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Featured Books



Dan Abnett
Jim Butcher
Laurell K Hamilton
Sherrilyn Kenyon
John Ringo & Travis S Taylor
Lilith Saintcrow
Lynsay Sands
Warhammer
Order of the Stick
Mercedes Lackey (editor)
Harry Turtledove
J D Robb et al

Titanicus in paperback
First Lord's Fury, Codex Alera 6 in hardcover.
Divine Misdemeanors a new Merry Gentry hardcover
Born of Ice League 3 in paperback
Claws That Catch Looking Glass 4 in paperback
Flesh Circus, Jill Kismet 4 in paperback
The Renegade Hunter, a Rogue Hunter paperback
Fantasy Roleplay, new 3rd edition ruleset
Don't Split the Party
Changing the World and other Tales of Valdemar in paperback
The United States of Atlantis in paperback
The Lost, a paperback paranormal anthology



Author Visit

Kylie Chan will be visiting Infinitas just before Christmas promoting her new novel *Earth To Hell*. She will be here on Thursday December 17th from 6.30pm. You can pre-order your book to be picked up on the night, or just show up. If you already have her first trilogy, why not bring them along to be signed as well. *Earth To Hell* is reviewed later in this newsletter.

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/ProductsByAuthor.php?autid=28337>



News

Robert Holdstock passed away on November 29, 2009. He is best known for his *Mythago Cycle* and *Merlin Codex* books.

Louise Cooper passed away on October 21, 2009. She is best known for her *Indigo* series.

Free Ticket Giveaway: The Australian National Maritime Museum has a new exhibit "Mythic Creatures" open from December 19th to May 23rd, 2010, and we have 10 double passes to their exclusive launch on Friday, December 18th to give away. The first 10 people to request these will have an enjoyable evening seeing fantastic creatures. For more information go to <http://www.anmm.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=1391>

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Parramatta-Australia/Infinitas-Bookshop/155683874074>

Short Story

Starfield By Daniel Cotton

Mind the gap. I step onto the platform and yawn. It's been a long day and I'm not home yet.

Walking across the parking-lot wet gravel crunches beneath my sneakers with the sound of defeated crustaceans. Ow! I stub my toe on a large stone as it protrudes from the earth – the yellow-orange incandescence of a solitary street light not enough to bring it to the attention of my tired eyes. Still, I reach my car.

The key turns in the ignition and the engine roars. Even a Corolla sounds like a lion at 1 a.m. I place my hat on the passenger seat whilst I wait for the motor to warm; I haven't needed it for hours.

Waiting for a break in the traffic... (This road is still busy with trucks despite the time.) There's one. On to the road, accelerator to the floor and my small car is no longer a small car, it's a rocket-ship entering hyperspace. The lights beside the tarmac, and those of the oncoming cars whiz past the cabin turned cockpit to become the lines of a starfield. Distant points become streaks as I race past them and my motion blurs.

The control panel is lit up before me. One gauge shows my fuel reserves, another indicates the engine's core temperature. A bright red needle inches clockwise a few degrees, indicating that my speed is climbing. Checking a digital display I note the local time and perform a mental calculation to determine my E.T.A., it's a few hours yet.

This is the worst part of space travel: the stillness required in travelling the long distances between the stars always leads to boredom. I reach for the subspace radio control. The knob makes an initial click as I turn it clockwise and a green display lights up; contrasting with the white, orange and red of the other visuals. Only static escapes the speakers though. Oh well; it was a long-shot to expect radio chatter this far out.

Beep! Beep! An alarm is sounding. An oxygen leak!? My first reaction: I reach for my helmet from the vacant co-pilot's seat beside me and attempt to fasten it to the neck of my space-suit but it won't clip in properly. Panic! It's not my helmet! It's my hat, and those lights ahead aren't distant stars they're the lights of a car coming straight for me – coming straight for me! Beep! Beep!

I reef the steering wheel to the left, and my tyres screech in pain as they leave their skin on the tarmac. Vigorously I apply the brakes causing my rubber friends more pain before my little car comes to rest in a grazier's field beneath the graceful, welcoming arms of an elderly willow tree. A gust of wind rustles its leaves.

For now I prefer the grazier's field to the starfield. I'll sleep here 'till dawn and drive home when I wake. E.T.A.: sometime tomorrow.

Bestsellers for November 2009

General Release

<i>The Gathering Storm</i>	Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson
<i>Halt's Peril</i>	John Flanagan *
<i>Kris Longknife: Undaunted</i>	Mike Shepherd
<i>Torch of Freedom</i>	David Weber & Eric Flint
<i>Crusade</i>	Taylor Anderson
<i>Time Machines Repaired While U-Wait</i>	KA Bedford *
<i>Triumff: Her Majesty's Hero</i>	Dan Abnett
<i>Claws That Catch</i>	John Ringo & Travis S Taylor
<i>Flesh Circus</i>	Lilith Saintcrow
<i>Battle At Devastation Reef</i>	Graham Sharp Paul *

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Blood Pact</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Innocence Proves Nothing</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>The Ghost King</i>	Forgotten Realms
<i>Imperial Commando 501st</i>	Star Wars
<i>Death Troopers</i>	Star Wars
<i>Iron Company</i>	Warhammer
<i>Primal Power</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4ed
<i>Titanicus</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Cadian Blood</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Fallen Angels</i>	Warhammer 40,000

* Australian Authors

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.

Earth To Hell by Kylie Chan reviewed by Julianne

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732286866>

Earth to Hell is the long awaited sequel to the Dark Heavens series. This book is set 8 years after the last book (Blue Dragon), and Simone is now 16 years old. The main story follows Emma and Simone as they search for their old friend and colleague Leo who is 'lost' in Hell. Many of our old friends from the past series are back (the White Tiger and Michael to name a few). There are many fights and struggles as Emma tries to manage John's estate in his absence, beat demons and to control her own demonic / serpent nature.

As much as I enjoyed reading this book, I feel that I should have re-read the original series first to get the full benefit of the story line and I really missed the interaction and tension between Emma and John Chen in this book. Having said that, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and eagerly await the next one! If you like urban fantasy with martial arts fighting and Chinese mythology, then you'll love this series.

The Whale's Tale by Edwina Harvey, reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780980699807>

It's the immediate future, and humanity has made it into space, created colonies & encountered aliens. The only problem is the fact that humans aren't responsible for these discoveries, the whales are. After discovering a way to communicate with the whales, 100 years on, the Whale Nation is one of the integral parts of Human society. In a similar style to David Brin's dolphins, whales have become the musicians of the Universe, travelling interstellar distances to put on performances as part of the 'Whaling Fleet'. Humans being the type of species that they are, there's a lot of issues with the fact that the whales are the inventors of star drives, anti-gravity and so on, whilst humans are no longer at the top of the tree. Uki is a Japanese teenager, who, when challenged by a gang boss, steals a computer file from a humpback whale called Targe. Unfortunately, she gets caught, and as rehabilitation is sent to tour with Targe & his dolphin sidekick Charlie. For Uki, this is Hell - she hates Targe, Targe hates her, and Charlie has to try to deal with both of them. En route, they discover that she has a talent for creating mental images which can be broadcast to match Targe's singing, and things start changing. Then the attacks start on the ship she & the whales are travelling in.....

Definitely written for the teen / young adult reader, this was a fun, entertaining book. The author has a gift for writing, portraying well the thoughts & behaviour of a teenage girl trying to find her place in life as she grows up, and the novel definitely gets you intrigued, then hooked. Edwina also has a sense of humour in her writing, which makes the book far easier to read than one of the turgid sagas produced by many authors. Adult readers, please be advised that it is a novel for teenagers, albeit one that adults can read & enjoy for the story & writing style. Besides, who could resist a species that on starting talking to humanity, demands "I want a lawyer!"?

Worldshaker by Richard Harland reviewed by Marina Finlayson

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

Col's privileged life aboard the massive rolling city Worldshaker is very British, very proper. Col's grandfather is the Supreme Commander of the juggernaut, and Col takes his place at the top of the food chain for granted until the night an escaped Filthy bursts into his room. She begs him to hide her from those who would torture her and change her into one of the zombie-like Menials.

Col is both fascinated and repelled; he has never in his sheltered life seen a Filthy or the frightening Below where they work. He hides her in spite of his certainty that Upper Decks people would never stoop to torture. Yet this is only the first of Col's certainties that crumbles. His entanglement with the Filthy girl opens his eyes to the truth of his privileged world and the rottenness at its core.

The worldbuilding in this novel is phenomenal. The decks of the juggernaut contain all the things you might expect in such a self-contained world, like schools and livestock pens, as well as some I didn't, like graveyards and holiday environments. The insular, Victorian-era culture is very convincing and provides a marvellous background for what is essentially a coming-of-age story. The shocks come thick and fast as naïve Col discovers that, underneath their prim exteriors, no one is as they seem.

This is a Young Adult novel with broad appeal, and is a great introduction to the popular steampunk sub-genre. I enjoyed it as much as my eleven-year-old did, and highly recommend it.

Book Reviews Wanted

Love a book and want to share that passion with others?

