



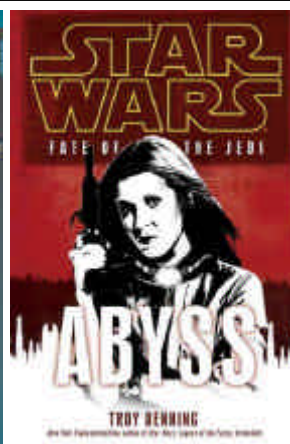
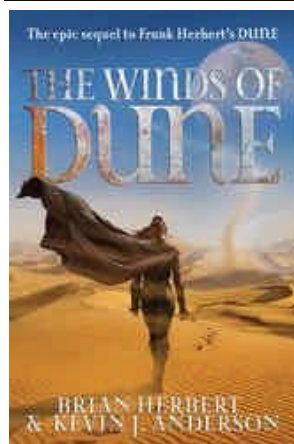
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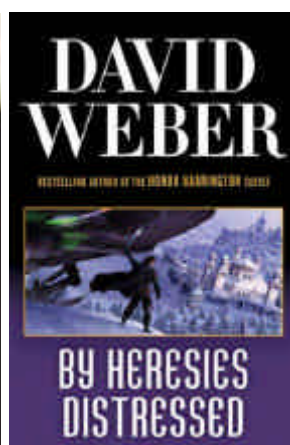
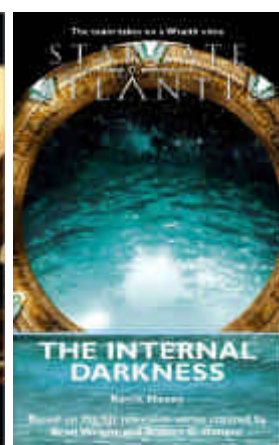
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Featured Books



Kevin J Anderson/ Brian Herbert
Rachel Caine
MaryJanice Davidson
Star Wars
Kim Falconer
MargaretWeis and Tracy Hickman
Stargate Atlantis
Dungeons and Dragons
Stephenie Meyer
David Weber
Warhammer 40 000

Winds of Dune in trade paperback/hardcover
Cape Storm in paperback
Undead and Unwelcome in trade paperback
Abyss in hardcover
Arrows of Time in paperback
Dragons of the Hourglass Mage in hardcover
The Internal Darkness in paperback
Divine Power in hardcover
Twilight Series in paperback
By Heresies Distressed in hardcover
Emperor's Mercy in paperback



News

Charles Brown, editor and co-founder of Locus magazine, died 12th July. Locus will continue to publish with executive editor Liza Groen Trombi in charge. <http://www.locusmag.com/News/2009/07/charles-n-brown-1937-2009.html>

Winterfest is a roleplaying convention held annually at Blacktown North Public School. Infinitas is providing book vouchers as prizes. <http://www.warhorn.org/winterfest/>

D&D Minis: If you are interested in starting a group playing monthly D&D miniatures at the shop, contact us.

Always Take a Survival Kit

by Ashley Arnold

Jamahl launched another Jaffa into the gloom. It rolled lazily down the aisle and disappeared, a miniature orange world swallowed by the darkness, coming to rest who knew where. (Most likely at the bottom of the aisle, below the movie screen).

The lights had dimmed a few minutes ago, but the movie hadn't started yet.

"Do you think something's gone wrong?" Shelly whispered.

They were the only people in the theatre. Jamahl couldn't have asked for a better scenario. "Maybe the projectionist is a serial killer, and he's sneaking towards us right now."

Shelly's flicked around to look behind them. She punched him in the arm. "You idiot. They probably don't even have projectionists anymore. It's all automated."

"Maybe the guy on the front desk then." Jamahl flicked another Jaffa down the aisle. "He looked pretty serial killer-ish."

"You're not scaring me."

The screen flashed into life, and Shelly grabbed Jamahl by the arm. In the image, a monstrous Earth slid out of view, followed by the moon rushing overhead.

"Oh my god, this isn't a Star Trek movie, is it?"

The image of Mars swung past on the screen, and then Jupiter with a couple of its moons.

"I don't think so."

The star field in the background began to move as well. Accelerating, Jamahl thought.

"I can't do anything if it's not a romantic movie."

Shelly looked at him meaningfully.

Jamahl hadn't really paid attention when he'd bought the tickets, or to which theatre number they'd entered. "Maybe we're in the wrong one." He wasn't about to leave though — a cinema all to themselves was too good an opportunity to pass up.

On the screen, stars skidded past with dizzying rapidity.

Shelly, it seemed, wanted to actually watch a movie, and a journey through space wasn't what she had in mind. She jumped out of her seat, looked at the back wall and inhaled through clenched teeth. "Jamahl."

He glanced up at her. Shelly's eyes were fixed on the back wall. She's trying to trick me, he thought. I'm not going to look, there's no one there.

"Where's the movie coming from?"

Despite his best intentions he turned around in his seat. Instead of the regular openings out of which the image would be projected, he saw only a solid wall.

Jamahl looked back at the screen — still showing stars zipping past — and again to the wall. No trail of mote-flecked light was visible. There was no evidence of a projection system at all.

"I don't get it." Shelly's voice quivered.

"Maybe it's a new kind of really big screen TV. Really big."

Shelly ran up the steps to the exit. "The door won't open."

Jamahl tramped up the steps, the box of Jaffas still in his hand. The outline of the door remained visible, but he could see no handle on this side. Shelly clawed at the cracks to no effect.

"They've locked us in. Did you set this up?"

Jamahl raised his hands. "Me? No way."

"Then what's going on here?"

Jamahl looked back at the screen. A single planet had replaced the star field. It hung below them, as if viewed from a high orbit. The planet looked a little like Earth, with layers of white cloud, ocean and land. Except that the blues were too purple, the greens too yellow, the browns too ochre to be Earth.

"Maybe it's 'where is here going on?'"

Shelly followed his gaze to the screen. From her facial expressions he could see her mind clicking over, coming to same conclusion he had. In the end she shook her head. "It's a trick. Someone's playing with us."

The planet swelled until it took up the entire screen. Blotches and swirls manifested into mountains and plains. They fell closer and closer to the surface. The scene began to race beneath them. A vast purple ocean appeared in the distance.

The surface rushed up to meet them, and they moved faster and faster over it.

The whole theatre jolted, throwing Jamahl over the back row of seats. He picked himself up. Shelly lay crumpled near the door.

"Are you all right?"

"I think so," she said.

Jamahl helped her to her feet. The screen showed a forest, except the "trees" looked more like mushrooms draped with seaweed. As he watched, the "seaweed" pulsed and resolved into millions of interlocking creatures that crawled over each other. Shelly slipped her hand in his.

He stooped and picked up the box of Jaffas from the floor. He wished he'd bought something more substantial before the movie.

Behind him the door opened.



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Author Visit

Duncan Lay visited Infinitas 28th July. His first fantasy novel has just been published by Voyager. *The Wounded Guardian* starts a trilogy with *The Risen Queen* due at Christmas and *The Radiant Child* due in July 2010. We have received strong positive feedback of *The Wounded Guardian* from readers. This was not a formal book signing, however, we had Duncan sign copies for our shelves, so ask us soon if you want a signed copy. Duncan recounted how he bought a signed Feist novel from Infinitas years ago at our old Horwood Place shop and later interviewed Raymond E Fiest for a newspaper article. Duncan attributed Fiest as his inspiration to write fantasy.

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/ProductsByAuthor.php?autid=30967>



Book Reviews

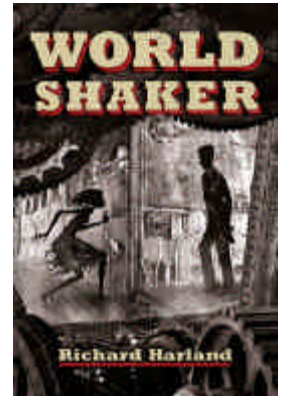
Feel welcome to submit a book review for us to publish here. If you have read a book and have an opinion on it share it with the other readers in our community. Also, in the shop we have several books for which we are seeking reviewers, and would exchange for a review.

World Shaker by **Richard Harland** by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781741757095>

The juggernaut *World Shaker*, a rolling industrial age city, is the only home Col has ever known, and seems a safe paradise. His grandfather, the Supreme Commander, has appointed him as his heir, and now he's off to school to learn about how everything fits together. As far as he knows, the upper decks and polite Society are to be his future. But one night a young girl Filthy hides in his cabin, trying to avoid being turned into a Menial, and when the guards come looking for her, he hides her. This is the start of Col's real education, and how he learns that the pleasant, protected life he's been leading is in fact a vicious lie. His whole life is turned upside down by the revelations being thrust upon him, including how the juggernaut functions, the twisted family he comes from, and the truth about how *World Shaker* actually impacts on the world outside. Should he accept the role being forced upon him by events & his family, or will he cast it aside for being true to himself?

A young adult novel, it starts off in a way that feels predictable, and leaves you wondering whether the plot will ever develop into something more engrossing. Fortunately as you progress through the book, the author manages to escape from the scene setting role, and develop a plot line that drags you in as you start to accept the world created in the book. With Victoria & Albert on the throne, and high society running the show, it feels like the author is trying to give the reader the feel for an almost *Pride & Prejudice* based morality, including the hypocrisy, sexism & class warfare. The whole novel is written in a style similar to one of the older *Boy's Own* adventures, but the author is good enough to have prevented the whole book from reading like a 1930's comic. Entertaining, distracting and a fascinating glimpse into a future which might have been, had historical events turned out differently. Harland has also managed to develop Col's character & personality enough that you start to feel for, like & understand him, even when his values are alien to our own.

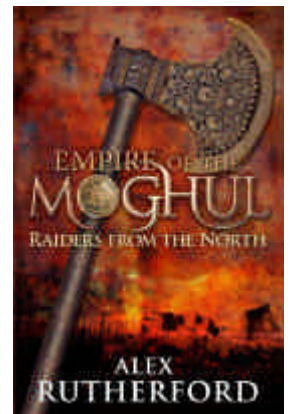


Raiders From the North by **Alex Rutherford**, reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780755347520>

India 1494, and the ruler of Ferghana, a small kingdom north of India, dies in an accident. His son Babur is 12 years old, and he must prove himself worthy of the throne quickly, for the plots against him are starting straight after his father's death. Taking the kingship with the support of allies & advisors, he becomes obsessed with the famed city of Samarkand, and ruling it as his own. Amazingly, he achieves this goal, in his ambition to live up to the name of his ancestor Tamburlaine. But he is betrayed & outmanoeuvred, and loses both kingdoms, Samarkand to the Mongols, and Ferghana to his cousin. This is just the start of the the saga that was his life, as he faces battles, victory, loss, betrayal, love & death in his quest to rule an empire.

Rutherford has taken the legend of the first Moghul emperor, and has written an excellent historical saga of his life, attempting to portray the people, places and events as they would have been perceived at the time, but making it comprehensible to the modern reader. The hardest thing to try to depict in print is how people thought, acted & behaved in historical times, as fundamental beliefs and knowledge change. The author has created a believable main character, who you want to succeed, against all the odds and challenges arrayed against him. The writing style is reminiscent of Cornwell, but with a twist, as Rutherford is trying to present a picture of the Asian mind, rather than the European style of thought. He has also managed to depict how Babur managed to change the entire face of warfare in India & Asia, with the introduction of firearms from Turkey into combat. Overall, a fascinating book, involved, descriptive, well written, and presenting a portrait of an otherwise generally unknown period of time in history.



Mistborn by Brandon Sanderson, reviewed by Michael Wilson

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765350381>

“Mistborn” is the first book in a fantasy trilogy of the same name. The first volume describes the beginning of a revolt against The Final Empire, an oppressive government ruled by the immortal Lord Ruler which has endured for a thousand years.

In the world that Sanderson has created certain individuals have one of eight different powers linked to various metals or alloys but only the very rare Mistborn have access to all eight powers. The revolt is led by a rogue Mistborn named Kelsier. The story’s point of view switches between that of Kelsier, Vin (a street urchin taken in by the revolt’s leaders) and a few other central characters.

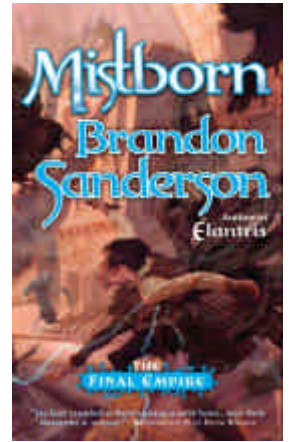
Each of the lead characters are engaging and interesting as they struggle both in the revolt and against their own inner demons. The development of the characters is written in a strong and believable manner.

The series is also about action and Brandon Sanderson writes very exciting action scenes indeed! The battles of the Mistborn against their enemies, and especially against other Mistborn, are exhilarating in their pace and descriptive power. The books are worth the entry price for these scenes alone.

“Mistborn” and the subsequent books all have secret driven plots. Each is about uncovering secrets that are hidden from the characters and the reader. The revelation of these secrets as layer upon layer of misdirection is uncovered is a key aspect to the series which raises it above the normal fantasy trilogy fair.

I recommend the Mistborn series to all who enjoy an interesting and epic (by which I mean long) fantasy. Brandon Sanderson is able to successfully juggle multiple characters, write exciting battle scenes and built complex worlds.

Post script: Brandon Sanderson has been hired to complete Robert Jordan’s “Wheel of Time” series and he is a natural fit for that style of writing. If you enjoy that series (especially the earlier volumes when there were actually things happening) then you will certainly enjoy the “Mistborn” series.



Comrades!: A History of World Communism by Robert Service by Andrew Wilson

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780674025301>

This is a well rounded tale set in a universe that Lovecraft would have been quite at home in. It is the story of a bunch of religious nuts who try to create heaven on earth and don’t care who they have to murder or torture in order to get the job done. Their fanatical faith masquerades as an anti-religion. It is just the mysterious forces of evolution that make their victory inevitable. Their supreme prophet is a man name “Marx” and collaborator Friedrich Engels. At various times they both subscribe to dictatorship and the political use of terror. “They scoff at moral arguments”.

These clowns aim for eminently reasonable and achievable goals such as the abolition of families, the government controlling everything and the ending of faith in an afterlife. You can tell they don’t subscribe to religion later in the book when they set up temples and statues to their leaders and saints such as Marx.

The contradictions in their doctrine are well evident before their deaths. They talk of free associations of producers and then advocate discipline and hierarchy in the next breathe. A character Bakunin delivers a withering assault on their exploitation of working people to be herded into revolt in regiments under their strict control. A Max von Bohm-Bawerk demolishes their economic program in the first ten minutes. The final piece of incredible stupidity is that once they achieve victory creating as vicious a dictatorship as ever known by man, it will simply wither away. Nobody will need a government. Therefore the full apparatus of repression and self serving bureaucracy will disappear of its own accord.

With the silly part of the book over, after all who in their right mind would subscribe to such a doctrine, we get into the meat of the book. It is a rip roaring tale of the worst crimes known to man. Thug after thug takes advantage of the naive theorists to achieve brutal dictatorship. Climaxing in the control of not one but two Cthulhu like characters called “Stalin” and “Mao”. The story becomes a little repetitious with the repeated litany of crimes as only the background changes, always spear-headed by the idealists or true believers. Remember these are people ready to use violence to achieve their goals so we can’t be too concerned with their eventual and inevitable fate. After they get thrown on the fire with the “class enemies” they bleat this isn’t “real Communism”. How can it be? Heaven hasn’t been created. Who would think violent vicious people would keep acting after a revolution as they did before it? Although the author doesn’t mention it in this book; Khrushchev, in his listing of Stalin’s crimes, made the point “but he was a good communist”.



We now have a new batch of Star Trek ship models. All pre-painted injection moulded plastic, requiring minor assembly. \$29.95



D & D Delve Day

We have now held a successful D&D Delve day with seven gamers turning up to play. There was almost swordplay to see who had to DM, but this was resolved without bloodshed. The 11th level game ran for approximately three hours finishing up by 2pm.

These regular events will continue but we are still assessing demand to see if we should run them once or twice a month – feedback wanted. Next D&D Delve day is Saturday 8th August 10am. Bring a 10th level character built to standard RPGA guidelines for 4th Edition Dungeons and Dragons. Contact us to confirm details.



DnD Delve Day Report by Liam

Last Saturday myself and many DnD players came round to Tim's shop to play a short round of DnD (if there is such a thing). One person brought their own self-made character, didn't bring a miniature and had to be supplied with a short female dark elf miniature, at odds with the lute-playing gnome bard it was meant to represent, which brought many laughs about the differences between a gnome and a goliath (which was another person's new character). Most of the setup phase was spent arguing over who had the best excuse to not be the DM until Sean turned up and was quickly talked into being the DM. We were now ready for a fun short DnD session with lots of smashing about, quick fixing lollies and several jokes about luck rolls.

Our delve started out with a short story of a shadar-kai woman who's husband Melnoth had made off with the body of their recently deceased daughter in the hopes of a new priest's promise of restoring her to life in the haunted city of Shadowfell, obviously involving dark rituals, demons, ghosts and giant things to hit really hard with big sticks.

As we moved into the city we noticed a sort of burial tomb, whom the goliath promptly ran up and smashed causing the ghost within to start the encounter.

Since we were out of miniatures, I myself supplied a small lizard wizard as the ghost and David supplied a giant blue rhino thing for the large spirit that was waiting in the darkness to pick us off. Quickly defeating both monsters we moved onto the next area after a break involving several devoured chips, biscuits and lollies we set off to the next encounter fully refreshed by sugar and soft drinks. The next encounter saw us facing of against three mezzodemons which repeatedly pinned us down with their writhing tridents. Also helping them were two vrock which proved quite troublesome. On came the onslaught which saw the gnome and the ranger do hit and run tactics against the monsters while the cleric healed us, the paladin supported us with divine powers and the giant and barbarian chopped and smashed their way through with a little help from the dragonborn. One player did a spectacular move which saw five attacks in one go with an action point, critical throw and several 'if that hits, so does this' effects. All of this took out one mezzodemon fully alone. Not to be out done, the next player did a similar thing to a vrock with a charge, action point, two critical throws and several good hits. What was left was simply easy pickings. What made this encounter even more entertaining was the fact that by that point we had completely run out of miniatures and had to represent the mezzo demons with very comical pictures of simple monsters smiling on pieces of paper and the vrock were shown as the greatest enemy and ally of every DnD player: jumbo sized D20's. Surprisingly that was the final part in the delve and we all helped in packing up and putting away the tables and chairs for next time. All in all we had great fun with this Delve Day and we are eagerly awaiting the next one.

Bestsellers for July

General Release

<i>Moon Flights</i>	Elizabeth Moon
<i>White Witch, Black Curse</i>	Kim Harrison
<i>Best Served Cold</i>	Joe Abercrombie
<i>By Schism Rent Asunder</i>	David Weber
<i>Dragon Keeper</i>	Robin Hobb
<i>Petrodor</i>	Joel Shepherd
<i>The Last Argument of Kings</i>	Joe Abercrombie
<i>1634: The Bavarian Crisis</i>	Eric Flint & Virginia DeMarce
<i>By Heresies Distressed</i>	David Weber
<i>Strange Brew</i>	P N Elrod (editor)

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Fallen Angels</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Eberron Player's Guide</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4ed
<i>Omen</i>	Star Wars
<i>The Pirate King</i>	Forgotten Realms
<i>Losing the Peace</i>	Star Trek Next Generation
<i>Divine Power</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4ed
<i>Arcane Towers</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4ed
<i>Tales of Heresy</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Troublesome Minds</i>	Star Trek Original Series
<i>Courage and Honour</i>	Warhammer 40,000



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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>

Thursday 6th August 2009: Epidemics and Infestations

Thursday 3rd September 2009: Alternative Technology

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. The discussion is generally serious and insightful, we usually share a bottle or 2 of wine with cheese – contributions gratefully drunk. All welcome.

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

Thursday 20th August 2009

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (Fantasy) by Seth Grahame-Smith and Jane Austin

Hunter's Run (Science Fiction) by

George R R Martin, Gardner Dozois and Daniel Abraham

Thursday 17th September 2009

Saturn's Children by Charles Stross (SF)

Prophecy's Ruin by Sam Bowring (Fantasy)

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

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Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

Monsterpocalypse is a tabletop miniature game for 2 players who each deploy their figurine army of giant monsters rampaging through a cityscape. It is very silly and often humans only rank as collateral damage. Games start 6pm the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Register as a player for prize support from Privateer Press. Contact the shop for details.



Dungeon & Dragons Delve Days: Play a short game of 4th edition D&D, one or two encounters only. Pre-prepared characters may be required. Ask us at the shop for details. 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings of each month starting at 10am.

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Daniel Abraham

The Price of Spring (Long Price Quartet 04)

Fifteen years have passed since the devastating war between the Galt Empire and the cities of the Khaiem in which the Khaiem's poets and their magical power known as "andat" were destroyed, leaving the women of the Khaiem and the men of Galt infertile.

The emperor of the Khaiem tries to form a marriage alliance between his son and the daughter of a Galtic lord, hoping the Khaiem men and Galtic women will produce a new generation to help create a peaceful future.

But Maati, a poet who has been in hiding for years, driven by guilt over his part in the disastrous end of the war, defies tradition and begins training female poets. With Eiah, the emperor's daughter, helping him, he intends to create andat, to restore the world as it was before the war.

Vanjit, a woman haunted by her family's death in the war, creates a new andat. But hope turns to ashes as her creation unleashes a power that cripples all she touches. As the prospect of peace dims under the lash of Vanjit's creation, Maati and Eiah try to end her reign of terror. But time is running out for both the Galts and the Khaiem. **HC \$56.95**

C T Adams & Cathy Clamp

Cold Moon Rising (Sazi)

TONY IS BACK Former Mafia hit man Tony Giodone has been through a lot--he's turned into a werewolf, with a human mate and a pack leader tougher than his old Mob boss. And he's developed a powerful psychic ability—he can see into the past through other people's memories.

Being mated with a human is difficult in more ways than one. Tony and Sue's relationship is full of struggle. Adding to Tony's trouble is a new problem with some old mobster "friends"...who also happen to be a cabal of Sazi mass murders trying to extinguish the human race.

Only one man might be able to help Tony and the Sazi stop the cabal: Ahmad, the leader of the snakes. He and Tony have a deeper psychic connection than Tony has with anyone else—even his mate! Now Tony is along for the psychic ride of his life as the crown prince of an ancient empire is faced with his deadliest enemy: a woman he once loved, whom he was forced to betray . . . one who may now betray Ahmad, Tony, and all of humanity. **PB \$17.95**

Jessica Andersen

Sky Keepers (Final Prophecy 03)

A third installment in the series based on the Mayan doomsday prophecy finds Nightkeeper recruit Michael Stone rescuing the kidnapped daughter of a missing Mayan scholar but resisting his feelings for her because of his increasing dark powers. By the author of *Dawnkeepers*. **PB \$19.95**

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. **APB \$22.99**

Robert Asprin & Jody Lynn Nye

Myth-Fortunes (Myth)

When Aahz invests in a scheme to build pyramids, he convinces Skeeve and all of his friends to invest as well, but soon a run of bad luck causes Skeeve to investigate the business venture. **TP \$30.95**

James Axler

Janus Trap (Outlanders 50)

The Original Tribe, technological shamans with their own agenda of domination, challenged Cerberus once before and lost. Now their greatest assassin, the Broken Ghost, manipulates the rebel stronghold's technology after a secret attack, trapping the original Cerberus warriors in a matrix of unreality and altering protocols so that their doppelganger counterparts invade the redoubt unnoticed. As the Broken Ghost destabilizes Earth's greatest defense force from within, the true warriors struggle to regain a foothold back to the only reality that offers survival.... **APB \$17.95**

Dakota Banks

Dark Time (Mortal Path 01)

Having worked for centuries for a malevolent creature, assassin Mahila Crayne discovers a way to nullify the demonic pact that binds her when she is challenged to save a life for every one she has taken, an edict that threatens dire consequences if she fails. **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Bear, Tobias S Buckell, Jay Lake, John Scalzi & Karl Schroeder

Metatropolis

A strange man comes to an even stranger encampment... A bouncer becomes the linchpin of an unexpected urban movement... A courier on the run has to decide who to trust in a dangerous city... A slacker in a "zero-footprint" town get a most unusual new job... and a weapons investigator uses his skills to discover a metropolis hidden right in front of his eyes. Welcome to the future of cities. Welcome to METAtropolis.

More than an anthology, METAtropolis is the brainchild of five of science fiction's hottest writers -- Elizabeth Bear, Tobias Buckell, Jay Lake, Karl Schroeder and project editor John Scalzi -- who combined their talents to build a new urban future, and then wrote their own stories in this collectively-constructed world. The results are individual glimpses of a shared vision, and a reading experience unlike any you've had before.

You're at the city limits now. See what's waiting on the other side. **HC \$60**

C F Bentley

Enigma

Their planet isolated from the rest of the universe for many generations, High Priestess Sissy and Confederated Star System Agent Jake travel to a space station in the hopes of establishing diplomatic relations, an effort that is compromised by an alien spaceship crash. **HC \$51.95**

Lauren Beukes

Moxyland

Moxyland is an ultra-smart thriller about technological progress, and the freedoms it removes.

In the near future, four hip young things live in a world where your online identity is at least as important as your physical one.

Getting disconnected is a punishment worse than imprisonment, but someone has to stand up to the government, inc., whatever the cost.

A stunning first novel from critically acclaimed South African author, Lauren Beukes, Moxyland takes its cues from Cory Doctorow, Scott Westerfield and Charles Stross ... and kicks their arse. **BPB \$22.99**

Jenna Black

Speak of the Devil (Morgan Kingsley)

Suspended by the Exorcism Board for a job gone wrong, exorcist Morgan Kingley receives a grisly and threatening package from an anonymous stalker and is assisted by Philadelphia cop Adam White when her life is further complicated by a group of demons. By the author of *The Devil's Due*.

PB \$19.95

Annette Blair

Larceny and Lace (Vintage Magic 02)

Possessing a talent for connecting with the ghost former owners of vintage clothes, new boutique owner Madeira Cutler discovers a decades-old murdered body and is challenged to piece together the circumstances of the victim's death, a situation that is further complicated by a costume ball.

By a best-selling author. **APB \$19.95**

Clive Blume

Gothic Horror: A Guide for Students and Readers

This anthology of Gothic writings and criticism provides an essential guide to the genre for students of English Literature and Cultural Studies. The first edition was critically acclaimed, and runner up in the International Horror Guild Awards. This new edition has been thoroughly revised to include material from the early gothic and a fresh set of contemporary essays. The material is presented in a highly accessible way, with a supporting timeline and thought provoking introductory material by Clive Bloom. **TP \$58**

Ben Bova

The Return (Voyagers 04)

In the 1980s, an alien starship visited Earth. While investigating what appeared to be a sarcophagus bearing the preserved body of its builder, astronaut Keith Stoner was trapped and cryogenically frozen. After his body was eventually returned to Earth and revived, Stoner discovered that he had acquired alien powers. Using these new powers, he built a new starship and left Earth.

Now, after more than a century of exploring the stars, Keith Stoner returns to find that the world he has come back to does not match the one he left. The planet is suffering the consequences of disastrous greenhouse flooding. Most nations have been taken over by ultraconservative religion-based governments, such as the New Morality in the United States. With population ballooning and resources running out, Earth is heading for nuclear war. Stoner, the star voyager, wants to save Earth's people. But first he must save himself from the frightened and ambitious zealots who want to destroy this stranger—and the terrifying message he brings from the stars. **HC \$52.95**

Ray Bradbury

We'll Always Have Paris

In this new volume of never-before-published stories, follow a space shuttle crew as they voyage sixty million miles from home, discover what happens when a writer 'with the future's eye' believes his friend to be writing stories aboard a UFO, and listen in on a couple talking themselves backward through time to the moment when they first held hands.

This entertaining and gripping collection is a treasure trove of Bradbury gems - eerie and strange, nostalgic and bittersweet, searching and speculative - to delight readers of all ages. **BPB \$24.99**

Gary A Braunbeck

Far Dark Fields

A survivor of a school shooting three decades earlier, Geoff Conover becomes the only person with whom a present-day murderer will speak and confesses a devastating secret about a legendary monster who terrifies the children of a small Ohio community. By a five-time Bram Stoker-winning author. **APB \$14.95**

Terry Brooks

Gypsy Morph (Genesis of Shannara 03)

The last cities have fallen. Demons and once-men swarm the ravaged landscape of the former United States. A small band of survivors - the elves of Cintra and a ragtag group of human children and their protectors - flees northward toward a safe haven promised by the mystical King of the Silver River. To reach it, they must follow the boy named Hawk - now revealed as the legendary gypsy morph. With two Knights of the Word as their only protection, the brave remnant faces attacks on all sides. At stake are the survival of races human and elf - and the beginning of a new world for both.

BPB \$22.99

Magic Kingdom of Landover Vol 1 (Landover 01, 02, 03)

An omnibus tie-in to the release of *A Princess of Landover* includes the titles, *Magic Kingdom for Sale--SOLD!*, *The Black Unicorn*, and *Wizard at Large* as well as a teaser chapter from the best-selling author's latest work. **TP \$32.95**

Magic Kingdom of Landover vol 2 (Landover 04, 05)

A two-in-one omnibus, published to tie in to *A Princess of Landover*, contains a teaser chapter from the author's latest work as well as the complete texts of *The Tangle Box* and *Witches' Brew*. **TP \$32.95**

A Princess of Landover (Landover 06)

A first entry in the popular series in more than a decade finds headstrong fifteen-year-old Mistaya kicked out of her prestigious boarding school and assigned by Ben to reopen the kingdom's abandoned library, a task she avoids before discovering a magical plot against Landover. By the best-selling author of the Shannara series. **HC \$52.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Steven Brust

Five Hundred Years After (Khaavren 02)

Four companions are pitted against the schemes of Dragonlord Adron in a conspiracy against the Empire that starts on the mean streets of Underside. **TP \$32.95**

Jim Butcher

Welcome to the Jungle (Dresden Files graphic novel)

Now Harry Dresden is investigating a brutal mauling at the Lincoln Park Zoo that has left a security guard dead and many questions unanswered. As an investigator of the supernatural, he senses that there's more to this case than a simple animal attack, and as Dresden searches for clues to figure out who is really behind the crime, he finds himself next on the victim list, and being hunted by creatures that won't leave much more than a stain if they catch him. **TP \$36.95**

Rachel Caine

Cape Storm (Weather Warden 08)

When she is targeted by a malevolent hurricane during what was supposed to be her honeymoon with the Djinn David, weather warden Joanne Baldwin teams up with her fellow wardens on board a hijacked luxury liner to lure the storm away but fears their combined powers will be insufficient. By the best-selling author of Gale Force. **APB \$19.95**

Mark Chadbourn

Always Forever (Age of Misrule 03)

In a modern world transformed into one of mythological beasts and shapeshifting monsters, the Brothers and Sisters of Dragons must travel on an otherworldly ship to the court of the old Gods in a last-ditch effort to save the world from eternal night. **TP \$32.95**

Lord of Silence

Vidar is a man tormented - by a lost memory and a vampiric jewel that demands the life energy of others. Now, with a killer loose within his home city, Vidar must solve a three thousand year old religious mystery to unlock the terrifying secrets of his own past. **APB \$19.95**

Maureen Child

Beguiled (Queen of the Otherworld 02)

Escalated to the Queen of the Fae after defeating the evil Mab, Maggie Donovan enjoys a sensual relationship with the warrior Culhane but worries that he cares more for her power than her person, a situation that is complicated when Mab kidnaps Maggie's niece. **PB \$17.95**

Larry Correia

Monster Hunter International

It turns out that monsters are real. All the things from myth, legend, and B-movies are out there, waiting in the shadows. Officially secret, some of them are evil, and some are just hungry. On the other side are the people who kill monsters for a living. Monster Hunter International is the premier eradication company in the business. And now Owen is their newest recruit.

It's actually a pretty sweet gig, except for one little problem. An ancient entity known as the Cursed One has returned to settle a centuries old vendetta. Should the Cursed One succeed, it means the end of the world, and MHI is the only thing standing in his way. With the clock ticking towards Armageddon, Owen finds himself trapped between legions of undead minions, belligerent federal agents, a cryptic ghost who has taken up residence inside his head, and the cursed family of the woman he loves.

Business is good . . .

Welcome to Monster Hunter International. **APB \$19.95**

MaryJanice Davidson

Undead and Unworthy (Undead 07)

Having recently lost her dad and stepmother, Betsy Sinclair (nee Taylor) is adjusting to rather more than just married life. Their untimely deaths have left her and Eric as sole guardians of her little brother, Jon. Two vampire parents - albeit vampire royalty - for a decidedly human baby. Still, Betsy is more than up for the challenge. If only everyone would stop being so nervous around her, given her sudden recent burst of power. Betsy most emphatically Does Not Want To Discuss It, and for the moment, everyone is following her lead. But then the ghost of Betsy's stepmother turns up at their house. And as stubborn and insufferable as she was in life, she's even more annoying in death - especially as she regards her demise as all Betsy's fault! **APB \$17.99**

Mark del Franco

Skin Deep (Laura Blackstone 01)

Donning three separate identities in her work as a magic-wielding undercover agent for a fey intelligence agency, Laura Blackstone finds her worlds combining when one of her personas is nearly killed and another investigates a related threat made against a fey exhibition at the National Archives **PB \$19.95**

Lori Devoti

Amazon ink

Meet Mel: Business owner. Dedicated mum. Natural-born Amazon.

It's been ten years since Melanippe Saka left the Amazon tribe in order to create a normal life for her daughter, Harmony. True, running a tattoo parlor in Madison, Wisconsin, while living with your Amazon warrior mother and priestess grandmother is not everyone's idea of normal, but Mel thinks she's succeeded at blending in as human.

Turns out she's wrong. Someone knows all about her, someone who's targeting young Amazon girls, and no way is Mel going to let Harmony become tangled in this deadly web. With her mother love in overdrive, Ms. Melanippe Saka is quite a force...even when she's facing a barrage of distractions -- including a persistent detective whose interest in Mel goes beyond professional, a sexy tattoo artist with secrets of his own, and a seriously angry Amazon queen who views Mel as a prime suspect. To find answers, Mel will have to do the one thing she swore she'd never do: embrace her powers and admit that you can take the girl out of the tribe...but you can't take the tribe out of the girl. **APB \$14.99**

Philip K Dick

Valis and Later Novels

The third and final volume of an overview of the author's work features novels written during his later years, including A Maze of Death, and The Divine Invasion, when the themes of religious revelation became predominant. **HC \$70**

Christina Dodd*Storm of Visions (Chosen Ones 01)*

A descendant of twins born to spread good or evil throughout the world, Jacqueline Vargha staunchly denies her psychic visions until she is urged by Caleb D'Angelo to accept her place as one of the Chosen. By the best-selling author of the Darkness Chosen series. **PB \$19.95**

Ian Douglas*Semper Human (Inheritance 03)*

Awakening from a 850-year cyber-hibe sleep, General Tavor Garroway and the Star Marines face off against Humankind's brutal enemy, Xul. **APB \$19.95**

David Drake & Eric Flint*Flames of Sunset (Belisarius)*

Concluding the popular Belisarius saga, with two full-length novels in one volume:

The Tide of Victory: The creators of the monster called Link once were human, but that was distant ages in their past. Now, from the far future, they have sent their creation back to rule the Malwa Empire, then to conquer and shape the world of the sixth century A.D. into the form that will make their own foul existence possible. Those in the future who never were human have sent their own messenger to the past: Aide, a gleaming jewel who has come to Belisarius, the greatest general of the sixth century and perhaps any century. Between them they have forged an alliance of all the world against the evil from the far future—and an army that can be the spear through evil's heart.

The Dance of Time: The Malwa and their evil have been driven back to their Indian heartland, but there they coil to strike again. Ruled by a monster from the future that is part computer and part demon, they prepare a fresh attack whose success will leave them rulers of the world—and the monster that guides the Malwa will rule the whole future. Guided by Aide, Belisarius has arrayed the forces of Mankind against the Malwa evil. There is no hope for Mankind if he fails—so he must not fail! The triumphant conclusion of the Belisarius saga. **TP \$30.95 HC \$49.95**

Doranna Durgin*Lion Heart (Sentinels)*

Joe Ryan's lion heart is as rocky and impenetrable as the Arizona mountains he protects. Although no one could ever prove that the muscular Sentinel agent was involved in his former partner's death, Ryan's dark reputation—and ferocious cougar form—spells danger to the unwary.

Lyn Maines is a woman on a mission. The dark-eyed shape-shifter has come to root out corruption, but she quickly discovers she's vulnerable to Ryan's leonine power. As they hunt the rocky peaks, seeking proof of Joe's innocence—or guilt—can she trust her instincts about the proud, tawny loner? Especially when her judgment is overwhelmed by the wilder urgings of her heart... **PB \$14.95**

Kate Elliott*Traitor's Gate (Crossroads 03)*

In Spirit Gate and Shadow Gate, Kate Elliott took readers to the fascinating world of the Hundred, a land teeming with an array of cultures, gods, and conflicts blighted by the shadow of chaos and destruction. Now, with the same intensity and dramatic sweep that has brought this epic to life, Elliott returns to the exquisitely crafted cities and landscapes of the Hundred, in a thunderous conclusion to the saga.

