this fifth of Exalted's five Books of Sorcery, the nature and powers of myriad of ghosts and demons that have endangered Creation since the Primordial War are explored. Eschewing the Cycle of Reincarnation, ghosts are an affront to the natural order, bringing more power to the Neverborn through their very existence. Demons, meanwhile, are the spawn of the imprisoned Yozis, called forth from Malfeas to do the will of powerful sorcerers. **\$42**

Gamemastery

Map Pack Caverns

Inside you'll find beautiful 5" by 8" map tiles that can be combined to form a number of underground locations that could be part of any dungeon or cave network. **\$23**

Map Pack Caravans

Inside you'll find beautiful 5"x8" map tiles that can be combined to form any caravan that might need protection from monsters along the way. **\$23**

Legend of Five Rings

Legend of the Burning Sand

The Legend of the Burning Sands has exerted a powerful pull on the imagination of gamers since its debut with the collectible card game in 1998. With this book, it joins the Legend of the Five Rings Role-playing Game with its unique core Roll and Keep mechanics but it can also be used as a stand-alone roleplaying game product. Includes descriptions of all of the major factions from the proud Yodotai and Senpet Empires to the stealthy Assassins and Jackals plus mechanics for playing them in L5R's Rokugan or in their native Burning Sands. **\$64**

Warmachine

Khador Drago Unique Heavy Warjack

30mm cast metal miniature. **Figurine \$96**

No Quarter Magazine 20 Magazine \$10

World of Darkness

Changeling the Lost: Equinox Road

Advice on the Changeling endgame, from increased power levels and forging new Contracts to the narrative structure of the game **HC \$45**

Mage the Awakening: Silver Ladder

The history, methodology and ultimate goals of the Silver Ladder. Internal functions of the Silver Ladder, from initiation into the Cryptopoly to their complicated codes of law. New spells, Artifacts, imbued items, Legacies and characters to pursue the shared dream of Hieraconis. **HC \$51**

Zombies

Humans!

This time you are playing the zombies and trying to infect as many people in town as possible. This game will be able to be played with Zombies!!! - some players playing humans and some players playing zombies. **Game \$56**

Zombies 7: Send in the Clowns

Zombies!!! 7: Send in the Clowns pits you against the travelling carnival of the damned. Visit the Big Top, and the Fortune Teller. Get lost in the Fun House. Enjoy some cotton candy. Actually, forget all that and get ready to run screaming from the growing mob of zombie clowns. **Game \$27**

Other Books

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

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

Rupert Bear Annual 2009 (Rupert)

Rupert Bear is one of the most famous and long-standing characters in children's books, with a rich history spanning eight decades. Rupert stories are created from a combination of pictures, rhyming text and story paragraph that has proven successful with generations of young readers. While retaining these classic elements, Egmont has updated the artwork and stories to create an annual with universal appeal. The Rupert Annual (a national institution) and Egmont are giving it a new lease of life. **HC \$19.95**

Australian Writers Marketplace 2009/10 **TPB \$49.95**

Hatice Basarin & Vecihi Basarin *Australian Authors*

Beneath the Dardanelles

In the Australian psyche, the Gallipoli campaign is the action on Gallipoli Peninsula. But an important addition to that land campaign was the part played by the Australian submarine HMAS AE2. The AE2 achieved a daring passage through the Dardanelles on 25 April 1915 when Anzac troops were landing on the other side at Anzac Cove. The Royal and French navies' previous attempts at passage had ended in disaster. AE2's mission to 'run amuck' ended after five days in the Sea of Marmara when it was caught by the Turkish Sultanhisar torpedo boat. After being holed, AE2's captain Stoker scuttled the submarine and its crew were saved by Sultanhisar's captain, Ali Riza. Beneath the Dardanelles tells AE2's story from both the Australian and Turkish perspectives, and features extracts from the memoirs of the two captains. Rarely in military books are both sides of a battle presented so evenly. The submarine lay undiscovered on the bottom of the sea until 1998 and awaits its destiny as the largest historical Australian relic of the Gallipoli campaign. The future of AE2 will be newsworthy for years to come and this book makes an important contribution to that story. **PB \$24.95**

Malcolm Brown *Australian Author*

Australia's Worst Disasters

Australia's history is punctuated by shocking incidents and accidents that have rocked the nation. Examine some of the worst human dramas that we have witnessed in Australia looking at not only what happened, but often how tragedy could have been avoided. Cases include Cyclone Tracey, the West Gate Bridge Disaster, the Ash Wednesday bushfires, the Thredbo landslide, the demolition of the Royal Canberra Hospital, the 1998 Sydney-Hobart yacht race and most recently, the Sea King helicopter disaster. These graphic and compelling stories provide unique accounts of what happened, as well as insights into the impact of those events on survivors and the rest of the nation. **PB \$19.99**

Harry Campbell

Whatever Happened to Tanganyika?