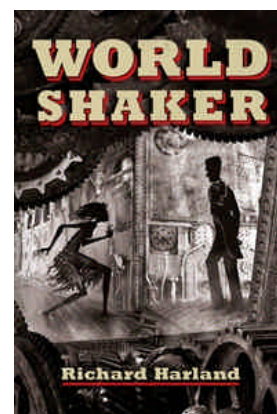
Not enough to read but not enough money for more?

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We cannot review all so we would swap a book for review.

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Anatomy Models

A fantastic educational way to learn about anatomy and what makes our bodies tick. Each puzzle teaches a different aspect of biology in great detail. Learn all about vascular, nervous, skeletal, sensor and reproductive systems in a fun and practical way. The puzzle is highly detailed and have a presentation stand for keeping on display in the classroom or science lab. These puzzles are also ideal for medical centres and doctors surgeries to help explain medical processes to kiddies.

Human Skeleton \$24.95
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 Tyrannosaurus Rex \$89.95



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Real specimens mounted under glass within a timber frame. Detailed species information included. Made in Australia from local and imported specimens.

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 Flying Lizard \$120
 Cicada \$110
 Butterflies \$89.95



Magic Sets

The magic trick sets range from easy to difficult, some suiting children some adults. Sets come with clear instructions and the required props. Be the life of the party. Entertain the kids, impress your friends. Australian made. Priced from \$22 to \$66



Cable Organisers

These make great gifts for computer geeks.

Cable ID

Ever crawled down behind your desk to sort



out computer cables and had trouble working out which one is which? This will let you avoid unplugging the wrong item. Reusable write on ID tag. Easy to attach or remove. Comes in a pack of 8, assorted colours. \$14.95

Cable Turtle

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Board Games

Board games make great family gifts.

Oz Crawl

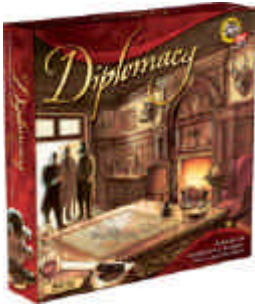
Oz Crawl is a fun, light hearted Aussie board game. It will take you on a crawl that will bring out the patriotic Aussie in all of us. Packaged in a unique eye-catching tinnie, and a neoprene washable mat, Oz Crawl can be taken anywhere. \$59.95



Diplomacy

The Classic Game of intrigue, trust, and treachery! At the turn of the 20th century, the Great European Powers engage in an intricate struggle for supremacy. Form alliances and unhatch your traitorous plots in a delicate balance of

cooperation and competition to gain dominance of the continent! \$49.95



Stratego

Choose to lead warriors from an ancient arctic realm or a fierce army from a land of fiery molten lava. Then, secretly set up your pieces on the gameboard-- a frozen battlefield where the two powerful armies prepare to clash. Command knights, wizards, even a mighty dragon as you advance your pieces or strategically attack your opponent. \$39.95



Eve: Conquests

EVE: Conquests is a strategy board game for 2-4 players set in the EVE Universe (the on-line game), a hard-core sci-fi setting, ruthless, cruel and cold. Players assume the role of the four major factions in EVE and set out to prove their superiority by means of galactic domination. \$135



Roborally

Robot Racing to the Extreme! As one of several supercomputers in a fully automated widget factory, you have it made.



You are brilliant. You are powerful. You are sophisticated. You are BORED.

Time to enjoy a little fun at the factory's expense! With the other computers, program factory robots and pit them against each other in frantic, destructive races across the factory floors. Be the first to touch the flags, in order, and you win it all: the honour, the glory, the grudging respect of the other computers. But first you have to get your robot past obstacles like gaping pits, industrial lasers, moving conveyor belts and, of course, the other robots! \$59.95

Novelty Ice Trays

Liven up your drinks or party with some fun ice shapes. These trays are made of fine grade silicone that has a wide range of temperature tolerance from -50°C to 230°C. Range includes skulls and bones, shot glasses, guitars, cola bottles, honeycomb and bees, bolts and screws. \$9.95 to \$14.95



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The books listed in this catalogue are listed to be released during this month. All books listed are available for order. If there is something that you want that you cannot find listed, or is not in the shop, please ask us to order it for you.

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>

No January meeting.

Thursday 4th February 2010: Best and Worst of 2009

Thursday 1st March 2010: Epidemics and Infestations

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 10th December 2009 Note one week early!

The Gene Thieves by Maria Quinn (SF)

Blood Price by Tanya Huff (Urban Fantasy)

Thursday 21st January 2010

Flashforward by Robert J Sawyer (SF)

Time Machines Repaired While You Wait by K A Bedford (SF)

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

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 most months. 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. 4th Saturday morning of each month starting at 10am. Not Dec!

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

Miniatures: We are toying with the idea of hosting D&D and or Star Wars minis games at the shop. Ideally we would find someone to lead/organise each group. If interested, talk to us.

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Character Modelling 3

d'artiste: Character Modeling 3 presents the techniques of leading character modelers Jan-Bart van Beek, Giovanni Nakpil, and Cesar Dacol Jr. Each master artist showcases his approaches and techniques in modeling characters and creatures for film and game projects through expansive graphic tutorials.

Jan-Bart van Beek of Guerrilla Games takes you behind the scenes of creating characters for the blockbuster PlayStation 3 game 'Killzone 2' with tutorials on workflows for creating character heads and the creation of the Helghast Sniper character class. **Quarto Slip Cased \$70**

Exotique 5

EXOTIQUE 5 is the world's best showcase of new character artwork. The latest EXOTIQUE packs 20 more pieces of artwork than any previous edition making it the biggest and most inspiring collection to date. The work of 208 highly-talented artists fill EXOTIQUE 5 with 342 pieces of spectacular character art in genres ranging from science fiction, fantasy, and anime, to photorealism and stylized realism.

Featuring the work of artists from 44 countries, EXOTIQUE 5 is a uniquely international collection of work with successful entries equally spread across North America, Europe and Asia. **Quarto Softcover \$53**

Through the Lens

For more than 100 years, National Geographic has set the standard for nature, culture, and wildlife photography. In *Through the Lens*, 250 spectacular images—some famous, others rarely seen—are gathered in one lavish, newly formatted volume.

Through the Lens is divided into geographical regions with a special section devoted to space exploration. Each geographical section features an outstanding array of photographs that exemplifies the area's unique people, wildlife, archaeology, culture, architecture, and environment, accompanied by brief but informative captions. From Barry Bishop's heroic Mount Everest climb in the 1950s to the glorious wildlife of Asia and Africa, from ancient Maya culture to the Afghan woman found 17 years after her piercing green eyes captivated the world, these are some of the finest and most important photographs ever taken.

Featuring master photographers from the late 1800s to today, including Frans Lanting, David Doubilet, David Alan Harvey, Jodi Cobb, William Albert Allard, Nick Nichols, and Annie Griffiths Belt, *Through the Lens* is an extraordinary photographic celebration of some of the greatest the world has to offer. **HC \$29.95**

Plush Cthulhu

\$40

Poul Anderson

The Van Rijn Method (Technic Civilisation 01)

When the human race spread out among the stars, they took the profit motive with them, and none exemplified that fact better than Nicholas Van Rijn, interstellar trader and capitalist extraordinaire. He might look like Falstaff and talk in a steady stream of malapropisms, but anybody who might take him for a bumbling buffoon would quickly find themselves taken—to the cleaners!

In *Nick Van Rijn*, Poul Anderson created one of the most memorable and popular characters in science fiction, and now, for the first time, all the stories of Van Rijn and the Polesotechnic League will be published in chronological order in three volumes.

Also included are more stories of Van Rijn flamboyant exploits, plus stories set elsewhere in the Polesotechnic universe. And, after the three volumes chronicling the Polesotechnic League's rise and fall will come more volumes, telling of the rise of the Terran Empire and the adventures of Poul Anderson's other legendary character, Captain Sir Dominic Flandry. **APB \$19.95**

Jennifer Armintrout

Veil of Shadows (Lightworld / Darkworld 03)

With the immortal denizens of the subterranean Lightworld and Darkworld societies locked in battle, the heiress to the Faery throne is exiled to the Human realm above. Accompanied to the Upworld by her mother's trusted advisor, Cerridwen is bound for Éire—and the last Fae stronghold on Earth. But even this fabled colony is no true haven.

In the absence of the true Fae monarch, the formidable Queene Danae established herself as ruler—and she does not wish to relinquish her power, especially over the devout Humans who live among the Fae as servants. Torn between her own beliefs and the ideals her mother died for, Cerridwen searches for clues to her destiny—is it on Earth among the Humans, or beyond an ethereal portal, in the immortals' ancestral home? Neither path can avert bloodshed—and the choice may not be hers to make. **APB \$19.95**

Neal Asher

Cowl (Polity)

In the far future, the Heliothane Dominion is triumphant in the solar system, after a bitter war with their Umbrathane progenitors. But some of the enemy have escaped into the past, intent on wreaking havoc across time. The worst of these is Cowl, an artificially forced advance in human evolution but one who is no longer human.