In the darkness of war and destruction, forces gather to reclaim the peace: Those immortal Guardians who still serve justice seek a means to end the devastating reign of one of their own; a hired outlander army struggles to halt the advance of the horde that has despoiled vast lands and slaughtered countless people in its murderous wake, while still guarding against a burgeoning threat from an aggressively expansionist empire; and the eagle reeves who have long been the only law enforcers of the Hundred struggle to reorganize after a devastating massacre has decimated their numbers. But even as these forces give hope to those who would live in peace, a terrible danger looms: a traitor with Imperial ambitions, the most dreaded, least anticipated threat of all...

In the unfolding drama of political upheaval and violent change, nothing is certain, as alliances dissolve and power shifts with the unpredictability of a desert sandstorm. A riotous epic with the vast breadth and excitement only masterful storyteller Kate Elliott can summon, *Traitors' Gate* will leave her many readers begging for more. **HC \$56.95**

Georgia Evans*Bloody Right*

A conclusion to a trilogy that began with *Bloody Good* finds a wounded but triumphant Gryffyth Pendragon returning to Bryteewood after battling the Nazis only to learn that vampire spies are plotting to deliver the village to the Third Reich, a situation for which he is aided by unlikely allies.

APB \$17.95

Chris Evans*A Darkness Forged in Fire*

Rejected by their own kind for bearing the mark of the Shadow Monarch, the Iron Elves chose instead to serve with the human armies of the Calahrian Empire, hoping through their dedication and discipline to wipe out the stain of their birth. Their reputation is legendary -- until their commander, Konowa Swift Dragon, takes it upon himself -- for the best of reasons -- to assassinate the Viceroy. Court-martialled and exiled to the forest he despises, his beloved regiment disgraced, dishonoured and disbanded, Konowa finds himself suddenly recalled and ordered to re-form the Iron Elves for one last reconnaissance mission.

But the new Iron Elves are not at all the same as they were before, and the mission is a suicidal one, with more at stake than Konowa could possibly have imagined. For the Shadow Monarch and her allies have harnessed destructive forces with the power to tear worlds apart -- and those who bear her mark have a destiny greater than they know. So begins an heroic journey in the company of a motley band of misfits, rebels and outcasts, with a central character whose engaging, brilliantly realised blend of cynicism, dry humour, duty and anguish make him unlike any other in fantasy fiction.

APB \$19.99

Kim Falconer Australian Author*Arrows of Time (Quantum Enchantment 02)*

When a portal spins Rosette and Jarrod off in different directions, Rosette is caught in a loop of repeating events. A strange bard helps her find a way back home, but things have changed -- Jarrod is missing, her mentor is a child and women are forbidden to carry swords.

While Kreshkali leads the survivors on Earth, Rosette and her Temple Cat turn to the future for help -- but which future? Time is their only hope, and its playing tricks. **APB \$22.99**

John Farris*High Bloods*

It happened quickly. Overnight, the greater Los Angeles area found itself in the horrifying grasp of a werewolf epidemic. Twenty eight days of the month they are no different than you or me--the High Bloods, who managed to go unaffected. But every full moon, they are the most ravenous creatures man has ever seen.

A new law-enforcement agency has been created to keep tabs on the those whose blood runs Lycan. Rawson is an agent for Lycan Control, and his job is to make sure all the afflicted are found, monitored, and kept at bay the night they change. But the Lycans in Hollywood have risen to cultlike proportions, and Rawson's job is getting tougher.

One night, a woman changes right in front of Rawson. And it's not a full moon. Someone deep in the annals of Hollywood has managed to trip the logic of the werewolves' being. Battling a rising tide of Lycan rights activists and a growing population of those who are choosing to be Lycan over High Blood, Rawson must carve a path to the top of the Lycan chain before all hell breaks loose. **TP \$30.95**

Eric Flint Editor*Grantville Gazette V*

The most popular alternate history series of all continues. When an inexplicable cosmic disturbance hurls your town from twentieth century West Virginia back to seventeenth century Europe—and into the middle of the Thirty Years War—you'd better be adaptable to survive. And the natives of that time period, faced with American technology and politics, need to be equally adaptable. Here's a generous helping of more stories of Grantville, the American town lost in time, and its impact on the people and societies of a tumultuous age.

Cardinal Richelieu, France's insidious master plotter and power behind the throne, learns of his prominent role in Dumas' not-yet-written novel *The Three Musketeers* (not to mention the several movie versions), and starts a search for the "real" D'Artagnan.

Grantville is selling crystal radio sets so that Europeans can tune in to the Voice of America broadcasts, but the technicians from the future are at wit's end, trying to reproduce "primitive" early twentieth century broadcasting equipment by trial and error—until a trained library researcher shows up in town.

Wilhelm Krieger, one of Germany's greatest philosophers, comes to Grantville to learn the philosophy of the future—and meets a contrarian cracker-barrel philosopher.

The Dalai Lama of the seventeenth century receives a strange gift: an image of the Buddha which glows by a strange mystical force called "electricity."

And much more, including stories by the New York Times best-selling writers Eric Flint and Virginia DeMarce, in the latest installment of this best-selling alternate history series. **HC \$52.95**

Michael Flynn*Eifelheim*

Centuries ago, one small town in Germany disappeared and was never resettled. Tom, a historian, and his theoretical physicist girlfriend Sharon, become interested. By all logic, the town should have survived. What's so special about Eifelheim?

Father Dietrich is the village priest of Eifelheim, in the year 1348, when the Black Death is gathering strength. To his astonishment, Dietrich makes first contact between humanity and an alien race from a distant star, when their ship crashes in the nearby forest. Flynn gives us the full richness and strangeness of medieval life, as well as some terrific aliens. **PB \$19.95**

Pamela Freeman Australian Author*Deep Water (Castings 02)*

Saker is raising ghosts from their graves to attack anyone who is not a Traveller, and towns are falling as the armies of ghosts move through them violently and ruthlessly. Bramble must find the bones of the long-dead warlord Acton, to put the ghosts at rest. But first she has to live through Acton's life with the help of Ash and the Well of Secrets. For his part, Ash can only quieten the spirits by singing to them - singing one of the songs his Traveller father refused to teach him. In order to learn the song he must journey to the Deeps and prove he is worthy of this knowledge. Bramble and Ash discover feelings that they never would have expected, and nor would we, the readers **APB \$19.99**

Jeaniene Frost*Destined for an Early Grave (Night Huntress 04)*

Her dreams leave her in grave danger...

Since half-vampire Cat Crawfield and her undead lover Bones met six years ago, they've fought against the rogue undead, battled a vengeful Master vampire, and pledged their devotion with a blood bond. Now it's time for a vacation. But their hopes for a perfect Paris holiday are dashed when Cat awakes one night in terror. She's having visions of a vampire named Gregor who's more powerful than Bones and has ties to her past that even Cat herself didn't know about.

Gregor believes Cat is his and he won't stop until he has her. As the battle begins between the vamp who haunts her nightmares and the one who has her heart, only Cat can break Gregor's hold over her. She'll need all the power she can summon in order to bring down the baddest bloodsucker she's ever faced ... even if getting that power will result in an early grave. **APB \$19.95**

Steven Gould*Jumper*

At seventeen the world is at your feet... especially if you can teleport.

David Rice barely remembers his mother. She left his alcoholic father when Davy was very young. She left Davy too, and since then all of William Rice's abusive anger has been focused on his young teenage son.

One evening, as he is about to receive another brutal beating, Davy shuts his eyes and wishes to be safe. When he opens them again, he finds himself in his small town's library. Slowly, he realises he is very special, he can teleport.

Armed with his new power, Davy sets out with new purpose: he will leave his abusive home and find his long lost mother. Davy's confidence grows as his skills do, but they also draw unwanted attention and soon Davy finds that he too is hunted. **BPB \$19.99**

Jonathan Green*Evolution Expects (Pax Britannia)*

With a dangerous masked vigilante stalking the streets of London, a monster from Jewish myth on the loose in the East End, and rival gangs fighting for control of the city's underworld, there may be nothing Ulysses Quicksilver can do to prevent a catastrophic metamorphosis. **PB \$19.95**

Chris Marie Green*The Path of Razors (Vampire Babylon 05)*

Relocating to London to ferret out the city's vampire underground, former Los Angeles stuntwoman Dawn Madison tracks down her quarry at a private girls' school but finds her team's efforts challenged by an internal threat and Dawn's own restless psychic powers. By the author of *A Drop of Red*. **TP \$30.95**

Alexander Griffin & William Jones*Pallid Light: Waking Dead*

Expanding the boundaries of survival fiction, this captivating story opens with the end of the world—thundering storms strike across the planet, searing the earth and leaving swathes of destruction and few survivors. For residents of Temperance, Illinois, however, the nightmare is just beginning. When the sky roils in luminous colors, the people of the small town begin to die; ex-con Randall Kane takes this as his cue to leave. What he didn't expect was for the dead to come back to life or to be so confused about what defines human versus inhuman behavior in this new world order. **TP \$30.95**

Lev Grossman*The Magicians*

Quentin Coldwater's life is changed forever by an apparently chance encounter: when he turns up for his entrance interview to Princeton he finds his interviewer dead - but a strange envelope bearing Quentin's name leads him down a very different path to any he'd ever imagined.

The envelope, and the mysterious manuscript it contains, leads to a secret world of obsession and privilege, a world of freedom and power and, for a while, it's a world that seems to answer all Quentin's desires. But the idyll cannot last - and when it's finally shattered, Quentin is drawn into something darker and far more dangerous than anything he could ever have expected ... **HC \$52.95 TP \$32.95**

David Gunn*Day of the Damned (Deaths Head 03)*

Lieutenant Sven Tveskoeg is in disgrace. His victory on Hekati, and the emperor's favour, have turned his patron against him: General Indigo Jaxx wants Sven dead. Exiled to Wildeside, Sven waits for Jaxx's assassin. He hunts, he fieldstrips his weapons, he tries not to mind. At the age of 28, he's lived longer than he expected anyway. But then Sven finds himself offering to save the life of Jaxx's son. This means returning to Farlight, where he finds that the emperor is missing, his empire is collapsing, there are murderous riots in the capital and General Jaxx stands on the edge of ruin. All Sven has to do is nothing. But when has he ever done anything that sensible...

The devil-may-care, not quite 100% human, mercenary soldier/killing machine known as Lieutenant Sven Tveskoeg and his like-minded team, the Aux, are back in a third explosive, non-stop action-filled adventure. **TP \$32.95**

Joe Haldeman*Marsbound*

Joining her family as a colonist on Mars, rebellious young Carmen Dula ventures alone into the harsh Martian landscape, where an accident nearly kills her and she is rescued by a mysterious alien that wants her to warn the human colonists on Mars that others had arrived first. By a Nebula and Hugo Award-winning author. **APB \$19.95**

Megan Kelley Hall*The Lost Sister*

Believing herself free from danger in her prestigious boarding school, Maddie receives an ominous tarot card in an unmarked envelope and realizes that she must return to her home town, a community still haunted by the Salem witch trials. By the author of *Sisters of Misery*. **TP \$21.95**

Thomas Harlan*Land of the Dead*

A small change in our history: imagines that the Japanese made contact with the Aztec Empire. Instead of small-pox and Christianity, they brought an Imperial alliance, samurai ethics, and technology. By the time of these books, the Emperor in Mexico City rules not just the entire planet Earth, but a growing interplanetary Empire. But the Galaxy is not a hospitable place, and there are other powers, both new and very very old, who would stop the spread of the power in Anahuac.

A weapon of the Old Ones, from the time of the First Sun, has been found in a region of space. It must be investigated, then tamed or destroyed to keep it from the hands of opposing powers. Gretchen Anderssen, freelance archeologist and specialist in First Sun artifacts, has been hired by her old mentor Green Hummingbird, agent of the Mirror Service, to join him in the study. They will be joined by old friends, and some old enemies as well. **HC \$52.95**

Charlaine Harris, Barbara Hambly & Maggie Shayne*Night's Edge: Dancers in the Dark \ her Best Enemy \ Someone Else's Shadow*

Dancers in the Dark by: Charlaine Harris

Dancer Layla Rue Le May's childhood prepared her to handle just about anything, including her aloof partner, Sean McClendon, a three-hundred-year-old redheaded vampire. Even so, when she somehow acquires a stalker, Layla Rue is surprised to find that Sean is the only one she can trust...

Her Best Enemy by Maggie Shayne:

Kiley Brigham refuses to believe there's a ghost in her house, but when an unseen hand leaves a bloody message on her bathroom mirror, she's forced to turn to local psychic Jack McCain. As the two work to uncover a long-buried secret, Kiley finds that she's haunted not by spirits, but by thoughts of Jack...

Someone Else's Shadow by Barbara Hambly:

Maddie Laveau worries about her young roommate, Tessa, when she stays late to practice ballet in the old Glendower Building-and when Tessa goes missing, Maddie enlists mysterious tenant Phil Anderson to help. But is Phil the white knight she needs, or the predator she fears? **PB \$19.95**

Candace Havens*Dragons Prefer Blondes (Caruthers Sisters)*

econd in the paranormal series featuring the Caruthers sisters, party girls who save the world-between cocktails.

Alex Caruthers is a sassy socialite who knows when it's time to turn in her dancing shoes and kick some serious dragon booty. But when Ginjin-the dragon warrior who's tried to kill her numerous times-chooses her as his mate, Alex finds herself in a situation that's too hot to handle.

For help she turns to Jake, head of Caruthers security-and a total hottie in a suit-and asks him to pose as her boyfriend. Their relationship might be fake, but Alex can't deny that one touch from Jake makes her burn hotter than any dragon could. **TP \$28.95**

Robert A Heinlein*The Puppet Masters*

First came the news that a flying saucer had landed in Iowa. Then came the announcement that the whole thing was a hoax. End of story. Case closed. Except that two agents of the most secret intelligence agency in the U.S. government were on the scene and disappeared without reporting in. And four more agents who were sent in also disappeared. So the head of the agency and his two top agents went in and managed to get out with their discovery: an invasion is underway by slug-like aliens who can touch a human and completely control his or her mind. What the humans know, they know. What the slugs want, no matter what, the human will do. And most of Iowa is already under their control.

Sam Cavanaugh was one of the agents who discovered the truth. Unfortunately, that was just before he was taken over by one of the aliens and began working for the invaders, with no will of his own. And he has just learned that a high official in the Treasury Department is now under control of the aliens. Since the Treasury Department includes the Secret Service, which safeguards the President of the United States, control of the entire nation is near at hand . . . **TP \$28.95**

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson*The Winds of Dune (Dune)*

Between the end of Frank Herbert's DUNE and his next novel, DUNE MESSIAH, lies an intriguing mystery: how a hero adored by a planet became a tyrant hated by a universe. Paul Atreides is the man who overthrew a corrupt empire and then launched a terrible jihad across the galaxy, shedding the blood of trillions. The now-hated tyrant, the blind emperor Paul Muad'Dib, has walked off into the endless desert of the planet Arrakis, known as Dune, leaving his turbulent empire without guidance.

It's up to his mother Jessica, with her daughter Alia, the brave troubadour-warrior Gurney Halleck, the resurrected Duncan Idaho, the Fremen leader Stilgar, as well as Paul's wife-in-name and biographer, Princess Irulan, to try and hold an empire together even as it tears itself apart from within and without. **TP \$32.99**

Frank Herbert*Chapterhouse Dune (Dune 06)*

A lavishly bound re-release of a final entry in the classic series finds the Bene Gesserit colonizing the once-green planet of Chapterhouse under the leadership of Mother Superior Darwi Odrade as part of an effort to seize control of a powerful commodity. **HC \$52.95**

Emma Holly*Saving Midnight (Upyr Fitz Clare Chronicles 03)*

When an adopted son becomes a vampire to protect his family from mortal enemies, the wisdom of his choice comes into question in light of their enemies' growing powers and the family's own increasingly uncontrollable supernatural abilities. By the author of Breaking Midnight. **APB \$19.95**

Carolyn Jewel*My Forbidden Desire (02)*

When witch Alexandrine Marit found a mysterious amulet, she was sure it would help her control her own magical powers. So she contacted a known mage for help. But she never imagined that he would send henchmen after her to possess her amulet himself. When her brother appears, demanding that Xia, the darkest, most dangerous demon she's ever seen, bodyguard her, Alexandrine is furious...and afraid. After all, he's a demon that hates witches. But his power draws her to him, even though she isn't sure she can trust him. Xia is furious. When he agreed to guard his buddy's little sister, he never expected her to be a long legged and irresistibly sexy beauty. But his hunger for her is immaterial - after all, the woman recklessly put herself in danger and he has better things to do than babysit. As fiends attack them, looking to control Alexandrine and possess her amulet, the magical pull between them grows ever stronger. But can Xia keep her safe? **PB \$14.99**

Jean Johnson*The Song*

A fourth-born Son of Destiny, Evanor loses his voice and powers in a violent battle against a formidable family enemy and hopes to regain his abilities with the help of the Healer Mariel, who is compelled to leave her beloved homeland with her young son. **PB \$19.95**

Jaida Jones*Shadow Magic*

In a follow-up to Havemercy, the authors tell the tale of the aftermath of battle between Volstov and Ke-Han, focusing on four new characters--two from the conquering kingdom, and two from the defeated land--who must forge a lasting peace, an endeavor that could prove deadlier than the crucible of war. **HC \$52.95**

Brenda Joyce*Dark Lover (Masters of Time)*

Slayer Samantha Rose's latest mission is to recover the stolen page and get payback from the only man who's ever rejected her. What she hasn't counted on is the raging attraction between them or her growing realization of what Maclean has survived. As the powers of the evil from his past gather, Sam will do anything to help him--even if it means following him into time and facing his worst nightmares with him.... **PB \$19.95**

Stacia Kane*Demon Inside*

Hanging out with demons can be hell....

It's been three months since psychologist Megan Chase made the stunning discovery that the world is filled with demons, and once more the situation is too hot to handle. Ironically, Megan -- the only person in the world without a little personal demon sitting on her shoulder -- has become the leader of a demon "family," but now some unknown arcane power is offing her demons in a particularly unpleasant fashion. And while her demon lover Greyson Dante is still driving her wild with desire, he's also acting strangely evasive. Then there's the truth about Megan's past -- the truth she's never known. Caught between personal problems and personal demons, Megan is having one hell of a hard time. Will the help of her Cockney guard demons and her witch friend Tera be enough so that Megan can finally resolve the past, survive the present, and face the future? **APB \$19.95**

Brian Keene*Urban Gothic*

Taking shelter in a ramshackle inner-city row house after their car breaks down, Kerri and her friends encounter the house's dangerous residents in its cellar and fight for their lives throughout the course of a terrifying evening. By a Bram Stoker Award-winning author. **APB \$14.95**

Paul S Kemp*Bloodgod*

PB \$21.95

Julie Kenner*Good Ghouls Do (Good Ghouls 02)*

Failing to regain her humanity after destroying the vampire responsible for her transformation, Beth becomes increasingly dismayed by her classmates' defection to the dark side and struggles to perfect a magic formula that will enable the undead to walk in the sunlight. **APB \$17.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*Bad Moon Rising (Dark Hunter)*

Fang Kattalakis isn't just a wolf. He is the brother of two of the most powerful members of the Omegron: the ruling council that enforces the laws of the Were-Hunters. And when war erupts among the lycanthropes, sides must be chosen. Enemies are forced into shaky alliances. And when the woman Fang loves is accused of betraying her people, her only hope is that Fang believes in her. Yet in order to save her, Fang must break the law of his people and the faith of his brothers. That breach could very well spell the end of both their races and change their world forever.

The war is on and time is running out... **HC \$51.95 TP \$32.99**

Stephen King*Just After Sunset*

Just after sunset, as darkness grips the imagination, is the time when you feel the unexpected creep into the every day. As familiar journeys take a different turn, ordinary objects assume extraordinary powers. A blind intruder visits a dying man and saves his life, with a kiss. A woman receives a phone call from her husband. Her late husband. In the emotional aftermath of her baby's sudden death, Emily starts running. And running. Her curiosity leads her right into the hands of a murderer....and soon her legs are her only hope for survival. Enter a world of masterful suspense, dark comedy and thrilling twists which will keep you riveted from the first page. Enter the world of No. 1 bestseller Stephen King. **BPB \$24.99**

Mindy Klasky*Sorcery and the Single Girl*

When the exclusive Washington Coven asks her to join them, magical misfit Jane Madison, dealing with an abundance of drama and a romantic dry spell, is tested in ways she's never imagined, discovering the high and life-changing price of membership. **TP \$28.95**

E E Knight*Dragon Avenger (Audio) (Age of Fire 02 Audio)*

Fleeing a group of slave-trading dwarves, Wistala, a young female dragon, finds herself alone, after her brother, Auron, sacrifices himself to save her, and must overcome her grief, fear, and anger to find others of her kind and to seek revenge on those who would destroy them. Read by Todd McLaren. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Winter Duty (Vampire Earth)

Major David Valentine and his fugitive battalion are the remnants of an expeditionary force shattered in its long retreat from disaster in the Appalachians. Between a raging blizzard, bands of headhunters, and the need to recover wounded soldiers lost during the retreat, Valentine is in for the toughest winter of his life.

And Valentine is losing allies fast. Some of the clans in the region have declared themselves in favor of the Kurians, throwing Kentucky into civil war. But the Kurian overlords have determined that the region isn't worth the effort of another conquest. Their order: extermination. **HC \$51.95**

Dean Koontz*Demon Seed*

Experiencing an inconceivable act of terror in her own home, Susan Harris becomes an object of an ultimate computer's consuming obsession to learn everything possible about human flesh. By the best-selling author of Shadowfires. **APB \$19.95**

Natshuhiko Kyogoku*The Summer of the Ubume*

In Japanese folklore, a ghost that arises from the burial of a pregnant woman is an Ubume.

The Summer of Ubume is the first of Japan's hugely popular Kyogokudo series, which has 9 titles and 4 spinoffs thus far.

Akihiko "Kyogokudo" Chuzenji, the title's hero, is an exorcist with a twist: he doesn't believe in ghosts. To circumnavigate his clients' inability to come to grips with a problem being their own, he creates fake supernatural explanations--ghosts--that he "exorcises" by way of staged rituals. His patients' belief that he has vanquished the ghost creating their problems cures them.

In this first adventure, Kyogokudo, must unravel the mystery of a woman who has been pregnant for 20 months and find her husband, who disappeared two months into the pregnancy. And unravel he does, in the book's final disturbing scene. **TP \$34.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Roberta Gellis*And Less Than Kind (Sceptre'd Isle 04)*

When it became certain that Edward VI was dying, the duke of Northumberland, who had been ruling England in his name, made a plan that would let him hold onto his power. He dared not let Mary come to the throne because she was fiercely Catholic and he had espoused the Protestant cause. He did not want Elizabeth to rule because he knew her imperious nature would never defer to him. But there was more than one puppet master at work: The evil elf-lord Vidal Dhu had no intention of losing the flood of power the misery of Mary's reign would bring the Dark Court, and intervened so that Mary was proclaimed queen.

Urged by her Chancellor and the Imperial ambassador to order Elizabeth's death, Mary chose a different to insure that Elizabeth would never reign. She must marry and bear a child to be the Catholic heir. Vidal Dhu, replete with power from the pain and terror of Mary's burning of heretics, agreed with Mary. Vidal Dhu had very special plans for that child. And since Oberon and Titania had disappeared, there now was no one except the double pair of twins to stand between the mortals of England and the rule of Evil. **APB \$19.95**

Mercedes Lackey*Phoenix Endangered*

In The Phoenix Endangered, second in The Enduring Flame, Tiercel, a budding High Mage, and Harrier, a reluctant Knight-Mage, develop greater power—and learn of the evils of war when they see the devastation caused by the fanatical armies of the Wild Mage Bisochim.

The desert tribespeople led by young Shaiara flee Bisochim's evil, seeking a legendary oasis deep in the desert—a refuge that may hold the key to stopping Bisochim and preserving the Balance between Light and Darkness . . . or that may be the cause of Light's ultimate downfall. **APB \$19.95**

Lora Leigh*Bengal's Heart (Breeds 07)*

Advocating on behalf of the part-human, part-animal Breed race, reporter Cassa Hawkins falls for seductive Bengal Cabal St. Laurents, with whom she teams up when the Breeds are wrongfully incriminated in a series of violent murders. By the author of Tanner's Scheme. **PB \$19.95**

Jane Lindskold*Nine Gates*

As evocative and moving as Charles de Lint's Newford books, with the three-dimensional protagonists and enthralling action of Mercedes Lackey's fantasies, *Nine Gates* makes our world today as excitingly strange and unfamiliar as any fantasy realm . . . and transports readers to a wondrous magical world drawn from Chinese lore and legend.

Brenda Morris has barely had time to become accustomed to the idea that she has some of the powers of the Rat, a member of the Chinese Zodiac; that her elderly, former child-star "aunt," Pearl, is the Dragon; and that the young African-American former soldier she trains beside is the Dog. Brenda has learned that our world is not the only world and that her not-quite-Chinese ancestors came from a magical place, the Lands of Smoke and Sacrifice, created thousands of years ago by the destruction of China's books and scholars during the time of the first Emperor.

Now, generations later, the Lands are once again at war, and the magics of the Thirteen Orphans are desperately needed. A mission to capture those powers went disastrously wrong and now the Lands' Dragon, Tiger, Snake, and Monkey are trapped on Earth unless the Orphans can build the Nine Gates. To do that, they must first save the Four Guardians of the Land Between, who are under magical attack. Complicating things is the fact that Brenda has fallen hard for the handsome man who is the Tiger, much to the distress of the sensual young woman who is the Snake. **HC \$51.95**

Marjorie M Liu*The Fire King (Dirk and Steele 08)*

Chosen for her ability to communicate in any language, Soria works with ancient king Karr, who has unwillingly awakened from a long sleep haunted by the fire that destroyed everything he ever loved. **APB \$14.95**

James Lovegrove*The Age of Ra*

When the earth is divided into warring factions by dominating ancient Egyptian gods, British Lieutenant David Westwynter makes his way into Free Egypt, the only place free of the gods' influence, where he joins the leader of a humanist group determined to free the world from its divine oppressors. **PB \$19.95**

Brian Lumley*Harry And the Pirates & Other Tales from the Lost Years (Necroscope)*

Harry Keogh, the first Necroscope, is arguably Brian Lumley's greatest creation. In the Necroscope series, readers saw Harry learn to use his powers to talk with the dead and travel instantaneously to any point in space and time. They saw him take arms against the evil, twisted, metamorphic alien vampires who sought to feed off humans and enslave mankind. They saw him suffer a great personal loss and then recover his family, and later his humanity, through a new love. And they saw Harry wage the grimmest battle of his life—against the vampire he himself was becoming!

Even after Harry's story was done, Brian Lumley continued to write books about Harry's legacy—the other Necrosopes who inherited his weird talents. But Harry himself would not go quietly into that darkness that lies beyond an author's imagination . . . and now Brian Lumley has written three new novellas about Harry and his supernatural adventures, which are published for the first time in the United States in *Harry and the Pirates*. **HC \$49.95**

Karen MacInerney*Leader of the Pack (Tales of an Urban Werewolf 03)*

A third entry in a series that includes *Howling at the Moon* and *On the Prowl* finds career woman Sophie Garou's efforts to hide her werewolf identity compromised by the appearance of her estranged father and her taboo attraction to the leader of a rival pack. **PB \$19.95**

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

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

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

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

Accompanied on her quest by a warrior of uncertain allegiance, Clodagh will have her courage tested to breaking point. The reward may be far greater than she ever dreamed... **BPB \$24.99**

Brandon Massey*Cornered*

Confronted by a dark episode from his past, Corey Webb finds his family and career shattered by the machinations of a ruthless stalker who displays a willingness to sacrifice anyone who gets in his way. By the Gold Pen-winning author of *Don't Ever Tell*. **APB \$17.95**

Cheyenne McCray*The Second Betrayal (Lexi Steele 02)*

As an undercover agent for the NSA's Recovery Enforcement Division, Lexi Steele is no stranger to the ways and means of the country's most notorious sex criminals. Still, she's never seen anything quite like this. Girls from across the globe are being recruited for a modeling competition in New York City, only to end up as enslaved prostitutes. Now it's up to Lexi and her partner—and lover—Nicholas Donovan to infiltrate the operation.

Finding the mastermind behind the sex trafficking is only one half of the challenge. The other is Nick. Even though she has always trusted him, Lexi can't help but wonder whether he's keeping something from her—a shocking secret from his past on the Special Forces unit. Meanwhile, time is running out for the victims...and Lexi may be forced to do the unthinkable to see that the job is done. **PB \$19.95**

Ian McDonald*Desolation Road*

The Martian town of *Desolation Road* has experienced every abnormality, from a traveling fair with its own captive angel to the Astounding Tatterdemalion Air Bazaar, while the town's inhabitants range from Dr. Alimantando, the town's founder a resident genius, to Rajendra Das, a mechanical hobo. From a Arthur C. Clarke Award nominee. **TP \$32.95**

Sandra McDonald*The Stars Blue Yonder*

Chief Terry Myell died and became a god. Now he's back to life, careening around space and time at the behest of a voice that told him to save all of mankind. Helping and hindering this quest are his elderly wife, his young wife, grandchildren who haven't been born yet, romantic rivals he hasn't even met, a descendant from two thousand years in the future, and an alien nemesis who calls itself the Flying Doctor. Life in the military has never been so complicated.

Commander Jodenny Scott would agree. She's seven months pregnant and trying to come to peace with her husband's death. When Myell reappears with tales of time travel, she's not sure what to believe.

But with an invading army bearing down on Earth's last fleet of spaceships, there's not much time for debate. When the dust clears Jodenny is stranded in an Australia she never imagined, and Myell's more desperate than ever to rescue her – from aliens, from treachery, and from history itself. **HC \$50**

Lindsay McKenna*The Seeker (Time Raiders)*

Delia Sebastian is a trained historian and psychic. Former army captain Jake Tyler is her swaggering ex-lover, who can read her most intimate thoughts—and desires. Together they will make the risky leap back to 44 BC to infiltrate the court of Julius Caesar by posing as Grecian mercenaries. But with assassins everywhere, will old passions reignite to undermine their cover...leaving them trapped in history forever? **PB \$14.95**

Richelle Mead*Thorn Queen (Dark Swan)*

Rendered queen of the Thorn Land after her latest battle in the Otherworld, shaman Eugenie Markham worries about a prophecy that her first-born child will destroy the human race, a concern that grows while Eugenie investigates a formidable enemy who is abducting young girls. By a best-selling author. **PB \$17.95**

Succubus Heat (Georgina Kincaid 04)

Georgina Kincaid has been a bad, bad succubus...which should be a good thing. But she's in a foul mood after breaking up with her boyfriend Seth and has been so wicked that über-demon Jerome decides to 'outsource' Georgina to a rival - and have her spy for him in the process.

Then Jerome is kidnapped, and all immortals under his control mysteriously lose their powers. With her life-sucking ability gone, Georgina finds herself embroiled in a sinister plot.

Is she the only one who can stop all hell breaking loose? **PB \$21.95**

Sarah Micklem*Wildfire (Firethorn 02)*

What the Gods give, the Gods can take away. The sacred Firethorn tree bestowed curious talents on the orphan once known as Luck. But when she is struck by wildfire as she follows her master Galan to war, her powers of healing and shadow-walking take on a new, bizarre strength. Soon she is suspected of witchcraft, even by Galan.

Yet Firethorn's dreams are useful to those in power. After the invaders win a climactic battle, Firethorn is captured by King Corvus, who is fleeing with the remnants of his defeated army.

He takes refuge in a neighbouring kingdom, where Firethorn finds the village where she was born and learns that her parents - horse farmers and traders - were killed in a previous war. Corvus uses her as a decoy in a plot to regain his kingdom; she goes along with the plot, living the life of a privileged aristocrat, in order to return to Galan. **BPB \$24.99**

Karen Miller Australian Author*The Prodigal Mage (Fisherman's Children 01)*

Many years have passed since the last great Mage War. It has been a time of great change. But not all changes are for the best, and Asher's world is in peril once more.

The weather magic that holds Lur safe is failing, and the earth feels broken to those with the power to see. Among Lur's sorcerers, only Asher has the skill to mend the antique weather map that governs the seasons, keeping the land from being crushed by natural forces. Yet, when Asher risks his life to meddle with these dangerous magics, the crisis is merely delayed, not averted.

Asher's son Rafel has inherited the father's talents, but has been forbidden to use them. Many died in the last Mage War and these abilities aren't to be loosed lightly into the world. But when Asher's last desperate attempt to repair the damage leaves him on his deathbed, Rafel's powers may not be denied. For his countrymen are facing famine, devastation, and a rift in the very fabric of their land. **HC \$51.95**

Elizabeth Miller*Bram Stoker's Dracula: A Documentary Journey into the Vampire Country and the Dracula Phenomenon*

A lavishly illustrated documentary tribute to the vampire phenomenon spawned by the literary classic explores such topics as the folklore origins of the Dracula story, the work's influence on pop culture and the arts, and the aspects of Bram Stoker's life that shaped his writing. **TP \$51.95**

Karen Marie Moning*Dreamfever (Fever 04)*

Atlanta suburb resident MacKayla Lane discovers her ability to see into the realm of the Fae after the devastating murder of her sister and attracts the unwanted attention of Seelie, vampire, and human assassins. **HC \$52.95**

Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle & Steven Barnes*Beowulf's Children (Heorot 02)*

This powerhouse trio of science fiction greats united to further explore the island paradise of Camelot from their classic novel, *Legacy of Herotot*. A new generation is growing up on the island paradise of Camelot, ignorant of the Great Grendel Wars fought when their parents and grandparents first arrived on Earth. Setting out for the mainland, this group of young rebels feels ready to fight any grendels that get in their way. On Avalon, however, there are monsters which dwarf the ones their parents fought, and as the group will soon learn, monsters also dwell in the human heart. **TP \$30.95**

Issui Ogawa*The Lord of the Sands of Time*

Sixty-two years after human life on Earth was annihilated by rampaging alien invaders, the enigmatic Messenger O is sent back in time with a mission to unite humanity of past eras—during the Second World War and ancient Japan, and even back to the dawn of the species itself—to defeat the invasion before it begins.

However, in a future shredded by war and genocide, love waits for O. Will O save humanity only to doom himself? **TP \$28.95**

Norvell W Page*Spider: City of Doom (Spider)*

Three complete novels in one volume of the adventures of the mysterious masked crime fighter known as The Spider, hunted by the underworld and the police alike.

First, in *The Spider and the Faceless One*, a reign of terror grips New York, a city stalked by a killer with no face of his own, disguised with the tortured faces of his victims. Can even The Spider defeat such an incredible foe?

Then, in *The Council of Evil*, one of The Spider's deadliest enemies, long thought to be dead, has returned, and is using an inexplicable power to control the minds of others, beginning by turning The Spider's most trustworthy allies against their leader.

Finally, the Master of Men faces his most ruthless and deadly opponent in *The City Destroyer* as an unknown criminal mastermind uses an incredible device to melt the steel in the city's towering skyscrapers, bringing them crashing down in an orgy of destruction. Can The Spider unmask the madman before all of Manhattan is reduced to blood-spattered rubble? **APB \$19.95**

Pamela Palmer*Obsession Untamed (Feral Warriors 02)*

Suffering recurrent nightmares about brutal murders from the killer's perspective, FBI agent Delaney Randall fears she is going to be the next victim before she is approached by immortal Feral Warrior Tighe, who needs her help to stop an evil force from perpetuating the killings. **PB \$17.95**

Victor Pelevin*The Sacred Book of the Werewolf*

A stunning cult novel - a fantastical satire of modern Russia.

High class Moscow hooker A. Huli is foxy in more ways than one ... And when a client goes inexplicably and fatally berserk at the sight of her in his luxury suite she has to employ all of her cunning to escape. But it's not until she places an ad on the internet that trouble really begins to kick off, as the journey she takes catapults her into a world of perverts, former KGB agents, oil tycoons and amorous werewolves. **BPB \$24.99**

Christopher Ransom*Birth House*

Hoping to save his troubled marriage by moving with his wife into a rural home that served as a nineteenth-century birthing house, Conrad Harrison receives an album of photos taken at the house and descends into madness upon seeing its images of pain, fear, anger that he associates with his wife. **MP3 CD \$60**

Kat Richardson*Vanished (Greywalker 04)*

Private Investigator Harper Blaine discovers she can bridge the world between the living and the paranormal after a near-death experience, and becomes Greywalker, taking on a case for vampires and delving into the mysteries of her own dark past. **HC \$49.95**

J D Robb*Promises in Death (Eve Dallas 28)*

Every cop gets angry when a police officer is killed. And Lieutenant Eve Dallas is no exception. Throwing every resource into solving Amarylis Coltraine's brutal murder, Eve encounters bitter opposition from Coltraine's fellow officers, who are desperate to take over the case. But when Eve receives a strange parcel containing Coltraine's badge and gun together with a note threatening the imminent arrival of her own ID, she knows the case has just got personal. Then a link to millionaire Alex Ricker, son of a criminal she had put behind bars, heats things up even further. Ricker was romantically involved with Amarylis - did she leak information to him and then have a change of heart? Eve must put herself in extreme danger to get to the truth... **APB \$19.99**

Chris Roberson*Book of Secrets*

Reporter Spencer Finch is embroiled in the hunt for a missing book, encountering along the way cat burglars and gangsters, hackers and warrior monks. At the same time, he's trying to make sense of the legacy left by his late grandfather, a chest of what appears to be 1920's magazines.