Do you still find yourself referring to Zaire or Czechoslovakia, or wondering whether it should be Moldavia or Moldova, Burma or Myanmar? Dozens of countries, cities and counties have changed their identity over the years. Some of the names we remember from our schooldays or from news headlines just a few years ago are now gone. For example, whatever happened to Tanganyika? This new book by Harry Campbell is a fascinating trawl through the place names that history left behind: the stories about where they came from, what happened to them and what they were replaced by. The stories behind the place names include: Biafra, British Heligoland, Ceylon, Flintshire, Friendly Isles, Islands of Samson and the Ducks, Leningrad, Little Britain, Macedonia, Muscat, Pleasant Island, Stalingrad, Tanganyika, West Britain, Yugoslavia and Zaire. From the major political movements (the Leningrads and Stalingrads of the Socialist Soviet Republic) to enticing destinations (Pleasant Islands, the Friendly Isles), "Whatever Happened to Tanganyika?" reveals how the atlas of yesteryear became the maps of today. **BPB \$14.99**

David Cordingley

Cochrane: The Real Master and Commander

Furnishes an in-depth portrait of Thomas Cochrane, the swashbuckling, nineteenth-century maritime hero who served as a model for such fictional characters as Jack Aubrey and Horatio Hornblower, drawing on previously unpublished sources to document his exploits against the French navy and in the liberation of South America, as well as the scandal that almost ended his naval career. **TPB \$36.95**

Bernard Cornwell

Sword Song (Alfred the Great 04)

Our hero, Uhtred, has been made Governor of London. This fourth book in the series will mostly be set in London and will cover Alfred's building of fortified towns to hold Wesssex and his push into Mercia. **BPB \$24.99**

Toby Cresswell *Australian Author*

Notorious Australians

The European settlement of Terra Australis was motivated by a desire to find somewhere to put people who didn't fit in. Right from the start Australia has taken that spirit and propagated it. Notorious Australians is a selection of true life stories and biographies taken from all walks of life - from convicts and bushrangers to the ladies of the night, right up to the boardrooms of the city and to heads of government. Some of the tales are of hapless stupidity, some tell of victims and their emotions and dark needs, some are funny, some are gruesome. There are stories of bravery, ingenuity and serendipity. A quirky and entertaining reference book on Australia's infamous personalities. **TPB \$35**

MaryJanice Davidson

Really Unusual Bad Boys

Three noble brothers from an enchanted land where pleasure is a commandment wreak havoc on the lives of three very special women in this sinful collection that includes "Bridefight," in which a lovely detective is transported to another world and into the arms of a naked prince. **APB \$17.95**

Carole Nelson Douglas

Cat in Sapphire Slipper (Midnight Louie Mystery)

When Aunt Kit's fiancé and Temple Barr's boyfriend Matt are kidnapped from a bachelor party and taken to a remote Nevada ranch, Matt discovers a murdered young woman and suspects the fiancé's notorious family, while feline sleuth Louie, who managed to attend the kidnapping, endeavors to bail out his human friends. **HC \$51.95**

David Freddoso

Case Against Barack Obama: The Unlikely Rise and Unexamined Agenda of the Media's Favorite Candidate

An expose discusses how Obama's extreme liberal agenda, lack of political experience, and poor judgement in associates would harm the US in the event of his election. (Yes, this may be a biased approach...) **HC \$56.95**

Stephen Gallagher

The Kingdom of Bones

Escaping from custody after being arrested for the serial killings of pauper children, former boxing champion Tom Sayers, desperate to prove himself innocent and to reveal the true murderer, searches for the dark truth and ancient evil behind the murders, with the help of his old friend, Bram Stoker, an expert in the occult. **TPB \$30.95**

James Halliday Australian Author

James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009

Updated and revised edition with tasting notes for 5778 wines. Lists and profiles of 1661 wineries, including 169 new wineries from last edition.