Polly, desperate to obtain funds to support her habits, is unprepared for her involvement with Nandru Jurgens, a Taskforce soldier, and the killers pursuing him. Nor can she resist the alien tor which she feels impelled to attach to her arm. But she must learn fast, as she is dragged back through time, not least that to the denizens of some earlier eras, she is little more than a convenience food.

Initially, the fragment of tor imbedded in Tack's wrist sums up his value to the Heliothane – a point brought home to him with bloody abruptness. But, as a vat-grown programmable killer employed by U-gov, he is no stranger to violence. His long journey into the lethal world of the Heliothane is only beginning, the extent of his mission just becoming apparent.

Meanwhile, hunting throughout time and the alternates, Cowl's pet, the tor beast, grows vast and dangerous. And the beast continues to feed. **BPB \$22.99**

Line of Polity (Polity Agent Cormac 02)

Outlink station Miranda has been destroyed by a nanomycelium, and the very nature of this sabotage suggests that the alien bioconstruct Dragon – a creature as untrustworthy as it is gigantic – is somehow involved. Sent out on a titanic Polity dreadnought, the Occam Razor, agent Cormac must investigate the disaster.

Meanwhile, on the remote planet Masada, the long-term rebellion can never rise above-ground, as the slave population is subjugated by orbital laser arrays controlled by the Theocracy in their cylinder worlds, and by the fact that they cannot safely leave their labour compounds. For the wilderness of Masada lacks breathable air... and out there roam monstrous predators called hooders and siluroynes, not to mention the weird and terrible gabbleducks. **BPB \$22.99**

Neal Asher*Skinner*

To the remote planet Spatterjay come three travellers with very different missions. Janer is directed there by the hornet Hive-mind; Erlin comes to find the sea captain who can teach her to live; and Keech – dead for seven hundred years – has unfinished business with a notorious criminal.

Spatterjay is a watery world where the human population inhabits the safety of the Dome and only the quasi-immortal hoopers are safe outside amidst a fearful range of voracious life-forms. Somewhere out there is Spatterjay Hoop himself, and monitor Keech cannot rest until he can bring this legendary renegade to justice for atrocious crimes committed centuries ago during the Prador Wars.

Keech does not realise that Hoop's body is running free on an island wilderness, while his living head is confined in a box on an Old Captain's ships. Nor does he know that the most brutal Prador of all is about to pay a visit, intent on wiping out all evidence of his wartime atrocities. Which means major hell is about to erupt in this chaotic waterscape. **BPB \$22.99**

Sharon Ashwood*Scorched (Dark Forgotten 02)*

Ex-detective Macmillan has a taste for bad girls, but his last lover really took the cake-and his humanity. Now a half-demon, Mac's lost his friends, his family, and his job. Then a beguiling vampire asks for his help to find her son. Suddenly, Mac has a case to work-one that leads him deeps into the supernatural prison where Mac learns that cracking the case will cost him his last scrap of humanity. **APB \$19.95**

Isaac Asimov*Robot Dreams*

New edition of this classic collection of Asimov's robot tales. From Robbie (hero of the first robot story Asimov wrote at the age of nineteen) to the tales of Susan Calvin, first robot psychologist, and the human and robot detectives Lije Bailey and R. Daneel Olivaw, here are key moments in the fictional history of human-robot relations. **PB \$22.99**

James Axler*Time Castaways (Deathlands 89)*

In the nuke-altered America of the twenty-first century, time conspires against survival, especially for a legendary group of warriors led by Ryan Cawdor. Born and bred in Deathlands, Ryan dares to unlock the secrets buried deep in the wreckage of a planet. Time may be the enemy in the daily struggle to stay alive, but perhaps it can reveal something better....

Barely escaping a redoubt hidden in an old aircraft carrier guarded by killer droids, the companions emerge into the backwater world of Lake Superior's Royal Island. Here, metal and salt are commodities worth killing and dying for, and two rival barons rule mutant-infested land and water with blood will. But though Ryan was hoping for honesty and fair trade, he's soon in a death race to stop the secrets of the gateways from becoming an open passage to the future's worst enemies.... **PB \$17.95**

Adrienne Barbeau & Michael Scott*Vampyres of Hollywood*

Hollywood, California: three gruesome deaths within two weeks and every one of them a major star – an Oscar winner, an ingenue, and an action hero. A serial killer is working through the Hollywood A-list and celebrities are running scared.

Each crime scene is worthy of a classic horror movie, and all three victims share a connection to the powerful scream queen, Ovsanna Moore. The stunning and formidable Moore is the legendary head of a Hollywood studio, as well as the writer and star of 17 blockbuster horror films (and a few that went straight to DVD). She's also a 500-year-old vampyre... but this is Hollywood after all, and no one ever looks their age.

Beverly Hills Police Detective Peter King knows a lot about the City of Angels, but he certainly doesn't know that most of the famous actors in town are actually an established network of vampires. Or that secretive and seductive Ovsanna Moore happens to be their CEO. **BPB \$22.99**

Elizabeth Bear*Hell and Earth (Promethean Age 04)*

The reigns of two Queens in two different worlds may come to an end. In the iron world, conspiracy and subterfuge within England's royal courts threaten Elizabeth's power. In the Faerie realm, Mab, bound by magic to her sister sovereign, finds herself weakened as well. Now, the fate of two worlds lies in the hands of two clever wordsmiths... **PB \$19.95**

Ben Bova*Laugh Lines*

Ben Bova, best-selling and award-winning author of the "Grand Tour" and "Asteroid Wars" series, takes a sardonic look at the humorous possibilities of future technology. The Starcrossed: Bill Oxnard, a young technological genius, had perfected true three-dimensional television, making ordinary TV obsolete. He thought he would be rich and famous—but he hadn't realized how deranged the executives running the industry were; nor what sort of programs they were planning to broadcast using the new process in the maniacal quest for ratings.

Cyberbooks: Carl Lewis has a dream—to make books accessible and affordable to every person in the country, and thinks his "cyberbook," about as large and as cheap as a pocket calculator, will make it possible for anyone to download books directly and cheaply. But he has no idea what he's about to get into, nor does his contact at Bunker Books, lovely but naive aspiring editor Lori Tashkajian. Will they survive this foray into the cut-throat world of big publishing? And just who is suddenly murdering all those nice elderly people on the streets of New York, anyway?

These two full-length novels of twistedly comic, but very possible futures, plus six shorter but equally witty works, add up to a generous volume of futuristic fun and hilarious high-tech. **APB \$19.95**

Terri Brisbin*A Storm of Passion*

After failing to kill the Seer, Moira, as her punishment, is given to him as a slave and finds herself caught in the grasp of a tortured man with a dark sensuality that tempts her night after night, forcing her to choose between duty and love. **TP \$28.95**

Jesse Bullington*The Sad Tale of the Brothers Grossbart*

In the plague-wracked and devil-haunted darkness of Medieval Europe, an elite few enjoy opulent lives while the majority eke out a miserable existence in abject poverty. Hungry creatures stalk the deep woods and desolate mountains, and both sea and sky teem with unspeakable horrors. For those ill-fated masses not born into wealth, life is but a vicious trial to be endured before the end of days. Hegel and Manfred Grossbart could give a toss. Being of low birth means little, after all, when the riches of the mighty wait just inside the next crypt. The grave-robbing twins know enough about crusading to realise that if one is to make a living from the dead, what better destination than the fabled tomb-cities of Egypt? But the Brothers Grossbart are about to discover that all legends have their truths, and worse fates than death await those who would take the red road of villainy...

BPB \$22.99

Jim Butcher*Princep's Fury (Codex Alera 05)*

After achieving a fragile alliance with the savage Canim, Alera's oldest foes, Tavi of Calderon--now the Princeps Gaius Octavian and heir to the throne--is confronted by an invasion of the Vord, which forces the Aleran legions and Canim warriors into a desperate battle for survival against a dreaded mutual enemy. **APB \$21.95**

First Lord's Fury (Codex Alera 06)

Legendary man of war and the rightful First Lord of Alera, Gaius Octavian must save his world from eternal darkness, and stand against the savage Vord in the Calderon Valley. Read by Kate Reading. **CD \$95 HC \$52.95**

Mike Carey*The Naming of the Beasts (Felix Castor 05)*

They say the road to Hell is paved with good intentions, but if you ask Castor he'll tell you there's quite a bit of arrogance and reckless stupidity lining the streets as well. And he should know. There's only so many times you can play both sides against the middle and get away with it. Now, the inevitable moment of crisis has arrived and it's left Castor with blood on his hands. Well, not his hands, you understand; it's always someone else who pays the bill: friends, acquaintances, bystanders. So Castor drowns his guilt in cheap whisky, while an innocent woman lies dead and her daughter comatose, his few remaining friends fear for their lives and there's a demon loose on the streets. But not just any demon - this one rides shotgun on his best friend's soul and can't be expelled without killing him. Looks like Felix Castor's got some tough choices to make, because expel the demon he must or all Hell will break loose. Literally... **APB \$19.99**

Jeff Carlson*Plague Zone (Plague 03)*

After surviving the machine plague and the ensuing world war, nanotech researcher Ruth Goldman and former Army Ranger Cam Najarro finally find some peace in a small, hidden village in the Rockies until an old enemy emerges, attacking America with a new contagion. **APB \$19.95**

Mark Chadbourn*The Silver Skull (Swords of Albion 01)*

Will Swyfte, Elizabethan England's great spy--often aided by the queen's sorcerer Dr. John Dee, inventor of incredible gadgets--must contend with a devilish plot to assassinate the queen, faeries hell-bent on destroying England and a race against time to stop the ultimate doomsday device. **TP \$32.95**

Paul Chafe*Exodus (Ark 02)*

The gigantic starship Ark was launched on a voyage of ten thousand years from an Earth on the brink of collapse. Its mission was to carry a portion of the human race to a new home circling another star, but, centuries after its departure, the descendants of the original crew no longer remember that they are on a city-sized spaceship, and know nothing of the Ark's mission, nor of the starry universe outside. The Prophetsy, a theocracy based on slavery and terror, has ruled over most of the Ark for longer than anyone now living can remember, and it has just succeeded in conquering the few remaining free regions of the ship. Yet there are chinks in the monolithic tyranny . . .