Following his nose, Finch gradually uncovers a mystery involving a mythical Ancient Greek play, secret societies, generations of masked vigilantes ... and an entire secret history of mankind.

Already critically acclaimed worldwide for both his SF and time-spanning fantasy series, Chris Roberson is at the height of his powers. **PB \$20.99**

Kim Stanley Robinson*Galileo's Dream*

Late Renaissance Italy still abounds in alchemy and Aristotle, yet it trembles on the brink of the modern world. Galileo's new telescope encapsulates all the contradictions of this emerging reality.

Then one night a stranger presents a different kind of telescope for Galileo to peer through. Galileo is not sure if he is in a dream, an enchantment, a vision, or something else as yet undefined. The blasted wasteland he sees when he points the telescope at Jupiter, of harsh yellows and reds and blacks, looks just like hell as described by the Catholic church, and Galileo is a devout Catholic.

But he's also a scientist, perhaps the very first in history. What he's looking at is the future, the world of Jovian humans three thousand years hence. He is looking at Jupiter from the vantage point of one of its moons whose inhabitants maintain that Galileo has to succeed in his own world for their history to come to pass.

Their ability to reach back into the past and call Galileo "into resonance" with the later time is in an action will have implications for both periods, and those in between, like our own.

By day Galileo's life unfurls in early seventeenth century Italy, leading inexorably to his trial for heresy. By night Galileo struggles to be a kind of sage, or an arbiter in a conflict ... but understanding what that conflict might be is no easy matter, and resolving his double life is even harder.

This sumptuous, gloriously thought-provoking and suspenseful novel recalls Robinson's magnificent Mars books as well as bringing to us Galileo as we have always wanted to know him, in full. **HC \$49.99 TP \$32.99**

Michael Rubens*The Sheriff of Yrnameer*

In the aftermath of such challenges as his girlfriend's affair with his sidekick, an officious traffic robot, and a cache of freeze-dried orphans found in his stolen spaceship, Cole recruits a team of humans and aliens to deliver the orphans safely to a mysterious planet where Cole's arch-enemy prepares to ambush them. **HC \$47.95**

Michelle Sagara

Cast in Silence (Chronicles of Elantra 05)

A member of the elite Hawk force that protects the City of Elantra, Kaylin Neya has sacrificed much to earn the respect of the winged Aerians and immortal Barrani she works alongside. But the mean streets she escaped as a child aren't the ones she's vowed to give her life guarding. Those were much darker...

Kaylin's moved on with her life-and is keeping silent about the shameful things she's done to stay alive. But when the city's oracles warn of brewing unrest in the outer fiefdoms, a mysterious visitor from Kaylin's past casts her under a cloud of suspicion. Thankfully, if she's anything, she's a survivor... **TP \$30.95**

Lilith Saintcrow

Redemption Alley (Jill Kismet 03)

Some cases are unusual - even for Jill Kismet.

When her police contact asks her to look into a "suicide", she suddenly finds herself in a labyrinth of deception, drugs, murder -- and all-too-human corruption. The cops are her allies, except for the ones who want her dead. The hellbreed are her targets, except for the ones who might know what's going on. Her city is in danger, time is running out, and each lead only draws her deeper.

How far will a hunter go when her city -- and her friends -- are on the line? Just far enough. Step into Redemption Alley... **APB \$19.95**

Hiroshi Sakurazaka

All you Need is Kill

There's one thing worse than dying. It's coming back to do it again and again...When the alien Gitai invade, Keiji Kiriya is just one of many raw recruits shoved into a suit of battle armor and sent out to kill. Keiji dies on the battlefield, only to find himself reborn each morning to fight and die again and again. On the 158th iteration though, he sees something different, something out of place: the female soldier known as the Bitch of War. Is the Bitch the key to Keiji's escape, or to his final death? **TP \$28.95**

R A Salvatore

The Dame (Corona)

The vast road network of Honce, completed a decade before, had brought great optimism to the people of the land. Commerce could travel more freely and so could armies, and those armies, it was hoped, would rid the land at long last of the vicious, bloody cap dwarfs and goblins. For the first time, the many individual kingdoms, the holdings of Honce, would be brought closer together, perhaps even united. For the last few years, those promises had become a nightmare to the folk, as two powerful lairds fought for supremacy of a hoped-for united kingdom.

Bransen Garibond, the Highwayman, held little real interest in that fight. To him the warring lairds were two sides of the same coin. Whichever side won, the outcome for the people of Honce would be the same, Bransen believed. A journey north, however, taught Bransen that his views were simplistic at best, and that some things--like honor and true friendship-- might truly matter.

In *The Dame*, Bransen's road becomes a quest for the truth, of Honce and of himself, a quest to put right over wrong. That path is fraught with confusion and fraud, and a purposeful blurring of morality by those who would seek to use the Highwayman's extraordinary battle skills and popularity among the commonfolk for their own nefarious ends. **HC \$52.95 CD \$95**

The Highwayman (Corona Saga of the First King)

Long ago, in a distant land, a lonely young man struggles to discover who he is and where he belongs. He carries the blood and magic of two peoples, a sword of unimaginable power, and a staggering potential for great good... Or greater evil.

In the land of Corona, the roads are unsafe to travel, as goblins and bloodthirsty Powries seek out human prey; and, in this savage world, princes feast while peasants starve, and two religions battle for control. A monk, Bran Dynard, returns from his mission in a far-off land with two prizes: a book of mystical knowledge and a new wife, the beautiful and mystical Sen Wi. But the world he left behind has changed, and Bran must now decide who he can trust, and where he should place his faith... **APB \$21.99**

Andrzej Sapkowski

Blood of Elves (Witcher 02)

For more than a hundred years humans, dwarves, gnomes and elves lived together in relative peace. But times have changed, the uneasy peace is over and now the races once again fight each other - and themselves: dwarves are killing their kinsmen and elves are murdering humans and elves, at least those elves who are friendly to humans...Into this tumultuous time is born a child for whom the witchers of the world have been waiting. Ciri, the granddaughter of Queen Calanthe, the Lioness of Cintra, has strange powers and a stranger destiny, for prophecy names her the Flame, one with the power to change the world - for good, or for evil.Geralt, the witcher of Rivia, has taken Ciri to the relative safety of the Witchers' Settlement, but it soon becomes clear that Ciri isn't like the other witchers. As the political situation grows ever dimmer and the threat of war hangs almost palpably over the land, Geralt searches for someone to train Ciri's unique powers. But someone else has an eye on the young girl, someone who understand exactly what the prophecy means - and exactly what Ciri's power can do.This time Geralt may have met his match. **BPB \$22.99**

John Saul

Faces of Fear

New York Times bestselling author John Saul is a master at writing novels that chill the bones, curdle the blood, and tap into our darkest fears. He creates characters so real that you'll feel as if they're friends or family, and throws them into situations so terrifying that you won't be able to look away until you turn the final page. Now, in *Faces of Fear*, Saul proves that there's a fine line between perfection and madness.

Fifteen-year-old Alison Shaw may not be beautiful, but she doesn't really care: She'd much rather read a good book than primp in front of a mirror anyway. But Alison's gorgeous mother, Risa, knows that beauty can be a key to success and wishes only the best for her daughter, especially when Risa marries a widowed plastic surgeon and moves Alison from Santa Monica to Bel Air. Beauty may be only skin deep, but to the denizens of Bel Air it means the world. Everywhere mother and daughter look, they are surrounded by beautiful people, many of whom have benefited from the skills of Alison's new stepfather, the charismatic Peter Dunn. Peter is certain he can turn Alison into a vision of loveliness, and Risa--drawn in by his cool confidence--is delighted. Reluctantly, Alison agrees to undergo the first procedure, and her transformation begins.

But soon Alison discovers a picture of Peter's first wife. To Alison's horror, she notices a resemblance between the image in the photo and the work her stepfather is doing on her. Though Risa refuses to acknowledge the strange similarity, Alison becomes increasingly frightened. Digging further into her stepfather's murky past, Alison uncovers dark secrets--and even darker motives--and realizes that her worst fears are fast becoming her reality. **PB \$19.95**

Erick Setiawan*Of Bees and Mist*

Raised in a sepulchral house where ghosts dwell in mirrors, Meridia grows up lonely and miserable. But at age sixteen, she has a chance at happiness when she falls in love with Daniel-a caring and naive young man. Soon they marry, and Meridia can finally escape to live with her husband's family, unaware that they harbor dark secrets of their own. There is a grave hidden in the garden, there are two sisters groomed from birth to despise each other, and there is Eva-the formidable matriarch and the wickedest mother-in-law imaginable-whose grievances swarm the air in an army of bees. As Meridia struggles to keep her life and marriage together, she discovers long-buried secrets about her own past as well as shocking truths about her new family that inexorably push her love, courage, and sanity to the brink.

Of Bees and Mist is an engrossing fable that chronicles three generations of women under one family tree over a period of thirty years-their galvanic love and passion, their shifting alliances, their superstitions and complex domestic politics-and places them in a mythical town where spirits and spells, witchcraft and demons, and prophets and clairvoyance are an everyday reality. Erick Setiawan's astonishing debut is a richly atmospheric and tumultuous ride of hope and heartbreak that is altogether touching, truthful, and entirely memorable. **HC \$51.95**

Joel Shepherd *Australian Author**Tracato (Trial of Blood and Steel 03)*

In this third title in Joel Shepherd's gripping quartet, we are reunited with the fearless heroine Sasha, Errollyn and the other familiar characters from SASHA and PETRODOR. The net is really closing in now, with the whole of Rhodia at war and the serrin - the beautiful and dangerous people from beyond the Bacosh - fighting for survival. The revolutionary politics of Tracato, and the clandestine attempts by the feudalists to hold onto power, are gripping and full of intrigue. The characters who were developing in the previous title blossom into their roles here, sharing the arena with Sasha, giving this novel an extra dimension that readers will love. **TP \$32.99**

John Shirley*Bleak History*

As far as Gabriel Bleak is concerned, talking to the dead is just another way of making a living. It gives him the competitive edge to survive as a bounty hunter, or "skip tracer," in the psychic minefield known as New York City. Unfortunately, his gift also makes him a prime target. A top-secret division of Homeland Security has been monitoring the recent emergence of human supernaturals, with Gabriel Bleak being the strongest on record. If they control Gabriel, they'll gain access to the Hidden -- the entity-based energy field that connects all life on Earth. But Gabriel's got other ideas. With a growing underground movement called the Shadow Community -- and an uneasy alliance of spirits, elementals, and other beings -- Gabriel's about to face the greatest demonic uprising since the Dark Ages. But this time, history is not going to repeat itself. This time, the future is Bleak. Gabriel Bleak. **TP \$30.95**

Gena Showalter*Seduce The Darkness*

SHE HAS A BODY MADE FOR TEMPTATION...AND A KISS TO DIE FOR.

The war between otherworlders and humans changed Earth beyond recognition. It also saved Bride McKells's life. Before, the gorgeous vampire was a target for every fanatic with a stake and a crucifix. Now, she's free to roam the streets -- and desperate to find others of her kind. One man claims to have the answers she seeks. Devyn, King of the Targons, is a warrior and a womanizer, and he makes no secret of how much he wants Bride -- and how dangerous he could be to her in every way.

An avid collector of women, Devyn easily seduces human and otherworlder alike. Until now. Not only does Bride resist him, but she leaves Devyn feeling something entirely new...a bone-deep need bordering on obsession. Her blood is the key to curing a vicious alien disease, but helping Bride uncover her origins will compel her to choose between electrifying passion and a destiny that could tear her from Devyn's side forever. **APB \$14.99**

Ken Shufeldt*Genesis*

A strange 100,000-year-old manuscript in a long-forgotten language has been the basis for all the major religions throughout history. Lost and buried in a sarcophagus during the Second Iraq War, it holds the secrets of human birth -- and extinction.

Two children are born with transcendent talents and preternatural powers beyond human comprehension. Only they understand the magnitude of the disaster to come. They are the last, best hope for human survival.

Indelibly bonded, these enigmatic youths -- this brave new Adam and Eve -- are thrown against their wills into a headlong race to save the world. **APB \$16.99**

Brian Sibley*Road Goes Ever On and On: The Map of Tolkien's Middle Earth (Lord of the Rings)*

Writer and broadcaster Brian Sibley is a foremost expert on THE LORD OF THE RINGS (he adapted the novel for the award-winning BBC radio dramatisation in 1980), and here in this clothbound hardback presents an entertaining and informative overview of the writing of THE LORD OF THE RINGS, and the creation of the original maps by Tolkien and his son, Christopher. The book is accompanied by a full-colour illustrated map, which can be removed for reference or even for framing.

The map is a real labour of love, illustrated by world-renowned Tolkien artist John Howe, the conceptual artist employed by Peter Jackson to work on his multi-award winning THE LORD OF THE RINGS film trilogy, and who is soon to work on Guillermo del Toro's THE HOBBIT film.

Each element in this collector's package is special; together they provide an enchanting and desirable artefact that will be a prized possession of Tolkien readers of all ages. **HC \$22.99**

Sherwood Smith*Treason's Shore (Inda 04)*

Elevated to the king's side after numerous battlefield triumphs against the Venn, former pirate Inda inspires squabbling kingdoms to unite against their common enemy before he is forced to make a potentially treasonous choice to disobey the king's unwise order. **HC \$52.95**

Tim Stretton*The Dog of the North*

Winter on the lawless plains of the Emmenrule. En route to her wedding in the fortified city of Croad, the beautiful Lady Isola is kidnapped. What is worse, her captor is the infamous Beuceron. But, ruthless as he may be, Beuceron is no ordinary brigand: it is his life's ambition to capture Croad itself -- and he will stop at nothing to achieve it.

Beuceron has returned with his human plunder to his home -- the exquisite frozen city of Mettingloom. There, the imperious Isola finds herself reassessing her former loyalties as she struggles to adapt to her new life. Beuceron, meanwhile, is manoeuvring to raise an army. He is determined to defeat his enemies, both inside and outside Mettingloom -- and to capture the city he loathes.

But what is the source of Beuceron's obsession with Croad? And just who is the Dog of the North? **BPB \$22.99**

Matthew Sturges*Midwinter*

Winter only comes to the land once in a hundred years. But the snow covers ancient secrets: secrets that could topple a kingdom. Mauritaine, a war hero, must decide between his own freedom and the fate of the very land that has forsaken him. **TP \$32.95**

S Andrew Swann*Dragons & Dwarves (Cleveland Portal)*

An omnibus volume featuring political reporter Kline Maxwell includes the titles, *Dragons of the Cuyahoga* and *The Dwarves of Whiskey Island* and finds Maxwell struggling to stay alive long enough to cover the activities of otherworldly beings who have entered Cleveland through a mysterious portal. **APB \$19.95**

K J Taylor Australian Author*Dark Griffin (The Fallen Moon 01)*

In the land of Cymria, humans and griffins rule side by side. To be a griffin - - the human companion and ambassador to a griffin - - is to have both status and dangerous responsibility. Arren Cardockson is a despised Northener, a people conquered and enslaved centuries ago. By freak chance, Arren became a griffin, but many resent and fear his existence. When his griffin dies during an attempt to catch a wild griffin, Arren's life spirals out of control.

Meanwhile, chained in a cage behind the fighting Arena where rogue griffins entertain the crowds, the mysterious black griffin dreams of escape. When Arren is sent to the Arena, his meeting with the renegade griffin sets his life on an inexorable path of murder, conflict - - and an encounter with his past. Inevitability and chance may both play a part. **APB \$22.99**

Mark Teppo*Lightbreaker (Codex of Souls 01)*

Markham has returned to Seattle, searching for Katarina, the girl who, a decade ago, touched his soul, literally tearing it from his body. But what he discovers upon arriving is dark magick... of a most ancient and destructive kind.

An encounter with a desperate spirit, leaping destructively from host to host, sets Markham on the trail of secretive cabal of magicians seeking to punch a hole through heaven, extinguishing forever the divine spark. Armed with the Chorus, a phantasmal chain of human souls he wields as a weapon of will, Markham must engage in a magickal battle with earth-shattering stakes.

Markham must delve deep into his past, calling on every aspect of his occult training for there to be any hope of a future. But delve he must, for Markham is a veneficus, a spirit thief, the Lightbreaker... **APB \$19.95**

Marshall S Thomas

Slave of Legion (Soldier of Legion 03) **TP \$47.95**

Secret of the Legion (Soldier of Legion 04) **TP \$84.95**

J R R Tolkien*Children of Hurin Boxed Set (Lord of the Rings)*

It is a legendary time long before THE LORD OF THE RINGS, and Morgoth, the first Dark Lord, dwells in the vast fortress of Angband in the North; and within the shadow of the fear of Angband, and the war waged by Morgoth against the Elves, the fates of Túrin and his sister Niënor will be tragically entwined.

Their brief and passionate lives are dominated by the elemental hatred that Morgoth bears them as the children of Húrin, the man who dared to defy him to his face. Against them Morgoth sends his most formidable servant, Glaurung, a powerful spirit in the form of a huge wingless dragon of fire, in an attempt to fulfil the curse of Morgoth, and destroy the children of Húrin.

Begun by J.R.R. Tolkien at the end of the First World War, THE CHILDREN OF HURIN became the dominant story in his later work on Middle-earth. But he could not bring it to a final and finished form. In this book Christopher Tolkien has constructed, after long study of the manuscripts, a coherent narrative without any editorial invention. **BPB \$49.99**

Harry Turtledove*Hitler's War*

Alternate history master Harry Turtledove sets his sights on one of the most fascinating periods in history—World War II. In gripping detail, he imagines how the war in Europe would have ended had British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain refused to allow Hitler's annexation of the Sudetenland. **HC \$54.95**

S L Viehl*Crystal Healer (Stardoc 09)*

Genetically engineered interstellar surgeon Dr. Cherijo Torin, her husband Duncan Reeve, and a handpicked crew journey to the planet oKia to locate a strange black mineral that is the source of an intergalactic epidemic. When one of the crew members becomes infected, his body slowly begins to crystallize. While Cherijo races to save the crew member, mercenaries arrive in the oKia system, wanting Cherijo's genes—and her near immortality. It will take all of her abilities to elude the mercenaries and discover the black crystal's secrets before it's too late. **APB \$19.95**

Kurt Vonnegutt*Galapagos*

Galápagos takes the reader back one million years, to a.d. 1986. A simple vacation cruise suddenly becomes an evolutionary journey. Thanks to an apocalypse, a small group of survivors stranded on the Galápagos Islands are about to become the progenitors of a brave new, and totally different human race. **TP \$30.95**

The Sirens of Titan

In a paperback re-release of a classic Vonnegut work, the world's wealthiest and most depraved man takes a wild space journey to distant worlds, where he learns about the deeper purpose of human life. **TP \$30.95**

Tim Waggoner*Nekropolis (Nekropolis 01)*

In a nameless Central American country, a boy and his grandmother hide in the attic of a house occupied by cocaine-smuggling guerrillas. Trapped for months, encouraged by her stories of the supernatural, he develops extraordinary powers ... and eventually breaks them free. This amazing book includes six appendices: magic trick explanations, traditional cures for diseases and seven recipes that are used in the story. **PB \$20.99**

Kaaron Warren *Australian Author*

Slights
Stephanie is a killer. After an accident in which her mother dies, she has a near-death experience and finds herself in a room full of people - everyone she's ever slighted. They clutch at her, scratch and tear at her. But she finds herself drawn back to this place, again and again, determined to unlock its secrets. Which means she has to die, again and again.

And she starts to wonder whether other people see the same room ... when they die.

Slights is a deeply intense, disturbing read. The misery memoir craze of the last few years has shown the public's taste for tales of human despair. Now it's time for horror to take that one big step further! **PB \$22.99**

Freda Warrington

Elfland
Elfland is an intimate, sensual novel of people—both human and Aetherial—caught between duty and desire. It's a story of families, and of Rose Fox, a woman born to magic but tormented by her place in her adopted world.

Led by Auberon Fox, a group of Aetherials—call them the Fair Folk, if you will—live among us, indistinguishable from humans. Every seven years, on the Night of the Summer Stars, Lawrence Wilder, the Gatekeeper, throws open all gates to the Other World. But this time, something has gone wrong. Wilder has sealed the gates, warning of a great danger lurking in the realm beyond them. The Aetherial community is outraged. What will become of them, deprived of the home realm from which their essential life force flows?

Rose Fox and Sam Wilder are drawn to the lands beyond the gates, even as their families feud over Lawrence's refusal to do his duty. Struggling with their own too-human urges, they discover hidden truths that draw them together in a forbidden alliance. Only by breaching the dreaded gates and daring the danger beyond can they confront that which they fear most—their otherness—and claim their birthright. **HC \$52.95**

Lawrence Watt-Evans

The Summer Palace (Annals of the Chosen 03)
All of the world is kept in a delicate balance under the supervision of the Wizard Lord. It is his duty to govern lightly and protect his domain...but if he should stray from the way of the just then it is up to the Chosen to intercede. The Chosen are the Leader, the Seer, the Swordsman, the Beauty, the Thief, the Scholar, the Archer, and the Speaker, magically infused mortal individuals who for the term of their service have only one function--to remove an errant Wizard Lord.

But the new Wizard Lord has now changed the playing field by neutralizing all magic in his domain (both his own and that of the Chosen) and has successfully killed and/or blocked his adversaries and their challenges to his omnipotence. Sword (now on the run) must work alone to restore order to their fair land and unravel the mystery of the Ninth Talisman--which might be the salvation or downfall of all that is good in their well ordered land. **PB \$19.95**

David Weber

By Heresies Distressed (Safehold 03)
Now the battle for the soul of the planet Safehold has begun. The Kingdom of Charis and the Kingdom of Chisholm have joined together, pledged to stand against the tyranny of a corrupt Church. The youthful Queen Sharleyan of Chisholm has wed King Cayleb of Charis, forging a single dynasty, a single empire, dedicated to the defense of human freedom. Crowned Empress of that empire, Sharleyan has found in Cayleb's arms the love she never dared hope for in a "marriage of state." In Cayleb's cause, his defiance of the ruthless Group of Four who govern mother Church, she has found the task to which she can commit her mind and her courage. It is a cause for which she was born.

Yet there are things Sharleyan still does not know. Secrets Cayleb has not been permitted to share, even with her. Secrets like the true story of humanity on Safehold. Like the intricate web of lies, deception, and fabricated "religion" which have chained humanity for almost a thousand years. Like the existence of the genocidal alien Gbaba, waiting to complete mankind's destruction should humans ever attract their attention once more. Like the existence of a young woman, Nimue Alban, nine hundred years dead, whose heart, mind, and memories live on within the android body of the warrior-monk she knows as Merlin.

And so Empress Sharleyan faces the the great challenge of her life unaware of all that task truly entails...or of how the secrets the man who loves her cannot share may threaten all they have achieved between them...and her own life. **HC \$54.95 CD \$110**

Conrad Williams

Decay Inevitable
DECAY INEVITABLE is a novel charting the grim territories of the shadow line that trembles at the very end of life. These are badlands of horrifying dreams and demons where a black market in unspeakable goods takes place. A race is on to unearth the secrets of the soul... secrets woven into the fabric of death itself. **APB \$19.95**

Liz Williams

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

Meanwhile, in Winterstrike itself, the festival of Ombre has been taking place upon the eve of war. Hestia's cousin Shorn – imprisoned by her family for accidentally consorting with a male – manages to escape. Her sister Essegui, pursuing her to the dangerous mountains of Mars, discovers a plot by creatures who hold the secrets of the Martian past, and its future. While Essegui battles forces back in Winterstrike, Hestia travels to Earth in an attempt to save her city... **APB \$21.99**

F Paul Wilson

By the Sword (Repairman Jack 12)
Jack is hired to find a legendary Japanese sword, a katana stolen from the Hiroshima Peace Museum and brought to New York City. To get it back, he maneuvers his rivals for possession of the sword--the members of a weird Japanese cult, a young Japanese businessman and his three Yakuza bodyguards, and Kicker Cult leader Hank Thompson--into a bloody melee from which Jack plans to waltz away with the fabled artifact.

Also in the mix is a pregnant teenager whose unborn child, loaded with abnormal DNA, will be a decisive force in the cosmic shadow war raging behind the scenes. A pawn in the game, she is hunted by both sides.

Of course, when things don't go as planned, Jack must improvise (and he hates to improvise). **PB \$19.95**

Chris Wooding*Retribution Falls (Ketty Jay 01)*

Frey is the captain of the *Ketty Jay*, leader of a small and highly dysfunctional band of layabouts. An inveterate womaniser and rogue, he and his gang make a living on the wrong side of the law, avoiding the heavily armed flying frigates of the Coalition Navy. With their trio of ragged fighter craft, they run contraband, rob airships and generally make a nuisance of themselves. So a hot tip on a cargo freighter loaded with valuables seems like a great prospect for an easy heist and a fast buck. Until the heist goes wrong and the freighter explodes. Suddenly Frey isn't just a nuisance anymore - he's public enemy number one, with the Coalition Navy on his tail and contractors hired to take him down. But Frey knows something they don't. That freighter was rigged to blow and Frey has been framed to take the fall. If he wants to prove it, he's going to have to catch the real culprit. He must face liars and lovers, dogfights and gunfights, Dukes and daemons. It's going to take all his criminal talents to prove he's not the criminal they think he is... **TP \$32.99**

Brom*Devil's Rose*

Undead Cole McGee serves the Devil by hunting down escapees from Hell, in order to win freedom to search for his beloved Rose, and now he has a chance at immediate freedom if he returns just one more escapee, the mysterious Rath. **HC \$47.95**

Anthologies

John Joseph Adams *editor*

By Blood We Live

This collection gathers together the best vampire literature of the last three decades from many of today's most renowned authors of fantasy, speculative fiction, and horror, including Stephen King, Joe Hill, Garth Nix, Neil Gaiman, Kelley Armstrong, Ken Macleod, Harry Turtledove, Carrie Vaughn, and Tad Williams. **TP \$32.95**

Ellora's Cave Presents

Forbidden Fantasies (Ellora's Cave)

Indulge yourself with this collection of unforgettably steamy adventures. In Bossy & Clyde, USA Today bestselling author Jaid Black's psychic artist Kandrea Kane doesn't predict the erotic energy her architect's masculine touch will ignite in her voluptuous body. Then Werewolf Chantal Devlin gets a red-hot sexual release from a night of anonymous ecstasy in Jaci Burton's delectably dangerous tale of mistaken identity, Legend's Passion. Ann Jacobs entices readers into an Eternal Triangle with an erotic trip to a Cajun paradise that unlocks forbidden desires in a mortal master and his sensuous vampire submissive. Sexy DEA agent Santiago puts fiery-haired Tess on her naughtiest bedroom behavior in New York Times bestselling author Cheyenne McCray's Wild Ride. From outer space to Regency England, these irresistibly naughty original stories -- and four tempting others -- from eight award-winning, bestselling authors will thrill you and make you long for more.... **TP \$22.99**

Suzanne Forster, Lori Foster, Kimberly Randell & Maggie Shayne

Sinful

Four sizzling hot authors show how a simple piece of lingerie can be the key to unlocking a woman's deepest desires.

Lori Foster's 'Tangled Images', in which a female photographer comes undone during a men's underwear spread.

Maggie Shayne's 'Leather and Lace' finds a prim young beauty leading a double life as a lingerie model.

In Suzanne Forster's 'Unbuttoning Emmalina', modesty is overrun by desire.

Kimberley Randell's 'Sinderella', a tomboy discovers how a red teddy can turn her life around. **TP \$30.95**

L L Foster, Lori Foster & Erin McCarthy

Out of the Light

An anthology of tales by three best-selling authors features stories of otherworldly passion in which romantic liaisons give way to unexpected emotions, secret desires, and the dark complexities of the human heart. **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth George *Editor*

Two of the Deadliest

A volume of twenty-three original crime tales by forefront women authors features themes of lust and greed, in a collection that includes contributions by such individuals as Laura Lippman, Marcia Muller, and Carolyn Hart. **HC \$52.95**

Medieval Murderers

King Arthur's Bones

1191. During excavation work at Glastonbury Abbey, an ancient leaden cross is discovered buried several feet below the ground. Inscribed on it are the words: Hic iacet sepultus inclitus rex arturius ...Here lies buried the renowned King Arthur.

Beneath the cross are skeletal remains. Could this really be the legendary King Arthur and his queen, Guinevere? As the monks debate the implications of this extraordinary discovery, the bones disappear - spirited away by the mysterious Guardians, determined to keep King Arthur's remains safe until the legend is fulfilled and he returns to protect his country in in the hour of its greatest need. A missing right hand.

A gang of ruthless bodysnatchers. Brother accused of killing brother. As the secret of the bones' hiding place is passed from generation to generation, those entrusted to safeguard the king's remains must withstand treachery, theft, blackmail and murder in order to keep the legend intact. **TP \$29.99**

The Lost Prophecies

A mysterious book of prophecies written by a 6th century Irish monk has puzzled scholars through the ages. Foretelling wars, plagues and rebellions, the Black Book of Bran is said to have predicted the Black Death and the Gunpowder Plot. But is it the result of divine inspiration or the ravings of a madman? A hidden hoard of Saxon gold.

A poisoned priest. A monk skinned alive in Westminster Abbey. Only one thing is certain: whoever comes into possession of the cursed book meets a gruesome and untimely end. **APB \$19.99**

Ken Keegan & Rusty Morrison *Editor*

Paraspheres 2: Extending Beyond the Sphere of Literary and Genre Fiction

Juxtaposing the conventional and the fabulist, this anthology explores the boundary between mainstream literary fiction and the genres of fantasy, horror, and science fiction. This remarkable collection consists of works by some of the most interesting contemporary authors, including John Domini, Theodora Goss, Laird Hunt, Lyn Hejinian, and Craig Teicher. Featuring nonrealist fiction, this unexpected and engaging anthology is sure to enthrall. **TP \$30.95**

Tricia Telep *Editor*

The Eternal Kiss

There's an allure to vampire tales that have seduced readers for generations. From Bram Stoker to Stephanie Meyer and beyond, vampire stories are here to stay. For those fresh-blooded fans of paranormal romance or for those whose hunt and hunger never dies, these stories have what readers want! This collection of original tales comes from some of the hottest, most popular, and best-selling YA writers, including:

- Holly Black (The Spiderwick Chronicles, Tithe)
- Libba Bray (A Great and Terrible Beauty)
- Melissa De La Cruz (Blue Blood)
- Cassandra Clare (City of Bones)
- Rachel Caine (Morganville Vampires)
- Nancy Holder & Debbie Viguie (Wicked)
- Cecil Castellucci (Boy Proof, Queen of Cool)
- Kelley Armstrong (Women of Otherworld)
- Maria V. Snyder
- Sarah Rees Brennan
- Lili St. Crow
- Karen Mahoney
- Dina James

They will make everyone a sucker for eternal kisses. **BPB \$21.95**

Young Adult

The Jungle Vampire (Awfully Beastly Business)

Ulf the werewolf is training to become an official RSPCB agent. His mission takes him to the jungle in search of a legendary jungle vampire. But the evil Baron Marackai is hot on his trail. Can Ulf and his friends find the vampire first? The future of the RSPCB depends on it... **HC \$16.99**

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Four all-new tales of crime and punishment in the classic Tales From the Crypt style-only this time they all tie together in a twisted and nightmarish way known only to the Old Witch!

The main event is Hex and the City by writer Stefan Petrucha and artist Mr Exes. When Japek Holsworth III takes over his father's old business, he finds he's the boss of three sexy, stuck-up, materialistic, shallow, female employees. When the ladies find out that Japek has a "thing" for Wiccan women, they proceed to pose as practitioners of the black arts in order to strip Japek of his valuable gems and assets.

These wicked witches perform their fake ceremony to summon the Great Horned God, and it actually works – until the dastardly deity gives them each what they want, but far from the way they want it. **BPB \$12.99**

Castle: Lego Brick master

Become a LEGO Brick Master. If your child loves LEGO bricks, they'll find endless entertainment in this book complete with 140 fantastic LEGO bricks and 2 mini-figures. Watch as they find out all about building with the LEGO bricks provided, then use the bricks again and again to build 15 amazing castle models. A perfect LEGO kit promising hours of playtime for your child. **\$39.95**

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Sarah Rees Brennan

Demon's Lexicon (01)

A new gothic YA fantasy trilogy, set in England, about magicians and demons. **BPB \$16.99**

Stephen Cole

The Dreams of Dread (Astrosaurs 15)

Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur - he's an astrosaur! On the incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil and eats a lot of grass!

THE DREAMS OF DREAD . . . Teggs has a nightmare about sabre-toothed bananas and can't believe it when he's actually attacked by them in the middle of a mission. Strange things start happening to the other astrosaurs too - things they dream of are popping into reality to get them! Can Teggs and the gang figure out what's going on? **PB \$14.95**

Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl and the Time Paradox (Artemis Fowl 06)

Artemis Fowl. Where do I begin? This young criminal genius is no stranger to trouble. In fact, he's a magnet for it.

Man-eating trolls, armed and dangerous (not to mention hi-tech) fairies, flame-throwing goblins – he's seen the lot. He had decided to forego criminal activity of the more magical kind. However . . . Now his mother is gravely ill. Artemis Fowl must travel back through time to steal the cure from the clutches of the devious mastermind . . . Artemis Fowl.

That's right. With fairy ally Captain Holly Short by his side, Artemis is going back in time to do battle with his deadliest enemy yet.

Himself. Let the misadventure begin. **BPB \$16.95**

Joseph Delaney

Spook's Mistake (Spook)

As danger increases in the County, Tom is sent far north by his master to be trained by Bill Arkwright, another Spook. Arkwright lives in a haunted mill on the edge of a treacherous marsh and his training methods prove to be harsh and sometimes cruel. But he has toughened up many previous apprentices and now he must do the same for Tom and prepare him for the gravest dangers of his life. But when the Fiend sends his own daughter, the ancient powerful water witch Morwena, to destroy Tom, Arkwright makes an error of judgement and Tom finds himself facing his enemies alone. The Spook and Alice realising his danger, hasten to his aid but will even their combined strengths suffice in the face of such terrible dark power? And what is the Spook's mistake, the consequences of which might give final victory to the dark? **BPB \$17.95**

The Spook's Sacrifice (Wardstone Chronicles 06)

As the Spook's apprentice, Tom's first duty is to protect the County from the dark. But now Mam needs his help in her homeland of Greece. One of the most dangerous of the old gods, the Ordeen, is about to return there, bringing slaughter and devastation. Meanwhile, the Devil himself is still loose and if he and the Ordeen join forces, a new age of darkness will descend.

Mam has summoned a powerful group to her side but among them are Tom's old enemy, the Pendle witches, including the assassin Grimalkin, and the cunning clan leader Mab Moldheel. Can Tom go against all the Spook has taught him and ally himself to the witches? What is the secret that Mam is keeping from him? And what sacrifices must be made in the battle against the dark?

Warning: Not to be read after dark. The sixth spine-tingling tale in the Wardstone Chronicles series. **HC \$29.95**

Ernest Drake

Working with Monsters: A Course in Monsterology (Dragonology) **HC \$19.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear

Children of the Dawnland

The end of the Ice Age: A time of melting glaciers, mass extinctions, unpredictable dangers... and young heroes

Though only 12 summers old, Twig is a talented Dreamer. Sometimes she has spirit dreams – dreams that come true. But her mother has always discouraged Twig from exploring her powers for fear that they would turn her strange, like the reclusive witch-woman Cobia.

When Twig begins to have recurring nightmares about a green light exploding from the sky and causing widespread destruction, she must find the courage to defy her mother and learn to become a Spirit Dreamer. Helping Twig on her quest are her best friend, Greyhawk, and Screech Owl, a shaman who has been banished from the village. Together, they must persuade their people to leave the land of their ancestors and journey to the mysterious Duskland, far from only home they've ever known.

Can Twig convince the Elders that she is a true Spirit Dreamer – before it's too late? **HC \$29.99**

John Granger

Harry Potter's Bookshelf TP \$30.95

Jack Heath *Australian Author*

Third Transmission (Six of Hearts 03)

Six of Hearts is sealed inside a torpedo, blasting his way at 300 kilometres an hour towards a warship. His mission: to steal canisters containing a weaponised strain of the SARS virus. If he fails, ChaoSonic will use the virus to wipe out an uprising that is tearing the City apart.

And that is the least of Six's problems. Vanish is still on the loose. So is Retuni Lerke. And a scientist has designed a new weapon – one more dangerous than anything Six has ever seen before. One that could destroy him, the Deck, and anyone else who dares to oppose ChaoSonic.

Six has to find the weapon and eliminate the threat it poses because ChaoSonic can't always control their creations.