This is the definitive guide to Australian wine. **TPB \$34.95**

Richard Holmes

Age of Wonder

This book tells the story of three remarkable scientific friendships during the Romantic Age in Britain. The astronomers William and Caroline Herschel, the chemists Humphry Davy and Michael Faraday and the medical scientists, John Abernethy and William Lawrence all challenged traditional ideas about human identity, morality and religious belief. They were pioneers in a time where distinctions between poetry, art and science were yet to take hold. Holmes captures an age on the cusp of modernity, when science and faith in God were mutually incompatible, and shows through the vivid dramas of his central relationships how ideas are nurtured, scientific discoveries made, and how religious faith and scientific truth collide. This book seeks to answer questions that are as relevant to us as they were to Coleridge's generation: What are the sources of creativity? In what sense is there a human soul? Is it a fundamental mistake to regard science as a purely rational pursuit, or must we also recognise it as an imaginative and emotional one? With Holmes's customary sense of place, personality, past and period, his ability to get to the heart of what drives a person, his sensitivity to human failings and desires, and his immense authority, this accessible and hugely readable book is breathtaking in its originality and its intellectual importance. **HC \$59.99**

Kay Hooper

If There Be Dragons

Giving up his vacation in tropical paradise for a mission of mercy in the Montana wilderness, Cody Nash encounters the enigmatic Brooke Kennedy, a woman with a well-guarded secret who has isolated herself in self-imposed exile. **APB \$17.95**

Alan Jacobs

The Narnian

C.S. Lewis was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably the most influential Christian writer of his day. Yet among his poetry, literary history and criticism, novels and Christian apologetics stands a unique, delightfully imaginative children's series called *The Chronicles of Narnia*, which have become enduring classics. Alan Jacobs takes this imaginary world of Narnia, that has captivated children and adults alike for years, and uses the themes and stories found within to explore the imaginative life of C.S. Lewis. Few things are more interesting to human beings than trying to figure out how another human being (especially a profoundly gifted one) works. Not just a conventional, straightforward biography of Lewis, Jacobs instead seeks a more elusive quarry: an understanding of the way Lewis's experiences, both direct and literary, formed themselves into patterns—themes that then shaped his thought and writings, especially the stories of Narnia. It is in the Narnia stories that we see the most of Lewis, and this illuminating biography delivers a true picture of the life and imagination of the Narnian. **TPB \$29.99**

Scott Kelby

Digital Photography Book, Volume 2

In Volume 2, Scott adds entirely new chapters packed with Plain English tips on using flash, shooting close up photography, travel photography, shooting people, and even how to build a studio from scratch, where he demystifies the process so anyone can start taking pro-quality portraits today! Plus, he's got full chapters on his most requested topics, including loads of tips for landscape photographers, wedding photographers, and there's an entire chapter devoted to sharing some of the pro's secrets for making your photos look more professional, no matter what you're shooting.

This book truly has a brilliant premise, and here's how Scott describes it: "If you and I were out on a shoot, and you asked me, When I use my flash, the background behind the person I'm shooting turns black. How do I fix that? I wouldn't give you a lecture on flash ratios, or start a discussion on flash synchronization and rear curtain sync. I'd just say Lower your shutter speed to 1/60 of a second. That should do it. Well, that's what this book is all about: you and I out shooting where I answer questions, give you advice, and share the secrets I've learned just like I would with a friend without all the technical explanations and techie photo speak." **TPB \$29.95**

Thomas Ligotti

Nightmare Factory

Graphic novel adaptations of four favorite tales by Thomas Ligotti bring together the work of some of the genre's foremost writers and illustrators and include "Sect of the Idiot," "The Chymist," "Gas Station Carnivals," and "The Clown Puppet." **PB \$36.95**

Jeff Long

Deeper (Descent 02)

A sequel to *The Descent* finds humanity once again searching a subterranean world inhabited by a savage hominid race for its demonic leader, who has orchestrated a series of terrorist attacks that have resulted in an all-out clash of civilizations. **APB \$19.95**

Scott Mariani

The Mozart Conspiracy

Former SAS operative Ben Hope is running for his life. Enlisted by the beautiful Leigh Llewellyn – world famous opera star and Ben's first love – to investigate her brother's mysterious death, Ben finds himself caught up in a centuries-old puzzle. The official line states that Oliver died whilst investigating Mozart's death, but the facts don't add up. Oliver's research reveals that Mozart, a notable freemason, may have been killed by a shadowy and powerful splinter group of the cult. The only clues lie in an ancient letter, believed to have been written by Mozart himself. When Leigh and Ben receive video evidence of a ritual sacrifice being performed by hooded men, they realise that the sect is still in existence today...and will stop at nothing to remain a secret. From the dreaming spires of Oxford to Venice's labyrinthine canals, the majestic architecture of Vienna and Slovenia's snowy mountains, Ben and Leigh must forget the past and race across Europe to uncover the truth behind THE MOZART CONSPIRACY... An electrifying and utterly gripping must read for fans of Dan Brown, Sam Bourne and Ludlum's Bourne series. **APB \$8.99**