Danil has been a slave since he was a young boy, but his spirit has never been broken, and his keen mind sees ways that the theocracy might be overthrown and envisions new weapons that could achieve that victory.

Annaya is the daughter of the Prophet Polldor, undisputed ruler of the Prophetsy. She is far more intelligent and strong-willed than her brother, but only a male heir can become the next Prophet. To her father, she is only a pawn, to be married off to a powerful ally. But she is determined that will not happen, even if she has to somehow overthrow both her father and the Prophetsy itself.

Olen, the Prophet's son, is anxious to become the next Prophet. He will cooperate in his sister's plans as long as he thinks they will lead to his assuming the throne and gaining absolute power, but he is a more dangerous ally than Annaya realizes.

These three, each with a different motive, will strive to change the course of history for the Ark. But even if they restore freedom to their artificial world, can they discover the nature of that world, and regain the knowledge necessary for the successful completion of its mission?

Master storyteller Paul Chafe presents Exodus: The Ark, the gripping second book of the Ark trilogy. **TP \$32.95**

Kylie Chan Australian author*Earth to Hell (Journey to Wudang 01)*

Emma and Simone are on their own ... and descending into the very depths of Hell.

Eight years on from the end of BLUE DRAGON, Book Three of Dark Heavens, Emma and Simone face a new threat. Simon Wong's demon associates have linked up with Kitty Kwok and the Hong Kong underworld, and have kidnapped Emma's students.

At the same time, the King of the Demons is allowing his children to torture Leo, in hopes of drawing Emma and Simone into Hell too and into his hands. Emma and Simone must defeat the demon-underworld alliance, then enter the gates of Hell to free Leo -- without being captured and defeated themselves. And Xuan Wu, lord of the Northern Heavens, is unable to help them. He can no longer take physical form ... **APB \$22.99**

Theresa Cheung*Encyclopedia of Vampires*

Bloodsuckers. Immortals. Nightstalkers. Cold ones. Though they've sported different names and different guises, vampires have existed in almost every culture of our world. They've haunted our darkest dreams, simultaneously invoking both fear and fascination. After all, the question still plagues us centuries later...do vampires actually exist? THE ELEMENT ENCYCLOPEDIA OF VAMPIRES examines the dark depths of the vampire world, separating the myth from the chilling reality. Discover vampiric folklore and legend from around the world before descending into real-life case histories of mortal blood drinkers. Loaded with details and facts about: The science of vampires The vampire family tree, including ghosts, witches and werewolves Vampires through history The methods of finding, identifying, and destroying vampires The vital significance of blood Famous vampirologists and vampire organizations Discover why the sadistic practices of Elizabeth Bathory led to her nickname, "Countess Dracula," what the role of the Federal Vampire and Zombie Agency (the FVZA) was, why you should never jump over a corpse, and how the Penangal - a screaming blood-soaked beast that drifts through the Malayan jungle - finds its victims. This is the most comprehensive and up-to-date book on vampires and their history. Lift the coffin and determine for yourself what is real...and what is undead. **HC \$55**

Simon Clark*Ghost Monster*

When the portrait of Justice Murrain and his vicious gang of misfits is stolen from the mausoleum, the spirits of these evil criminals are set free and possess the townspeople, causing the streets to run red with blood. **APB \$19.95**

Susanna Clarke

Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell

Susanna Clarke's novel is an epic tale of nineteenth-century England and the two magicians who emerge to change its history. In the year 1806, in the midst of the Napoleonic Wars, most people believe magic to have long since disappeared from England - until the reclusive Mr Norrell reveals his powers and becomes a celebrity overnight. Another practising magician emerges: the young and daring Jonathan Strange. He becomes Norrell's pupil and the two join forces in the war against France. But Strange is increasingly drawn to the wildest, most perilous forms of magic and soon he risks sacrificing not only his partnership with Norrell, but everything else he holds dear. **BPB \$24.99**

Glen Cook

Darkwar

The world grows colder with each passing year, the longer winters and ever-deepening snows awaking ancient fears within the Degan Packstead, fears of invasion by armed and desperate nomads, attack by the witchlike and mysterious Silth, able to kill with their minds alone, and of the Grauken, that desperate time when intellect gives way to buried cannibalistic instinct, when meth feeds upon meth.

For Marika, a young pup of the Packstead, loyal to pack and family, times are dark indeed, for against these foes, the Packstead cannot prevail. But awakening within Marika is a power unmatched in all the world, a legendary power that may not just save her world, but allow her to grasp the stars themselves...

As Marika's power grows, she begins to change her world, embracing new technologies and ever darker magics, seizing control of Silth and barbarians alike, gathering the Packsteads together under her command. But the world grows ever colder. Will Marika save her dying sphere, or will she be the one to destroy it utterly?

From Glen Cook, author of the Black Company and Dread Empire novels, comes *Darkwar*, collecting for the first time, the stunning science fantasy epic that originally appeared as *Doomstalker*, *Warlock*, and *Ceremony*. **HC \$70**

Astrid Cooper *Australian author*

Starlight

Samantha Sinclair will never trust another man, but her friends decide to lure her out of her celibacy with a special Christmas gift—a night with a sensualator. John-Kuno is no ordinary man. He takes Sam away from her fears, her homogenized, synthesized existence and introduces her to the enigmatic, sensual world of the shifters. With their starlight passion burning brighter than a supernova, John and Sam do not know that in the cold reaches of space a monster is biding his time. He demands nothing less than the universe as his due, starting with Sam, but first he must destroy John and the whole race of humans and their shifter allies. **TP \$24.95**

Shane Jiraiya Cummings *Australian author*

Shards

Shards is dark fiction at its shortest and sharpest. Each shard is an imaginative fragment, broken, sharp, and poised to draw blood. **PB \$17.99**

MaryJanice Davidson

Undead and Unworthy (Undead 07)

Vampire Queen Betsy Taylor discovers that it is not all marital bliss in the suburbs as her husband, Sinclair, takes up reading *The Book of the Dead*, she is hounded by a ghost as insufferable in death as in life, and a pack of once feral vampires decides to pay an unwelcome visit. **APB \$19.95**

Charles de Lint

Muse and Reverie

Muse and Reverie is an all-new collection of short fiction in Charles de Lint's "Newford" universe—the fifth such collection since 1993, and the first since 2002. Previous collections are *Dreams Underfoot*, *The Ivory and the Horn*, the World Fantasy Award-winning *Memory and Dream*, and *Tapping the Dream Tree*.

The city of Newford could be any city in North America, bursting with music, commerce, art, love and hate, and of course magic. Magic in the sidewalk cracks, myth at the foundations of its great buildings, enchantment in the spaces between its people. In this new collection, de Lint explores that magic and those spaces, shedding new light on the people and places that readers of novels like *Moonheart*, *Forests of the Heart*, *The Onion Girl*, and *The Mystery of Grace* have come to love. **HC \$52.95**

Virginia Easley DeMarce

1635: The Tangled Web (Ring of Fire)

Though the Thirty Years War continues to ravage 17th century Europe, history as it once happened has been strongly deflected by the new force which is rapidly gathering power and influence: the United States of Europe, an alliance between Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, and the West Virginians from the 20th century led by Mike Stearns who were hurled centuries into the past by a mysterious cosmic accident—the Ring of Fire. .

The USE has the know-how of 20th century technology, but the American traditions of freedom and justice is having an even stronger impact on Europe, and the rulers of Europe are powerless to stuff the Grantville genie back into the bottle.