He is living proof of that. **BPB \$16.99**

Steven Hunt & David Richardson *Australian Author*

The Cloudchasers (Cloudchasers 01)

In the streets of Bankertown, where children are threatened with the grey and forbidding walls of The Institution, a young girl called Alice rebels by daring to show imagination. Is she the child destined to save Bankertown and bring colour, light and imagination back into the world? Determined not to take any chances, The Banker sends his vermin-infested lieutenant, the terrifying Catcher, through the clouds to hunt down Alice and her companions. **HC \$39.95**

Erin Hunter

Warriors Code of the Clans (Warriors)

WARRIORS: CODE OF THE CLANS is a collectible hardcover guide to the warrior code, the set of rules that governs the Clans. Perfectly pitched to appeal to both the longstanding series fans as well as those just catching on to the craze, CODE OF THE CLANS will feature beautiful art (both black-and-white and full colour), Clan lore, and brand new stories. **HC \$29.99**

Erin Hunter

Warrior's Refuge (Warriors)

Greystripe's manga adventure continues, in this graphic novelisation of the bestselling cat series! **BPB \$9.99**

Outcast (Warriors Power of Three 03)

There will be three, Kin of you kin...Who hold the Power of the stars in their paws.

A secret prophecy shapes the lives of Firestar's grandchildren, but only one of the three knows about it. Jaypaw is captivated by the power it promises, and he believes the key to that power may lie buried in the distant past -- with the ancient cats who once walked these woods and now prowl through his dreams. His search for answers leads him toward the mountains -- the home of the Tribe of Rushing Water. Lionpaw and Hollypaw feel drawn to the mountains too, for different reasons. But the mountains hide secrets as well as answers, and if the three cats find a way to get there, they may discover more than they ever expected. **BPB \$9.99**

Tove Jansson

Moominpappa at Sea (Moomin)

There it was at last - Moominpappa's island!

Moominpappa and his family are off to live in a lighthouse on a tiny, rocky island far out to sea. It's rather quiet and lonely, but as they begin to explore their unusual surroundings the family discover some funny and surprising new things about themselves. **BPB \$12.95**

Marilyn Kaye

Out of Sight, Out of Mind (Gifted 01)

Meadowbrook Middle School is an ordinary school with ordinary students – queen bees, jocks, nerds, brains, all the usual suspects. With nine exceptions. These students look like the others, but each of them has a special supernatural attribute that marks them out. You could call it a skill, a talent or a disadvantage, but each of these students is unique – they're gifted.

Queen-of-mean Amanda Beeson, 13, wakes up one morning in the wrong body. She's taken over the body that belongs to lonely, unfashionable Tracey Devon – one of Amanda's targets for bullying. Amanda discovers that Tracey, ignored at home and at school, has the ability to turn invisible. Amanda sets out to rescue her one-time victim from obscurity – as well as rescuing herself from Tracey's life! **BPB \$16.99**

Better Late Than Never (Gifted 02)

Meadowbrook Middle School is an ordinary school with ordinary students – queen bees, jocks, nerds, brains, all the usual suspects. With nine exceptions. These students look like the others, but each of them has a special supernatural attribute that marks them out. You could call it a skill, a talent or a disadvantage, but each of these students is unique – they're gifted.

Teenage goth and occasional rebel Jenna Kelly can read anyone's mind without even trying. When her alcoholic mother has to go into hospital, a stranger turns up who says he's her long-lost dad, and promises her a better future. While Jenna is happy to discover what it's like to have a proper parent, the gifted class have their concerns, but will Jenna listen? **BPB \$16.99**

Gail Carson Levine

The Fairy's Return and other Princess Tales

You thought you knew your favorite fairy tales . . . but now Gail Carson Levine has cast a new spell on them!

What would you do if diamonds and rubies tumbled out of your mouth every time you spoke? Well, that's what happens to Rosella after a run-in with a misguided fairy in *The Fairy's Mistake*. If you were turned into a toad, would you pine after your prince as much as Parsley does in *For Biddle's Sake*?

The road to happily-ever-after is never easy, but the masterful touch of Newbery Honor author Gail Carson Levine will keep readers laughing their way through these fresh retellings of popular fairy tales. **BPB \$12.99**

Fiona McIntosh *Australian Author*

The Whisperer

Griff is an ordinary boy, working at a circus - but he has an extraordinary ability. He can receive peoples thoughts, although in an unfocussed way. When the circus master decides to exploit this talent, disaster ensues. Griff decides to escape, taking fellow circus member Tess and her magical creatures with him. Meanwhile Griff is hearing a cry for help from Lute, the Crown Prince of the realm, under attack from his uncle Janko, who wants to rule in his stead. Escaping from Jankos clutches, Lute encounters Bitter Olof, a bandit with a long history, and Calico Grace, captain of the pirate ship Silver Wind. With allies both magical and human, Griff and Lute must reclaim their inheritance and discover the truth behind their mysterious communication. Ages: 9 - 12 **TP \$19.99**

Lisa McMann*Wake*

For seventeen-year-old Janie, getting sucked into other people's dreams at any given moment is getting tired. Especially the falling dreams, and the standing-in-front-of-the-class-naked ones. But then there are the nightmares, the ones that chill her to the bone...like the one where she is in a strange house...in a dirty kitchen...and a sinister monster that edges ever closer.

This is the nightmare that she keeps falling into, the one where, for the first time, Janie is more than a witness to someone else's twisted psyche. She is a participant... **PB \$16.99**

Stephenie Meyer*Twilight (Twilight 01)*

An electrifying debut novel of a young woman's love for a vampire. In spite of her awkward manner and low expectations, she finds that her new classmates are drawn to this pale, dark-haired new girl in town. But not, it seems, the Cullen family. These five adopted brothers and sisters obviously prefer their own company and will make no exception for Bella. Bella is convinced that Edward Cullen in particular hates her, but she feels a strange attraction to him, although his hostility makes her feel almost physically ill. He seems determined to push her away - until, that is, he saves her life from an out of control car. Bella will soon discover that there is a very good reason for Edward's coldness. He, and his family, are vampires - and he knows how dangerous it is for others to get too close. **BPB \$22.99**

New Moon (Twilight 02)

'I stuck my finger under the edge of the paper and jerked it under the tape. Shoot, I muttered when the paper sliced my finger. A single drop of blood oozed from the tiny cut. It all happened very quickly then. No! Edward roared Dazed and disorientated, I looked up from the bright red blood pulsing out of my arm - and into the fevered eyes of the six suddenly ravenous vampires. For Bella Swan, there is one thing more important than life itself: Edward Cullen. But being in love with a vampire is more dangerous than Bella ever could have imagined. Edward has already rescued Bella from the clutches of an evil vampire but now, as their daring relationship threatens all that is near and dear to them, they realise their troubles may just be beginning... **BPB \$22.99**

Eclipse (Twilight 03)

"Bella!" Edward's soft voice came from behind me. I turned to see him spring lightly up the porch steps, his hair windblown from running. He pulled me into his arms at once, and kissed me again. His kiss frightened me. There was too much tension, too strong an edge to the way his lips crushed mine - like he was afraid we had only so much time left to us. As Seattle is ravaged by a string of mysterious killings and a malicious vampire continues her quest for revenge, Bella once again finds herself surrounded by danger. In the midst of it all, she is forced to choose between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob - knowing that her decision has the potential to ignite the ageless struggle between vampire and werewolf. With her graduation approaching, Bella has one more decision to make: life or death. But which is which? **BPB \$22.99**

Breaking Dawn (Twilight 04)

To be irrevocably in love with a vampire is both fantasy and nightmare woven into a dangerously heightened reality for Bella Swan. Pulled in one direction by her intense passion for Edward Cullen, and in another by her profound connection to werewolf Jacob Black, she has endured a tumultuous year of temptation, loss and strife to reach the ultimate turning point. Her imminent choice to either join the dark but seductive world of immortals or pursue a fully human life has become the thread from which the fate of two tribes hangs. Now that Bella has made her decision, a startling chain of unprecedented events is about to unfold with potentially devastating and unfathomable consequences. Just when the frayed strands of Bella's life - first discovered in TWILIGHT, then scattered and torn in NEW MOON and ECLIPSE - seem ready to heal and knit together, could they be destroyed...forever? **BPB \$22.99**

Livi Michael*Faerie Heart*

'If you light a fire on Mabb's hill, she will come for you . . . '

All Keri has ever wanted is to be part of the magic. Now her brother Lu is dying. To save him she must bargain with the dangerous Faerie Queen Mabb, who exacts a terrible price.

Will the Magic help Keri to save her brother - and herself? **BPB \$14.95**

Scott Monk Australian Author*Beyond the Knock Knock Door*

The Bowman triplets always attract trouble. So when twelve-year-olds Michael, Luke and Samantha ruin a classmate's costume party, they're chased by the school bullies into the city sewers. Locked inside, they discover a different kind of exit . . .

A Knock-Knock Door.

It's a gateway to another world, where sharks fly, swashbucklers scheme and party costumes become real. Soon, the triplets are mistaken for famous heroes and enlisted to fight the biggest trouble of all: a rampaging monster.

Can you solve the puzzles and help bring our three adventurers home? **PB \$16.95**

Kirsty Murray Australian Author*Vulture's Gate*

One girl - could she be the last girl alive? One boy, pursued by reckless men who have kidnapped him from his fathers.

Bo and Callum go in search of a safe haven, a place to call home. But where can they turn and who can they trust? When every stranger is a threat, does their only hope lie in reaching Vulture's Gate?

Following a journey that takes them across barren deserts and lost valleys, Bo and Callum must discover how to survive alongside runaway boys and crazed religious terrorists, in a world with an uncertain future.

And what is the disturbing secret at the ruined city's core? **PB \$15.99**

Pearl North*Libyrrinth*

Haly is a Libyrrarian, one of a group of people dedicated to preserving and protecting the knowledge passed down from the Ancients and stored in the endless maze of books known as the Libyrrinth. But Haly has a secret: The books speak to her. When the threat of the rival Eradicants drives her from her home, Haly learns that things are not all she thinks they are. Taken prisoner by the Eradicants, who believe the written word to be evil, she sees the world through their eyes and comes to understand that they are not the book-burning monsters that she has known her entire life.

The words of a young girl hiding in an attic - written hundreds of years before Haly's birth - will spark the interest of her captors and begin the change necessary to end the conflict between the Eradicants and Libyrrarians. With the help of her loyal companion Nod, a creature of the Libyrrinth, Haly must mend the rift between the two groups before their war for knowledge destroys them all. Haly's life - and the lives of everyone she knows - will never be the same. **HC \$29.99**

Christopher Paolini

Brisingsr (Inheritance 03)

Following the colossal battle against the Empire's warriors, Eragon and Saphira narrowly escaped with their lives. But more awaits the Rider and his dragon, as Eragon finds himself bound by promises he may not be able to keep, including his oath to cousin Roran to help rescue his beloved Katrina. When unrest claims the rebels and danger strikes, Eragon must make 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. Can he become a leader who can unite the rebel forces and defeat the King? **BPB \$21.95**

Aprilynne Pike

Wings

Laurel was found as an infant on her parents' doorstep in a basket. Although she's grown up not knowing where she came from, or who her true parents are, she's lived a normal life-until the day she wakes up to discover that a flower has bloomed in the middle of her back.

Laurel is a faerie, placed with human parents because they own land that holds a sacred entrance to the faerie realm. As Laurel learns more about her true faerie background, she finds herself torn between two loves - a human, David, who has stood by her as a friend and confidante, and Tamani, a handsome faerie who is exciting, passionate, and able to take her back to her faerie roots, should she choose to go with him.

This fairytale soon becomes a nightmare when Laurel finds out that trolls-centuries' old enemies of faeries-pose a threat to both her human parents and the faerie world. She enlists David and Tamani to help figure out a way to save both her parents, as well as the gateway to Avalon. **TP \$19.99**

Justin Richards

The Parliament of Blood

Prepare yourself for the horrors that lie within - read of secret societies and hidden mysteries, of evil plans long made and villainy about to be dispatched, of Egyptian mummies, Victorian vampires and deadly danger.

London, 1886: an Egyptian mummy awakes in the British Museum. The Lord of the Undead has risen to lead his vampire army to victory over the British Empire.

Only streetwise Eddie and his friends George, Liz and Sir William know the terrifying truth. And when no one believes them, they must act on their own - to stop the vampires ruling from their Parliament of Blood. **BPB \$15.99**

James Roy Australian Author

Voyage to Feynman (Edsel Grizzler 01)

The first in a fantastic three-part series by award-winning author James Roy.

PIZZA FOR BREAKFAST, NO BEDTIME, SKATEBOARDING ENCOURAGED, AND ... NO PARENTS! Welcome to Verdada.

When Edsel takes an unexpected voyage to a parallel dimension, Verdada, his life is transformed overnight. Suddenly, his over-protective parents are nowhere to be seen and rules are a thing of the past. Or so he thinks. Everything seems perfect. Everything is not what it seems. Edsel needs to decide between the world he knows or being forever young in a place of forever fun. But time is running out. Will Edsel be stuck in Verdada forever? **BPB \$16.95**

Angie Sage

The Magykal Papers (Septimus Heap)

Full of enticing secrets and facts about the world of Septimus Heap, this is the ultimate companion for fans of the series. Colour illustrations throughout.

Enter the world of Septimus Heap with this incredible collection of previously unpublished papers. Includes: the private journals of Septimus, Jenna and Marcia Overstrand; Alther Mella's Guide to Being Dead: Ten Handy Rules for New Ghosts; Sarah Heap's Recipe for Sauteed Frogs; Sirius Weazal's Speedy Guides to the Palace, Wizard Tower and Wizard Way; Notable Extraordinary Wizards throughout History; How to Behave When Visiting the Wizard Tower and lots of other brilliant stuff. **HC \$27.99**

Matthew Skelton

The Story of Cirrus Flux

'You shall help me find him still . . . there is nowhere for the boy to hide.'

Orphan boy Cirrus Flux is being watched. Merciless rogues are conniving to steal the world's most divine power, which they believe Cirrus has inherited. Now he faces a perilous journey through the dirty backstreets of London as a sinister mesmerist, a tiny man with an all-seeing eye, and a skull-collecting scoundrel pursue him. Cirrus must escape them. It really is not safe to give such evil people such incredible power . . . **BPB \$16.95**

L J Smith

The Awakening / The Struggle (Vampire Diaries 01, 02)

Elena: the golden girl, the leader, the one who can have any boy she wants. Stefan: brooding and mysterious, he seems to be the only one who can resist Elena, even as he struggles to protect her from the horrors that haunt his past. Damon: sexy, dangerous, and driven by an urge for revenge against Stefan, the brother who betrayed him. Determined to have Elena, he'd kill to possess her. Collected here in one volume for the first time, volumes one and two of *The Vampire Diaries*, the tale of two vampire brothers and the beautiful girl torn between them. **TP \$16.99**

Duglad A Steer

Dragon Diary (Dragonolgy Chonicles 02)

The adventures continue in this second volume of the fire-breathing fiction series from the creators of the international bestseller, *Dragonology*.

Step into the world of the Secret and Ancient Society of Dragonologists in this series of fire-breathing adventures!

Twelve-year-old Daniel and his sister Beatrice are thrilled to be studying dragonology with Dr. Drake - they are even awaiting the hatching of a dragon's egg in their care!

But all is not well in the world of dragons: rumours of a deadly dragon plague are growing - could dark dragonologist Alexandra Gorynytchka be behind the illness? **HC \$19.95**

Laini Taylor

Blackbringer: Dreamdark

Magpie Windwitch is not like other faeries, most of whom live in tranquil seclusion. When she learns that escaped devils are creeping back into the world, she travels all over with her faithful clan of crows, hunting them down. The hunt will take her to the great forest of Dreamdark, where she must unravel the mystery of the worst enemy her folk have ever known. Can one small, determined faerie defeat the forces that threaten to unmake the world? **PB \$16.95**

S R Vaught & J B Redmond

Assassin's Apprentice (Oathbreaker 01)

Follows the intertwining adventures of Leyr Mab, high prince and heir to the throne, Aron Brailing, a farm boy with a destiny greater than he can imagine, and Dari Ross, a mysterious halfling with ties to a powerful race of shapeshifters long believed to be extinct. **TP \$21.95**

Suzanne Weyn

The Diamond Secret (Once Upon A Time 14)

Nadya is a mischievous kitchen girl in a Russian tavern. Having nearly drowned in the Iset River during the turmoil of the Revolution, she has no memory of her past and longs for the life she cannot remember.

Then two young men arrive at the tavern and announce that Nadya's long-lost grandmother has sent them to find her. Yearning for family and friendship, she agrees to accompany them to Paris for the joyful reunion. Nadya eagerly embarks on her journey, never dreaming it will be one of laughter, love -- and betrayal. **BPB \$10.99**

Michelle Zink

Prophecy of the Sisters

'Without the Keys, something terrible will happen. Something that cannot be undone. And with them, I might bring an end to the riddle of the Prophecy and my strange part in it. If Alice and I are on conflicting sides of the Prophecy, the Keys would be dangerous in her hands. Which means I have to find them. And I have to do it before my sister.' This is the story of sixteen-year-old Lia Milthorpe's quest to discover her role and her twin sister's in a powerful prophecy that has affected twin sisters for generations. But nothing can prepare her for what she discovers - about herself, about her family, and about the danger that goes from haunting her dreams to becoming her reality. **TP \$29.99**

Television, Movie and Comic Related

Adventures in Cartooning

In this action-packed cartooning adventure, you will have as much fun making comics as reading them!

Once upon a time... a princess tried to make a comic. And with the help of a magical cartooning elf, she learned how - well enough to draw her way out of an encounter with a dangerous dragon, near-death by drowning, and into her very own adventure! Like the princess, young readers will discover that they already have the drawing and writing skills it takes to make a comic - they just need a little know-how.

And Adventures in Cartooning supplies just that. **PB \$19.99**

Godzilla and Friends: Art of the Japanese Monster

Mike Evans & Paul Kingsbury

A tribute to the "kaiju" monster characters from Japanese film and television shows of the 1960s and 1970s features full-color illustrations of notable favorites from Godzilla and Mothra to Rodan and Megarog while sharing accompanying profiles noting their strengths, weaknesses, and special powers. **HC \$56.95**

Killing With the Edge of the Moon

A A Attanasio

The speaker is a hickory-faced crone trying to explain to Chet, a shy kid with eyeglasses and pocket protector, why he can't take her granddaughter to the high school dance. For quiet, elfin Flannery is not like other kids. A living Blud-eye-eth, she has caught the attention of the faerie, beautiful evil creatures from a mysterious Otherworld, who seduce their victims with moonlight raves before feeding them to a dragon and hunting souls with a supernatural black dog of prodigious evil. And they have taken Flannery for one of their own. And she won't be going to the school dance-not unless Chet rescues her. **TP \$26.95**

Pixarpedia: A Complete Guide to the World of Pixar... And Beyond

Characters, stories, and illustrators for each of Pixar's ten movies come to life in this resource, which includes history, information, behind-the-scenes extras, technological insight into Cars, Up, Wall-E, and more, in a book with thousands of illustrations. **HC \$78**

Watchmen and Philosophy

Alan Moore's Watchmen is set in 1985 and chronicles the alternative history of the United States where the US edges dangerously closer to nuclear war with the Soviet Union. Within this world exists a group of crime busters, who don elaborate costumes to conceal their identity and fight crime, and an intricate plot to kill and discredit these "superheroes."

Alan Moore's Watchmen popularized the graphic novel format, has been named one of Time magazine's top 100 novels, and is now being made into a highly anticipated movie adaptation. This latest book in the popular Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture series peers into Moore's deeply philosophical work to parse and deconstruct the ethical issues raised by Watchmen's costumed adventurers, their actions, and their world. From nuclear destruction to utopia, from governmental authority to human morality and social responsibility, it answers questions fans have had for years about Watchmen's ethical quandaries, themes, and characters. **TP \$29.95**

Blood Adagio 1

On the eve of the Russian Revolution, our favorite Chiropteran-hunting duo masquerades as members of Tsar Nicholas Romanov's royal chamber orchestra. Saya begins to uncover some of the strange secrets of the Romanov royal family and, of course, finds some hideous Chiropteran beasts who are doing a little masquerading of their own. Despite being one of the Chiropteran 'originals', Saya's devoted her life to eradicating the wilder, more vicious Chiropteran spawn who prey on humanity, and this short series embraces the same mix of action, humor, and horror. **PB \$22.95**

Zeera the Space Pirate

02: Planet Man-Azon, and Fun with Head-Sucking Aliens

Naomi Hatchman

Follow the hapless wannabe pirates as they venture to Planet Man-Azon, a place of good taste and impeccable manners - not the place for people who like to belch the alphabet, or think that it's time to change their sheets only when they can stand them up against a wall. But manners aren't the only problem when Zeera thinks that any small random alien is suitable to live on her shoulder... including the head-sucking kind. **MAG \$5**

03: Time to Get Tough

Naomi Hatchman

Sometimes, you just gotta be tough. But if you can't be tough... then fake it! Follow Zeera and crew on a journey of bravado, kidnapping, revenge, virtual reality, fun with garbage pods, magic mushrooms, and of course, plenty of the usual head-sucking aliens. **MAG \$5**

04: The Beginning

Naomi Hatchman

Everyone starts somewhere, and if you're Zeera, then you start at the bottom. Find out how it all began as Zeera recounts her past, and ends up finding a different vocation from space piracy – one that will alienate her last remaining crew member. **MAG \$5**

05: Space Cops and Robbers

Naomi Hatchman

Everyone starts somewhere, and if you're Zeera, then you start at the bottom. Find out how it all began as Zeera recounts her past, and ends up finding a different vocation from space piracy – one that will alienate her last remaining crew member. **MAG \$5**

4400

Welcome to Promise City

Greg Cox

The 4400 were only the beginning. Now anyone can become extraordinary. The rewards are great. But so are the risks. . .

Mere months have passed since a viral outbreak transformed Seattle. Over nine thousand people died horribly, while thousands more gained remarkable new abilities. The disaster has also left Jordan Collier, the charismatic leader of The 4400 Movement, in charge of the city, much to the dismay of the rest of the world.

To Collier's followers, the birth of "Promise City" heralds the dawn of a glorious new future that will forever change the face of humanity. But not everyone welcomes Collier's vision of tomorrow. An international conspiracy, composed of many of the world's most powerful figures, will stop at nothing to destroy the Movement, even if it means igniting an all-out war against Promise City.

NTACNTAC agents Tom Baldwin and Diana Skouris find themselves caught in the middle of a historic clash as they try to save Seattle from both Jordan Collier and his mortal enemies...with the future of the planet hanging in the balance.

The saga of The 4400 continues. **PB \$19.95**

Adventures of Duan Surk

Black Knights of the Silver Gray Castle

Mishio Fukazawa & Takao Otokita

TP \$23.95

Batman

Batman and Philosophy

Why doesn't Batman just kill the Joker and end everyone's misery?

Can we hold the Joker morally responsible for his actions?

Is Batman better than Superman?

If everyone followed Batman's example,

would Gotham be a better place?

What is the Tao of the Bat?

Batman is one of the most complex characters ever to appear in comic books, graphic novels, and on the big screen. What philosophical trials does this superhero confront in order to keep Gotham safe? Combing through seventy years of comic books, television shows, and movies, *Batman and Philosophy* explores how the Dark Knight grapples with ethical conundrums, moral responsibility, his identity crisis, the moral weight he carries to avenge his murdered parents, and much more. How does this caped crusader measure up against the teachings of Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Kierkegaard, and Lao Tzu? **TP \$29.95**

Blake's 7

The Way Back

Trevor Hoyle

On the Earth of the far future, the Federation control the populace inside a vast, dome city. Roj Blake witnesses the massacre of an organised resistance party and is then himself captured and accused of falsified crimes.

Sentenced to life imprisonment on a penal colony planet, he meets other convicts including Jenna, Vila and Avon. They organise an escape from their prison ship, and discover the amazing spaceship *Liberator*. Together they go on the run - as freedom fighters.

Part One of Trevor Hoyle's original *Blake's 7* novelisation. **CD \$35**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Bite Me!: The Unofficial Guide to Buffy the Vampire Slayer: The Chosen Edition

This comprehensive analysis sinks its teeth into *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, examining the development of the show's characters and charting mythical, historical, and religious themes across all seven seasons. It's been 10 years since the wildly popular franchise made its television debut, and the rabid fan interest following the show remains as impressive as ever, having somehow outlived the series itself. Extensively revised and updated from its previous edition for the show's "10th Buffyversary," this book offers fans the definitive retrospective of the series and its legacy. **TP \$40.95**

Doctor Who Audio

The Abominable Snowmen

Terrance Dicks

A single blow from the giant, hairy paw smashes the explorer to the ground. Terrified, he flees from the monster's glowing eyes and savage fangs...

Why are the peaceful Yeti now spreading death and destruction? And what is the secret behind the glowing cave on the mountain? When DOCTOR WHO discovers that a long-dead friend is still alive, he knows why his visit to the lonely Himalayan monastery has led to a struggle to save the Earth. An exciting unabridged reading, with music and sound effects. **CD \$39.99**

Darksmith Legacy 07: Planet of Oblivion

Justin Richards

The Planet of Oblivion is where the Darksmiths met their clients. A once pleasant planet with lush jungles, it has now been reduced to a charred and scorched mess. A few surviving inhabitants desperately try to bring the planet back to life, with the help of the Dravidians. But are these technically accomplished insects helping for their own gain? Will the Doctor get closer to the identity of the Darksmiths' mysterious clients?

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Sophie Masson (editor)

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Spider-Man

The Darkest Hours

Jim Butcher

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Naturally, that doesn't last.

When Peter learns that his old enemy the Rhino is on a rampage in Times Square, he suits up as Spider-Man to stop the destructive villain in his tracks. But he's unexpectedly foiled in his attempts by the Black Cat, a former ally and old flame. The Cat informs Peter that the Rhino is just a distraction -- the real threat comes from a group of Ancients, members of the same race as the being called Morlun, who Spidey defeated in battle years earlier. The Ancients are now looking to exact revenge -- and hope to steal Spider-Man's life force in the process.

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William Leisner

Fortune has smiled on Lieutenant Jasminder Choudhury, chief of security on the U.S.S Enterprise.TM She has survived. But her homeworld, Deneva, one of the planets targeted in the massive Borg invasion, has not. The entire surface has been wiped clean of everything, killing anyone who did not evacuate and rendering the planet uninhabitable. Choudhury is left to wonder whether her family was one of the displaced. Or are they all gone forever?

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The Song Is You

On October 7, 1949, dark-haired starlet Jean Spangler kissed her five-year-old daughter good-bye and left for a night shoot at a Hollywood studio. She was never seen again. The only clues left behind: a purse with a broken strap found in a nearby park, a cryptic note, and rumours about mobster boyfriends and ill-fated romances with movie stars.

Drawing on this true-life missing person case, Megan Abbott's *The Song Is You* tells the story of Gil 'Hop' Hopkins, a smooth-talking Hollywood publicist whose career, despite his complicated personal life, is on the rise. It is 1951, two years after Jean's disappearance, and Hop finds himself unwillingly drawn into the still unsolved mystery by a friend of Jean who blames Hop for concealing details about Jean's whereabouts the night she vanished. Driven by guilt and fear of blackmail, Hop delves into the case himself, feverishly trying to stay one step ahead of an intrepid female reporter also chasing the story.

Hop thought he'd seen it all, but what he uncovers both tantalizes and horrifies him as he plunges deeper and deeper into Hollywood's substratum in his attempt to uncover the truth. **BPB \$22.99**

Kenneth Abel

Down in the Flood

Danny Chaisson's latest case is bid-rigging. But as his investigation proceeds, a gathering storm named Katrina blasts his world apart.

Surrounded by death and the destruction of the city he loves, Danny searches for one man who'd trusted Chaisson to guard his identity when he agreed to testify before a federal grand jury investigating corruption in the city's construction industry. But someone has leaked the identity of this crucial witness, and as the city begins to empty before the approaching storm, Danny learns that a pair of corrupt policemen hired by the wealthy defendants in the case have begun stalking his client.

Cut off from escape, and unsure whom he can trust, Chaisson's client has gone into hiding in the city's Ninth Ward, where he grew up. Now Danny must race against time, a pair of relentless professional killers, and the rising flood waters to save the man who'd counted on him.

But can Danny save one man as a whole city dies? **HC \$51.95**

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Intelligence agent Alan 'Mac' McQueen is back in the action-packed and gripping sequel to *Second Strike*. This time he's putting his life on the line to fight the forces who will stop at nothing to destroy the independence movement in East Timor.

Alan McQueen (aka Mac) - the intrepid hero of *Golden Serpent* and *Second Strike* - is a tough, true-blue, resourceful Aussie. An intelligence agent, Mac spends a lot of his time doing undercover work in south east Asia.

Double Back sees Mac putting his life on the line fighting dangerous forces who will stop at nothing to sink the independence movement in East Timor.

Fighting the good fight, Mac discovers a plot to use a deadly ethno-bomb which kills only native East Timorese - who don't share the ethnicity of most Indonesians . . .

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Douglas Abrams

Eye of the Whale

Elizabeth McKay is a dedicated scientist who has spent almost a decade cracking the code of humpback whale communication. Their song, the most complex in nature, may in fact reveal secrets about the animal world that no one could have imagined. When a humpback whale swims up the Sacramento River with a strange and unprecedented song, Elizabeth must decipher its meaning in order to save the whale and ultimately much more. But as her work with the whale captures the media's interest and the world's imagination, many powerful forces emerge who do not want the whale's secrets to be revealed. Soon, Elizabeth is forced to decide if her discoveries are worth losing her marriage, her career, and possibly her life.

As timely as today's ecological challenges and as timeless as the whales themselves, this novel takes readers into the mysterious world of humpback whales and great white sharks. In writing *Eye of the Whale*, Abrams worked closely with leading scientists and did extensive research on the shockingly true facts on which it is based. This powerful story will transform the way readers see their relationship with other species and with the fragile world in which we live. **HC \$52.95**

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In the wake of a messianic Jewish sect leader's murder aboard a steamer bound for Jerusalem, Sister Pelagia discovers that the victim was set up as a decoy while the real target tries to evade enemies, a situation that prompts her investigation throughout the Russian forests and Jerusalem's most holy sites. By the author of *Sister Pelagia* and *the White Bulldog*. **TP \$30.95**

Annamaria Alfieri*City of Silver*

In Potosí, the richest city in the Western Hemisphere, Inez de la Morada, the bewitching, cherished daughter of the rich and powerful Mayor, mysteriously dies at the convent of Santa Isabella de los Santos Milagros, where she had fled in defiance of her father. It looks as though the girl committed suicide, but Mother Abbess Maria Santa Hilda believes her innocent and has her buried at the convent in sacred ground. Fray Ubaldo DaTriesta, local Commissioner of the Inquisition, has been keeping an eye on the Abbess, who is too "Protestant" for his tastes, and this action may be just what he needs to convince the lazy, cowardly Bishop to punish her.

At the same time, Potosí finds its prosperity threatened. The King of Spain has discovered that the coins the city has been circulating throughout the world are not pure silver and is sending his top prosecutor and the Grand Inquisitor to mete out punishment. With the imminent arrival of the Spanish officials, many have reason to prove their loyalty, and keep hidden the crimes and sins they've committed. With her life at stake, Maria Santa Hilda finds herself in a race against time to prove the true cause of Inez's death, aided by her fellow sisters, a Jesuit priest with a dark secret from his past, and a tomboyish girl who's run to the convent to avoid an unwanted marriage. Together they will discover that Inez was not the girl she seemed, and that greed has no limits.

Annamaria Alfieri writes with astounding detail, showing an appreciation for the complexities and social nuances of this intriguing time in Latin American history when politicians, religious leaders, and an indigenous people all competed for power and survival in the thin mountain air of the Andes. **HC \$51.95**

Donna Andrews*Swan for the Money (Meg Langslow Mystery)*

The brilliantly funny and talented Donna Andrews delivers another winner in the acclaimed avian-themed mystery series readers have come to love. Meg Langslow's eccentric parents have a new hobby: growing roses and entering them in highly competitive shows. Dad's gardening skill and Mother's gift for selecting and arranging the blossoms should make them an unbeatable team---and Meg is relieved they've taken up such a safe, gentle hobby. She even volunteers to help when the Caerphilly Garden Club sponsors its first annual rose show. But after a few hours of dealing with her parents' competitors, Meg is worried. Rose growers are so eccentric that they make Meg's family seem almost normal, and so competitive that they will do nearly anything to take home the show's grand prize---making them prime suspects when Meg discovers that someone is attempting to kill the wealthy woman on whose estate the competition is being held. Of course, the intended victim had other enemies---her treatment of her farm animals had aroused the interest of several animal welfare activists, including Meg's zoologist grandfather. Meg tries to leave the detecting to the local police and focus on protecting her parents' chances to win the coveted Black Swan trophy, but she soon finds herself compelled to solve the crime before any more rose growers die.

It's Swan for the Money, two for the show, three to get ready... now go, Meg, go! **HC \$51.95**

Matilde Asensi*Everything Under the Sky*

Setting out for Shanghai to settle the affairs of her recently deceased husband, Spanish painter Elvira finds herself swept up in a centuries-old quest to find the lost treasure of China's first emperor, in a tale peppered with maps, codes, and riddles. **TP \$30.95**

Raymond L Atkins*Sorrow Wood*

When the charred body of a promiscuous, self-proclaimed witch is discovered at a farm called Sorrow Wood, nearly everyone in the sleepy town of Sand Valley, Alabama, is drawn into the case. As the murder probe continues, a multitude of secrets are revealed, including one that leads back to the rock castle home of Wendell Blackmon, Sand Valley's police chief, and his beloved wife Reva. The town's inhabitants ruminate on the true meaning of commitment, love, death, hope, and loss as they delve deeper into questions such as Who was this woman? Where did she come from? and What did her presence mean to Wendell, Reva, and the townspeople of Sand Valley? **HC \$51.95**

Michael Atkinson*Hemingway Deadlights*

It is 1956 and Hemingway has spent much of the year at his home in Key West, hiding from tourists and autograph hunters. But a friend's sudden death rouses Papa from his idyll. To say that the cause of death is suspicious is to put it lightly. It's not every day that a part-time smuggler is impaled on a harpoon.

A witty, literate, and action-filled debut, Hemingway Deadlights catches the famed author in his later years, battling to solve the injustices in a flawed world. **HC \$51.95**

Linwood Barclay*Fear the Worst*

When his seventeen-year-old daughter fails to return from her summer job at the local hotel, an alarmed Tim checks with the hotel manager only to discover that the teen never worked there and has gone missing, a situation that turns more terrifying when his initial search results in a death threat.

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Too Close to Home

"The night they killed our neighbors, we never heard a thing."

In a quiet suburban neighborhood, in a house only one door away, a family is brutally murdered for no apparent reason. And you think to yourself: It could have been us. And you start to wonder: What if we're next?

Linwood Barclay, critically acclaimed author of No Time for Goodbye, brings terror closer than ever before in a thriller where murder strikes in the place we feel safest of all. Promise Falls isn't the kind of community where a family is shot to death in their own home. But that is exactly what happened to the Langleys one sweltering summer night, and no one in this small upstate New York town is more shocked than their next-door neighbors, Jim and Ellen Cutter. They visited for the occasional barbecue and their son, Derek, was friends with the Langleys' boy, Adam; but how well did they really know their neighbors?

That's the question Jim Cutter is asking, and the answers he's getting aren't reassuring. Albert Langley was a successful, well-respected criminal lawyer, but was he so good at getting criminals off that he was the victim of revenge—a debt his innocent family also paid in blood? From the town's criminally corrupt mayor to the tragic suicide of a talented student a decade before, Promise Falls has more than its share of secrets. And Jim Cutter, failed artist turned landscaper, need look no further than his own home and his wife Ellen's past to know that things aren't always what they seem. But not even Jim and Ellen are ready to know that their son was in the Langley house the night the family was murdered.

Suddenly the Cutters must face the unthinkable: that a murderer isn't just stalking too close to home but is inside it already. For the Langleys weren't the first to die and they won't be the last. **PB \$19.95**

Linda Barnes*Lie Down with the Devil (Carlotta Carlyle)*

Boston P.I. Carlotta Carlyle wants to know what her on-again, off-again boyfriend Sam Gianelli did to earn himself the secret indictment for murder that's keeping him out of the country. A man with plenty of secrets, Sam won't tell her anything, much less let her help-and she isn't having any more luck getting info from her old friends at the Boston PD. Sam's exile could have something to do with his mob connections, but it can't be that simple. Nothing involving Sam ever is.