Margaret Maron*Death's Half Acre (Deborah Knott)*

When a high-profile commissioner is murdered in the wake of corruption-marked struggles between housing developers and farmers in the North Carolina countryside, Judge Deborah Knott and her husband, sheriff's deputy Dwight Bryant, find themselves in the middle of an increasingly violent dispute. **HC \$51.95**

James Miller*Lost Boys*

After the oil company that employs Arthur Dashwood fails to protect him from a kidnap attempt in Baghdad, he returns to his traumatised family in London. But everything is not as it should be. Having quit the blistering heat and swimming pool luxury of Saudi Arabia for fear of terrorist attack, Arthur finds that danger is closer to home. Arthur's young son Timothy is struggling in the hostile terrain of his new public school. Bullied by other pupils and neglected by his preoccupied parents, he withdraws into a fantasy world, a hybrid of computer-generated guerrilla warzone and exotic dreams of his time in Saudi Arabia, a place where boys can fight and escape their teachers and families. As one middle-class boy from Timothy's school and then another disappears, so evidence emerges of an extreme and disturbing rejection of the adult world. And then it is Timothy's turn to disappear. Haunted by memories of post-Saddam Baghdad, Arthur embarks on a terrifying search for his son, one that will reveal his own complicity in the brutal consequences of Western power. **TPB \$32.99**

Karen Marie Moning*Fae fever (Fever 03)*

Sequel to Darkfever and Bloodfever. Sidhe-seer MacKayla Lane finds that time is running out as All Hallows' Eve approaches and she struggles to keep the Sinsar Dubh, an ancient book of dark magic that only she knows how to find, out of the hands of Fae and human alike. **HC \$47.95**

Camilla Nelson Australian Author*Crooked*

Corruption, prostitution, gambling, bent coppers, crooked politicians, honest crims. It's all in a day's work.

Set against the back drop of the Askin government with events revolving around notorious crime identities Dick Reilly, Lennie McPherson and Johnny Warren, CROOKED reveals the dark underbelly of Sydney during the late 1960s. Gus Finlay is a fresh-faced young detective who is transferred to the Criminal Investigation Branch after his partner has been as crooked. Sydney is a savage place. A series of violent killings escalate with a spectacular execution-style murder. When a black book with names of prominent politicians and members of the police force is discovered among the dead man's things, the case is blown wide open, and someone will have to pay. **TPB \$32.95**

Peter O'Donnell*Green Cobra (Modesty Blaise)*

The dark underworld of espionage and crime is lit up by the fatal charms of the gorgeous Modesty Blaise - high priestess of pulp crime and goddess of cult thrillers! Adventurer, spy, smuggler, racketeer and all-round bad girl, Modesty is as stylish as she is smart, as lethal and beautiful as a Japanese fighting sword! This latest volume features three classic hard-to-find stories: "Green Cobra", "Eve and Adam" and "Brethren of Blaise"...all wrapped up in a spectacular collector's library edition! Featuring new story introductions by creator Peter O'Donnell, plus a host of features including unseen artwork by John Burns, as well as a selection of recently unearthed Modesty strips - this latest addition to the Modesty Blaise library is not to be missed! **TPB \$24.95**

Victor Pelevin*The Secret Book of the Werewolf*

A darkly comic work by the author of Buddha's Little Finger finds fifteen-year-old Moscow prostitute A. Huli hiding her identity as a two-thousand-year-old were-fox who seduces men to absorb their life force, a practice that catches the attention of a high-ranking intelligence officer and fellow werewolf. **HC \$52.95**

Don Pendleton*Blood Toll (Executioner 358)*

When Chinese and American fighter jets engage each other over the island of Taiwan, igniting an explosive situation involving a terrorist group backed by high-ranking officials in the Chinese government, Mack Bolan must infiltrate the terrorist cell and stop another Pearl Harbor from happening. **APB \$17.95**

The Judas Project (SuperBolan 122)