Virginia DeMarce, a trained historian and co-author of the New York Times best seller, *1635: The Bavarian Crisis*, continues the saga of the time-lost Americans as seen through the eyes of both Americans and Europeans, as the Americans try to make sense of the strange world into which they have been hurled, and the Europeans try to understand the abilities and behavior of the visitors from the future. The result is a volume that will be irresistible to the thousands of fans of the Ring of Fire series. **TP \$32.95**

Cory Doctorow

Makers

How will we work, rest, play and love twenty or thirty years from now? The same, but differently. Technology is changing the world, but how far are humans changing with it? Rivalry, bitterness, love and friendship all still exist and demand to be expressed. Cory Doctorow's latest novel fizzles with brilliant, bold ideas about the future and how our lives will look as part of it. But at its heart are three characters, Suzanne, Lester and Perry, on an unforgettable journey that will bring them together only to break them apart as they each try to discover how to live meaningfully in an ever-changing world filled with both beauty and horror - where some things really are immutable. **HC \$45**

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David Drake*Lord of the Isles (01)*

Mysteriously transported one thousand years into the future after a cataclysm destroys the empire of the Isles, a woman sorcerer finds herself in a small town, far from the centers of power, where she and a small group of individuals become the focus of a new struggle for dominance. Reissue. new struggle for dominance. **APB \$17.95**

Shannon Drake*Night of the Wolves*

When her visions lead her to sacred Indian Territory in Victory, Texas, Alexandra Gordon, searching for her father's killer, finds safety in the arms of fearsome lawman Cody Fox, but their passion awakens an ancient beast, forcing Cody to choose between a showdown with the devil and the woman he loves. **APB \$19.95**

William H Drinkard*Elom*

Fire from the Goddess and the meat and furs of the mammoth are all that the People need to live. It is a harsh life but a good one and it is one that all cherish. Young Geerna knows that the time has come for her to become a woman and take up the tasks to keep her people safe. She waits in the Awakening Place, fearful and hopeful as her ordeals come to an end. Then, on the eve of her Womanhood, a shining light descends upon her and her world is torn asunder. She embarks on a journey that none of her people could have envisioned... Eons have passed. Cycle upon cycle, the Way of the People have remain unchanged: women are artists, men are hunters. Geerna's Law is the covenant by which humans live in harmony and peace. But all is about to change. A call has come for the People to choose their champions, and a summons to meet the mysterious creatures who selected Geerna so long ago. All is unknown. As the brave souls who are chosen venture forth, they will come to discover just how much that pact that Geerna made so long ago has cost them. And they will have to confront the choices that might help them to finally know true freedom. **APB \$16.99**

David Farland*The Wyrmling Horde (Runelords 07)*

The monstrous wyrmlings are growing in strength. These creatures have learnt to endow themselves with powers stolen from others, and their capacity for evil is still growing. The people of Mystarria were thrust into the land of the wyrmlings following the merging of two shadow realms, just some among many parallel lands, so now these creatures have millions of victims from which to draw power. The only one who can mend the broken lands - the talented flameweaver Fallion - has fallen into the hands of the wyrmling horde. Now Fallion's allies must prepare to breach the impenetrable wyrmling fortress to rescue him. And unless they can prevent the wyrmlings from gathering more power, these creatures may bring all the shadow worlds under their control. It's not just worlds that are at stake, but eternities. **PB \$22.99**

John Farris*Avenging Fury*

Eden Waring is an Avatar, possessing astounding psychic abilities... And destined to fight an ancient evil. Her battles against Mordaunt, the ageless Dark Side of God, have been many, but the war is far from over. She destroyed Mordaunt's human body in the deserts of Las Vegas, but his many followers still walk the Earth. They vow to resurrect their Master and exact vengeance upon Eden in a melee of magic and violence. As Eden fights for her life, her doppelganger, Gwen, separates from Eden to fight the battle on another front. In another dimension, the other half of Mordaunt's soul hides within a man living in Jubilation County, Georgia - in the year 1926. To keep Mordaunt powerless, Gwen must travel back in time, but finds that awaiting her arrival is a vicious entity known as Delilah. The epic story that began with The Fury reaches its electrifying conclusion, as unsuspecting worlds merge on the cusp of an age of darkness - a force only one woman, across a vast span of time and space, can stop. **APB \$16.99**

Michael Thomas Ford*Jane Bites Back*

Alive and well as a vampire in the modern world, literary master Jane Austen anonymously runs a bookshop in sleepy upstate New York but despairs of publishing a centuries-old manuscript that has been rejected dozens of times, a situation that is further compromised when she falls in love. **TP \$28.95**

V K Forrest*Eternal*

FBI agent Fia Kahill has just learned her cousin Bobby McCathal is dead. His body is found burned, and his head and hands are missing—the unmistakable calling card of a vampire slayer. When more vampires' corpses surface, Fia knows it's only a matter of time before the killer catches up to her. But that's not her only worry. She's been assigned to work with FBI agent Glen Duncan who is the spitting image of Ian, the man she once loved—and the man who betrayed her . . .Fia wants Glen like no other man she's ever desired—and before she knows what's happening, she is deeply immersed in a forbidden love affair. But this time the consequences could be far graver than Fia ever could have imagined. For a killer has her in his sights as his next deadly victim . . . **APB \$12.95**

Terri Garey*Silent Night, Haunted Night*

Nicki Styx has had quite a year--from a near death experience, to newfound abilities to see and hear spirits, to wrangling with the devil himself--and she is more than ready to settle in for the Christmas season with her handsome Dr. Joe. But while visions of sugar plums should be dancing in their heads, something far more sinister has shown up; Selene, a sexy succubus with a taste for dark-haired doctors has turned her attentions to Joe, and the once-happy couple find that some spiritual beings are far more dangerous than ghosts. Selene and her sisters, together the Three Fates, have a bone to pick with Nicki for interfering with what they believe is the natural order of things, and it seems they wont stop until they have their way...or her boyfriend. **APB \$14.99**

Kelly Gay*The Better Part of Darkness*

Charlie Madigan is a divorced mother of one, and a kick-ass cop trained to take down the toughest human and off-world criminals. She's recently returned from the dead after a brutal attack, an unexplained revival that has left her plagued by ruthless nightmares and random outbursts of strength that make doing her job for Atlanta P.D.'s Integration Task Force even harder. Since the Revelation, the criminal element in Underground Atlanta has grown, leaving Charlie and her partner Hank to keep the chaos to a dull roar. But now an insidious new danger is descending on her city with terrifying speed, threatening innocent lives: a deadly, off-world narcotic known as ash. Charlie is determined to uncover the source of ash before it targets another victim -- but can she protect those she loves from a force more powerful than heaven and hell combined? **APB \$19.95**

Gary Gibson

Nova War

In *Stealing Light*, Dakota discovered the Shoal's dark and dangerous secret – now she works towards stopping not only the spread of this knowledge, but also the onset of the Nova war. Found adrift near a Bandati colony world far away from Consortium space, Dakota and Corso find themselves prisoners of the Bandati.

It becomes rapidly clear to them that humanity's limited knowledge of the rest of the galaxy – filtered through the Shoal – is direly inaccurate. The Shoal have been fighting a frontier war with a rival species, the Emissaries, with their own FTL technology for over 15 thousand years.

Realising that the Shoal may be the Galaxy's one chance at sustained peace, Dakota is forced to work with Trader to prevent the spread of deadly knowledge carried on board the Magi ships. But it seems that the Nova War is inevitable... **HC \$54.99**

Newt Gingrich & William R Forstchen

To Try Men's Souls

After two bestselling series examining the Civil War and WWII, Newt Gingrich and William R Forstchen have turned their sharp eye for detail on the Revolutionary War. Their story follows three men with three very different roles to play in history: General George Washington, Thomas Paine, and Jonathan Van Dorn, a private in Washington's army.

The action focuses on one of the most iconic events in American history: Washington crossing the Delaware. Unlike the bold, courageous General in Emanuel Leutze's painting, Washington is full of doubt on the night of December 25, 1776. After five months of defeat, morale is dangerously low. Each morning muster shows that hundreds have deserted in the night.

While Washington prepares his weary troops for the attack on Trenton, Thomas Paine is in Philadelphia, overseeing the printing of his newest pamphlet, *The Crisis*.

And Jonathan Van Dorn is about to bring the war to his own doorstep. In the heat of battle, he must decide between staying loyal to the cause and sparing his brother who has joined up with the British. Through the thoughts and private fears of these three men, Gingrich and Forstchen illuminate the darkest days of the Revolution. With detailed research and an incredible depth of military insight, this novel provides a rare and personal perspective of the men who fought for, and founded the United States of America. **HC \$50**

R Garland Gray

Redemption (Darkscape)

After he is enslaved on Planet Forest and subsequently kidnapped, Declan de Douglas must rely on Princess Fallon MacKendrick, a woman who loves him despite the laws of her betrothal contract, but their forbidden love is doomed unless Fallon can help Declan's soul accept the DNA synthesis that has altered his physical makeup. **PB \$19.95**

Simon R Green

Drinking Midnight Wine

Bookstore owner Toby Dexter follows a mysterious and beautiful woman who had been riding the same train through a mysterious door that leads to a strange new world, *Mysterie*, and into a series of fantastical adventures. **PB \$19.95**

Daryl Gregory

The Devil's Alphabet

Returning to his small hometown in the aftermath of a neighbor's suicide, Paxton Martin remembers how the community was radically transformed by a mysterious retrovirus that mutated many of its survivors, a seemingly short-lived incident that he discovers has caused additional changes. By the award-winning author of *Pandemonium*. **TP \$30.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

Divine Misdemeanors (Merry Gentry)

Having turned down the throne of Faerie, and pregnant at last with twins by the men she loves, you'd think that ex-princess Meredith would have settled into her happily-ever-after life in Los Angeles. But the exiles of Faerie have been waiting for a princess of their own - and whether she likes it or not, they've decided that Meredith is 'the one'. And a new political party's emerged in England, the Fey Independence Party, and they want the lands of Faerie back, and they've cited Meredith and her men as their inspiration. They've even asked her to 'come home' and be something new: a faerie Prime Minister. But the fey folk of Los Angeles want her for their own faerie godmother and won't give up without a fight. Then there are the human soldiers that she healed with the help of the Goddess - these same fighting men are now performing miracles of healing on the battlefield, and that could get all the fey expelled from America because to be worshipped as a deity breaks the original terms of the treaty that allowed them to escape to the new world. With the government of the two countries blaming her for both miracles and political unrest, happy ever after for Meredith is going to have to wait...