Finding no easy answers, Carlotta goes back to basics and takes a job working for a jittery bride-to-be who wants to make sure her fiancé is being faithful. The case is simple enough-at first. But Carlotta catches the kind of break she wished she hadn't when her client ends up getting killed. Now, as she's hunting a down a murderer, she can't help but wonder whether love itself isn't the ultimate dead end... **PB \$19.95**

Sydney Bauer*Alibi*

After a promising coed's murder, defense attorney David Cavanaugh takes the case of his young protege James, who has been accused of the crime amid speculations of the victim's highly competitive school environment and conspiracies at her father's multimillion-dollar empire. **PB \$19.95**

James Scott Bell*Try Dying*

Ty Buchanan is a rising star in his L.A. law firm, and looking forward to a bright future with his beautiful and sweet fiancée, Jacqueline. Then Ernesto Bonilla ends it all. A smalltime thug, Bonilla makes headlines when he murders his wife and commits suicide by jumping off an overpass, landing on Jacqueline's car and ending both of their lives. The newspapers and the police write it off as a freak accident. But a vagrant approaches Ty at Jacqueline's funeral claiming he witnessed someone else at the scene murder Jacqueline. Now Ty is determined to find out the truth, no matter what it takes or how far he has to go. As he tracks down Jacqueline's killer, he'll find himself tangled up with a mysterious group called Triunfo which claims to rehabilitate former gang members - but are their intentions as honourable as they claim? Ty relentlessly navigates the underworld of L.A., and soon finds himself the target of a killer. **BPB \$22.99**

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Home renovator Avery Baker and her boyfriend, Derek, tackle an unusual project in the restoration of a believed-haunted ranch house that was the site of a decades-old murder, a job that is quickly sabotaged by unseen forces. By the author of Fatal Fixer-Upper. **PB \$17.95**

Laurien Berenson*Doggie Day Care Murder (Melanie Travis Mystery)*

Melanie Travis's new case is truly for the dogs when Steve Pine, the co-owner of the Pine Ridge Canine Care Center, is found murdered, and she is faced with a wealth of suspects, including his sister, his neighbor, and a disgruntled client. **PB \$17.95**

Mark Billingham*Blood Line*

When a dead body is found in a North London flat, it seems like a straightforward domestic murder until a bloodstained sliver of X-ray is found clutched in the dead woman's fist - and it quickly becomes clear that this case is anything but ordinary. DI Thorne discovers that the victim's mother had herself been murdered fifteen years before by infamous serial killer Raymond Garvey. The hunt to catch Garvey was one of the biggest in the history of the Met, and ended with seven women dead. When more bodies and more fragments of X-ray are discovered, Thorne has a macabre jigsaw to piece together until the horrifying picture finally emerges. A killer is targeting the children of Raymond Garvey's victims. Thorne must move quickly to protect those still on the murderer's list, but nothing and nobody are what they seem. Not when Thorne is dealing with one of the most twisted killers he has ever hunted... **TP \$32.99**

Sean Black*Lockdown (Ryan Lock)*

Ryan Lock, an American serving in the Close Protection Unit of the British Military Police, and Ty Johnson, a US Marine, have been friends since Iraq. Now out of uniform, they work in New York at the sharp end of corporate security.

When the leader of a group of animal rights activists is shot dead during a demonstration outside the headquarters of Meditech, the world's largest pharmaceutical conglomerate, the natural assumption is that the real target is the company's CEO - a theory strengthened when the young son of one of Meditech's top scientists is kidnapped.

It is not really Lock's job to investigate, but his years of training and experience tell him that something big is going down. And as a champion of lost causes with a keen sense of justice, he finds himself involved.

And so begins a tense game of cat and mouse as Lock and Ty unveil a shocking conspiracy involving big business, high politics, international terrorists, and the terrifying lengths those in authority will go to find - and test - an effective vaccine against the world's most deadly diseases.

As the New Year crowds gather in New York's Times Square, the Ebola virus is about to be unleashed. It is up to Lock and Ty to save the city... **TP \$32.95**

Tony Black*Gutted*

When the gangland owner of a pit bull that killed a three-year-old girl is found gutted on an Edinburgh hill Gus Dury is asked to investigate, and soon finds himself up to his neck in the warring underworld of the city's sink estates. Amidst illegal dog fights, a missing 50 grand and a police force and judiciary desperate to cover their links to a brutal killing, Gus must work fast to root out the truth, whilst the case sinks its teeth ever deeper into him. **TP \$32.95**

Paying for It

Gus Dury once had a high-flying career as a journalist and a wife he adored. But now he is living on the edge, a drink away from Edinburgh's down-and-outs, drifting from bar to bar, trying not to sign divorce papers. But the road takes an unexpected turn when a friend asks him to investigate the brutal torture and killing of his son, and Gus becomes embroiled in a much bigger story of political corruption and illegal people-trafficking. Seedy doss-houses, bleak wastelands and sudden violence contrast with the cobbled streets and cool bistros of fashionable Edinburgh, as the puzzle unravels to a truly shocking ending. **PB \$24.95**

Sam Bourne*The Final Reckoning*

An ambitious young historian must dig deep into his family's past when his elderly father is brutally murdered...

Unhappy with the official explanation of a break-in gone wrong, he launches his own investigation, but soon finds he didn't know his father nearly as well as he thought and is shocked to discover that he is the son of a Holocaust survivor from one of the worst camps. Not only that, but after the war his father joined a vigilante group, known as the Din, intent on hunting down Nazi war criminals and killing them.

As he gradually uncovers the full story of these shadowy activities, he realizes that someone is after him - it seems he is getting too close to one truth or another. But who is pursuing him? Is it the Din themselves, or those who carry on their campaign? Or could it be anti-Semitic Holocaust deniers or modern Nazis? **APB \$19.99**

Allison Brennan*Playing Dead (Prison Break 03)*

Every man on death row claims he's innocent...Only in Thomas O'Brien's case, it's true. Having spent twenty years behind bars for the double murder of his wife and her lover, he's now escaped and is determined to earn his shot at redemption. He wants to find what's left of his family - his estranged daughter, Claire, who was the primary witness for the prosecution, decades before. But the killer who was responsible for the gruesome death of O'Brien's wife doesn't have any intentions of letting O'Brien clear his name. In fact, his blood is boiling at the thought of a loose end coming back to haunt him after all these years...and his fingers are twitching to torment again. Now, with a murderer harboring a secret vendetta close on his heels, and FBI Agent Mitch Bianchi hot on his trail, O'Brien must earn his daughter's trust, even as he races to prove his innocence, before the real killer strikes again. **APB \$19.99**

Cutting Edge

Investigating a suspicious fire at a controversial bio-tech firm, Nora English of the FBI domestic-terrorism unit discovers that a victim at the scene was killed prior to the accident and reluctantly teams up with the company's security specialist to counter an anti-technology group. By a best-selling author. **PB \$19.95**

Ben Brown*Sandstealers*

Danny Lowenstein is a big shot war correspondent with the world at his feet. But when an interview goes wrong and he's ambushed on a lonely road in Iraq, questions are asked. Was it a set-up? And was he deliberately sent to his death by one of his own - the tight-knit group of adrenalin-addicted journalists who are supposed to be his best friends? Rachel, Becky, Kaps and Edwin are 'The Junkies': together they've been through thick and thin and seen the horrors of war. Yet theirs is also a tangled web of intense relationships and dark rivalries. Could one of them have become Danny's killer?

All's fair in love and war. Including the murder of a friend...

Ben Brown's debut is infused with a deep knowledge of modern war and its reporting, but above all, it is a triumphant thriller about the heart and where it takes you. **TP \$24.95**

Sandra Brown*Smash Cut*

Hired by a woman who believes that the accidental shooting of a friend was actually orchestrated by the victim's depraved nephew, defense lawyer Derek Mitchell comes to realize that the nephew is a psychotic movie buff who enjoys acting out violent film plots. **HC \$54.95**

Smoke Screen

When newswoman Britt Shelley wakes up to find herself in bed with Jay Burgess, a rising star detective in the Charleston PD, she remembers nothing of how she got there...or of how Jay wound up dead.

Handsome and hard-partying, Jay was a hero of the disastrous fire that five years earlier had destroyed Charleston's police headquarters. The blaze left seven people dead, but the death toll would have been much higher if not for the bravery of Jay and three other city officials who risked their lives to lead others to safety.

Firefighter Raley Gannon, Jay's lifelong friend, was off-duty that day. Though he might not have been a front-line hero, he was assigned to lead the investigation into the cause of the fire. It was an investigation he never got to complete. Because on one calamitous night, Raley's world was shattered.

Scandalized, wronged by the people he trusted most, Raley was forced to surrender the woman he loved and the work to which he'd dedicated his life. For five years his resentment against the men who exploited their hero status to further their careers -- and ruin his -- had festered, but he was helpless to set things right.

That changes when he learns of Jay Burgess's shocking death and Britt Shelley's claim that she has no memory of her night with him. As the investigation into Jay's death intensifies, and suspicion against Britt Shelley mounts, Raley realizes that the newswoman, Jay's last sexual conquest, might be his only chance to get personal vindication -- and justice for the seven victims of the police station fire.

But there are powerful men who don't want to address unanswered questions about the fire and who will go to any lengths to protect their reputations. As Raley and Britt discover more about what happened that fateful day, the more perilous their situation becomes, until they're not only chasing after the truth but running for their lives.

Friends are exposed as foes, heroes take on the taint of criminals, and no one can be trusted completely. A tale about audacious corruption -- and those with the courage to expose it -- *Smoke Screen* is Sandra Brown's most searing and intense novel yet. **PB \$21.95**

William E Butterworth IV & W E B Griffin*The Traffickers (Badge of Honor)*

In the wake of a gangland shooting at a popular tourist site in Philadelphia, Homicide Sergeant Matthew Payne pursues a suspicion that the case is related to a murder near the Schuylkill River, a situation for which he travels to the Texas-Mexico border and encounters more danger than anticipated. **HC \$54.95**

Tom Cain*Assassin*

The Accident Man is back . . . but this time he has competition.

Sam Carver has a rival, a copycat assassin using his modus operandi to organise fatal 'accidents'. Hounded by suspicion, forced to clear his name, and to protect his reputation as the best in the business, Carver must go head to head with the challenger in a deadly game of cat and mouse. It is a game that will draw Carver further and further away from safety and deep into a international conspiracy of truly global consequences.

He will also discover that the hardest assassin to stop is one who is prepared to sacrifice his own life to take out the target. **TP \$32.95**

Laura Caldwell*Red, White and Dead*

Izzy McNeil is hot on the trail of one of Chicago's most notorious gangsters. Not that he realizes the crimson-tressed enchantress, a self-proclaimed "lapsed lawyer," is moonlighting as a private investigator. But when an unexpected run-in trashes Izzy's cover, she's swept into an evil underworld where she is definitely not safe.

That is until Izzy receives help from an unlikely source: the ultimate guardian angel. And the last person she ever dreamed she'd see again. Now Izzy is racing from Chicago to Rome, all the while battling personal demons, Mafiosi killers and red hot emergency desires.... **PB \$19.95**

Andreu Carranza & Esteban Martin*The Gaudi Key*

Charged with protecting a sacred relic, a former apprentice to a master architect and member of an ancient religious brotherhood guards the object until his death at an old age and subsequently leaves it to his unsuspecting granddaughter. **TP \$30.95**

Chris Carter*The Crucifix Killer*

When the body of a young woman is discovered in a derelict cottage in the middle of Los Angeles National Forest, Homicide Detective Robert Hunter finds himself entering a horrific and recurring nightmare. Naked, strung from two parallel wooden posts, the victim was sadistically tortured before meeting an excruciatingly painful death. All the skin has been ripped from her face - while she was still alive.

On the nape of her neck has been carved a strange double-cross: the signature of a psychopath known as the Crucifix Killer. But that's impossible. Because two years ago, the Crucifix Killer was caught and executed.

Could this therefore be a copycat killer? Or could the unthinkable be true? Is the real killer still out there, ready to embark once again on a vicious and violent killing spree, selecting his victims seemingly at random, taunting Robert Hunter with his inability to catch him? Hunter and his rookie partner are about to enter a nightmare beyond imagining. **TP \$32.99**

Stephen L Carter*Jericho's Fall*

Summoned to the deathbed of former CIA head Jericho Ainsley, Beck DeForde, an agent whose career was marked by a scandal that ended Ainsley's career, learns of an explosive secret involving foreign governments, powerful corporations, and a meltdown of the world's financial system.

HC \$52.95

Elizabeth Lynn Casey*Sew Deadly (Southern Sewing Circle 01)*

Targeted by uncharitable town gossip from the minute she arrives in a small South Carolina community, librarian Tori struggles to move past the pain of her cheating ex-husband and is forced to prove her innocence when a corrupt police investigator pins a murder charge on her. **PB \$17.95**

Dixie Cash*Curing Blues with a New Pair of Shoes: Because Nothing Beats a New Pair of Shoes*

Joining in her community's preparations for an annual celebration in honor of Elvis Presley's birthday, hair stylists and detectives Debbie Sue and Edwina find their investigative skills tested when a pair of blue suede shoes borrowed from a Vegas museum go missing. **TP \$28.95**

Chris Cavener*A Slice of Murder*

Discovering the murdered body of one of her customers while making a pizza delivery, Eleanor Swift realizes that her public argument with the victim will place her on the suspect list, a situation for which she and her free-spirited sister, Maddy, investigate the victim's secrets, including an affair with the mayor's wife. **HC \$45.95**

Mary Jane Clark*Dying for Mercy*

TV host Eliza Blake and her colleagues are touring a historic New York estate when a body is discovered along with a clue in a stone fountain, causing Eliza and the home's owners to uncover even more clues and riddles; but someone has determined to keep one last secret and threatens the lives of Eliza and her crew **HC \$51.95**

It Only Takes a Moment

Catching the attention of the entire country when her daughter is kidnapped, news anchor Eliza Blake becomes increasingly frustrated by authorities and enlists the help of her producer, cameraman, and psychiatrist to outwit the kidnapers. **PB \$19.95**

Ann Cleeves*White Nights*

It's midsummer in Shetland, the time of the white nights, when birds sing at midnight and the sun never sets.

Artist Bella Sinclair throws a party to launch an exhibition of her work and to introduce the paintings of Fran Hunter. The Herring House, the gallery where the exhibition is held, is on the beach at Biddista, in the remote north west of the island. When a mysterious Englishman bursts into tears and claims not to know who he is or where he's come from, the evening ends in farce.

The following day the Englishman is found hanging from a rafter in a boathouse on the jetty, a clown's mask on his face. Detective Jimmy Perez is convinced that this is a local murder. He is reinforced in this belief when Roddy, Bella's musician nephew, is murdered too. But the detective's relationship with Fran Hunter clouds his judgement. And this is a crazy time of the year when night blurs into day and nothing is quite as it seems.

APB \$19.99

Beverly Connor*Dust to Dust (Diane Fallon Forensic Investigations 07)*

Reluctantly agreeing to help her private investigator friend with a murder case involving a victim who may have recently found evidence about her incarcerated brother's innocence, Diane Fallon sifts through the siblings' family secrets only to uncover dangerous clues. **PB \$19.95**

Robin Cook

Intervention

It's been more than thirty years since New York City medical examiner Jack Stapleton's college graduation and almost as long since he'd been in touch with former classmates Shawn Doherty and Kevin Murray. Once a highly regarded ophthalmologist, Jack's career took a dramatic turn after a tragic accident that destroyed his family. But that, too, is very much in the past: Jack has remarried-to longtime colleague and fellow medical examiner Laurie Montgomery-and is the father of a young child. But his renegade, activist personality can't rest, and after performing a postmortem on a young college student who had recently been treated by a chiropractor, Jack decides to explore alternative medicine. What makes some people step outside the medical establishment to seek care from practitioners of Eastern philosophies and even faith healers?

Jack's classmate Shawn Doherty is now a renowned archeologist and biblical scholar at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, whose taste for good wine and generally deteriorating health are taking a toll on his career. He has recently obtained permission for a final dig beneath Saint Peter's, and despite his long-standing grudge against the Catholic Church, begins his research-which eventually takes him to Jerusalem and Venice-only to make a startling discovery with ecclesiastical and medical implications. And when Kevin Murray, now Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, gets wind of Shawn's findings, he's desperate to keep them from the public. Kevin has strong political ambitions within the Church, but his association with Shawn threatens to undermine them. Kevin turns to his old friend Jack to help protect an explosive secret-one with the power to change lives forever.

HC \$52.95

J J Cooper Australian Author

The Interrogator

After Jay Ryan, the Australian Army's most experienced interrogator, ends up on the other side of the table facing a sadistic superior officer, he embarks on a white-knuckle flight from everything and everyone he trusts, pursued by foes who were once friends and with his one clear ally, his father, missing. Enter Sarah Evans, a secret agent assigned to make sure he comes to no harm - or so Jay thinks ...

According to Greek Mythology, Aphrodite had a wayward eye and a loyal son. When Eros gave Harpocrates a rose to keep quiet about his mother's little indiscretions, the rose became a symbol for secrecy. This is a story Jay Ryan has never heard - until his hand is nailed to a table and a red rose tattooed onto his wrist.

Jay is an interrogator with a dark past and a tortured soul; he's also the keeper of secrets Israeli spies will kill to get their hands upon. Renowned for his skills, he is used to commanding a certain level of respect amongst his peers. Then one day Jay is drugged, tortured, tattooed and accused of rape. He is forced to reveal information that could further destabilise fragile Middle East relations and plunge the entire region into war. They are secrets he has struggled to keep hidden for four years.

THE INTERROGATOR is a story of betrayal and nightmarish conspiracy firmly rooted in the highest levels of government across international alliances. The story rockets toward a shattering finale that will leave the survivors changed forever. Thriller fans will enjoy the colourful characters, twisting, turning plots and fast action. The authentic military details gives the story a chillingly real context, drawing the reader into Jay's world and not letting us go until the very end. **TP \$32.95**

Glenn Cooper

Secret of the Seventh Son

In the wake of a series of murders linked only by postcards announcing the victims' imminent deaths, a once-legendary and alcoholic FBI profiler discovers bizarre links to the case, an eighth-century abandoned child, and a post-World War II expedition into the crypts of a secret medieval society. **PB \$19.95**

Andrew Croome Australian Author

Document Z

Evdokia knew that the crowd was here for her. Hunting her. From the back seat of the Cadillac, she peered into their faces beyond the glass. Angry looks. Perplexed and desolate. Some were already shouting, trying the handles on the doors. There were Russian voices. English voices. Several times the sound of her name. She was certain these people would kill her before they'd let her through the terminal and onto the plane. Beside her, Zharkov thrust the door open and Evdokia stepped out following, thinking she must be mad. Just close your eyes, she thought. Keep your feet marching like the Pioneer Youth. Guns under the jackets of her escorts. This might be it, she realised. A chaos building, a climbing potential. Defector's Wife Dies in Airport Shootout.

Canberra, 1951. The Cold War is at its height. Into an atmosphere of paranoia, rumour and suspicion, Vladimir and Evdokia Petrov are among a group of new arrivals at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra. Both are party loyalists, working for the MVD, Moscow intelligence. Yet all is not well in the new city of Canberra. The atmosphere in the Embassy is tense and suspicious; the Ambassador resents their presence, and is secretly working to have Vladimir disgraced and recalled. In the meantime, ASIO are determined to discover who in this new group works for the MVD. Only three short years later, Vladimir has defected and his wife Evdokia is held prisoner at the Soviet Embassy, waiting to be transported back to Russia to face punishment or death for his crime. How did it come to this? **PB \$23.99**

Ellen Crosby

The Bordeaux Betrayal (Wine Country Mystery)

It has been a year since Lucie Montgomery took over running her family vineyard at the foothills of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. The Bordeaux Betrayal now sweeps her into a mystery that began more than two centuries ago in France and ends in murder not far from Montgomery Estate Vineyard.

When author and historian Valerie Beauvais turns up dead the night after a verbal brawl with a noted wine critic on the grounds of Mount Vernon, George Washington's home, Lucie is certain Valerie's death is related to something she knew concerning the authenticity of the priceless Washington Bordeaux.

As Lucie and her eccentric winemaker Quinn Santori bring in the last grapes of the season, Quinn's controversial past becomes intertwined with the murder and the rare wine, testing the bonds of their increasingly close relationship. New neighbors challenge Lucie for allowing a century-old hunting club to use her land for foxhunting; Mick Dunne, Lucie's ex-lover, comes back into her life; and her beloved French grandfather makes an unexpected visit that will rekindle painful memories some would prefer to forget.

As Lucie investigates the shadowy history of the Washington wine, she uncovers a web of deceit and betrayal and a long-forgotten scandal that affects not only the international wine world but her own as well **PB \$17.95**

The Riesling Retribution (Wine Country Mystery)

Ellen Crosby returns to Virginia wine country for her fourth tale of suspense involving a mysterious skeleton, a Civil War battle, and dark family secrets.

When a tornado rips through Montgomery Estate Vineyard, it not only destroys some of Lucie Montgomery's newest grapevines but also unearths a grave in an abandoned field. The discovery sets tongues wagging in the small town of Atoka, Virginia, especially after the police inform Lucie that the odds are good someone in her family is responsible -- possibly for murder.

But Lucie has more to worry about than family secrets buried with the victim in her vineyard. Her charming new farm manager clashes constantly with Quinn Santori, her winemaker, and accidents, broken equipment, and injuries fuel the combustible atmosphere around the winery. Lucie's complicated feelings for Quinn -- romantic and professional -- are tested when she learns he may be involved in disturbing activities that could cost him his job.

Meanwhile, Lucie has granted permission to a group of Civil War reenactors to use a field near the grave site to stage the local Battle of Ball's Bluff, though she is unsettled by stories of ghosts who still haunt the real battlefield and its cemetery of unknown soldiers. As the day for the reenactment draws near, the ghosts of her own family's past converge for an outcome she could never have anticipated.

With an intriguing combination of colorful characters, fascinating history, and winemaking detail, *The Riesling Retribution* combines an entertaining mystery with luminous prose that has become Crosby's trademark. **HC \$51.95**

John Darnton

Black and White and Dead all Over

When an editor is murdered in the newsroom of the financially troubled New York Globe, Priscilla Bollingsworth, an ambitious, young NYPD detective, teams up with rebellious reporter Jude Hurley to find a killer among a ruthless media tycoon, a bumbling publisher, resentful journalists, and others. **TP \$30.95**

Lucy Dawson

His Other Lover

Discovering that her boyfriend has been cheating on her, an outraged Mia fakes an apartment burglary as part of her plan for revenge and resorts to increasingly extreme measures before wondering if her unwillingness to confront the infidelity has made her go too far. **TP \$28.95**

Brian DeLeeuw

In This Way I was Saved

On a chilly November afternoon, six-year-old Luke Nightingale's life changes forever. On the playground across from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, he encounters Daniel. Soon the boys are hiding from dinosaurs and shooting sniper rifles. Within hours, Luke and his mother, Claire, are welcoming Daniel into their Upper East Side apartment -- and their lives.

Daniel and Luke are soon inseparable. With his parents divorcing, Luke takes comfort in having a near-constant playmate. But there's something strange about Daniel, who is more than happy to bind himself to the Nightingales. The divorce has cut Luke's father out of the picture, and as his increasingly fragile mother struggles with the insidious family depression, Daniel -- shrewd, adventurous, and insightful -- provides Luke both recreation and refuge.

As Luke grows from a child to an adolescent to a young man, he realizes that as much as his mother needs him, Daniel needs him more. Jealous of Luke's other attachments, Daniel moves from gestures of friendship into increasingly sinister manipulations. In the end, Luke finds himself in a daily battle for control of his own life -- wondering whether he or Daniel will emerge victorious.

Brian DeLeeuw's debut is a haunting and provocative story of a family's love and madness that you will not be able to put down. **HC \$51.95**

Mike Doogan

Skeleton Lake (Nik Kane Alaska Mystery)

Twenty years after receiving the first big assignment of his career, Anchorage detective Nik Kane finds himself badly injured during a case and identifies similarities between his own situation and that of his predecessor's unsolved murder. **PB \$19.95**

Carole Nelson Douglas

Cat in a Topaz Tango (Midnight Louie Mystery)

Temple Barr and Matt Devine make a cozy engaged couple, and the feisty redhead is all for her handsome radio host fiance staring in a week-long televised Las Vegas charity event, "Dancing with the Celebs." But while ex-priest Matt struggles to master the sexy moves of the tango, a killer stalks the dance floor. Not only is Matt in danger, but so is the lovely tween Mariah, daughter of homicide cop C. R. Molina, who is dancing in the Junior Division of the show.

And so Temple gets dragooned into resurrecting her kicky teen persona, Zoe Chloe Ozone, now an Internet hottie, to ensure Matt and Mariah don't foxtrot into a fatal mistep.

Where is Louie in all this? Well, he's out and about, proving that he's still the cat's meow. But he's got his paws full as he tries to keep all the various players in his little troupe from dancing right into death's arms.... **HC \$51.95**

Arthur Conan Doyle

The Complete Sherlock Holmes (Sherlock Holmes)

This book contains all the investigations and adventures of the world's most popular detective, Sherlock Holmes. From 'The Adventure of the Gloria Scott' to 'His Last Bow' we follow the illustrious career of this quintessential British hero from his university days to his final case. His efforts to uncover the truth take him all over the world and into conflict with all manner of devious criminals and dangerous villains, but thankfully his legendary powers of deduction, and his faithful companion Dr Watson, are more than up to the challenge. **HC \$79.95**

Michael Duffy Australian Author

The Tower

Young detective Nicholas Troy is basically a good man, for whom working in homicide is the highest form of police work. But when a woman falls from the construction site for the world's tallest skyscraper, the tortured course of the murder investigation that follows threatens his vocation.

Hampered by politicised managers and incompetent colleagues, Troy fights his way through worlds of wealth and poverty, people-smuggling and prostitution. He has always seen Sydney as a city of sharks, a place where predators lurk beneath the glittering surface. Now he uncovers networks of crime and corruption that pollute the city, reaching into the police force itself.

Finally, the shadowy predator Troy has been chasing turns and comes for him, putting his family at risk. Forced to defend himself with actions he would never have considered before, Troy confronts a moral abyss. He realises it's a long way down. **TP \$29.99**

Susan Dunlap

Civil Twilight

When Darcy Lott's older brother John--a cop--is the prime suspect in a shocking murder, she puts her sleuthing skills to work by investigating the past of Karen Johnson, her lawyer brother's mysterious new client, who may hold the key to finding the real killer. By the author of *Hungry Ghosts: A Darcy Lott Mystery*. **HC \$52.95**

Tom Egeland

Guardians of the Covenant

In the year 1013, Viking warriors raided an Egyptian tomb and unknowingly stole the greatest secret of the Old Testament. When a quirky archaeologist finds ancient Viking parchments containing runes and riddles, his mundane life is changed for good. These codes lead him on a quest for clues in mysterious places, from Egyptian tombs to antiquarian bookshops. Powerful forces are against him, but he manages to unveil a religious cover-up with potentially fatal consequences. **TP \$32.99**

Aaron Elkins

Uneasy Relations (Skeleton Detective)

Joining a team researching a prehistoric burial of a human woman and a part-human, part-Neanderthal child on Gibraltar, forensics specialist Professor Gideon Oliver is confronted by murder when two suspicious deaths rock Gibraltar. **PB \$19.95**

J Saunders Elmore

The Amateur American

Working as a teaching assistant in France, American expat Jeffrey Delanne struggles with a growing bar tab and constant challenges to defend his home country to everyone he meets before moonlighting as an Arabian businessman's translator and finding himself caught in a complex web of corruption, espionage, and murder. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Ferrigno

Heart of the Assassin

The year is 2045 and a warrior battles to save America from an Islamic mastermind in this smart and violent futuristic thriller from New York Times bestselling author Robert Ferrigno.

Time is running out for the Islamic Republic and the Bible Belt, the two warring nations that arose when the former United States split apart after an economic collapse left tens of millions unemployed and desperate for leadership. Weakened by their endless conflict, both countries are now threatened by the expansionist dreams of the Aztlán Empire (formerly known as Mexico) to the south, which has steadily encroached deep into the regions once called California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. Riven by intellectual and social decay, both the Islamic Republic and the Belt are at the brink of collapse.

The only solution is to reunite the countries and regain America's former power and global standing. And there's only one man who can do it: Rakkim Epps, genetically enhanced shadow warrior and hero of the two previous books in Robert Ferrigno's astonishing Assassin Trilogy.

Time is also running out for Epps's archenemy, the Old One, the sly, immensely rich Muslim fanatic who seeks to create one world under his domination. Now more than one hundred and fifty years old, he is dying and unhappily knows it. His solution is to reunite the Islamic Republic and the Bible Belt his way, and his plan involves his voluptuous but deadly daughter, Baby, and none other than Rakkim himself. The Old One is aided by his sadistic, carbon-skinned enforcer, Gravenholtz, whom Rakkim failed to kill in an earlier encounter and who now wishes to kill Rakkim and those he loves.

Meanwhile, there is a rumor of a discovery of a sacred relic in the contaminated ruins of Washington, D.C., a radiation zone peopled by diseased zombies and daring treasure hunters. It is into this deadly wasteland that Rakkim must secretly travel and retrieve the icon if he is to defeat Gravenholtz, Baby, and the Old One, and have even a chance to unite the two halves of America.

A stunning stand-alone read, *Heart of the Assassin* is a feast of cinematic violence, brilliant plotting, and futuristic scene-setting. Completing Ferrigno's Assassin Trilogy, *Heart of the Assassin* confirms his position as a master of thriller fiction. **HC \$52.95**

Charles Finch

The September Society

In the small hours of the morning one fall day in 1866, a frantic widow visits detective Charles Lenox. Lady Annabelle's problem is simple: her beloved son, George, has vanished from his room at Oxford. When Lenox visits his alma mater to investigate he discovers a series of bizarre clues, including a murdered cat and a card cryptically referring to "The September Society." Then, just as Lenox realizes that the case may be deeper than it appears, a student dies, the victim of foul play. What could the September Society have to do with it? What specter, returned from the past, is haunting gentle Oxford? Lenox, with the support of his devoted friends in London's upper crust, must race to discover the truth before it comes searching for him, and dangerously close to home. **TP \$28.95**

Joseph Finder

Vanished

Nick Heller is tough, smart, and stubborn. And in his line of work, it's essential. Trained in the Special Forces, Nick is a high-powered intelligence investigator--exposing secrets that powerful people would rather keep hidden. He's a guy you don't want to mess with. He's also the man you call when you need a problem fixed.

Desperate, with nowhere else to run, Nick's nephew, Gabe makes that call one night. After being attacked in Georgetown, his mother, Lauren, lies in a coma, and his step-dad, Roger, Nick's brother, has vanished without a trace.

Nick and Roger have been on the outs since the arrest, trial, and conviction of their father, the notorious "fugitive financier," Victor Heller. Where Nick strayed from the path, Roger followed their father's footsteps into the corporate world. Now, as Nick searches for his brother, he's on a collision course with one of the most powerful corporations in the world--and they will stop at nothing to protect their secrets. **HC \$52.95**

Vanished

For Nick Heller, high-powered investigator with a private corporate intelligence firm, this time the investigation is personal. Nick's estranged brother has vanished and with his disappearance old wounds re-surface in Nick's life as he is pitted against one of the most powerful private military companies in the world. Those in control will stop at nothing to protect the secrets that Nick is determined to uncover to find his brother. Secrets that reach into the highest level of the government. Secrets that threaten to tear Nick's family apart for good if they don't get him killed first. This is the first book in a brand-new series by Joseph Finder, featuring a new ongoing series character, Nick Heller. **TP \$32.99**

Filip Florian

Little Fingers

In a small mountain town in Romania, a mass grave is discovered in the vicinity of a Roman fort. Are the dead the victims of a medieval plague or, perhaps, of a communist firing squad? Why are there no bullets among the remains? And why are little fingerbones disappearing from the pit each night? Petrus, a young archaeologist, decides to do some investigating of his own. Meanwhile, the Orthodox monk Onufrie stumbles from religious seclusion into history. A hermit in the mountains, he becomes the father-confessor of a partisan who is trying to bring down Ceausescu's regime, one handmade grenade and one de-railed train at a time. Not to mention a team of Argentinean forensic anthropologists who arrive in town in a cloud of rock music, shredded jeans, and tequila.

In the vein of Kurt Vonnegut and Bohumil Hrabal, Filip Florian has given us a shaggy dog story for the ages. **HC \$49.95**

Karin Fossum

Black Seconds (Inspector Sejer Mystery)

Ida Joner gets on her brand-new bike and sets off toward town. A good-natured, happy girl, she is looking forward to her tenth birthday. Thirty-five minutes after Ida should have come home, her mother starts to worry. She phones store owners, Ida's friends, anyone who could have seen her. But no one has.

Suspicion immediately falls on Emil Mork, a local character who lives alone and hasn't spoken since childhood. His mother insists on cleaning his house weekly--although she's sometimes afraid of what she might find there. A mother's worst nightmare in either case: to lose a child or to think a child capable of murder. As Ida's relatives reach the breaking point and the media frenzy surrounding the case begins, Inspector Konrad Sejer is his usual calm and reassuring self. But he's puzzled. And disturbed. This is the strangest case he's seen in years. **TP \$28.95**

The Water's Edge

A married couple, Reinhardt and Kristine Ris, are out for a Sunday walk when they discover the body of a boy and see the figure of a man limping away. They alert the police, but not before Reinhardt, to Kristine's horror, kneels down and takes photographs of the dead child with his cell phone. Inspectors Konrad Sejer and Jakob Skarre begin to make inquiries in the little town of Solberglia. But then another boy disappears, and an explanation seems more remote than ever. Meanwhile, the Ris's marriage starts to unravel as Reinhardt becomes obsessed with the tragic events and his own part in them. **HC \$52.95**

Dick Francis & Felix Francis

Silks

After his client, the arrogant Julian Trent, is convicted and sentenced, Geoffrey Mason, a defense barrister with a passion for horse racing, finds himself caught in the middle of a web of danger when he becomes involved in the case of jockey Steve Mitchell, accused of killing a fellow rider. **PB \$21.95**

Stephen Frey

Forced Out

Three men. Three secrets. One chance at redemption. New York Times bestselling author Stephen Frey delivers a mesmerizing new thriller where life and death are played out against the backdrop of America's favorite game.

Sarasota, Florida: Forced to retire from his job as a scout for the New York Yankees, Jack Barrett is just getting by in a small Florida town when his daughter drags him to watch the local minor-league team play. It's a night that will change his life. Jack spots a remarkable player named Mikey Clemant, a kid whose amazing natural skill on the field is overshadowed by his bad attitude and solitary habits. In Clemant, Jack thinks he might have found his ticket back to the big time. But the young man has a secret that will put all of Jack's plans -- and maybe even his life -- in jeopardy.

Queens, New York: Johnny Bondano is the premier hit man for the Lucchesi crime family. Ruthless and cold-blooded but with a strict moral code, Johnny is given instructions to find and kill a man who took the life of a crime boss's only grandson. He suspects the family isn't telling him everything about his latest assignment, but to question his orders is tantamount to suicide.

As these three men's destinies converge, loyalties are tested and dreams collide with violent and unpredictable results. *Forced Out* is a nonstop, tightly wrought tale of suspense by a true master of page-turning fiction. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen Frey

Hell's Gate

It's fire season in Montana...

From New York Times bestselling author Stephen Frey comes a riveting new thriller about a disillusioned star litigator who goes west to forge a new life in Big Sky Country -- and stumbles onto the toughest case of his career.

When thirty-five-year-old lawyer Hunter Lee decides to turn his back on the New York City rat race that has made him rich but cost him his marriage, he takes his brother's advice and sets out to build a new life in the beautiful but isolated town of Fort Mason, Montana. However, escape is hardly what he finds there.

Hunter befriends Paul Brule, a Fire Jumper -- one of an elite corps of firefighters who parachute into remote wilderness areas to put out blazes before they become infernos -- and gets a terrifying firsthand look at the reality of vast tracts of forest being reduced to ash in seconds by hundred-foot walls of flame. In this tiny town where everyone seems to have a secret, Hunter comes to suspect that this particular rash of summer fires is anything but accidental and could, in fact, be serving a more sinister purpose.

As Hunter follows his instincts, Montana becomes a crucible where good and evil collide -- and where one man, running from his past, takes on the burden of exposing the guilty while saving himself and those he cares about most from the greatest danger they have ever faced. **HC \$51.95**

Meg Gardiner

The Memory Collector

Forensic psychiatrist Jo Beckett's speciality is the psychological autopsy - an investigation into a person's life to determine whether a death was natural, accidental, suicide, or homicide. When Jo is asked to do a psychological autopsy on a living person - one with a suspect memory who can't be trusted to participate in his own medical care - she knows all her skills will be put to the test. Jo is called to the scene of an aircraft inbound from London to help deal with a passenger who is behaving erratically. She figures out that Ian Kanan has got anterograde amnesia, and can't form new memories. Jo finds herself racing to save a patient who can walk and talk and yet can't help Jo figure out just what happened to him. Suddenly a string of clues arises, something to do with a super deadly biological agent code-named "Slick", a kidnapping, and a secret partnership gone horribly wrong. Jo realises Kanan's addled mind may hold the key to preventing something terrible from happening in her beloved San Francisco. With time running out, she will have to get deeper into the life of a patient than she ever has before, hoping the truth emerges from the fog of his mind in time to save her city - and herself. **TP \$32.99**

Debra Ginsberg

The Grift

Marina Marks has been on the grift since she was a child, forced into the psychic business by a junkie mother who was always willing to use her solemn dark-haired daughter to peddle an extra buck. As an adult, Marina has earned a handsome living preying on the dreams and fears of her clients. Her gift is the ability to gain their trust and subtly raise her fees as they become more attached to her readings.