When a former Kremlin official hijacks operation Black Judas to manipulate America's resources and steal billions of dollars, Mack Bolan and a beautiful Russian cop go up against the KGB's most lethal assassin to take this monster down. **APB \$17.95**

James Phelan Australian Author*Blood Oil (Lachlan Fox)*

BLOOD OIL sees the return of Ex-Navy operative Lachlan Fox. Now working as an investigative journalist, Lachlan Fox has been visiting some of the World's trouble spots. But a trip to Africa brings him face to face with a horror that could change him forever. Set in Nigeria, Venezuela, the US and UK the book is about terrorism, oil supply and poverty. The central ideas of BLOOD OIL (as with all James Phelan's thrillers) come from world news and current affairs. From New York to Nigeria, London to Libya, Fox and his best mate Alistair Gammaldi race to unravel a sinister plan before each step is put into action. Lachlan Fox is going to prove, again, that there is a hero in all of us. **TPB \$32.99**

Ingrid Poulson Australian Author*Rise*

How to choose resilience in times of adversity, live well, and cultivate joy in the every day.

Rise is not about the worst that can happen in life; it's about how to respond when the worst has already happened...

In 2003, Ingrid Poulson's estranged husband killed their two young children and Ingrid's father. After time, Ingrid chose to start with survival and build from there. She recognised her resilience and chose to rise to the challenge of overcoming unimaginable tragedy.

Few people have to suffer events such as those that Ingrid experienced. But everyone has to deal with challenges, hardships and grief in everyday life. The ability to be resilient in the face of these can mean the difference between getting through troubled times and living life to the fullest, and succumbing to their pressures.

Everyone who has met Ingrid is inspired by her clarity and courage. Through the four main components of her program of resilience - Resolve, Identity, Support and Everyday resilience - she shares the skills and practices she has developed to not only survive but to live a rich and rewarding life. "In the few short years since the event that left me with nothing, I have been told that I have a charmed life, that I'm lucky and that I am the subject of envy. Many, many people have asked me how I do it, how I survive, and this book is the answer to that question." **PB \$29.99**

Peter Rees Australian Author*The Other Anzacs*

"I had my right arm under a leg, which I thought was [the patient's], but when I lifted it I found to my horror that it was a loose leg with a boot and a puttee on it. It was one of the orderly's legs which had been blown off and had landed on the patient's bed. The next day they found the trunk about 20 yards away." By the end of The Great War, forty-five Australian and New Zealand nurses had died on overseas service and over two hundred had been decorated. These were women who left for war on an adventure, but were soon confronted with remarkable challenges for which their civilian lives could never have prepared them. They were there for the horrors of Gallipoli and they were there for the savagery the Western Front. Within twelve hours of the slaughter at Anzac Cove they had over 500 horrifically injured patients to tend on one crammed hospital ship, and scores of deaths on each of the harrowing days that followed. Every night was a nightmare. Their strength and humanity were remarkable. Using diaries and letters, Peter Rees takes us into the hospital camps, and the wards and the tent surgeries on the edge of some of the most horrific battlefronts of human history. But he also allows the friendships and loves of these courageous and compassionate women to enrich their experiences, and ours. This is a very human story from a different era, when women had not long begun their quest for equality and won the vote. They were on the frontline of social change as well **HC \$49.95**

Beau Riffenburgh*Racing With Death*

The early twentieth century was the 'heroic age' of Antarctic exploration - a time when adventurers such as Scott and Shackleton were national icons who personified the contemporary ideal of manly struggle for the good of Empire. But, while these two are world famous to this day, Australian Douglas Mawson, whose Australasian Antarctic Expedition, undertaken in 1911 after Mawson had been a key member of Shackleton's Nimrod expedition, Dr Edmund Hillary described as 'the greatest survival story in the history of exploration', is not. He should be, however. Mawson's expedition, undertaken on a small whaling ship called Aurora, combines several exceptionally exciting elements. Once in the Antarctic, the expedition split up into smaller parties exploring different areas. The two other members of Mawson's party died and Mawson was left to struggle hundreds of miles back to base on his own. Despite incredible odds, he made it, only to find that the rescue ship had sailed away, leaving him to face a year on his own in the Antarctic. Scientifically and geographically speaking, Mawson's expedition was truly groundbreaking and established Australia as a key player in the Antarctic. Mawson, who had complex relationships with both Scott and Shackleton, was changed utterly by his struggles in the Antarctic and his story is a fascinating insight into the human psyche under extreme stress. Racing with Death is an unforgettable story of true heroism. **TPB \$35**