Half-human, half-faerie, Merry's caught in a struggle that threatens not only her life but the lives of those she holds dear. But she's a fighter, and she wields a wild magic...

Welcome once more to the world of Meredith Gentry, a world where the magical and the mortal are intertwined, where fantasy, folklore and erotic adventure come together... **HC \$59.95 TP \$32.99 CD - Unabridged \$88**

Swallowing Darkness (Merry Gentry 07)

Merry Gentry is not your average private investigator. Half human, half faerie, she's caught in a struggle that threatens not only her life, but the lives of those she desires and holds dear. Her very existence and her rightful place on the throne of Faerie have long depended on her ability to produce an heir - and now, after many failed attempts, the services of her royal guards have found her pregnant... It is a triumphant moment, but revelation follows revelation: for Merry carries two babies, and she knows they have more than one father...

And of course, there are those of her own flesh and blood who want Merry dead, but she is a fighter and wields a wild magic. And this is her world, where the magical and the mortal intertwine, where folklore, fantasy and erotically charged adventure collide... **APB \$21.95**

Traci Harding Australian author

Being of the Field (Triad of Being 01)

The power to control the driving force of the universe has finally come to light.

At the university on Maladaan, Taren has studied everything from genetics and cell communication to Quantum Physics, Astrophysics and ESP. She believes there is an ocean of microscopic vibrations connecting everything in the universe to every other universe -- an inter-dimensional field theory. Unbeknownst to Taren, her research and hidden psychic talents are the reason she is called on by the prestigious AMIE space project to investigate an ocean planet and its strange light phenomena. However, there are conflicting agendas within the organisation and she is the only one who begins to suspect that foul play might be afoot ... **TP \$32.99**

Jon Hodgson*Fantasy Art For Beginners*

Teaches readers the basic skills need to create fantasy art, then walks them through illustrated demonstrations, in a book that includes information on how to choose the right medium, lighting and atmosphere and covers such subjects as dragons, heroines, monsters and more. **TP \$47.95**

Hannah Howell*If He's Sinful (Wherlocke 02)*

When he finds an innocent beauty lying drugged and helpless in a brothel, Lord Ashton Radmoor becomes determined to keep this woman, whose extraordinary gift of second sight has led her into a world of treachery and betrayal, safe from harm. **PB \$17.95**

Shaun Hutson*Body Count*

The figure in the mask stumbles bleeding through the streets, his pursuers closing in. They also wear masks, but they don't stumble. They stalk. They carry machetes, clubs and knives. And they know how to use them...Who is kidnapping seemingly random victims and then slaughtering them in an elaborate game of cat and mouse? And why are these murders being streamed over the internet? Watching the horror unfold at New Scotland Yard is Detective Inspector Joe Chapman who searches for clues, hints - anything that might tell him where and when this savage hunt is happening. He'd give anything to know. But DI Chapman is about to learn that you should be careful what you wish for. Very soon, he will be closer to the blood-letting than he could have imagined. Forced to fight for his life and the life of someone he holds dear, the only way out looks to be to rack up the biggest body count. But even that might not be enough. **APB \$19.99**

Regina Jeffers*Vampire Darcy's Hunger*

A twist on the classic Austen tale profiles Darcy as a half-vampire who flees to Netherfield to escape the intense pressure on him to marry and struggles with his love for Elizabeth out of a strong need to protect her from his vampire life, a situation that is complicated by the machinations of a demonic George Wickham. **TP \$30.95**

Sn Kearney*Rion (Pendragon Legacy 02)***POWER IN THEIR PASSION**

Marisa Rourke is a beautiful, fearless telepath who tames dragonshapers on Earth. Rion is a tall, dark, and sexy space explorer whose home planet is a galaxy away. The attraction between them is undeniable, but Rion is hiding a desperate secret that will change Marisa's life forever.

DANGER IN THEIR TOUCH

Marisa's gift is the only way Rion can communicate with his people, enslaved by a powerful enemy. He knows that kidnapping her is wrong, but saving his planet is worth sparking the fiery clairvoyant's fury. Yet hotter-and more explosive-is the psychic bond growing between Marisa and Rion. Could their passion be the key to freeing Rion's people? Only if he and Marisa can discover how to channel their desire . . . before a vicious enemy destroys them all. **PB \$17.95**

Karen Kelley*Dating Outside Your DNA*

While helping Lyraka, a half-human, half-Nerakian, learn how to best channel her powers, special agent and weapons expert Roan Hendrix, locked and loaded, decides to mix business with pleasure when Lyraka unleashes her "special talents." **TP \$28.95**

Julie Kenner*Torn (Blood Lily Chronicles 02)*

Lily is in trouble of the deepest kind. Having been tricked by the forces of evil, she killed what she thought were demons at will. Now, she knows better, and with a little help from half-angel, half-demon Deacon Camphire, she must try to take down the bad guys from within as a double agent. **APB \$19.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*Born of Ice (League 03)*

Devyn Kell spent his life in service to the League until he learned of the double dealing and backstabbing that was costing innocent people their lives. Refusing to play those politics, he became a Runner - someone who makes sure planets get the weapons, medicine and supplies they need to survive. May the gods have mercy on any who get in his way, because he definitely won't. Alix Garran is a woman on the run from a past she can't escape. Signing on to work for Devyn as a System's Engineer, she finds a cause she can fight for - and a man she can respect. But as Alix's past catches up to her, and Devyn's old enemies turn lethal, they have to fight together...or fall alone. **APB \$19.99**

Jenna Kernan*Dream Stalker*

Native American Michaela Proud thinks her escalating nightmares signal madness. But the truth is far worse. For she is being stalked by the god of death. And when she suffers a brutal attack at his hands, she awakens to find a devastatingly handsome stranger kneeling before her. Whose gentle touch eases her pain...and makes her feel safe.

An Inanoka shape-shifter and healer, Sebastian doesn't want to feel anything for the beautiful woman he's rescued. But he can't abandon her once he discovers she has a spirit wound. As he cares for Michaela, he realizes that he can read her thoughts, emotions... and desire. Sebastian realizes that he's found his true mate. But will she accept him once she learns his darkest secret? **APB \$14.95**

Russell Kirkpatrick*Beyond The Wall of Time (Husk 03)*

They must enter Andraton, the fortress from which no one returns, to save their world...

The Gods are ravaging the world and Lenares has the power to stop them -- if she can get her companions to believe her.

Stella wonders if she can trust the potentially traitorous Undying Man, who is fixated on his own agenda. Noetos, seeking revenge, is yet to realise his enemy is one of his companions.

Fisherman, cosmographer and queen must go to Andraton to break free of Husk's malevolent control. **APB \$22.99**

Caitlin Kittredge

Demon Bound (Black London 02)

Thirteen years ago, Jack Winter lay dying in a graveyard. Jack called upon a demon and traded his soul for his life... and now the demon is back to collect its due. But Jack has finally found something to live for. Her name is Pete Caldecott, and because of her, Jack's not going to Hell without a fight.

Pete doesn't know about Jack's bargain, but she does know that something bigger and far more dangerous than Jack's demon is growing in the Black. Old gods are stirring and spirits are rising--and Jack doesn't stand a chance of stopping them without Pete's help. **APB \$19.95**

E E Knight

Dragon Rule (Age of Fire 05)

Scattered across a continent, three dragon siblings are among the last of a dying breed: the final hope for their species' survival.

Wistala, sister to the Copper who is now Emperor of the Upper World, has long thought humans the equal of dragons. She leads the Firemaids, fierce female fighting dragons who support the Hominids of Hypatia. Which puts her at odds with both her brothers, for the Copper has no use for the humans he now dominates and AuRon, the rare scale-less grey, would isolate himself and his family from both the world of men and the world of dragons. But as the Copper's empire roils with war, greed, and treachery, the time is fast approaching when Wistala will have to choose who to stand with... and fight for... **TP \$30.95**

Jayne Ann Krentz

Fired Up (Arcane Society Dreamlight 01)

More than three centuries ago, Nicholas Winters irrevocably altered his genetic makeup in an obsessionfueled competition with alchemist and Arcane Society founder Sylvester Jones. Driven to control their psychic abilities, each man's decision has reverberated throughout the family line, rewarding some with powers beyond their wildest dreams, and cursing others to a life filled with madness and hallucinations.