But when Marina moves her "intuitive counseling" business out of muggy, cloying Florida to the milder environs of southern California, a former client resurfaces in an eerie way. Soon Marina makes a startling discovery: she has the actual ability to see the future. After predicting a murder exactly as it happens, she becomes the sole suspect. Now she's desperate to clear her name-and to discover the meaning behind her visions. **TP \$28.95**

Michele Giuttari

A Death in Tuscany

In the picturesque Tuscan hill town of Scandicci, the body of a girl is discovered, lying by the edge of the woods. The local police investigate the case-but after a week, they still haven't even identified her, let alone got to the bottom of how she died. Frustrated by the lack of progress, Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara, head of Florence's elite Squadra Mobile, decides to step in. Because toxins were discovered in the girl's body, many assumed that she died of a self-inflicted drugs overdose. But Ferrara quickly realises that the truth is darker than that: he believes that the girl was murdered. And when he delves deeper, there are many aspects to the case that convince Ferrara that the girl's death is part of a sinister conspiracy-a conspiracy that has its roots in the very foundations of Tuscan society... **PB \$22.99**

A Florentine Death

Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara knows that the beautiful surface of his adopted city, Florence, hides dark undercurrents. When called in to investigate a series of brutal and apparently random murders, his intuition is confirmed. Distrusted by his superiors and pilloried by the media, Ferrara finds time running out as the questions pile up. Is there a connection between the murders and the threatening letters he has received? Are his old enemies, the Calabrian Mafia, involved? And what part is played by a beautiful young woman facing a heart-rending decision, a priest troubled by a secret from his past, and an American journalist fascinated by the darker side of life? Ferrara confronts the murky underbelly of Florence in an investigation that will put not only his career but also his life on the line. **PB \$22.99**

Daniel Lynn Golemon

Leviathan (Event Group)

The ships of the world are under attack, attacks so sudden and vicious that many ships are lost without a single distress call. The navies of the world start a frenzied search, but even these ships disappear without a trace.

Enter the Event Group, the most secret organization in U.S. history. Armed with proof that history is repeating itself, the Group finds themselves in the grasp of an insane genius straight out of the pages of Jules Verne. They are up against the descendent of the man who was the inspiration for the captain of a vessel known to the world as Nautilus.

Legend comes to life in the form of Leviathan, the most advanced undersea vessel in history. She will stop at nothing to save the seas and to render justice to humankind for a world that has long been dying, a world Leviathan plans to alter forever, unless the Event Group can stop her! **HC \$51.95**

I L Goodwin

A Perfect Place to Pray

Fleeing with her daughter to Louisiana after enduring years of domestic abuse at the hands of her homicide detective husband, Mae Spencer endeavors to put her life back together and pursues a new job and relationship before her husband manages to track her down. A first novel by a Romantic Times African-American Fiction Award Winner. **PB \$17.95**

Mitchell Graham

Dead Docket

Katherine Adams and John Delaney have settled into a happy, long distance relationship after the murderous events that threw them together in Majestic Descending. He's a streetwise ex-NYPD detective turned lawyer. She's a hotshot Atlanta lawyer who loves New York but thinks that the Southern Peach is quite a bit of all right. The romance is in full bloom but the miles put a dent in their relationship.

When his father's police partner's daughter is killed in a horrific accident in Atlanta, John goes to settle her affairs and get some much needed time with his sweetie. What he discovers about the young woman's current past is anything but sweet...and the facts surrounding her death suggest that it was anything but accidental. John enlists Katherine to help him discover what really happened.

Doing so puts Katherine in the path of a killer who will stop at nothing to protect his own past. **HC \$51.95**

Thomas Greanis

The Atlantis Revelation

Beneath the city of God, A centuries-old secret awaits. And every power on earth wants it.

The adventure begins with the wreckage of a sunken Nazi submarine and a shocking legacy of Hitler's quest for Atlantis. Archaeologist Conrad Yeats discovers in the ruins of the Third Reich the key to an ancient conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of every major government. Suddenly Yeats is plunged into a deadly race across the Mediterranean, hunted by the assassins of an international organization that will stop at nothing to ignite global Armageddon and revive an empire. And only Serena Serghetti, the beautiful Vatican linguist he loved and lost, can help him save the world from the Atlantis Revelation. **HC \$51.95**

George Dawes Green

Ravens

When grifters Shaw and Romeo pull up at a convenience store in Georgia, their only thought is to fix a faulty tyre and be on their way to Florida. But this happens to be the store from which a \$318 million Jackpot ticket has just been sold - and when the pretty clerk accidentally reveals to Shaw the identity of the winning family, he hatches a terrifyingly audacious plan. That night, he visits the Boatwright family's home and takes them hostage, while the sinister Romeo patrols the streets nearby, prepared to murder the Boatwrights' loved ones at the first sign of resistance. At first, the family offers none. But Shaw's plan depends on maintaining constant fear - merciless, unfaltering terror - and soon, under the pressure, everyone's sanity begins to unravel... **TP \$32.99**

Susanna Gregory

The Devil's Disciples

Rumours of plague threaten Cambridge again, ten years after the Black Death had almost laid waste to the town. Neither the church nor its priests had defended people from the disease and now they turn elsewhere for protection, to pagan ritual and magical potions. It is a ripe atmosphere to be exploited by the mysterious 'Sorcerer', an anonymous magician whose increasing influence seems certain to oust both civil and church leaders from power. One murder, another unexplained death, a font filled with blood, a desecrated grave - all bear the hallmarks of the Sorcerer's hand, only the identity of the magician remains a mystery.

A mystery which Matthew Bartholomew must solve before he loses his reputation...and his life. **BPB \$22.99**

John Grisham

The Associate

It's a deadly game of blackmail. And they're making him play.

Kyle McAvoy is one of the outstanding legal students of his generation: he's good looking, has a brilliant mind and a glittering future ahead of him. But he has a secret from his past, a secret that threatens to destroy his fledgling career and, possibly, his entire life.

One night that secret catches up with him in the form of some bad men in a dark alley - they have a deeply compromising video of the incident that haunts him. The men make it clear to Kyle that he no longer owns his own future - that he must do as they tell him, or the video will be made public knowledge, with all the unpleasant consequences.

What price do they demand for Kyle's secret? Strangely, it is for Kyle to do exactly what any ambitious young lawyer would want to do: take a job in New York as an associate at the largest law firm in the world, a job that is incredibly well paid and, with mammoth hours and outrageous billing, could lead to partnership and a fortune.

But Kyle won't be working for the company, but against it - passing on the secrets of the company's biggest trial to date, a dispute between two defense contractors worth billions of dollars to the victor. Now Kyle is caught between the criminal forces manipulating him and the FBI, who would love to unmask the conspiracy. Will his intellect, cunning and bravery be enough to extricate him from an impossible dilemma?

Full of twists and turns and reminiscent of *The Firm*, *The Associate* is vintage John Grisham. **TP \$32.95**

Andrew Gross

The Dark Tide

GET UP. KISS YOUR FAMILY GOODBYE. GOT TO WORK. DIE...

They say bad luck comes in threes. But for the Friedman family, bad luck is just the beginning.

It starts with Charlie's investments going wrong and the sudden death of a family pet. Then one morning Charlie takes the train to work - straight into a lethal terrorist blast. For his widow Karen and their children, all that remains of Charlie is a shared past.

Or is it? When the Friedmans begin to receive terrifying threats Karen turns to Detective Ty Hauck for help. Hauck's family fell apart too, after a tragic accident he still blames himself for. Now he's determined to keep Karen's safe. But Hauck doesn't know about the secret deposit box, the millions in offshore accounts - or how people who investigate Charlie have a way of ending up dead... **APB \$19.99**

Heather Gudenkauf

The Weight of Silence

It happens quietly one August morning. As dawn's shimmering light drenches the humid Iowa air, two families awaken to find their little girls have gone missing in the night. Seven-year-old Calli Clark is sweet, gentle, a dreamer who suffers from selective mutism brought on by tragedy that pulled her deep into silence as a toddler.

Calli's mother, Antonia, tried to be the best mother she could within the confines of marriage to a mostly absent, often angry husband. Now, though she denies that her husband could be involved in the possible abductions, she fears her decision to stay in her marriage has cost her more than her daughter's voice. Petra Gregory is Calli's best friend, her soul mate and her voice. But neither Petra nor Calli has been heard from since their disappearance was discovered. Desperate to find his child, Martin Gregory is forced to confront a side of himself he did not know existed beneath his intellectual, professorial demeanor. Now these families are tied by the question of what happened to their children. And the answer is trapped in the silence of unspoken family secrets. **TP \$28.95**

Brian Haig*The Hunted*

In 1987, Alex Konevitch was thrown out of Moscow University for "indulging his entrepreneurial spirit." But by 1991, he was worth \$300 million. On track to become Russia's wealthiest man, he makes one critical mistake: he hires the former deputy director of the KGB to handle his corporate security. And then his world begins to fall apart. Kidnapped, beaten, and forced to relinquish his business and his fortune, Alex and his wife escape to the United States, only to be accused by his own government of stealing millions from his business. With a mob contract out on his life and the FBI hot on his trail, Alex is a desperate man without a country-facing the ultimate sacrifice for the chance to build a new life for himself and his family. **HC \$52.95**

Timothy Hallinan*Fourth Watcher*

The author of the Looking for Trouble travel book series, Poke Rafferty is ready to settle down in Bangkok with his fiancée, Rose, and his newly adopted daughter, Miaow. But trouble isn't ready to let him go; it's back in Poke's life with a vengeance, in the guise of his long-estranged father, Frank, the last person he ever wanted to see again. And Frank hasn't come empty-handed, arriving with a box of rubies, a wad of fraudulent identity papers, and one of the most dangerous gangsters in China in hot pursuit. With a rogue American Secret Service agent targeting Rose for her unwitting part in a North Korean counterfeiting operation, Poke can see trouble descending from everywhere to attack those he loves—and it will take every skill he possesses to keep them, and himself, alive. **PB \$24.99**

Jack Higgins*A Darker Place (Sean Dillon)*

Disillusioned with the Putin Government, famous Russian writer and ex-paratrooper Alexander Kurbsky decides he wants to disappear into the West. However he is under no illusions about how the news will be greeted at home - he has seen too many of his countrymen die mysteriously at the hands of the thuggish Russian security services, so he makes elaborate plans with Charles Ferguson, Sean Dillon and the rest of the group known informally as the "Prime Minister's private army" for his escape and concealment. It's a real coup for the West...except for one thing. Kurbsky is still working for the Russians. The plan is to infiltrate British and American intelligence at the highest levels, and he has his own motivations for doing the most effective job possible. He does not care what he has to do or where he has to go...or whom he has to kill **TP \$32.99**

Jane Stanton Hitchcock*Mortal Friends*

Her investigative tendencies roused by a murder on her favorite jogging path, Reven Lynch connects with enigmatic detective Gunner, who believes that the murderer is a high-society person hiding in plain sight, a suspicion for which Reven counsels Gunner on society dynamics. **HC \$52.95**

Gregg Hurwitz*I See You*

When bestselling thriller writer Andrew Danner wakes up in a hospital bed with no idea how he got there, he is horrified to be told that he is responsible for the murder of his ex-fiancee. In the resulting celebrity trial, Drew is exonerated on the grounds of temporary insanity caused by a recent brain tumour. But he still has no idea if he did kill Genevieve, and is desperate to find out. Haunted by what appear to be his bizarre night-time actions - did he really cut his own foot with a knife? - Drew is shocked when another woman is discovered dead, murdered in the same way as Genevieve. Trying to clear his name and understand what's happening to him, Drew enlists the help of a tame forensic scientist, a sympathetic detective, his staunch friend Chic who has helpful underworld connections, and an over-confident teenager. Can Drew discover what really happened that night and unmask the real killer? **APB \$19.99**

We Know

A good job, a decent flat in Los Angeles, a quiet life - Nick Horrigan has finally put his traumatic past behind him. Or so it seems, until a SWAT team smashes into his place in the middle of the night. Still in pajamas, he's dragged outside to a waiting helicopter. He's told that a terrorist has seized control of a nuclear power plant and is threatening to blow it up...unless he can talk to Nick. Flown into a deadly intrigue, Nick is charged with a dangerous secret, one that will take him from the dark alleys of the city to behind the scenes of a Presidential race. As he rockets toward the truth, peeling back layer after layer of lies and deception, only one thing is certain: The long-buried secret, tied to the traumas of his own past, threatens his life at every turn. **APB \$19.99**

Greg Iles*The Devil's Punchbowl*

When he was a prosecuting attorney Penn Cage sent hardened killers to death row. But it is as mayor of his hometown, Natchez, Mississippi, that Penn will face his most dangerous threat. Urged by old friends to try to restore the town to its former glory, Penn has ridden into office on a tide of support for change. But in its quest for new jobs and fresh money, Natchez has turned to casino gambling. Five fantastical steamboats float on the river beside the old slave market like props from *Gone With the Wind*. But one boat isn't like the others. Rumour has it that the Magnolia Queen has found a way to pull the big players from Las Vegas. And with them comes an unquenchable taste for one thing: blood sport, and the dark vices that go with it. When a childhood friend of Penn's who brings him evidence of these crimes is brutally murdered, the full weight of Penn's failure to protect this city hits home. So begins his quest to find the men responsible. But it's a hunt he begins alone, for the local authorities have been corrupted by the money and power of his hidden enemy. With his family's life at stake, Penn realizes his only allies in his one-man war are those bound to him by blood or honour: **HC \$55**

Lisa Jackson*Chosen To Die*

He'll choose them . . . Detectives Regan Pescoli and Selena Alvarez have been searching for the Star Crossed Killer for months, never imagining Regan will be captured by the madman she's been hunting. Regan knows exactly what he's capable of and avoiding the same fate will take every drop of her courage and cunning. abduct them . . . As Selena joins forces with Regan's lover Nate to dig deeper into the case and the body count rises, the truth about Regan's disappearance becomes chillingly clear. and kill them . . . Something evil is lurking in the snow-covered mountains. With time running out, the only way they can save Regan will be to get inside a killer's twisted mind and unravel a shocking message that he is revealing. one body at a time. **TP \$32.99**

Lisa Jackson*Chosen to Die*

Detective Selena Alvarez embarks on a desperate search for her missing partner, Detective Regan Pescoli, who has been abducted by a serial murderer known as the Star Crossed Killer, in a case that takes Selena and Regan's boyfriend, Nate, on a dangerous quest into the Montana woods. **PB \$19.95**

Lisa Jackson*Twice Kissed*

Maggie, please! Only you can help me. Please don't let him get away with it . . . Marquise Walker has vanished without a trace and Maggie McCrae knows her glamorous twin is in terrible trouble possibly even dead. Stepping into Marquise's wild, uninhibited life, Maggie makes startling discoveries - and some of them are about Thane Walker, the only man she ever loved. Although he left her for Marquise and could even be a cold-blooded killer, Maggie knows he's the one man who can help her find out what has happened. The deeper she digs, the more she learns about a twisted family legacy of desperate deceit, betrayal and revenge. Each secret brings her closer to the truth and to the identity of a killer who is closer than she thinks. **APB \$19.99**

James Jackson*Pilgrim*

1212. The forces of Christendom are on the march again. There is much to avenge. Twenty-five years ago, the Christian army lay slaughtered on the desolate plain of the Horns of Hattin. Mighty Saladin, ruler of the Moslem world, went on to capture Jerusalem, crush the Crusaders and push back the remnants of the Latin empire to a thin line of threatened coastal forts. The Holy Land seemed lost. But now the Pope has called for crusade. Many take the cross for pilgrimage and battle. Among them is Otto, a young noble heading for the Holy Land in search of his vanished Hospitaller Knight father, and Brother Luke, a mysterious Franciscan on a mission of his own. And then there are the children, tens of thousands of them, pledged to recapture Jerusalem and find the True Cross, the holiest of relics lost to the forces of Islam. But what begins as a religious quest will turn into a harrowing nightmare of hardship and danger. For dangers press in and the way ahead is perilous. Some will not survive. What they seek is Truth. What they find is Hell. **PB \$19.99**

Peter James Britain*Dead Tomorrow (Roy Grace)*

The body of a teenager, dredged from the seabed off the coast of Sussex, is found to be missing its vital organs. Soon two more young bodies are found...

Caitlin Beckett, a 15-year-old in Brighton, will die if she does not receive a liver transplant, urgently. When the health system threatens to let her down, Lynn, her mother turns in panic to the internet and discovers a broker who can provide her with a black-market organ - but at a price. Prepared to do whatever it takes, Lynn scrambles to raise the money. A few days later, with Caitlin deteriorating by the hour, the organ broker tells Lynn she has found a perfect match...

With his beautiful girlfriend, Cleo, and his recent promotion, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace knows he should finally be feeling positive for the first time since his wife Sandy disappeared, nine years ago. But this new case haunts him, even more than all the others. Following the clues from the bodies, he finds himself on the trail of a gang of child traffickers operating from Eastern Europe. Soon Grace and his team will find themselves in a race against time to save the life of a young street kid, while a desperate mother will stop at nothing to save her daughter's life... **TP \$32.99**

J A Jance*Fire and Ice (Beaumont and Brady)*

Struggling to solve a series of murders in which young women were wrapped in tarps and set on fire, a breakthrough in the case sends Seattle investigator J.P. Beaumont to Sheriff Joanna Brady's jurisdiction in Arizona as the sheriff works on her own puzzling case. **HC \$52.95**

Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen*Silent Thunder*

Marine architect Hannah Bryson has landed the assignment of a lifetime. The U.S. maritime museum has just acquired the former pride of the Soviet fleet, the legendary nuclear attack sub Silent Thunder, for public exhibition. It's Hannah's job to inspect every inch of the decommissioned vessel and make sure it's safe for the thousands of expected visitors. Enlisting the aid of her brother, Connor, they delve into its long and lethal history.

Then, on a routine check, Connor discovers a cryptic message behind one of the ship's panels. Before he can figure out what it means, there's a deadly assault on Silent Thunder. Now, although the U.S. government warns her against it, Hannah will stop at nothing to unravel the truth about Silent Thunder. Even if it means coming face to face with the ruthless mastermind behind the plot-and joining forces with a mysterious and seductive mercenary who is willing to kill to make sure the secrets about Silent Thunder stay silent. . . . **PB \$19.95**

Richard Kadrey*Sandman Slim*

Working as a sideshow gladiator in Hell after being snatched by demons at the age of nineteen, James Stark escapes and returns to Los Angeles, where he plots to destroy the magic circle that stole his life in spite of such challenges as the circle's conniving leader, an abusive talking head, and a sleazy video store owner. **HC \$47.95**

Andrea Kane*Twisted*

Warned to stop making trouble when she rallies for an investigation into the disappearances of her childhood friend and other women, former FBI agent Sloane Burbank clashes with her ex over how the probe is being handled, in a case that leads to unsettling discoveries. **PB \$19.95**

Jessie Keane*Black Widow*

Annie Bailey was finally happy. She had her husband, EastEnd face Max Carter, and she had her daughter Layla.

Then suddenly everything is taken away from her and Annie realises that old sins will always come back to haunt you.

One minute she is relaxing by a pool in Majorca, the next her life is destroyed by a bomb blast. When she wakes both her husband and daughter are gone. Always resourceful Annie heads back to London where she gathers the Carter gang together. Whoever has taken her life is going to pay, Annie Bailey style... **APB \$19.99**

Dirty Game

For longer than she cares to remember Annie Bailey has lived in the shadow of her older sister Ruthie. Now Ruthie has her hands on Max Carter, the much feared head of the Carter family and a top class villain.

Seducing Max wasn't a problem, but the guilt, shame and anger of rejection afterwards was.

Thrown onto the streets Annie finds herself living with Celia, a wayward aunt with a shocking secret. As the months pass Annie's resourceful nature sees her mature and carve out a life for herself, albeit not legal. But if you play with fire, you can expect to get burned and her lavish new lifestyle and connections may be about to come crashing down around her.

Annie has unwittingly placed herself between two rival gangs and upset too many people, and these kind of people don't forget. But as everyone knows, Annie Bailey is no ordinary woman. **APB \$19.99**

H R F Keating

Inspector Ghote's First Case (Inspector Shote Mystery)

From Gold and Cartier Diamond Dagger—Winner H. R. F. Keating, the long awaited prequel to the acclaimed series

Newly promoted Inspector Ghote of the Bombay Police is thrilled to be granted casual leave until he takes up his post, as it allows him to spend time with his heavily pregnant wife, who is desperate to watch a showing of Hamlet at the cinema. Their plans are ruined, however, when Sir Rustom Engineer asks Ghote to investigate the suicide of his friend's wife.

Worried about his wife's imminent delivery, Ghote nevertheless travels to the home of Mr. Dawkins, where he is unconvinced by the story of Iris Dawkins's death. Especially when he recognizes the officer in charge, Darrani, who is well known for his closed mindedness. Ghote investigates further, with a Hamlet-esque awareness of how deceiving appearances can really be. **HC \$51.95**

Faye Kellerman

The Mercedes Coffin

When a billionaire heiress connects a recent high-profile murder to an unsolved killing from fifteen years earlier, LAPD lieutenant Peter Decker schedules an interview with a detective from the first case, only to learn of the man's suspicious suicide, which prompts his collaboration with his wife and daughter to solve the case. **PB \$19.95**

Simon Kernick

The Crime Trade

When Operation Surgical Strike goes horribly wrong, suspicion quickly falls on one of the officers involved: Stegs Jenner. No ordinary undercover cop, Stegs is a man who's always lived life on the edge.

Now he decides to go it alone.

DI John Gallan and his partner DS Tina Boyd are part of the subsequent investigation to bring Stegs to justice.

What they cannot know is that their enquiries will take both of them into the heart of one of London's most notorious criminal gangs ...and one of them into the rifle sights of the enemy. **PB \$21.95**

Deadline

Andrea Devane is terrified. Her thirteen-year-old daughter, Anna, has been kidnapped from her house while she was away on business. Her husband - Anna's stepfather - has also disappeared. There is no sign of forced entry.

Andrea has already received a ransom demand stating that her daughter will die if she does not pay two million pounds in cash. Somehow she manages to raise the money but when she delivers it, there is no sign of Anna. She's been betrayed.

Now she's received another demand for a further two million. And when two of her husband's fingers are posted to her, she knows the kidnapper means business. Andrea has thirty-four hours left to find the money, or her daughter dies.

But this time she's seeking help. She contacts Detective Mike Bolt of SOCA, who is convinced of one thing: this is personal. The kidnapper knows Andrea, and he's taking pleasure in tormenting her and those nearest to her.

But is her daughter still alive? The clock is ticking ... **PB \$21.95**

Target

Rob Fallon's evening goes horribly wrong when he returns from the bathroom to find his date, Jenny, being brutally abducted by two men.

Then they try to kill him.

Somehow he manages to escape, but when he reports the abduction to the police no one believes him. Jenny's father claims she's on holiday abroad, her apartment appears untouched, and the doorman didn't see or hear anything.

Rob knows what he witnessed but when he starts asking questions, he finds himself the target of faceless killers who'll stop at nothing to get him out of the way. But what is it they're so desperate to hide?

Either he finds out, or he's dead. It's that simple. And time's already running out... **TP \$32.95**

Dean Koontz

Relentless

Hostile reviews are said to have hastened the deaths of some writers, but Cubby Greenwich, the American author of bestselling novels, is made of sterner stuff. He ignores the scathing review in a national newspaper. He has no idea that it's just the opening move in a campaign of terror that will wreck his life and then kill him ... or try to, along with his loved ones.

Literally everyone he knows tells him to let it go, take no notice whatever of the review. Even Milo his six-year-old son tells him to let it go. Only their dog Lassie (NOT a collie) has no opinion on the subject - though it's possible only she would have perceived, in her dog wisdom, the sinister character of the reviewer, had she met him.

A pity, then, that Lassie is not with Cubby and Milo when they go together to a restaurant ... where the reviewer, Shearman Waxe, is also having lunch.

Waxe is a feared and therefore revered critic with an aura of mystery about him that has carried him far as an abiter of taste. Observing the man, Cubby stewes about the egregious review Waxe wrote of his latest novel, which, from the errors it contained, suggests Waxe had not even read it.

This innocent encounter will escalate into a war because Waxe is not merely a ferocious and ruthless enemy, but a sociopath for the age. Everything that Cubby holds dear in this world is suddenly at risk.

And when it seems that the terror can reach no greater height, Waxe's mother enters the fray ... the terror has just begun. **TP \$32.99**

Michael Koryta

Envy the Night

In the seven years since he learned that his U.S. marshal father lead a double life as a contract killer-and committed suicide to avoid prosecution-Frank Temple III has mostly drifted through life. But when he learns that Devin Matteson, the man who lured his father into the killing game only to later give him up to the FBI, is returning to the isolated Wisconsin lake that was once sacred ground for their families, it's a homecoming Frank can't allow.

Frank finds Matteson's old cabin occupied by a strange, beautiful woman and a nervous man with a gun. But when a pair of assassins arrives on their heels, he knows Matteson can't be far behind. The wise move would be to get out of town-but that doesn't feel right. After all, contract killer or not, Frank's father was at heart a teacher. And his son was an excellent student... **PB \$19.95**

Linda Ladd

Enter Evil

A fourth tale featuring edgy homicide detective Claire Morgan pits her against a dangerous adversary in the aftermath of a mental patient's apparent suicide that becomes suspicious when a second body is found in the first victim's home, a case for which the only clue is a pair of beaded bracelets.

PB \$17.95

Walt Larimore & Paul McCusker

TSI: Eyam Factor

When a top-secret government team of scientists covertly begins to research a solution to a deadly plague created, they turn their attention to the seventeenth century--when the Black Plague reigned over Europe and decimated the small English village of Eyam--for clues on how to prevent a similar disaster from happening. **TP \$28.95**

Marc Lecard

Tiny Little Treasures

Aaron Rogell, a San Francisco scientist with a beautiful wife, baby, and a lucrative business based on the innovative nanotechnology he has invented, finds everything he cares about at risk when Pablo Clench, the ruthless acquaintance of a prostitute Aaron has been seeing, tries to steal the secret of Aaron's invention. **TP \$30.95**

Peter Leonard

Trust Me

A high octane novel of money, guns and some serious double crossing ... featuring a virtuoso cast of bad guys.

He fixed his gaze on her and said, 'are you scamming me?' 'No' Karen said. 'I've been waiting for you.'

When Bobby and Lloyd decide to rob local restaurant owner Lou Starr's home in the night, they don't reckon on being propositioned about an even bigger scam by Lou's so-called-girlfriend Karen. But after yet another bad decision in her life, Karen has been looking for a way out and, more specifically, a way to recover her life savings, stolen from her by the treacherous Samir.

And so a plan is set in motion that sounds all too simple. **TP \$32.99**

Daniel Levin Australian Author

The Last Ember

Jonathan Marcus was a promising young archeologist studying at the American Academy in Rome when a terrible accident during an illegal excavation resulted in a friend's death and Jonathan's expulsion from the academy. Jonathan abandoned archaeology for the law, developing a reputation as a skillful advocate for some of the art world's less scrupulous antiquities dealers.

When his firm sends Jonathan to Rome to discredit the testimony of a prominent U.N. antiquities official, he's stunned to discover that the expert is Dr. Emili Travia, a friend and fellow student at the academy who was also at the excavation. This chance reunion prompts Jonathan, against his better judgment, to help Emili as she searches for the fabled Tabernacle Menorah, a priceless historical artifact seized by Roman invaders in the first century A.D. and brought to Rome where it disappeared. As they scour the ancient sites of Rome for hints to the menorah's whereabouts-deciphering clues to its location left by ancient spies and eighteenth century art restorers-it quickly becomes clear that they are not alone in their quest.

What follows is a treasure hunt like no other, a race to find the menorah in order to control a historical perspective of who can define-and redefine-the past. **HC \$52.95**

Robert Littell

The Visiting Profesor

Forbidden to leave Russia due to his intimate knowledge of state secrets, theoretical chaoticist Lemuel Falk receives a surprising exit visa approval and accepts a professorship in New York, where he becomes entangled in an academic fight, a love affair with a younger woman, and a serial-killer investigation. **TP \$30.95**

Sophie Littlefield

A Bad Day for Sorry

Stella Hardesty dispatched her abusive husband with a wrench shortly before her fiftieth birthday. A few years later, she's so busy delivering home-style justice on her days off, helping other women deal with their own abusive husbands and boyfriends, that she barely has time to run her sewing shop in her rural Missouri hometown. Some men need more convincing than others, but it's usually nothing a little light bondage or old-fashioned whuppin' can't fix. Since Stella works outside of the law, she's free to do whatever it takes to get the job done--as long as she keeps her distance from the handsome devil of a local sheriff, Goat Jones.

When young mother Chrissy Shaw asks Stella for help with her no-good husband, Roy Dean, it looks like an easy case. Until Roy Dean disappears with Chrissy's two-year-old son, Tucker. Stella quickly learns that Roy Dean was involved with some very scary men, as she tries to sort out who's hiding information and who's merely trying to kill her. It's going to take a hell of a fight to get the little boy back home to his mama, but if anyone can do it, it's Stella Hardesty.

Sophie Littlefield possesses all the verve and confidence of a seasoned pro. This debut novel rings true at every heart-stopping turn, utterly bewitching us with its gutsy, compassionate voice and boasting some of the most captivating, complex characters in crime fiction today. **HC \$51.95**

Sheila Lowe

Dead Write (Forensic Handwriting 03)

Hired by the notorious founder of an elite dating service whose members are dying under suspicious circumstances, forensic handwriting analyst Claudia Rose clashes with her LAPD detective Joel and finds herself enmeshed in the feckless lives of the rich, single, and desperate. **PB \$17.95**

Lisa Lutz

The Spellman Files (Spellman 01)

Izzy Spellman is 28, single and works for Spellman Investigations, a family-run private detective agency. She might have a chequered past littered with romantic mistakes - but at least she's good at her job. Invading people's privacy comes naturally. To the whole family. To be a Spellman is to snoop on a Spellman; tail a Spellman; dig up dirt on, blackmail and wiretap a Spellman.

But when Izzy's parents hire her 14-year-old sister to discover the identity of her new boyfriend, Izzy decides she wants out. Before they'll let her go, her parents ask her to solve one last case - a 15-year-old, ice-cold, missing person, impossible-to-solve case. But when a disappearance occurs far closer to home, Izzy's Impossible Case becomes the most important of her life. **BPB \$22.99**

Curse of the Spellmans (Spellman 02)

BPB \$22.99

Scott Mackay

The Angel of the Glade

The first in a new historical mystery series featuring Dr. Clyde Deacon - Widower Clyde Deacon arrives in 1902 Fairfield, New York, to take up the post of doctor. Regarded with some suspicion by the towns inhabitants because he comes from Tennessee, he was also personal physician to President McKinley at the time of his assassination. A beautiful young actress is found murdered and Deacon is asked by the overworkedtownsheriff to assist him in the case. Gradually he discovers that the inhabitants of Fairfield are not as innocent as they seem. **HC \$56.95**

Amy MacKinnon

Tethered

Clara Marsh is an undertaker who doesn't believe in God. She spends her solitary life among the dead, preparing their last baths and bidding them farewell with a bouquet from her own garden. Her carefully structured life shifts when she discovers a neglected little girl, Trecie, playing in the funeral parlor, desperate for a friend.

It changes even more when Detective Mike Sullivan starts questioning her again about a body she prepared three years ago, an unidentified girl found murdered in a nearby strip of woods. Unclaimed by family, the community christened her Precious Doe. When Clara and Mike learn Trecie may be involved with the same people who killed Precious Doe, Clara must choose between the steady existence of loneliness and the perils of binding one's life to another. **TP \$28.95**

Henning Mankell

Kennedy's Brain

When archaeologist Louise Cantor's son Henrik is found dead in his flat, she refuses to believe it was suicide. Clues that only a mother could detect lead her to believe something more sinister took place.

Henrik had kept many things back from her and she is shocked to learn he had contracted HIV. While looking through his bundles of papers, she discovers he was obsessed with the conspiracy theory that JFK's brain disappeared prior to the autopsy – along with the vital evidence regarding bullet exit wounds. The only lead is a letter and photograph from Henrik's girlfriend in Mozambique.

Louise's quest to unravel the mystery surrounding her son's death takes her to Africa; a continent rife with disease, poverty and corruption. Struggling to cope with sickness and the oppressive heat, Louise sees fear in every face, even unexpectedly in the patients at the clinics set up by an American businessman. In *Kennedy's Brain* Mankell confirms his status as a master of suspense, and delivers a timely and riveting thriller which will have readers on the edge of their seats until the very end. **BPB \$24.95**

The Return of the Dancing Master

Herbert Molin, a retired police officer, is living alone in a remote cottage in the vast forests of northern Sweden. He has two obsessions: one is the tango and the other is a conviction that he is being hunted, constantly pursued by 'demons'. He has no close friends, no close neighbours, and by the time his body is eventually found, Molin is almost unrecognisable. Lindman, a police officer on extended sick leave, hears of the death of his former colleague and, to take his mind off his own problems, decides to involve himself in the case. What he discovers, to his horror and disbelief, is a network of evil almost unimaginable in this remote district, and one which seems impossible to link to Molin's death. **BPB \$24.95**

Margaret Maron

Sand Sharks

When Judge Deborah Knott travels to Wrightsville Beach for a summer conference for North Carolina District Court Judges, she stumbles upon the body of one of her colleagues. Meanwhile, Deborah's husband, Sheriff's Deputy Dwight Bryant, is in Virginia with his son, tying up loose ends left by the death of his first wife. When another judge is found murdered at the conference, it soon becomes evident that Deborah may be the killer's next target. Her relaxing trip to the seaside soon transforms into a harrowing experience, and she must summon all of her strength and investigative expertise to track down the culprit before she becomes the next victim. **HC \$51.95**

Guillermo Martinez

The Book of Murder

Struggling to establish his writing career in the shadow of a hugely successful crime novelist named Kloster, an up-and-coming author is alarmed when his secretary--Kloster's own former assistant--claims that the famous novelist is a serial killer who is targeting her family. **TP \$28.95**

Shannon McKenna

Tasting Fear

When their adored foster mother is murdered, sisters Nancy, Nell, and Vivi band together to track down the killer and a cache of priceless Renaissance art, an endeavor for which they are unexpectedly aided by three mysterious men. **TP \$28.95**

Grant McKenzie

Switch

How far would you go to save the ones you love? Would you run five traffic lights in a row? Would you rob a store at gunpoint?

Would you commit murder?

Security guard Sam White's life falls apart when he arrives home to find his house a burnt-out shell with the bodies of his wife and daughter inside. Then he receives a phone call from a man who claims that his wife and child are alive and Sam can still save them.

But first, he must complete a few simple tasks.

Sam joins forces with Zack Parker whose life has also been ripped apart by the same sadistic kidnapper.

Together they plunge into the dark, labyrinthine underworld of Portland, Oregon. And into a race against time to discover the identity of the kidnapper and save their families before it's too late. **PB \$21.95**

Neil McMahon

Dead Silver

A follow-up to Lone Creek finds Montana lawman Hugh Davoren and his sidekick, Madbird, investigating a double homicide involving a recently discovered cache of photos and an earring that once belonged to a woman who had been killed for protesting the opening of a silver mine. **TP \$28.95**

Richard Montanari

The Devil's Garden

Michael Roman is finally living the peaceful life he has so long desired. But his idyllic life in upstate New York is about to come crashing down around him because Michael is a man with a past.

Three years ago, when working for the New York District Attorney, Michael's successful life was shattered when he was viciously attacked and left for dead. After a painful recuperation, he pieced together his ruined life, married and adopted twin girls. But under suspicion for a crime he did not commit, his world is about to be devastated all over again and this time, Michael's life is not the only one at risk. He must find the psychopath who is targeting his family or he and his girls will be the next victims.

In a desperate fight for the truth and survival, Michael must confront the life he left behind in order to save his family from a depraved madman who will stop at nothing. **TP \$34.95**

Julia Navarro*Bible of Clay*

In her provocative second novel, Spanish author Julia Navarro takes readers on an exhilarating journey across centuries and continents, as an upstart archaeologist and a murderous group of conspirators vie for a treasure that will rewrite history an explosive account of the world's creation recorded millennia ago by a humble scribe onto the legendary Bible of Clay. From the tense months preceding the contemporary war in Iraq, to ancient Mesopotamia, to the atrocities of the last century, here is historical fiction at its richest, a sweeping saga that challenges both conventional geopolitics and the very foundations of modern religion. **PB \$19.99**

Brenda Novak*The Perfect Couple*

One afternoon in May, Zoe Duncan's thirteen-year-old daughter goes missing from her own backyard. The police think Samantha ran away because she's unhappy about her mother's upcoming marriage—but Zoe doesn't believe it. In fact, she's willing to do anything to bring Sam home, even if it means losing her job, her beautiful home, her fiancé. Even if it means divulging all her secrets to a private investigator.

Jonathan Stivers is a P.I. who donates his time to The Last Stand, a victims' charity in Sacramento. He's good at what he does, the best. But never has he had fewer leads to work with—or been more attracted to a client. Jonathan's sure of only one thing: Sam was taken by someone close to the family. He doesn't know how close until he realizes that the "perfect" couple next door is anything but.... **PB \$19.95**

Andrew Nugent*Soul Murder*

A riveting crime novel by Irish Benedictine monk Andrew Nugent explores the darkness found in the human soul

When Maurice Tyson, housemaster at a top boys' boarding school in Ireland, is found with his throat slit, Superintendent Denis Lennon and Sergeant Molly Power of the Irish Police Force struggle to uncover any probable motive for the brutal killing. Was it revenge? A kidnap attempt by terrorists gone badly wrong? Or is there a connection to a former student who killed himself barely a year ago?