Lesley Scott-Ordish*Collins Dog Owner's Guide Cocker Spaniel (Collins Dog Owner's Guides)*

Collins Dog Owner's Guides is a well established series of superbly illustrated, practical books for pedigree dog owners. The series has built up a reputation for their authoritative, comprehensive text and the quality of the specially commissioned photographs. All the most popular dog breeds are covered. Each book is written by an expert breeder or show judge, and the Consultant Vets to the series are John and Caroline Bower. The text is practical and authoritative and illustrated throughout with colour photographs of champion dogs and practical step-by-step photoguides to training. Each book is divided into three main sections: 1. You and Your Dog Breed characteristics and behaviour. 2. Caring for Your Dog Practical information on feeding, training, grooming, exercising, breeding and showing 3. Healthcare and First Aid.

This series has established itself as the most authoritative among the competition. The books are practical, comprehensive and fully illustrated with specially commissioned colour photographs. **HC \$25.95**

George D Shuman*18 Seconds (Sherry Moore 01)*

After spending nearly 30 years behind bars for causing a deadly school bus accident, Earl Sykes returns to his hometown determined to enact revenge for his incarceration. He sets his sights on Lieutenant Kelly O'Shaunisy, the daughter of his captor. But Earl Sykes has an even more sinister secret: as he plots his revenge, his penchant for the rape, torture and murder of young girls - the kinds of crimes he used to commit but for which he was never caught - needs to be fed. As Sykes gives in to his dark urges and the bodies of young women begin to appear in desolate areas of the New Jersey boardwalk, newly minted Lieutenant O'Shaunisy takes on the investigation. These crimes horrify her, not only because they suggest a gruesome cruelty, but because they are strangely reminiscent of crimes that went unsolved 30 years ago. As O'Shaunisy follows a series of frustrating dead-end leads, young women continue to go missing and bodies pile up. But then a breakthrough changes the game entirely. Her desperation leads her to an unlikely source: Sherry Moore, a beautiful, blind psychic, who possesses the extraordinary ability to access the last 18 seconds of a person's life by touching that person's corpse. Sherry and O'Shaunisy together set out to stem the bloodshed...but not before becoming entangled in a dangerous web that could cost them their lives. **PB \$19.95**

Last Breath (Sherry Moore)

A ruthless serial killer with an unthinkable MO has left a trail of tortured, murdered women in western Maryland and seems to have gone to ground in the backwoods of Pennsylvania. With no leads or any sign of a suspect, investigators must call on the now-famous blind psychic Sherry Moore, a woman whose talent inspires scepticism, but whose results are unparalleled. While investigating this case, she is privy to the most savage and terrifying scenes imaginable. However, because the killer is aware of her methods, he keeps his identity just beyond her reach until she resolves to put herself directly in harm's way. When the fiend sets his sights on Sherry, this seemingly helpless woman must demonstrate an almost inhuman strength of will and body as she attempts to capture the deranged killer without having to pay the ultimate price in exchange.

With Last Breath, George Shuman confirms his status as one of the most captivating thriller writers, and in Sherry Moore, he presents one of the most compellingly original protagonists the genre has ever seen. **PB \$19.95**

Lost Girls (Sherry Moore 03)

The natives called them the 'Lost Girls'. They were German and French, Italian and Russian, Asian and American; young, beautiful women easily identified by a haunting tattoo burned onto their right cheek. While there had been sightings of these lost girls being driven through the rugged mountains of Hispaniola, none had ever escaped alive, leaving the secrets of their world intact. Stephanie Trahaney, a volunteer for the World Freedom Organization, had heard rumours of slave girls being trafficked to wealthy drug lords around the Caribbean. Determined to learn more, she sets out for the Dominican Republic to meet with a source willing to talk about the girls. When she goes missing and Rolly King George, detective sergeant of Jamaica's Special Constabulary Force, picks up the body of a young, blonde woman with the signature tattoo, floating off the island's coast, Sherry Moore is called. But when Sherry, the blind psychic renowned for her ability to see the last 18 seconds of a deceased person's memory, arrives in Jamaica to examine the body, all is not what it seems. **TPB \$29.95**

Sun Tzu*Art of War*

An unusually direct translation of the Chinese classic, with commentary explaining how to apply the wisdom of nonaggression to conflicts in everyday life. **PB \$27.95**