Jack Winters, descendant of Nicholas, has been experiencing nightmares and blackouts--just the beginning, he believes--of the manifestation of the Winters family curse. The legend says that he must find the Burning Lamp or risk turning into a monster. But he can't do it alone; he needs the help of a woman with the gift to read the lamp's dreamlight.

Jack is convinced that private investigator Chloe Harper is that woman. Her talents for finding objects and accessing dream energy are what will save him, but their sudden and powerful sexual pull threatens to overwhelm them both. Danger surrounds them, and it doesn't take long for Chloe to pick up the trail of the missing lamp. And as they draw closer to the lamp, the raw power that dwells within it threatens to sweep them into a hurricane of psychic force. **HC \$52.95**

Susan Krinard

Dark of the Moon

His iron hand once kept the warring vampire clans of decadent 1920s New York from one another's throats. But now, outcast from his own kind, Dorian Black haunts the back alleys of the city alone... Until the night he meets reporter Gwen Murphy and feels something stir within him for the first time in centuries.

Gwen has stumbled upon the story of a lifetime - a mysterious cult of blood drinkers - and she'll do anything to uncover the truth and make her mark... despite the danger. Unaware of Dorian's involvement and sensing his loneliness, she offers him kindness and friendship - and eventually, her heart.

But in order to protect Gwen, Dorian will soon be forced to do the unthinkable... **BPB \$22.99**

Mercedes Lackey Editor

Changing the World and other Tales of Valdemar (Valdemar)

In March 1987, a young author from Oklahoma published her first novel, Arrows of the Queen. This modest book about a magical land called Valdemar was the beginning of a fantasy masterpiece that would span decades and include more than two dozen titles. Now sixteen of today's hottest fantasy authors--including Tanya Huff, Mickey Zucker Reichert, Fiona Patton, and Judith Tarr--visit the world of Valdemar, adding their own special touches. **APB \$19.95**

Duncan Lay Australian author

The Risen Queen (Dragon Sword 02)

Martil and the Rallorans are trying to gain control of the north for the rebel queen, Merren. But the people are turning against them because bards are painting them as murderous barbarians.

Martil wins a key battle but the usurper, Count Gello, escapes to Berellia with the remnants of his supporters. With his new allies and their fearpriests, he prepares a massive invasion of Norstalos.

Desperate, Merren comes up with what may be the only solution -- to get the goblins on her side. But this race of primitive men have been vilified and persecuted for centuries and are suspicious of the queen and her companions. Then a dragon and its elf rider arrive, demanding that Martil, the Dragon Sword wielder, accompany them to their homeland ... **APB \$22.99**

John Levitt

Unleashed (Dog Days 03)

Mason is an enforcer, keeping magical practitioners on the straight and narrow. His "dog" Louie, is a faithful familiar who's proven over and over that he's a practitioner's best friend. But this time, Louie's in the line of fire when practitioners in San Francisco accidentally unleash a monster into the world. **APB \$19.95**

Maria Lima

Blood Bargain (Blood Lines 02)

Something is not right at Wild Moon Ranch...

Keira Kelly has settled in with handsome Adam Walker, but happy-ever-after is not so easy when your vampire lover seems determined to deny his true nature. With Adam starving himself of blood and growing weak, Keira needs to work out how to persuade him to take care of himself, something she's finding difficult to do -- even with the advice of her brother Tucker, a millennium-old ex-Viking shapeshifter. And people have started disappearing in the Rio Seco area, making Keira worry about what this could mean, both for her friends in Rio Seco and to the community she and Adam have been creating at the ranch. But her investigation only seems to bring more trouble, especially when a clue leads her to an abandoned cemetery that Keira knew well when she was younger...one that has always been extremely important to her magical family. Evil is definitely walking once again in the Texas Hill Country. Can Keira discover where the danger lies...before danger discovers her? **APB \$14.99**

Tom Lloyd*The Grave Thief (The Twilight Reign 03)*

Scree has been wiped from the face of the Land in a brutal demonstration of intent. While those responsible scatter to work on the next step in their plan, the stakes are raised - all the way to the heavens - as the Gods themselves enter the fray. Returning home to a nation divided by fanaticism, Lord Isak is haunted both by the consequences of his actions in Scree and by visions of his own impending death. As the full extent of Azaer's schemes become clearer, he realises prophecy and zealotry must play their part in his battle-plans if there is to be any chance of surviving the coming years. As a white-eye, Isak has had to embrace the darker parts of his own soul, but now the savage religious fervour sweeping his nation must also be accepted and turned to purpose, in the name of survival. With the battle lines vague and allegiances uncertain, the time for heartless decisions and ruthless action has come. Two figures oppose Isak and his allies: the greatest warrior in history, who dreams of empire and Godhood and a newborn baby whose dreams have no limit. **APB \$22.99**

Kathy Love*I Only Have Fangs For You*

One thing you have to know about my brother Sebastian: he loves being a vampire. He's eternally twenty-five. He's single, and frankly, he's a chick magnet. Yeah, undeath is good. The only thing he's serious about is his nightclub, Carfax Abbey. It's the sort of dark, happening spot where vampires can really let their fangs down. My brother Rhys and I have tried to get Sebastian to clean up his bad-boy ways like we did, but then he went and called us 'fang-whipped.' Okay, Bite Boy, chew on this . . .

The ultimate righteous reformer, Wilhemina Weiss, is on a mission to shut down Carfax Abbey. It seems the spirited, sexy-without-knowing-it vampire is working undercover as a cocktail waitress while waging a secret war to bring him down. Sebastian's A-positive he can convince Miss Goody-Vampire-Two-Fangs that nothing beats the ecstasy of a good vampire bite. I gotta tell you, the suspense would kill me—if I weren't already undead . . . **PB \$12.95**

Jennifer Lyon*Soul Magic*

A guardian of innocent witches, Wing Slayer Hunter Sutton West, determined to fight the irresistible craving to spill witches' blood--a curse that has plagued the slayers for years--finds himself tempted as never before by a brilliant psychologist whose twin sister was murdered by rogues.

APB \$19.95

Jenna Maclaine*Bound by Sin (Cin Craven 03)*

During the Civil War, Cin Craven, while battling against renegade vampires, finds her marriage in danger when her cousin is kidnapped by a ruthless plantation owner and she is tempted to use dark magic to stop him against her husband's wishes. **PB \$19.95**

Graham Masterton*Blind Panic*

The President of the United States is suddenly struck blind. Thousands more people mysteriously lose their sight, and America descends into chaos. Self-styled mystic Harry Erskine is telling fortunes in Miami when his friend Amelia Crusoe calls on him for help. Algonquin medicine man Misquamacus has come back to life to seek a final revenge for the massacre of his people. But, this time, the odds of beating Misquamacus are suicidal indeed. **HC \$58.95**

Cormac McCarthy*The Road*

Winner of The Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2007, this is the story of a father and son walking alone through burned America, heading through the ravaged landscape to the coast. Harvey Weinstein's film is to be released in Australia in January 2010. **BPB \$22.99**

Sarah McCarty*Wild Instinct*

The author of Running Wild presents three new werewolf tales, including the stories of a trapper chasing a fugitive were-woman who falls in love with his bounty and a were-man who finds passion in the midst of a mission. **TP \$30.95**

Jack McDevitt*Time Travelers Never Die*

Shel and his friend Dave journey through history and time in search of Shel's missing physicist father, but make a devastating discovery that changes their lives forever when Shel violates their agreement not to visit the future. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Dennis L McKiernan*City of Jade (Mithgar)*

The myth of a lost city carved of precious jade has proven irresistible to many in Mithgar. Now Aravan, captain of the Elven ship Eroean, has undertaken a quest to find it. With his true love Aylis, the Magekind Seeress, beside him and a crew of men and dwarves, he sets sail to follow the lure of legend. **APB \$19.95**

Kelly Meding*Three Days to Dead*

Supernatural bounty hunter Evangeline Stone has three days to figure out who killed her, why the city's other hunters think she is a traitor, and why she was reincarnated in someone else's body, before she dies again. **APB \$19.95**

L E Modesitt Jr*The Lord Protector's Daughter (Corean Chronicles 07)*

The Lord-Protector's Daughter is a standalone fantasy novel that takes place in Tempre, the capital city of Lanachrona on Corus, the world of Modesitt's Corean Chronicles.

Mykella, the eldest daughter of the Lord-Protector of Lanachrona, discovers that someone is diverting significant sums of money from her father's treasury. One of the ancient soarers appears to Mykella, telling her that she must go to the antique stone Table in the cellars of the Palace and find her Talent in order to save her land and her world.