A boy mysteriously disappears and the hunt is on for his abductors. But when another body is found, the situation gets even darker. Someone out there has a terrible secret, and will stop at nothing to keep it hidden.

Andrew Nugent's third police procedural is a tour de force, filled with the compassion, insight, and humor that consistently mark the work of this very talented author. **HC \$51.95**

Diana Orgain*Bundle of Trouble (Maternal Instincts)*

Believing her work-from-home job as a private investigator to be an ideal complement to her responsibilities as a new mother, Kate Connelly receives the disturbing news that her brother-in-law has been murdered and that her husband is a top suspect. **PB \$17.95**

Gail Oust*Whack 'n' Roll (Bunco Babes 01)*

Stumbling across evidence of a brutal murder during a golf game at the Serenity Cove Estates, retiree Kate McCall and her gossipy fellow Bunco Babes decide to conduct an unofficial investigation and come to realize that the killer may be among their neighbors. **PB \$17.95**

Sang Pak*Wait Until Twilight*

Unable to rest after encountering a set of physically challenged triplets whose shut-in mother claims they were immaculately conceived, sixteen-year-old Samuel endeavors to save them, an effort that is challenged by the triplets' violent brother, politics in their small Georgia town, and his own personal demons. **TP \$28.95**

I J Parker*The Convict's Sword*

A latest entry in a series inspired by eleventh-century Japanese life finds Ministry of Justice senior secretary Lord Sugawara Akitada investigating the murder of a man who was wrongfully exiled, a case that is complicated by the baffling death of a blind street singer. **TP \$30.95**

Leslie Parris*Pitch Black (Black Cats 02)*

Determined to catch a serial killer who lures victims through Internet scams, former profiler Alec Lambert teams up with reclusive scam expert Samantha Dalton and struggles to maintain his professionalism in spite of his growing feelings before realizing that the killer is targeting Sam.

PB \$19.95

James Patterson*1st to Die (01)*

The first novel in the Women's Murder Club series. As the only woman homicide inspector in San Francisco, Lindsay Boxer has to be tough. But nothing she has seen prepares her for the horror of the honeymoon murders, when a brutal maniac begins viciously slaughtering newly wed couples on their wedding nights. Lindsay is sickened by the deaths, but her determination to bring the murderer to justice is threatened by her own personal tragedy. So she turns to Claire, a leading coroner, Cindy, a journalist and Jill, a top attorney, for help with both her crises, and the Women's Murder Club is born. **BPB \$22.99**

James Patterson & Andrew Gross*2nd Chance (Women's Murder Club 02)*

The second novel in the Women's Murder Club series. When a little girl is shot on the steps of a San Francisco church, Detective Lindsay Boxer reconvenes the Women's Murder Club. Working with reporter Cindy Thomas, assistant DA Jill Bernhardt, and medical examiner Claire Washburn, Lindsay tracks a mystifying killer who turns his pursuers into victims. The unorthodox allegiances of the Women's Murder Club lead them to suspect the unexpected - the killer may be an ex-cop. But nothing prepares them for the demented logic behind his choice of victims. **BPB \$22.99**

James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge*The Quickie*

Plotting revenge against her unfaithful husband, NYPD cop Lauren Stillwell inadvertently triggers a series of events that spiral dangerously out of control and is forced to take a secret job that threatens everything she stands for. **PB \$19.95**

Jack Pendarvis*Shut Up, Ugly*

A whimsical parody of the hard-boiled detective novel, written by the Pushcart-winning author of *The Mysterious Secret of the Valuable Treasure*, pits philandering Burns against an array of stereotypical bad guys when he haphazardly poses as a tough private detective in order to elude an angry husband. **TP \$28.95**

Don Pendleton*Dangerous Tides (Executioner 369)*

The large cruise ship is a haven of luxury and relaxation...until rogue sailors seize the ship. The raiders have taken the passengers and crew hostage. But when Mack Bolan infiltrates the vessel, he learns that this isn't a simple incident of nautical terrorism—the ocean liner is really a testing ground for a sinister chemical weapon.

The toxic acid has been manufactured for one gruesome purpose: war on the West. Bolan finds himself up against ruthless pirates, compromised antiterrorist units and the delicate balance of international relations. The Executioner must tread lightly—and become deadlier still. **APB \$13.95**

Terror Descending (Stony Man)

Dedicated to a cause thirty years in the making, a powerful militant group has amassed a private army of weaponry and mercenaries, and a mandate of world peace—by way of mass murder. Across the globe, unmarked planes are spilling a tidal wave of innocent blood as military and civilian targets all become fair game. When enough of the world is gone...they will step into power. Unless freedom's last, longest...and only shot does what it does best: the impossible. **APB \$17.95**

Elizabeth Peters*Crocodile on the Sandbank*

After her father's death, thirty-two-year-old Amelia Peabody eschews the role of Victorian spinster and travels to Egypt, where mysterious intruders, boorish archaeologists, and a disappearing two-thousand-year-old mummy test her sanity and independence. **APB \$19.95**

James Phelan Australian Author*Blood Oil (Lachlan Fox 03)*

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 this book revolves around terrorism, oil supply and poverty, drawing upon world news and current affairs, making it a truly contemporary read, in keeping with Phelan's trademark thrillers. 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. **APB \$19.99**

James Phelan Australian Author*Liquid Gold (Lachlan Fox 04)*

WATER PROMISES TO BE TO THE 21st CENTURY WHAT OIL WAS TO THE TWENTIETH...LIQUID GOLD is a high-octane thriller featuring Lachlan Fox. Lachlan Fox has made a career out of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. As a shore assault specialist in an Australian Navy Clearance Diver Team, he often came up against bad guys and even worse odds. Now working as an investigative journalist for an independent news organisation he doesn't back away from uncovering the big stories...global conspiracies, rogue secret agents, terrorist cells... With his best friend Alister Gammaldi, Fox is caught up in the corrupt world of international politics and arms races and, it seems, as the earth feels the impact of global warming that the commodity everyone is after is water. Lachlan discovers some people will do anything to control it. When he exposes their secrets he finds himself back in the front line and facing his strongest enemy yet. **TP \$32.99**

Henry Porter*The Dying Light*

At his funeral the bells of the church were rung open rather than half-muffled, as is usual for the dead. Kate Lockhart has come with corporate leaders, ministers and intelligence chiefs to a beautiful town in the Welsh Marches to mourn her soul mate, David Eyam, the brightest government servant of his generation. All that remains of Eyam are the burnt fragments of a man killed far from home in a devastating explosion. But Eyam has left a devastating legacy and certain members of the congregation on that bitterly cold March day are desperate to suppress it. A group of locals come to feel the full weight of the state's determination. Kate Lockhart, now a Mergers and Acquisitions lawyer from Manhattan but a former SIS officer in Indonesia is equal to Eyam's legacy. She becomes the focus of the state's paranoiac power and leads the local resistance to it, with all the cunning of her former trade, directed from beyond the grave by Eyam. The state is no match for the genius of the dead. **TP \$32.99**

Carmen Posadas*Child's Play*

Starting her latest novel when her thirteen-year-old enters the same school she attended years earlier, mystery writer Luisa begins suffering psychological imbalances stemming from long-repressed anxieties about a secret she shared with two former classmates **HC \$51.95**

Bill Pronzini*Fever*

Nameless had told Mitchell Krochek that he'd do whatever he could to find his missing wife, Janice. She'd run away before—propelled by a gambling fever that grew ever higher—and Mitch had always taken her back. This time, when Nameless, his partner Tamara, and the agency's chief operative Jake Runyon finally found her in a sleazy San Francisco hotel, she demanded a divorce.

A few days later, a beaten and bloody Janice stumbled into the agency begging to go home. No one is surprised when, soon after her homecoming, she disappears again. But gambling addiction has a way of twisting things, and the blood on Mitchell and Janice Krochek's kitchen floor was a card off the bottom of the deck. Janice is missing again, Mitchell is the prime suspect, and as Nameless searches for the truth behind her disappearance, he uncovers a vicious racket that preys on gambling fever victims... **TP \$30.95**

Thomas Pynchon*Inherent Vice*

Reluctantly investigating a kidnapping threat against his ex-girlfriend's billionaire beau, Doc Sportello tackles a bizarre tangle of nefarious characters and his own marijuana habit before stumbling on a mysterious entity that may actually be a tax shelter for a dental group. By a National Book Award-winning author. **HC \$56.95**

Peter Rabe*Stop This Man!*

A re-release of a pulp classic by the author of *Murder Me For Nickels* finds thief Tony Catell stealing gold ingot from a nuclear power lab and spreading radiation sickness everywhere he goes, a situation that poses unique challenges to the police and FBI. **PB \$19.95**

Christopher Reich*Rules of Vengeance*

Months after foiling an attack on a commercial jetliner, Doctors Without Borders physician Jonathan Ransom is working under an assumed name in a remote corner of Africa, while his newly revealed spy wife, Emma, desperate to escape the wrath of Division, the secret American intelligence agency she betrayed, has vanished into the netherworld of international espionage. Both look forward to sharing a stolen weekend in London—until an ambush on a convoy of limousines turns their romantic rendezvous into a terrorist bloodbath. In the confusion, Emma disappears.

Jonathan is first hailed as a hero for his valiant actions during the violence, but when surveillance footage makes it unclear whether he was trying to stop the terrorists, or aid them, he quickly turns from savior to suspect. Once more on the run, Jonathan realizes that the only way to clear his name is to locate Emma, but finding her may prove that all along he's been a pawn in a game far beyond his imagining.... **HC \$52.95**

Jewell Parker Rhodes*Yellow Moon (New Orleans 02)*

A jazzman, a wharf worker, a prostitute, all murdered. Wrists punctured, their bodies impossibly drained of blood. What connects them? Why are they rising as ghosts?

Marie Levant, the great-great granddaughter of the Voodoo Queen, Marie Laveau, knows better than anyone New Orleans's brutal past -- the legacy of slavery, poverty, racism, and sexism -- and as a doctor at Charity Hospital's ER, she treats its current victims.

When she sleeps, she dreams of blood. Rain, never ending. The river is rising and the yellow moon warns of an ancient evil -- an African vampire -- wazimamoto -- a spirit created by colonial oppression.

The struggle becomes personal, as the wazimamoto is intent on destroying her and all the Laveau descendants. Marie fights to protect her daughter, lover, and herself from the wazimamoto's seductive assault on both body and spirit.

Echoing with the heartache and triumph of the African-American experience, the soulful rhythms of jazz, and the horrors of racial oppression, *Yellow Moon* gives us an unforgettable heroine -- sexy, vulnerable, and mysterious -- in Marie Levant, while it powerfully evokes a city on the brink of catastrophe.

Yellow Moon is part two of the New Orleans trilogy that began with *Voodoo Season* -- magical realist fiction that takes the legend of the voodoo priestess Marie Laveau, as imagined by Jewell Parker Rhodes in the bestselling *Voodoo Dreams*, into the present day. **TP \$30.95**

Karen Rose*I Can See You*

Eve Wilson's face was once scarred by a vicious assault. Terrified and ashamed, she escaped to the online realm, where she could choose the face she allowed people to see. Years later, her outer scars faded and inner scars buried, Eve has fought her way back to the real world and is determined to help others do the same. Now a graduate student moonlighting as a bartender, Eve researches the addictive powers of online communities. When her test subjects begin turning up dead as a result of apparent suicides, she doesn't know where to turn.

Homicide detective Noah Webster is one of the few people who believe the victims are connected murders. Eve becomes Noah's online guide and realizes that the handsome detective may have secret scars as painful as her own. As Eve and Noah chase a killer who is always one step ahead of them, together they try to overcome the tragedies of their pasts and learn to trust again, but they soon discover that danger is much closer than they think. **HC \$38.95**

David Rosenbelt*New Tricks*

Andy Carpenter gains possession of an adorable Bernese puppy whose owner was brutally murdered. Few can rival Andy's affection for dogs, and he will do whatever it takes to insure that this little pup doesn't fall into the wrong hands. However, his playful new friend is valued by several people, many of whom are willing to resort to violence to get what they want. It will take more than Andy's usual courtroom theatrics to save this dog, including a little help from his beloved golden retriever, Tara. Andy soon discovers that anyone around him is in danger, including his long-time girlfriend Laurie, and he will have to muster all of his wits to save those he holds most dear. **TP \$51.95**

Craig Russell*Lennox*

Four weeks and a day ago, I didn't know Frankie McGahern. I also didn't know that this was a state of affairs much to be desired. My life was, admittedly, not without its ups and, more often, downs, and I knew a lot of people that others would cross the street to avoid, but Frankie McGahern was a bright star that was yet to cross my sky.

Shady investigator Lennox stands somewhere between legal and illegal, honour and greed, crims and cops. The one clear thing about Lennox is his certainty that only the toughest and most ruthless survive in his home town of Glasgow.

The McGahern twins are on the way up in Glasgow's grimy underworld. Then Tam, the brains of the two, is killed in a vicious contract killing. Frankie, Tam's identical twin, wants Lennox to find out who killed Tam. Lennox refuses. Later that night, Frankie turns up dead, and Lennox finds himself in the frame for the murder. The only way for him to prove his innocence is to solve the crime - but he'll have to evade dodgy cops and men more deadly than Glasgow's notorious crime bosses before he gets any answers. **TP \$32.99**

Marcus Sakey*The Amateurs*

Four friends with dreams for a better life go too far with a plan to change their situation, and to save their own lives, they've had to take the lives of others, causing tensions to flare as things unravel and forcing each to wonder which is more dangerous: the men coming after them or their best friends? **HC \$52.95**

Good People

Deeply in debt after years of failed fertility treatments, Tom and Anna Reed believe that they have a second chance when their reclusive tenant dies, leaving \$400,000 stashed in his kitchen, but the Reeds soon discover that he had been a criminal who had betrayed some of the most dangerous men in Chicago. Includes teaser to the author's forthcoming book. **PB \$19.95**

John Sandford

Wicked Prey (Lucas Davenport 19)

Having spent the past two years in hiding following a daring and successful heist, a big -time robber is back in Minneapolis, having spotted the opportunity for an even greater steal. It's a couple of weeks before the big Republican party convention: thousands of people spending cash, which is flowing into a relatively inadequate Brinks warehouse, protected by only three or four armed guards. The robber's plan is to distract the cops by manipulating and alerting them to a possible assassination attempt.

Lucas Davenport meanwhile has problems of his own, targeted by a psychopathic pimp, who blames Davenport for the fact he's in a wheelchair. Only it's not Davenport he's going after; it's his innocent daughter, Letty. **TP \$29.99**

Berhard Schlink

Self's Murder (Gerhard Self Mystery)

Gerhard Self, the dour, seventy-something sleuth, is back...

When Gerhard Self happens upon one of the most intriguing cases of his career, he can't resist. From the start, the job is an unusual one: Herr Welker, partial owner of the German bank Weller and Welker desperately wants to write a history of his bank, but he has one problem—a silent partner, whose name does not appear anywhere in the bank's records. Welker wants Self to track this silent partner down. Shortly after he takes the job, Self is accosted by a man who frantically hands him a suitcase full of money and speeds off in a car, only to crash into a tree, dying instantly. Perplexed, but more determined than ever, Self follows the money. Soon he finds himself traveling to eastern Germany—shortly after the fall of communism—battling Nazi youth, and closing in on a money laundering ring with connections to the Russian mafia. **TP \$30.95**

George D Shuman

Second Sight (Sherry Moore)

Stunningly beautiful psychic Sherry Moore's world has been draped in darkness for as long as she can remember. Though she has been blind since childhood, her extraordinary gift for seeing the last eighteen seconds of a deceased person's memory has helped solve numerous crimes and save countless lives. Her life has been anything but normal, but because of her relationship with Brian Metcalf, the Navy SEAL she met during a dramatic rescue on Mount McKinley, Sherry has never been happier. Then her exposure to deadly radiation changes everything.

Unnerved about the radiation's possible aftereffects and suffering from optical migraines, Sherry checks herself into the hospital to undergo tests. All seems normal until they wheel in the body of one Thomas Monahan. Vivid, terrifying images from his memory flood her thoughts the moment she grasps his hand. She feels a connection take hold as she thrashes about on the gurney, finally letting out a bloodcurdling scream. When Sherry next opens her eyes, for the first time in thirty-two years, she can see.

They call it a miracle. But for Sherry life with sight proves to be more complicated. She has to navigate the world anew, troubled by the agonizing, unanswered question: Who was this man and how had he enabled her to regain her vision? Enlisting the help of retired Admiral Garland Brigham, her confidant and best friend, Sherry doggedly begins to unravel this complicated history and unearths some startling revelations, beginning with the work of Edward Case.

Case is a man used to getting his way. The CEO of pharmaceutical giant Case & Kimble, he has the nation's elite on speed dial. But unsettling rumors have circulated for years about the genesis of the company's stratospheric success, questioning how this upstart firm has gained prominence and grown to be a monolithic institution worth billions of dollars. How its drugs always seem to make it onto the market before those of its competitors. If the secrets to C&K's dominance are ever made public, they will destroy the empire Case has so carefully constructed. And he will stop at nothing to keep his domain intact.

Flush with pounding action and shocking twists, *Second Sight* is the riveting story of an astounding heroine who, in delving into the darkest corners of the pharmaceutical trade, risks her life to set right an injustice buried deep in the past. **HC \$51.95**

Karin Slaughter

Genesis

Someone had spent time with her – someone well-practiced in the art of pain...

Three years ago former Grant County medical examiner Sara Linton moved to Atlanta hoping to leave her tragic past behind her. Now working as a doctor in Atlanta's Grady Hospital she is starting to piece her life together. But when a severely wounded young woman is brought in to the emergency room, she finds herself drawn back into a world of violence and terror. The woman has been hit by a car but naked and brutalised it's clear that she has been the prey of a twisted mind.

When Special Agent Will Trent of the Criminal Investigation Team returns to the scene of the accident he stumbles on a torture chamber buried deep beneath the earth. And this hidden house of horror reveals a ghastly truth – Sara's patient is just the first victim of a sick, sadistic killer. Wrestling the case away from the local police chief, Will and his partner Faith Mitchell find themselves at the centre of a grisly murder hunt. And Sara, Will and Faith – each with their own wounds and their own secrets – are the only thing that stands between a madman and his next crime... **TP \$34.95**

Wilbur Smith

The Dark of the Sun

The Congo. Situated at the heart of sub-Saharan Africa, it is a place where men die for diamonds. For love. And for the unholy pleasure of others...

Bruce Curry is the leader of a mercenary band with the dubious support of three officers. His mission: To relieve a diamond-mining town cut off by the fighting and retrieve a priceless consignment of diamonds. Along the way, he meets a beautiful Belgian woman. Shermaine is a dream come true. But the rest of Curry's journey is about to become a living nightmare. Ranged against his ill-disciplined unit are bandits, guerillas, and hostile tribes that infest the land. In a sinister atmosphere of omnipotent evil, Curry fights to stay alive—and protect Shermaine, his one true love. But to do so, he must face another, even deadlier enemy: one of his own men... **PB \$19.95**

Jason Starr

Panic Attack

An intruder, a desperate struggle, a family under siege: This is Jason Starr's most provocative and suspenseful novel to date.

Dr. Adam Bloom has the perfect life. He's financially secure and lives in a luxurious house with his wife, Dana, and their twenty-two-year-old daughter, Marissa, a recent college graduate. Late one night, his daughter wakes him up and says, "Somebody's downstairs." Adam uses his gun to kill one of the unarmed intruders, but the other escapes. From that moment on, everyone's life in the Bloom household will never be the same.

Adam doesn't feel safe, not with the other intruder out there somewhere, knowing where he lives. Dana suggests moving, but Adam has lived in the house all his life and he doesn't want to run away. As the family recovers from the break-in and the Blooms' already rocky relationship rapidly falls apart, Marissa meets a young, talented artist named Xan. Adam feels that something's not quite right with Xan, but his daughter ignores his warnings and falls deeply in love with him. When suspicious things start happening to the Blooms all over again, Adam realizes that his first instinct about Xan was probably dead on.

With *Panic Attack*, Jason Starr is at his best, crafting a harrowing page-turner that will blow readers away. **HC \$51.95**

Rex Stout

Black Orchids / Silent Speaker (Nero Wolfe Mysteries)

Black Orchids / Silent Speaker **TP \$32.95**

Jory Strong

Spider-Touched

Imprisoned for centuries in a post-apocalyptic mortal world, former angel Tir is set free by the beautiful Arafa, who tests his resolve to never love a human and helps him to discover a secret purpose to their relationship. **TP \$30.95**

Janet Tanner

The Years to Come

Romantic suspense set in nineteenth century Australia - Following her Irish-born fathers brutal murder in New South Wales, the beautiful Erin Kelly finds she must fend for herself and her siblings in 19th century Australia's dark and dangerous land. To survive she is forced to compromise her virtue, but she vows that her spirit will never belong to Brett Wilde, the passionate and notorious adventurer or any man. But she will make any sacrifices necessary, for the sake of her dearest family. **HC \$58.95**

Terri Thayer

Inked Up

Joining a circle of craft-loving women upon launching her new career as a professional rubber stamper and restoration expert, April Buchert prepares for her Pennsylvania community's annual Pumpkin Festival before discovering a murdered body in a cornfield maze. **PB \$17.95**

Peter Tonkin

The Fire Ship (Richard Mariner)

Learning that his family's prize tanker, the Prometheus II, has been seized by terrorists in the Persian Gulf and that his father-in-law has been taken captive in Bahrain, Richard Mariner launches a high-stakes confrontation against an elusive, ruthless band of pirates. **PB \$19.95**

Pat Tucker

Proceed With Caution

Promptly dumped by a politician with whom she was having an affair when rumors about the relationship are leaked to the press, Naomi Payne becomes afraid for her life when someone who felt threatened by the affair commits a murder close to Naomi's home. **PB \$17.95**

Peter Turnbull

Informed Consent

The new Hennessey and Yellich mystery - A badly injured man is found lying in a street in the centre of York in the early hours of the morning. He subsequently succumbs to his injuries without regaining consciousness. Hennessey and Yellich are brought in to investigate. Their inquiries reveal that the man was looking into the death of his brother and they discover a vindictive divorce and her involvement with a deeply suspect finance company which has connections to other unsolved murders. **HC \$56.95**

Juan Gabriel Vasquez

The Informers

When a biography he penned about a family friend is scathingly and embarrassingly reviewed by the writer's own father, Gabriel Santoro delves into his subject's past once again to discern the source of his father's wrath, which is finally brought to light years later after his father's suspicious death. **HC \$52.95**

Dan Waddell

Blood Atonement

Genealogist Nigel Barnes's second case leads him into the dark heart of the Mormon church and a gruesome, century-old secret.

Detective Chief Inspector Grant Foster is called to a homicide at the home of a single mother in Queens Park, London. Her throat has been cut from ear to ear and her body dumped in the garden. Her daughter and only child, Naomi, who has just turned fourteen that day, is missing. As the hours tick by, the feeling grows among Foster's colleagues that this is most likely becoming a double-murder inquiry. With nothing in the present to indicate a motive, Foster decides to delve into the dead woman's past only to find out she does not have one. He calls on genealogist Nigel Barnes. The trail takes Barnes back to late Victorian England where it abruptly ends with a young couple who came from the United States to England. Nigel's quest takes him on trip through the violent history of the Mormon church as he and Foster race to solve a shameful, long-kept secret that is about to have bloody repercussions in the present, and for which someone is seeking vengeance. **HC \$51.95**

Carolyn D Wall

Sweeping up Glass

Olivia Harker Cross owns a strip of mountain in Pope County, Kentucky, a land where whites and blacks eke out a living in separate, tattered kingdoms and where silver-faced wolves howl in the night. But someone is killing the wolves of Big Foley Mountain-and Olivia is beginning to realize how much of her own bitter history she's never understood: Her mother's madness, building toward a fiery crescendo. Her daughter's flight to California, leaving her to raise Will'm, her beloved grandson. And most of all, her town's fear, for Olivia has real and dangerous enemies.

Now this proud, lonely woman will face her mother and daughter, her neighbors and the wolf hunters of Big Foley Mountain. And when she does, she'll ignite a conflict that will embroil an entire community-and change her own life in the most astonishing of ways. **TP \$28.95**

Irvin Welsh

Crime

Now bereft of both youth and ambition, Detective Inspector Ray Lennox is recovering from a mental breakdown induced by occupational stress and cocaine abuse, and a particularly horrifying child sex murder case back in Edinburgh. On vacation in Florida, his fiancée Trudi is only interested in planning their forthcoming wedding, and a bitter argument sees a deranged Lennox cast adrift in strip-mall Florida. He meets two women in a seedy bar, ending up at their apartment for a coke binge interrupted by two menacing strangers. After the ensuing brawl, Lennox finds himself alone with Tianna, the terrified ten-year-old daughter of one of the women, and a sheet of instructions that make him responsible for her immediate safety.

Lennox takes her across the state to an exclusive marina on the Gulf of Mexico, and quickly suspects that he has stumbled into a hornet's nest: a gang of organized paedophiles, every bit as threatening as the monster that haunted him back in Edinburgh. His priority is to protect the abused girl, but can the edgy Lennox trust his own instincts? And can he negotiate her inappropriate sexuality, as well as his own mental fragility, while still trying to get to grips with the Edinburgh murder and the emotions it unleashes in him?

A novel about the corruption and abuse of the human soul and the possibilities of redemption, Crime is a thrilling journey into the bright glamour of the Sunshine State and a seething underworld of utter darkness. **PB \$24.95**

Thomas White*Book of Matthew*

Plagued by a series of frightening murders in San Francisco, Homicide Inspector Clemson Yao enlists the help of Angie Strachan, a realtor who tried—and failed—to become the city's first female homicide inspector. Facing off against a ghoulish serial killer who whimsically refers to his grotesque murders as “messies,” Clem and Angie slowly unravel the murderer's clues, but their quarry is always one step ahead of them, and even an FBI profiler can't help them pin down the twisted mind behind the crimes. Gripped by a macabre obsession for a decade, the killer has evolved into a grandmaster of slow, anguished death, roaming the globe to catalog the most despicable methods of execution and keeping his research in dozens of leather-bound notebooks.

It's a desperate race against time, for his next victims are already picked out, and it seems that no one can stop him. **TP \$34.95**

Stephen White*Dead Time*

An acclaimed follow-up to *Dry Ice* finds psychologist Alan Gregory struggling to adapt to a shaky marriage and new fatherhood, a situation that is complicated by his ex-wife's entreaty to help her find her pregnant surrogate. **PB \$21.95**

Kate Wilhelm*Cold Case (Barbara Holloway)*

Twenty-two years ago, controversial author David Etheridge and ambitious state senator Robert McCrutchin were investigated in the death of a young coed. But a circle of secrecy guaranteed the case was never solved.

When Etheridge returns to Eugene, Oregon, McCrutchin is his grudging host—until the senator is found shot dead. Now Etheridge is back where he was two decades ago—suspected of murder. Only this time, with the cold case reopened, he's facing a double charge.

Barbara must battle the prosecution and the court of public opinion, which has already tried and convicted Etheridge for both murders. As the pressure mounts, Barbara ties the past and present together, risking her own life to preserve justice. **PB \$19.95**

Liz Wolfe*Let Sleeping Dogs Lie (Skye Donovan Photographic Mysteries)*

Skye Donovan just landed her first big shoot—calendar photos for The Pet Place, a national chain of pet stores—but when the owner of the doggie talent, Frank Johnson, is killed, Skye's life is thrown into chaos. The investigating detective is her on-again, off-again lover and he's threatening to close down the shoot until he finds the killer. Unable to convince him to let the shoot go on, Skye tries to speed it along by diving headfirst into the case. From his former partner who thinks Frank cheated him out of his part of the business and his neighbors who have been complaining about the noise from his kennel to Skye's friend Lily, it seems a lot of people had a reason to want Frank dead. As Skye juggles photo shoots and a shaky love affair, the list of suspects keeps growing. **PB \$19.95**

Stuart Woods*Deep Lie*

Confronting a KGB operative who has orchestrated a plot to invade Sweden, CIA analyst Kate Rule tackles an escalating series of high-danger traps before attempting to halt a submarine's progress toward a key political target. By the best-selling author of *Fresh Disasters*. **PB \$21.95**

Other Books

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

Akubra is Australian for Hat

As Aussie as bush and barbie, koala and kangaroo, the Akubra hat has many other practical uses. Since 1912 Australians have lived, loved and died in their Akubra.

Grenville Turner has travelled Australia and creatively combined words and pictures to tell the story of the people who wear the Akubra. "Not only does it shade the eyes from the glare of the hard Australian sun – you can fan a fire with it, keep a snake at bay, water your horse, belt a sheep and swat away flies – or keep it on your head because you like wearing it."

Hats are having a resurgence in fashion and the Akubra had a starring role in the recent blockbuster film *Australia* directed by Baz Luhrmann. Starring Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman, the Akubra has once again taken centre stage as the hat of choice for Australians. **PB \$24.95**

Australian Snakes A Pictorial Guide **PB \$14.95**

Ghoulish Goodies

Over seventy recipes for the coolest, creepiest, tastiest treats that kids will love to eat and help make, including Monster Eyeballs, Chocolate Spider Clusters, Buried Alive Cupcakes, Screaming Red Punch, and Sticks and Stones Caramel Corn, and many more. **TP \$30.95**

Leaving Home: A Survival Guide

Moving out on your own, or sharing with others, will allow you to grow into a more independent and confident young adult. The person you were meant to become. Surviving the dramas, the disappointments and the disgusting roommate.

- Have you ever stuffed the washing machine with too many clothes?
- Set fire to the dryer because you didn't know how to check the lint filter?
- Given your friends food poisoning?
- Supplied total strangers with personal details?

If so, you need this book.

Parents can rest assured their children are in safe hands – they might even learn a thing or two themselves! **\$19.95**

This Will Kill You

Have you been attacked by a great white shark? Gone over Niagara Falls in a barrel? Been exposed to anthrax? No, you haven't, or you'd be dead. *This Will Kill You* reveals the intriguing facts behind the many ways humans bite the dust in encounters with deadly bugs, hungry predators, natural disasters, and freak occurrences. Thoroughly researched and illustrated, not to mention thoroughly hilarious, this book describes in deathly detail what happens to the body when it's struck by lightning, slimed by a dart frog, or flung from a mountaintop.

No other book has ever peeked under the Grim Reaper's robe in such a straightforward and irreverent way. With a foreword by a physician at the Mayo Clinic, an afterword by a funeral director, lists of history's most notable deaths, and a unique death rating system, everything you need to know about the ways in which we go is included in these pages. **BPB \$24.99**

Tony Abbott *Australian Author*

Battlelines

What's next for the conservative side of politics? Where are new battlelines to be drawn?

Parliamentary pugilist and senior Liberal party figure Tony Abbott offers a lively and frank examination of the way forward for the Liberal party. Here he reveals insider moments and draws lessons from the dying days of the Howard Government, and offers colourful insights about his contemporaries on both sides of politics.

In *Battlelines*, Abbott looks at the values and instincts that drive the Liberal Party and maps in detail key policy directions that the party might adopt. This is also the often-humorous story of his own political development. How a would-be priest fathered an unknown son; the truth about politicians' lives; his "days from hell"; and his personal dispatches from the halls of power. *Battlelines* outlines a state of play for the Liberal Party, cementing Tony Abbott's reputation as one of the firmament's most interesting thinkers. **PB \$34.95**

Debra Austin

Daughter of Kura

"At first, Snap was aware of a few background noises -- a baby cried, the fire crackled, one of the older children laughed. Eventually, the other sounds disappeared, and she heard only the ancient rhythm of the drums, the dancers' voices, and the sounds of her own feet as they beat a path to an unclear future."

On the parched African earth more than half a million years ago sits the village of Kura, a matriarchal society of Homo erectus. Snap -- a young, passionate woman of Kura -- is destined to lead her people, and this year she must select a mate for the first time. Will she choose someone different each year, or will she find one mate she wants to pick over and over again, like her mother, Whistle, the next leader of Kura? As the Bonding ceremony approaches, Snap's future remains unknown. But Whistle, when her mate doesn't return, chooses a stranger with ideas far more dangerous than the lions that kill with a single slash.

When Snap challenges the stranger's growing power one too many times, she is brutally cast out to survive or perish. Abandoned and alone, she risks her life -- and the future of her people -- to stand up against an unthinkable evil. Unknown to her, the same danger threatens other villages as well. Soon, Snap and a new band of outcasts will face a force more terrifying -- and deadly -- than any of Africa's natural threats.

Both imaginative and believable, *Daughter of Kura* astonishingly brings to life an ancient and untamed world. Austin has created an unforgettable heroine who comes of age in a thrilling tale of courage, loyalty, and passion. **HC \$51.95**

Sarah Bartlett

Mythology Bible

The *Mythology Bible* provides detailed information on a wide range of myths and legends throughout history and across the globe. Ancient myths of Egypt, Rome, Greece, Scandinavia and the Celtic world are explored alongside the legends of Native Americans, Australian Aborigines, Aztecs and Incas, Africa and Asia. From Aphrodite to King Arthur and the Epic of Gilgamesh to Mayan death gods, here you will find a guide to the specific traditions as well as an exploration of common themes in myths worldwide including creation, love, quests and the underworld. Beautifully illustrated throughout, this is a comprehensive yet compact reference book to a fascinating subject. **TP \$29.99**

Alex Boese

Elephants on Acid

Have you ever wondered if a severed head retains consciousness long enough to see what happened to it? Or whether your dog would run to fetch help, if you fell down a disused mineshaft? And what would happen if you were to give an elephant the largest ever single dose of LSD? The chances are that someone, somewhere has conducted a scientific experiment to find out:

- If left to their own devices, would babies instinctively choose a well-balanced diet?
- Discover the secret of how to sleep on planes
- Which really tastes better in a blind tasting – Coke or Pepsi? **BPB \$24.99**

Nathan Buckley

All I Can Be

Arguably the greatest player to represent Australia's most famous football club, Nathan Buckley's extraordinary achievements include a Brownlow Medal, a Norm Smith Medal, six club best and fairest awards and nine seasons as captain of Collingwood. **TP \$35**

Nick Cave

The Death of Bunny Head

The lead singer of The Birthday Party, The Bad Seeds and Grinderman, Nick Cave has been performing music for more than 30 years. He has collaborated with Kylie Minogue, PJ Harvey and many others. His album Murder Ballads has sold nearly a million copies. His debut novel, *And the Ass Saw the Angel*, was published by Black Spring/Penguin in 1989 and has sold more than 100,000 copies. Born in Australia, Cave now lives in Brighton, England. **TP \$32.95**

Michael Chabon

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay is a heart-wrenching story of escape, love and comic-book heroes set in Prague, New York and the Arctic.

One night in 1939, Josef Kavalier shuffles into his cousin Sam Clay's cramped New York bedroom, his nerve-racking escape from Prague finally achieved. Little does he realise that this is the beginning of an extraordinary friendship and even more fruitful business partnership. Together they create a comic strip called 'The Escapist', its superhero a Nazi-busting saviour who liberates the oppressed around the world. The Escapist makes their fortune, but Joe can think of only one thing: how can he effect a real-life escape, and free his family from the tyranny of Hitler?

Michael Chabon's exceptional novel is a thrilling tight-rope walk between high comedy and bitter tragedy, and confirms his position as one of the most inventive and daring of contemporary American writers. In *Joe Kavalier and Sam Clay*, he has created two unforgettable characters bound together by love, family and cartoons. **BPB \$24.99**

Peter Coleman & Peter Costello Australian Authors

The Costello Memoirs

In his impressive 18-year parliamentary career, Mr Costello was Australia's longest-serving Treasurer. As Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party for more than a decade, he worked with Liberal leaders, including John Howard, Alexander Downer, John Hewson and Andrew Peacock.

In his political memoirs, Mr Costello, the fiscal conservative and social progressive, the architect of the GST who eliminated public-sector debt, and who supported a republic and Reconciliation, reflects on more than 30 years of service to the Liberal cause.

Mr Costello will offer insight into his successful partnership with John Howard that has led to four election victories and the longest period of economic prosperity in Australian history. He will reveal how and why, despite a booming economy, the Liberals suffered a devastating defeat in 2007.

In a unique literary partnership, Mr Costello will collaborate with Mr Peter Coleman, former member of Parliament and editor of the *Bulletin* and *Quadrant*, who also happens to be his father-in-law.

This trade paperback has an extra chapter to the hardcover. **TP \$34.99**

David Cordingly

Cochrane the Dauntless: The Life and Adventures of Thomas Cochrane, 1775-1860

Patrick O' Brian, C.S. Forester and Captain Marryat all based their literary heroes on Thomas Cochrane, but Cochrane's exploits were far more daring and exciting than those of his fictional counterparts. He was a man of action, whose bold and impulsive nature meant he was often his own worst enemy.

Writing with gripping narrative skill and drawing on his own travels and original research, Cordingly tells the rip-roaring story of a flawed Romantic hero who helped define his age. **PB \$35.95**

Angus Donald

Outlaw

When he's caught stealing, young Alan Dale is forced to leave his family and go to live with a notorious band of outlaws in Sherwood Forest. Their leader is the infamous Robin Hood. A tough, bloodthirsty warrior, Robin is more feared than any man in the county. And he becomes a mentor for Alan; with his fellow outlaws, Robin teaches Alan how to fight - and how to win. But Robin is a ruthless man - and although he is Alan's protector, if Alan displeases him, he could also just as easily become his murderer....From bloody battles to riotous feast days to marauding packs of wolves, *Outlaw* is a gripping, action-packed historical thriller that delves deep into the fascinating legend of Robin Hood. **BPB \$22.99**

John Drake

Pieces of Eight (02)

The legendary Captain Flint is the meanest, most dangerous bandit on the high seas. He fears only one man, his friend and fellow freebooter 'Gentleman' John Silver. Silver is the nearest thing to nobility on these lawless oceans, and the only person preventing Flint from inflicting the same merciless sadism on his victims as he does on his luckless crew.

But there's more to piracy than rum, sodomy and the lash - there's gold, hundreds of thousands of pieces of it, pieces of eight beyond the wildest dreams of most men. And as these ill-gotten gains pour into the ship's holds, Flint schemes to secure the vast treasure for himself. To stand a chance, Silver must do battle with his own honour, as well as Flint's treachery, setting the scene for an epic battle of wits and swords on the sweltering seas of the Caribbean. **TP \$32.99**

Jean Hannah Edelstein

Himghlish & Femalese: Why Women Don't Get Why Men Don't Get Them

As we tumble headlong into the second decade of the third millennium, we are in a refreshing era of unprecedented freedom of the sexes to be whatever we want to be, in defiance of fusty old gender stereotypes. But while the women revel in ruling the boardroom, the men make magic in the kitchen, and everyone does rather unusual things in the bedroom, all of this freedom does have its downside: without understanding the fundamental differences between the genders, we're in for an era of dire confusion when it comes to living with the other half of humanity.

It's simply no secret that women simply don't get why men don't get them. It's even less of a secret to men that women are simply unfathomable. From Men are From Mars and Women are from Venus to Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps the differences have been trumpeted. But let's face it: in this new liberated and singularly open age there are so many more ways women and men can misunderstand each other.

But don't furrow your brow. Jean Hannah Edelstein is here to lead you through the perplexing questions of what it means to be a man or a woman and to live with men and women in the twenty-first century.

With a spectacular talent for unpicking social trends, Edelstein draws equally on experiential and anecdotal evidence, as well as the latest scientific studies, delivering a witty, edgy and definitive manual – dare we also say womannual? – to understanding your partner/husband/ boyfriend/girlfriend and any permutations thereof. So let us say goodbye John Gray, au revoir Alan and Barbara Pease, and welcome, if you please, a fresh new expert on men and women: Jean Hannah Edelstein. **TP \$34.95**

Tammy Farrell Australian Author

The Real Man's Tool Box

Most men don't look after their cars. They look after their trucks. They make sure their fishing rods are maintained and look after their golf clubs. BUT too many men don't look after themselves. It's not hard. Simple changes can literally mean the difference between life and death. Tammy Farrell is a registered nurse who has often been called on by her two brothers and their mates to demystify the medical world. Taking this role a step further she saw a need to talk to men about their health and started giving Tool Box Talks to miners in the Hunter Valley. Tammy knows what men need to hear and want to know and in her book THE REAL MAN'S TOOL BOX she has created the manual EVERY man needs to live a healthier life. **TP \$29.99**

Peter Fitzsimons Australian Author

Ballad of Les Darcy, The

'Put Les Darcy in a uniform and the men of Australia will march to hell behind him.'

That was the message Australia's great 'Blacksmith Boxer' was getting, as debate about conscription raged in the middle of World War I.

The problem was that Les Darcy didn't want to march at the fore of such a procession, nor to such a destination.

He wanted to continue what he had been doing to extraordinary acclaim before the war began - taking on the best boxers the world could throw at him, and lifting his entire family out of poverty as he did so.

Torn between the duty he felt he owed his family, and the duty many felt he owed his country, Les made his choice ... and faced the consequences.

And so unfolds a ballad of love, war, betrayal, mystery, patriotism and heroism; a ballad of a champion whose story still has the power to move the stoniest heart. **BPB \$19.99**

Maurie Garland

Jimmy Governor: Blood on the Tracks

Defined as a half-caste, Jimmy Governor challenged the white man's Aboriginal stereotype of 1900 – he was highly intelligent, better educated than many of his white contemporaries, personable, a hard worker, did not drink alcohol, and married to a white woman. Only the colour of his skin prevented any rise from the lowest rung of white society.

On the cold winter night of July 20, 1900, Jimmy Governor and Jacky Underwood smashed their way into the Mawbey homestead at Breelong and began killing women and children. In Australia's greatest manhunt lasting one hundred and one days, over one hundred police and civilians pursued Jimmy Governor and his brother Joe through the Australian bush, on foot, for four thousand kilometres. Using meticulous research, Maurie Garland sheds new light on the Governor and Mawbey families to provide a new analysis of the story that gripped Australia in 1900. **TP \$24.99**

Newt Gingrich & William R Forstchen

Days of Infamy

Historians have often speculated about what might have transpired from legendary "matchups" of great generals and admirals. In this story of the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, the notorious gambler Yamamoto is pitted against the equally legendary American admiral Bill Halsey in a battle of wits, nerve, and skill. Days of Infamy recounts this alternative history from a multitude of viewpoints--from President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and the two great admirals, on down to American pilots flying antiquated aircraft, bravely facing the vastly superior Imperial Japanese Navy aircraft. Gingrich and Forstchen have written a sequel that's as much a homage to the survivors of the real Pearl Harbor attack as it is an imaginative and thrilling take on America's entry into World War II. **TP \$32.95**

John Hamilton

Gallipoli Sniper

The Anzac battlefield on Gallipoli was made for snipers. Scrub, cliffs, spurs and hills meant that both Anzac and Turkish positions often overlooked one another. The unwary or unlucky were prey to snipers on both sides, and the sudden crack of a gunshot and instant death were an ever-present menace. The most successful and most feared sniper of the Gallipoli campaign was Billy Sing, a Light Horseman from Queensland who was almost unique among the Australian troops in having a Chinese-born father. A combination of patience, stealth and an incredible eye made him utterly deadly, with the incredible - and horrifying - figure of over 200 credited kills. **BPB \$24.99**

Hank Haney

Hank Haney's Essentials of the Swing: A 7-Point Plan for Building a Better Swing and Shaping Your Shots

"Hank knows more about ball flight and what controls it than anyone in the game." - Masters and British Open champion Mark O'Meara. Get back to basics and build your best possible golf swing. Lots of golf instructors can show you tricks to correct a hook or to stop hitting the ball fat, but these are just quick fixes that leave you with a swing built on mistakes. In Hank Haney's Essentials of the Swing, the world's premier expert on the golf swing takes you back to step one to master the essentials and build a complete, powerful, and consistent swing that will improve your game quickly and keep you playing better for years to come. This step-by-step guide brings you the same careful analytical approach that Hank has shared with the hundreds of touring pros who have been his students -including the world's #1 golfer. It walks you through every aspect of your swing, from grip to contact to follow-through, and shows you how to analyze ball flight to shape your shots and put the ball where you want it more frequently and with much more consistency. Packed with helpful pictures, invaluable practice tips, and insightful pointers on everything from club selection to the difference between a good miss and a bad miss, Hank Haney's Essentials of the Swing is the resource you need to hit the top of your game and stay there. **HC \$42.95**

Robert Harvey

Cochrane: The Life and Exploits of a Fighting Captain

The life and exploits of the daring seaman Thomas Cochrane, who rose from midshipman to admiral and was called "the sea wolf" by Napoleon, are so extraordinary that his life reads like a compelling work of fiction. In one sense it became so, for the novelist Patrick O'Brian took Cochrane's exploits and used them as the basis for Jack Aubrey, the main protagonist of naval novels set during the Napoleonic War. His life on land was as colourful and adventurous as on sea.

Like O'Brian's Aubrey, he was framed in a Stock Exchange scandal. Sentenced to the pillory, he escaped prison by means of a rope and fled the country to become a mercenary admiral in the service of countries fighting for independence. Off the coast of Chile, Peru, Brazil and Greece, always outnumbered and outgunned, he became a legend of daring and courage - on one occasion chasing the entire Portuguese fleet in a single ship.

An innovative tactician, he was the first advocate of onshore guerilla raiding. He promoted the use of explosive-laden ships and counter-intelligence and recommended the use of sulphur gas to the Admiralty. **PB \$35.95**

Steve Holland

Aces High

When War Picture Library was launched in 1958 it quickly became apparent that many of the most popular stories with the readers featured the adventures of the warriors of the air, pilots who soared and swooped through the sky, cannons and machine guns blazing.

The flyers were seen as the glamour boys of the Second World War, handling the most sophisticated and technically advanced combat machines ever invented and there was almost limitless scope to develop stories based around their exploits.

The machines that they flew - fighters such as Spitfires, Hurricanes, Messerschmitts, Mustangs and Zeros were lovingly recreated by the Air Ace artists, when the new Air Ace Picture Library appeared in 1960. Those images are reproduced here 25 per cent larger than in their original published form, pulling you into close formation in the thick of the action.

The ten stories in Aces High take you from the flak-blasted night sky over Germany to the sweltering heat of the tropics, twisting and turning like a Typhoon with a Focke Wolf in its sights! **HC \$35**

Philip Hui

Superbia

"Of all the sins, pride is the deadliest."

For Jason Roche, an Australian working in London's foreign exchange market, a life is only well lived if you're the centre of a glittering universe - big bucks in the bank, a swank flat in Belgravia, an Aston Martin in the garage, and a trophy girlfriend in the bedroom. Jason spends his days gambling with nine-figure sums of other people's money, and his nights partying with his A-list aristocrat fiancée, Tabitha. This is London, 2003, awash in money, sex, drugs and all the bling filthy lucre can buy... Everything and everyone has a price. Or so Jason - proud, vain and virtually morally bankrupt - believes.

But Jason's precarious existence is upset by the arrival of Tabitha's older brother, Zachary, an upper-class eccentric who left his manic life in London to live in Japan with a sect of Buddhist zealots. Zach has come home to put his affairs in order, before returning to Japan to achieve enlightenment. The only thing is, his version of enlightenment involves meeting his maker. Jason decides he must save Zach from his sect and sets about luring him back into the worldly ways of the life he intends to leave behind. But, in the course of doing so, Jason is forced to confront the possibility that Zach does not have a price, nor does friendship, and that it might just be he who is in need of salvation. **TP \$32.99**

Conn Iggulden

Bones of the Hills (Conqueror 03)

The fatherless boy, exiled from his tribe, whom readers have been following in 'Wolf of the Plains' and 'Lords of the Bow', has grown into the great king, Genghis Khan. He has united the warring tribes and even taken his armies against the great cities of their oldest enemies. Now he finds trouble rising west of the Mongolian plains. His emissaries are mutilated or killed; his trading gestures rebuffed. So, dividing his armies, using his sons as generals of the various divisions, he sends them out simultaneously in many directions, ranging as far as modern Iran and Iraq.

As well as discovering new territories, exacting tribute from conquered peoples, laying waste the cities which resist, this policy is also a way of diffusing the rivalries between his sons and heirs and working out who should succeed the khan.

This, the third book in the Conqueror series, is once more an epic story. Genghis Khan is an exhilarating and heroic figure. The sense of his ambition and his power, the relationships with his wives, sons and trusted aides, the sweep of his conquests, is all brought together by a masterful storytelling. It is a compelling read. With each book, you are left, even more, longing for the next. **APB \$19.99**

Conn Iggulden & David Iggulden

The Dangerous Book of Heroes

From Captain Scott to Joe Simpson, from Douglas Bader to Ernest Shackleton, from Gertrude Bell to Emily Pankhurst, Conn Iggulden brings our great heroes from history back to life.

Filled with a sense of fair play and decency that made The Dangerous Book for Boys so popular, The Dangerous Book of Heroes celebrates those who fought for what is right and good, those who made amazing discoveries, those who moved boundaries in their lifetimes.

A book of heroes written by Conn Iggulden, a man who knows what makes a hero. **HC \$45**

Conn Iggulden & Hal Iggulden

Pocket Dangerous Book for Boys: Facts, Figures and Fun

The Dangerous Book for Boys was the book of the year in 2006 and 2007, inspiring a newfound passion for adventure, fun and all things 'dangerous'. Now the authors have brought together all their facts: fun and frivolous, entertaining and useful, into a Pocket Dangerous Book for Boys: Facts, Figures and Fun.

Impress your friends and family with your amazing knowledge. **HC \$24.99**

Pocket Dangerous Book for Boys: Wonders of the World

THE DANGEROUS BOOK FOR BOYS was the book of the year in 2006 and 2007, inspiring a newfound passion for adventure, fun and all things 'dangerous'. Now the authors have brought together all their facts: fun and frivolous, entertaining and useful, into a THE POCKET DANGEROUS BOOK FOR BOYS: WONDERS OF THE WORLD

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Clive James *Australian Author*

The Revolt of the Pendulum

Illuminating, insightful, informed, inspired, intelligent. These are words that could – and do – apply equally to book or author; in fact, *The Revolt of the Pendulum*, Clive James latest essay collection, shows James at his most dazzling and versatile best yet.

From the rules of grammar to the fundamentals of religion, from the culture of fandom to the cult of the critic, it's all there: his customary wit, learning and understanding; his precise way with words and pointed comments; his ear for language and eye for detail; his ability to focus on the finer points and the bigger picture simultaneously – not to mention the sheer scope of his subject matter.

With wide-ranging content, pitch perfect prose, a deftness of touch, impeccable attention to detail, a keen eye for the absurd, an unparalleled ear for comic timing, and a flair for language, *Revolt of the Pendulum* promises (and delivers) everything you'd expect from Clive James. **HC \$49.99**

Tara Janzen

Breaking Loose

A latest entry in a series that includes *Loose and Easy* pits art dealer Suzi Toussi against special ops agent Dax Killian in a high-stakes journey to Paraguay in search of a priceless artifact that is rumored to possess supernatural powers. **PB \$19.95**

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Can't hit the doubles? Got a bad case of darditis? Want to stick it in the bull every time? You've come to the right place. *THE ART OF DARTS* is three-time World Champion John Lowe's darts master class that caters for every level of player, from the obsessed amateur to the fledgling professional, and reveals the secrets of his three decades experience at the pinnacle of the sport. Every conceivable aspect of the game is covered, from choosing the right grip, darts and practice routines to suit you, constructing out shots, perfecting your stance at the oche to tips on how to cope with the pressure of a sold out, noisy arena in your first professional match. Whether you want to improve your game wholesale or simply fine tune some misbehaving aspects, *THE ART OF DARTS* is essential for every darts player, fan or enthusiast and is well set to becoming the classic darts text. **HC \$32.99**

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One of the world's finest science journalists tells the story of the ten greatest scientific experiments - which in a moment profoundly changed our understanding of the universe.

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Ch. 8 - A. Michelson: Lost in Space

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

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The Red Tree

After discovering an unfinished manuscript hidden in an old house, Sarah becomes obsessed with the subject of the work--an ancient oak on a desolate corner of the property-- and risks both health and sanity to uncover its secret. **TP \$32.95**

Malaclypse the Younger

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Allan Mallinson

A Close Run Thing (Matthew Harvey 01)

As the war against Bonaparte rages to its bloody end upon the field of Waterloo, a young officer goes about his duty in the ranks of Wellington's army. He is Cornet Matthew Hervey of the 6th Light Dragoons - a soldier, gentleman and man of honour who suddenly finds himself allotted a hero's role... **BPB \$27.95**

The Nizam's Daughters (Matthew Harvey 02)

Fresh from the battle of Waterloo, Matthew Hervey, newly appointed aide de-camp to the Duke of Wellington, is sent on the most secret of missions to India. With the embers of war cooling to a precarious peace across Europe, Hervey must leave behind his newly affianced love, Henrietta, to travel across tempestuous seas to an alien land which, unbeknownst to him, will test his mettle to the very limits.

The new Governor-General, Lord Hastings, seems intent on pursuing the opposite policy from that which the Duke's brother had so successfully employed a decade earlier. As tensions continue to rise unabated, the Duke believes that the new government, and court of directors of the Honourable East India company, will soon be forced to remove Hastings and place himself in the post. Hervey is sent in advance to scout out the Indian situation and make the essential contacts the Duke will need on his arrival.

Hervey's destination is the province of Chinalpore, his mission to make contact with the Rajah, glean essential intelligence and forge lasting alliances. But the situation he finds is not as he expected. Chinalpore is in a perilous position, seemingly threatened from all sides. From the north come the roving band of Pindarees, renegade and bandits, who regularly make raids into the country. But more alarming still, on the western edge of the province are amassing the forces of the Nizam of Hyderabad, Chinalpore's expansionist neighbour, backed by his legendary cannons, the Nizam's Daughter's, known and feared throughout India. With little warning, Hervey finds himself drawn into a conflict as hot and fiery as that which he had so recently left in Belgium. Now, without the accustomed support of his dragon, Hervey must take a stand and decide where his loyalties lie in the coming conflict. **PB \$27.95**

Allan Mallinson

A Regimental Affair (Matthew Harvey 03)

The year is 1817, and Captain Matthew Hervey has returned from India to an England in turmoil.

The clamour for parliamentary and economic reform is bringing the country close to revolution. Every day the newspapers report conspiracies, violent assemblies, machine-breaking, arson and murder. There is no professional constabulary, and the onerous task of policing falls increasingly to the army, especially the cavalry.

In the 6th Light Dragoons, things are not as they were. There is a new commanding officer - wealthy, vain, arrogant and cruel. No Waterloo veteran, he takes an immediate dislike to Hervey who, somehow, must earn a recommendation for promotion, while guarding his integrity and the loyalty of his men. Hervey's personal life too is about to change as he marries Lady Henrietta Lindsay - a relationship that will profoundly affect his future.

Storm clouds gather as the Sixth suffer the trauma of a regimental flogging and put down Luddite violence in the Midlands. Finally, they are sent to Canada where, in the aftermath of war with the United States, tension along the border is still high. Although Hervey does not know it, he and his commanding officer are on a collision course, and the consequences for them both will be devastating. ..

In this, the third instalment of Matthew Hervey's adventures, Allan Mallinson mixes rich and complex characters with a narrative that drives forward across the field of conflict, leaving heartbreak and betrayal in its wake. **PB \$27.95**

A Call to Arms (Matthew Harvey 04)

1817 and 1818 have not been good years for Matthew Hervey. His beloved wife Henrietta is dead and, believing that he can no longer remain in a regiment where men like Lord Towcester can rise to command, he has turned his back on the Sixth. Now he is kicking his heels in a corrupt and unruly England far removed from its once glorious past. 1819 sees Hervey in Rome with his sister Elizabeth where a chance meeting with Percy Bysshe Shelley leads him to rethink his future. Joined by his old friend Captain Peto, the smell of gun powder in his nostrils, Hervey realises just how much he misses the excitement of military action and the camaraderie of his regiment. Soon he is en route for Hounslow via Whitehall where he hurriedly purchases a new commission and is refitted for the uniform of the 6th Light Dragoons. He finds a regiment that is much changed, however. Depleted in numbers, it is now under the assured leadership of Sir Ivo Lankester, brother of Edward Lankester, hero of Waterloo. Hervey's most immediate task is to raise a new troop and then to organise transport, for his men and horses are to set sail for India with immediate effect. What Hervey and his greenhorn soldiers cannot know is that in India they will face one of their toughest trials. For a large number of Burmese warboats are being assembled near the headwaters of the river leading to Chittagong, and the only way to thwart their advance involves an arduous and hazardous march through jungled territory. What begins as a relatively simple operation becomes a journey into the heart of darkness, as Hervey and his troop find themselves in the midst of hot and bloody action once more. **BPB \$27.95**

The Sabre's Edge (Matthew Harvey 05)

The year is 1824; the Sixth Light Dragoons are still stationed in India, and the talk in the officer's mess is of war. Border skirmishes with the Burmese are becoming more common and across the country in Rajputana, a dispute over succession sends war fever sweeping through the provinces. **PB \$27.95**

Rumours of War (Matthew Harvey 06)

1826: Bonaparte is dead and there is a peace in Europe. But in Portugal, the rumour is of civil war following the death of King John VI. With Spain, and perhaps even France, threatening to take sides, England's historic treaty with Portugal is set to be invoked. Newly returned from India, Matthew Hervey joins a mission sent to assess the situation and lend support to the Portuguese regent. But the Peninsula is redolent with memories. It was here, nearly twenty years earlier, that the young Cornet Hervey had his first taste of action when the 6th Light Dragoons played their part in Sir John Moore's defiant stand at Corunna. And as he prepares for battle once more, Hervey finds himself confronting ghosts from his past... **PB \$27.95**

An Act of Courage (Matthew Harvey 07)

Christmas 1826 finds Matthew Hervey of the 6th Light Dragoons alone and a prisoner. Captured by the Spanish, he is locked up in the notorious fortress of Badajoz, with little means of outside communication, his Prayer Book his only mental sustenance. He must escape, but as he lays his plans his thoughts return to 1812, when as a young cornet he was here with Wellington's Peninsular Army. Having survived the terrible retreat to Corunna, Hervey and the Sixth had gone on to endure three more years of fighting - only to be stalled at Badajoz...

Badajoz: a fortress of huge strategic importance, where two sieges had already failed, and where French resistance was at its bloodiest. No one - from the Duke of Wellington to the most lowly cornet - was in any doubt that in order to defeat Napoleon they must carry the day. As the young Hervey and his comrades prepared for the third and final attack on the fortress, the only options left were victory... or death.

What Hervey cannot know, as he paces his prison cell fourteen years later, is that in Lisbon, his close friends - including the beautiful Isabella Delgado - are rushing to his aid. The escape they plan is audacious in the extreme. **PB \$27.95**

A Company of Spears (Matthew Harvey 08)

1827, and Matthew Hervey is on the look out for a new posting.

He soon finds one in the Cape Colonies, where there is need of a man to re-organise the local forces, and in particular to form a new company of horse.

Accompanied by a mixed-race captain from the disbanded Royal African Corps, Hervey heads out into the great South African plains and towards the territory of the Zulu and their legendary leader, King Shaka.

But it is not till he nears the Umtata River that his fiercest battle really begins. For the Zulus fight like no army he has encountered before. As Hervey and his greenhorn troops are plunged into battle, death is only a heartbeat away... **PB \$27.95**

Man of War (Matthew Harvey 09)

1827: Britain and the Mediterranean

Captain Sir Laughton Peto, recently engaged to Matthew Hervey's sister, is sailing his mighty line-of-battle ship towards Navarino Bay, and war with the Turks. Six months on, and Matthew Hervey is in London recovering from another bout of malaria and the wound from his battle with the Zulu. All is set fair for his marriage to the eminently suitable Lady Lankester, and his return to active duty at the Cape. But trouble lies ahead as familial commitments clash with affairs of the heart and Hervey finds himself embroiled in a military inquiry that could result in public humiliation.

As the cataclysmic battle of Navarino Bay looms ever closer for Peto and his crew, Hervey faces a crisis that could change both his life and his military career... **PB \$24.95**

Warrior (Matthew Harvey 10)

Matthew Hervey of the 6th Light Dragoons is urgently summoned to the Cape Colony when he learns that the Zulu warrior King Shaka is about to wage war. Soon Hervey, his old friend Eyre Somerville and their escort of Dragoons and mounted rifles are riding north. When they arrive at Shaka's kraal it is a horrifying place. The sentinels at the gates are corpses, and it quickly becomes apparent that he has slaughtered thousands of his subjects - warriors and women alike. When Shaka is killed by his own people, and the region plunged into civil war, Hervey and his men find themselves in the midst of terrible danger. Yet worse is to come. Separated from his troop, Hervey must lead Shaka's queen across a hostile land where sanctuary has never seemed further away ... **PB \$24.95**

Peter McAllister*Manthropology*

Drawing from archaeology, anthropology and evolutionary psychology, the author (a qualified palaeoanthropologist) confirms the awful truth: every man in history, back to the dawn of the species, did everything better, faster, stronger and smarter than any man today. Highlights include: a biomechanical analysis proving that a Neanderthal woman would have beaten Arnold Schwarzenegger in an arm-wrestle; a philological investigation of why 50 Cent would bomb in a battle-rap with the poet Homer; and a comparison of injury rates between today's Ultimate Fighting and ancient Greek Pankration. Every modern claim to masculine fame is debunked, from terrorism (why wouldn't Osama bin Laden have made Captain in Genghis Khan's army?) to metrosexuality (why would David Beckham come last in a Fulani tribesmen's beauty pageant?). Even the modern male's bragging rights about parenting are shown up as fraud: Congo Pygmy men carry their sons and daughters for 47 per cent of their waking day, and some Pygmy dads even develop lactating breasts to nurse them. Now that's commitment **TP \$35**

Andy McDermott*Covenant of Genesis*

Nina Wilde must battle the Covenant of Genesis if she is to find the world's greatest archaeological treasure...Off the coast of Indonesia, archaeologist Nina Wilde makes an explosive find: evidence of a settlement that existed over a hundred thousand years before any previously known civilisation. But when her ship is attacked, it becomes clear that the clandestine religious group calling itself the Covenant of Genesis will stop at nothing to prevent her from revealing this knowledge. With her fiancé Eddie Chase, Nina embarks upon a dangerous worldwide search to expose the Covenant of Genesis and the incredible secret they will kill to conceal. Is she about to discover the greatest legend of all time? **TP \$32.99**

Gary McKay & Libby Stewart *Australian Author**With Healing Hands*

Early in the Vietnam War the South Vietnamese government appealed to the United States and its allies, including Australia, for desperately needed medical help. Most of the country's doctors had been conscripted into the army and the civilian population was facing a medical crisis.

From October 1964 until the end of 1972 over 450 surgeons, nurses and other medical specialists from Australian hospitals volunteered to work in South Vietnam. In the towns of Long Xuyen, Bien Hoa, Vung Tau and Ba Ria they brought expert medical care, comfort and support to a war-weary and traumatised civilian population.

The extraordinary story of the work of these Australian civilians at war is told here for the first time. Based on interviews with many of those who served in the teams, it tells of what they did, and how they stayed sane in a place which at times tested the limits of their endurance. **TP \$35**

David L Mearns*The Search For the Sydney*

She was the glory ship of the then fledgling Australian Navy: a modern, handsome cruiser which carried a wartime complement of 645 men. But then, on 19 November 1941, HMAS Sydney encountered the

German raider Kormoran in the Indian Ocean off WA. The violent battle that ensued left Kormoran destroyed. Sydney was glimpsed sailing off the horizon, on fire, shell-damaged and suffering a torpedo hit to her bow. It would be 66 years before anyone laid eyes on either ship again.

In 2002 shipwreck hunter David Mearns joined the long list of people who had tried to find the Sydney. The next six years would test Mearns's talents as detective, engineer, marine scientist and leader, taking him from war archives in Germany to homes of Kormoran survivors to the depths of the Indian Ocean. He would navigate false clues, conspiracy theories, maddening technical problems and cyclones but in 2008 he recorded the astonishing words 'HMAS Sydney found!'

Here, for the first time, David Mearns tells the action-packed story of the hunt for the Sydney - and the Kormoran - and reveals what really happened on that fateful day in November. Accompanied by stunning photographs, many of them never seen before, historical imagery, detailed maps and full-scale models of the cruiser, this is a book to delight enthusiasts and general readers alike, an incomparable adventure set on the high seas. **HC \$55**

Susan Parisi*The Blood of Dreams*

The award-winning debut novel

Enter a world of seduction, fantasy and betrayal . . .

Venice, 1762. As Carnevale bursts across the city revellers take to the streets in masks and lavish costumes to lose themselves in pleasure. Yet while Venetians celebrate, a nightmare is about to unfold . . .

Laudomia Codussi, a beautiful young woman tormented by terrifying visions, takes a lover and is drawn into his dangerous obsession with opium. When a series of gruesome murders is revealed, Laudomia embarks on an urgent quest to unmask the killer. Until she can separate reality from fantasy, no one is safe - least of all herself. But in a city transformed by illusion, who can say what is real and what is not?

In the tradition of Anne Rice and Patrick Suskind, *Blood of Dreams* is a lush and intoxicating odyssey through the grand palaces, decadent salons and sinister alleyways of eighteenth-century Venice - a journey from which no one will emerge unscathed. **BPB \$24.95**

Andrew Parker*The Genesis Enigma*

Does modern science - while agreeing with Darwinian evolution, the big bang theory and the complexity and deep age of the universe - prove the order of creation as described in the Bible to be true?

It takes just one page in the Bible to describe the creation of the universe, the Earth, the sky, the seas and all life on the planet. But a close reading will reveal that it is written in a very odd order. Light is mentioned twice - in 'let there be light' and secondly in 'let there be lights . . . to divide the day from night'. Whales appear before birds. Vegetation appears after 'let there be light' but before day is separated from night.

In *The Genesis Enigma* Andrew Parker argues that the reason the Genesis account is strangely ordered is, amazingly, that it precisely reflects the order of events as we now understand them. The latest reinterpretation of Earth's ancient rocks and fossils and their comparisons with animals today has completed our understanding of the history of the Earth and of life. By comparing the data of science with the words and phrases of Genesis 1-11 the remarkable parallels become clear.

In a fascinating and controversial scientific detective story Andrew Parker reveals how the latest modern understanding corresponds in unerring detail with the creation account in Genesis. His astonishing conclusions will revolutionise how many of us view the debate between science and religion, and asks the question: in a scientific world is there still a place for God? **TP \$34.95**

Christopher Reich

Rules of Deception

Doctor Jonathan Ransom thought he knew everything about his wife Emma until she was killed in a tragic skiing accident in the Swiss Alps. They had been married for eight years, eight blissful years in which they had travelled the world together. But the day after her death a mysterious letter addressed to her arrives at their hotel. When he opens it, his beliefs begin to unravel - fast .

In the envelope is a railway baggage check to a suitcase that reveals an Emma far removed from the down-to-earth nurse who has been his constant and loyal companion all those years. In it he discovers the clues to a double life. Was she having an affair? When is your wife not your wife? And when she is not your wife, who is she? The answers begin right outside the train station where two policeman are waiting – to kill him. There are more answers as Jonathan escapes and the action sweeps him through Switzerland on a quest to discover the truth about Emma. He is pursued by ruthless killers, entangled in an international conspiracy that touches all the world's Security Services and which will end in a denouement which is as breathtaking as it is totally unexpected. **PB \$21.95**

Hank Reinhardt

Hank Reinhardt's Book of the Sword

The sword is the most revered of all of man's weapons. Although the club is older, the knife more universal, and the firearm much more efficient, it is to the sword that most decoration, myth, mysticism and reverence has been given. The katana has been called "The Soul of the Samurai," the Vikings lavished love, care and attached wonderful names to their weapons. The sword has been the symbol of Justice, of Vengeance, and of Mercy. No one artifact has so captured the imagination as has the sword.

As our society has grown more and more advanced, and more reliant on technology, there has been an increased interest in the weapons of the past. The romance of the sword is very much alive—but movies, books and fiction of all types have romanticized the past, and particularly the sword, beyond all recognition of the real thing.

Drawing on information from grave excavations, illustrations of battle scenes, and many classical and medieval literary sources, this book discusses how contemporaries showed swords were used. Building on Oakshott and other authoritative writers on the subject, this volume, representing ten years of writing and a lifetime of experience, will add to the body of knowledge of the history of swords by illustrating not only the beauty of the form of the sword, but also their beauty of function. **TP \$52.95 HC \$80**

Alex Rutherford

Raiders From the North (Empire of the Moghul 01)

It is 1494 when the ruler of Ferghana dies in an extraordinary accident. His only son, twelve-year-old Babur, faces a seemingly impossible challenge. Young Babur is determined to live up to the example of his great ancestor, Tamburlaine Timur the Warrior whose conquests transformed the face of the earth from Delhi to the Mediterranean, from wealthy Persia to the wildernesses along the Volga. But he is dangerously young to inherit a kingdom. Before Babur can summon enough warlords to declare him the rightful king of Ferghana, plots against his crown, even his life, are hatching. And soon, as his obsession with Timur's legacy and the fabled city of Samarkand grows, and Babur becomes a man, he will discover that even the bravest and most fearless leader can be betrayed. With the wisest of advisers and most courageous of warriors by his side, Babur can achieve a great destiny and found an empire in India, but every step of his journey will be fraught with danger, in a world of tribal rivalries, rampaging armies and ruthlessly ambitious enemies. **TP \$29.99**

Simon Scarrow

Centurion

In the first century AD the Roman Empire faces a new threat from its long-standing enemy Parthia. Parthia is vying with Rome for control of Palmyra, an officially neutral kingdom. Palmyra's royal household is on the brink of open revolt, and so a task force under the command of experienced soldiers Macro and Cato is dispatched to defend its king and guard its borders. When Parthia hears of the Roman army's presence, it starts amassing its troops for war. Macro's cohort must march against the enemy, deep into treacherous territory. If Palmyra is not to fall into the clutches of Parthia, they will have to defeat superior numbers in a desperate siege. The quest for a lasting peace has never been more challenging, nor more critical for the future of the Empire. **APB \$19.95**

Eagle and the Wolves

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How parents can appreciate their autistic children prevent them from being pathologized, over-medicated, and marginalized
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Ancient Gonzo Wisdom

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Arranged chronologically, and prefaced with Anita Thompson's moving account of her husband's last years, the interviews present Hunter in all his fractured brilliance and provide an exceptional portrait of his times. **TP \$34.99**

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Pacific Fury

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

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

Peter Thompson presents, for the first time, an account of the conflict that places Australian voices and action at the heart of the struggle. Based on exclusive interviews with eyewitnesses and written with all the pace and verve you would expect of a master storyteller, Pacific Fury brings the people and the battles to life in a sensational history not to be bettered in a generation. **TP \$39.95**

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The masterpiece of the sage Sun Tzu is a military treatise written in China more than 2500 years ago. He recognized that we live in a world of conflict, which could not be ignored or denied but had to be mastered and understood. Sun Tzu's profound wisdom is not limited to military applications - his aphorisms offer important advice for dealing with other realms of human conflict, such as the psychological tensions of everyday life and the difficulties of any joint endeavour, including business ventures.

Arranged into 13 chapters from Estimates to the Employment of Secret Agents, and enhanced by beautiful calligraphy, The Art of War is more relevant now than ever. **HC \$49.99**

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Peter Watt

The Frozen Circle

In 1918, after the Great War, two Australian soldiers join the British army to help fight the Bolshevik forces in northern Russia. Almost a century later, two bodies are unearthed in the small Australian country town of Valley View.

Following the Armistice, Sergeant Joshua Larkin is sent on a special mission deep into enemy territory in Russia. But when he is ordered to do the unthinkable, he must flee across Europe in order to protect a young woman, Maria, whose family has been executed. With Maria's life under threat from all sides due to her imperial connections, nowhere is safe.

Decades later, the discovery of the two skeletons in Valley View poses problems for local policeman Morgan McLean. Who are the victims and why were they killed? Could the rumours of an heir to the Russian throne be true? And what explosive secret is Britain's MI6 desperate to keep hidden by any means necessary? Past and present collide in The Frozen Circle, and the fate of two people unleashes a volatile series of events that could reshape the world. **APB \$19.99**

Wayne Webster

Peter Brock: How Good is This!

When it comes to Australian sporting icons, Peter Brock sits at the top. After winning Bathurst by an unbelievable six laps in 1979, the 'King of the Mountain', made his way into our households and our hearts. Brock's colourful private life has triggered plenty of rumours but the truth has remained obscure. Here, one of his closest friends, and co-driver, tells the real story.

From his childhood days tearing through the streets of suburban Melbourne to his partnership with Beverley, the Energy Polarizer fiasco, his work for automobile safety and his final, tragic rally in Western Australia, Peter always had a 'red-hot go'.

With more than 200 photographs and a revealing tribute from his daughter, *Peter Brock: How Good is This!* Is an honest, often funny, and very touching account of Brock's life both inside and outside the cockpit. **TP \$35**

Jack Whyte

Order in Chaos (Templar 03)

Order in Chaos begins just prior to Friday the thirteenth of October 1307, the original Day of Infamy that marked the abrupt end of the Order of the Templars. On that day, without warning, King Philip IV sent his armies to arrest every Templar in France in a single morning. Then, with the aid of Pope Clement V, he seized all the Temple assets and set the Holy Inquisition against the Order.

Forewarned at the last minute by the Grand Master himself, who has discovered the king's plot too late to thwart it, Sir William St. Clair flees France with the Temple's legendary treasure, taking with him several hundred knights, along with the Scots-born widow of a French Baron, the Lady Jessica Randolph. As time passes and the evidence of the French King's treachery becomes incontestable, St. Clair finds himself increasingly disillusioned and decides, on behalf of his Order, to abandon the past. He releases his men from their 'sacred' vows of papal obedience and leads them into battle as Temple Knights one last time, in support of King Robert Bruce at the battle of Bannockburn. And in the aftermath of victory, he takes his surviving men away in search of another legend: the fabled land, mentioned in Templar lore, that lies beyond the Western Ocean and is known as Merica. **HC \$52.95**