From there, matters become more perilous. There are attempts to remove Mykella and her sisters from Tempre by marrying them off to lords in neighbouring lands, and fatal and near-fatal accidents occur to members of her family and trusted retainers. While Mykella develops a solid idea of who stands behind it all, every attempted solution is used to discredit her. How can she save their father and land? **APB \$19.95**

Devon Monk

Magic in The Blood (Allie Beckstrom 02)

Allison Beckstrom knows better than most that when magics involved, nothing is free. Shes had to pay its price of migraines and forgetfulness while working as a Hound, tracing illegal spells back to their casters. And even though magic has stolen her recent memory -- including her history with the man she supposedly fell in love with -- Allie isnt about to give up on Hounding or the city she cares about. When the police ask her to consult on a missing-persons case, it seems an easy way to pay the rent, but the trail leads Allie into a dark, dark underworld of criminals, ghosts and blood magic. There, Allie discovers it will take more than just magic to survive ... **APB \$22.99**

Magic in the Shadows (Allie Beckstrom 03)

Every time you used magic, it used you back. Sure you could magic yourself a photographic memory for that big test, for that big interview, for that big stockmarket job. And all it cost you was a nice case of liver failure. Or the memory of your lovers name. Allison Beckstrom knows better than most that theres a price to be paid for using magic: shes suffered her fair share of migraines and holes in her memory during her time working as a Hound, tracing spells back to their casters. But now Allies been visibly marked by it. On top of that, she cant remember much of the last few weeks of her life -- including the man she supposedly fell in love with. But things are about to get worse. Allies father, a prominent Portland businessman, has died recently, but hes not about to go gentle into that good night. He was a powerful sorcerer, and his spirit wants to trade magical knowledge in exchange for real estate -- inside Allies head ... **PB \$22.99**

David Oppegaard

Wormwood, Nevada

Tyler and Anna Mayfield have just relocated from Nebraska to the sun scorched desert town of Wormwood, Nevada. They find themselves in a strange new landscape populated with old school cowboys, alien cultists, meth dealers, and doomsday prophets. Loneliness and desperation pervade Wormwood, and when a meteorite lands in the center of town, its fragile existence begins to unravel as many believe the end of the world is near, while others simply seek a reason to believe in anything at all. **HC \$51.95**

Graham Sharp Paul Australian author

The Battle At Devastation Reef (Helfort's War 03)

Lieutenant Michael Helfort, a decorated hero, leads a team into the savage Hammer Worlds where he must find and destroy the enemy's secret antimatter warhead facility, a dangerous mission that pits him against the enemy's kingpin and a traitor within his own ranks. **APB \$19.95**

Diana L Paxson

Sword of Avalon (Marion Zimmer Bradley's Avalon)

The continuing saga of the inhabitants of Avalon sees a young boy raised in secret after his parents are killed by traitors returning home to prove his worth and lead his followers to victory while wielding the newly forged sword Excalibur. **HC \$51.95 CD - Unabridged \$78 MP3 CD \$60**

Caridad Pineiro

Sins of the Flesh

Mercenary Mick Carerra considered himself ruthless, determined, and at times, amoral. But he always got the job done. That's why Dr. Raymond Edwards hired him. A radical gene experiment had gone wrong and the patient needed to be eliminated-Mick was just right for the job. However, Mick didn't expect the face of his soon-to-be victim, Caterina Shaw, to be so beautiful. The attraction was instant, and this was the first time that Mick ever had to question one of his targets. Mick locates Caterina, but instead of a deranged killer he finds an innocent and injured woman who seems to be part human, part chameleon. Mick can't help but feel for her. He takes her to a safe house to treat her injuries and find out more about this mysterious woman. As the story unfolds, Mick sees the human side of Caterina and realises that she was just a pawn in a terrible game...one that will claim more victims unless Mick can clear Cat's name and capture the true criminal. **APB \$14.99**

Robert M Place

The Vampire Tarot

The Vampire Tarot ties the tales and mythic figures associated with the vampire legend to the equally iconographic figures and forms of the tarot. This deck is a beautifully rendered, fully realised tarot, capable of providing a clear reading to those that use it.

But beyond that, it explores the history of the vampire starting with Bram Stoker's classic 1897 novel, Dracula, as well as those writings that inspired Stoker and the vampire lore that derived from it. Stoker and his most famous work were both closely tied to the classic Rider-Waite-Coleman tarot. Now, author-illustrator Robert M Place brings these two mythic traditions together in this soon-to-be classic tarot. Included is a four-colour, fully-illustrated seventy-eight card deck, and a extensively researched book that guides the reader through the subtleties and parallels within The Vampire Tarot, providing a guide for getting the most out of reading.

Sure to delight not only tarot devotees but the general fan of the vampire mythos as well. **\$50**

Christopher Ransom

The Birthing House

When Conrad Harrison impulse-buys a big old house in Wisconsin, his wife Jo doesn't share his enthusiasm, reluctant at the idea of leaving their LA life - so Conrad is left to set up their new home as she ties up loose ends at work. But Conrad's new purchase is not all that it seems. Soon Conrad is hearing the ghostly wailing of a baby in the night, seeing blood on the floor and being haunted by a woman who looks exactly like Jo. With his wife away, Conrad becomes obsessed by the pregnant girl next door, Nadia, who claims to be a victim of the evil in the house.

The crying leads him to a bricked-up body, and the mystery of the Birthing House unravels, pulling in Jo, Nadia and leading Conrad to a nightmarish conclusion... **BPB \$22.99**

Andy Remic

Hardcore (Combat-K)

The Combat-K squad arrives on Krakken IV to search the planet, expecting an easy mission. However when the former inhabitants of 'Sick World' begin to rise, they are forced to battle for their lives. **PB \$19.95**

Amy Rench

Fallen Rogue

When she is injected with a secret serum that gives her uncontrollable--and deadly--psi abilities, Harper Kane, who was well on her way to an Olympic gold medal in swimming, is now a threat to be terminated and the only person she can trust is the man who has been sent to kill her.

APB \$14.95

Anne Rice*Interview With the Vampire*

Here are the confessions of a vampire. Hypnotic, shocking, and chillingly erotic, this is a novel of mesmerizing beauty and astonishing force--a story of danger and flight, of love and loss, of suspense and resolution, and of the extraordinary power of the senses. **APB \$19.95**

John Ringo & Travis S Taylor*Claws That Catch (Looking Glass 04)*

It's Not Over Til The Skinny Lady Sings . . .

Working off of a piece of intelligence from our alien allies, the Vorpall Blade is dispatched to investigate rumors of an ancient and powerful civilization that may have been the creators of the "black box" that drives humanity's only space ship. Any remnant technology would be nice but what the Blade finds is much more than they bargained for. Worse, the ship is infested by an alien species of scorpion-like arachnoids that has the potential to wipe out a world. Worst of all, instead of being Astrogator, Captain William Weaver is now the XO and he is not getting along with the new commander. And the new commander does not get along with Weaver, the ship's female savant-linguist or most of the rest of the original crew. And what is that weird noise the ship makes every time it's in hard maneuvers?

Leave it to the oddball geniuses of the Blade to sort it all out. And the Dreen are not going to like the answers. **APB \$20.95**

Wendy Roberts*Dead and Kicking (Ghost Distors 03)*

While dealing with the ghost of her father, who is reluctant to move on, crime scene cleaner Sadie Novak is hired by her lying boyfriend's former flame to dig out the home of her pack-rat mother--a job that gets messy when she stumbles upon an angry spirit and the mummified remains of an infant.

Sadie Novak cleans up crime scenes for a living and is also blessed-or cursed- with the gift of second sight. This time she's digging out the home of a compulsive hoarder. She discovers unexpected things, including an angry ghost who wants her to go away. And there are even more secrets beneath the surface that someone will kill to keep buried... **APB \$17.95**

Kristine Kathryn Rusch*Diving Into the Wreck*

Boss loves to dive historical ships, derelict spacecraft found adrift in the blackness between the stars. Sometimes she salvages for money, but mostly she's an active historian. She wants to know about the past--to experience it firsthand. Once she's dived the ship, she'll either leave it for others to find or file a claim so that she can bring tourists to dive it as well. It's a good life for a tough loner, with more interest in artifacts than people.

Then one day, Boss finds the claim of a lifetime: an enormous spacecraft, incredibly old, and apparently Earth-made. It's impossible for something so old, built in the days before Faster Than Light travel, to have journeyed this far from Earth. It shouldn't be here. It can't be here. And yet, it is. Boss's curiosity is up, and she's determined to investigate. She hires a group of divers to explore the wreck with her, the best team she can assemble. But some secrets are best kept hidden, and the past won't give up its treasures without exacting a price in blood.

What Boss finds could rewrite history, cost lives, and start an intergalactic war. **TP \$32.95**

Lilith Saintcrow*Flesh Circus (Jill Kismet 04)*

When Cirque performers start dying grotesquely, Kismet has to find out why, or the fragile truce won't hold and her entire city will become a carnival of horror. She also has to play the resident hellbreed power against the Cirque to keep them in line, and find out why ordinary people are needing exorcisms. And then there's the murdered voodoo practitioners, and the zombies.

An ancient vengeance is about to be enacted. The Cirque is about to explode. And Jill Kismet is about to find out some games are played for keeps...

APB \$19.95

Lynsay Sands*The Renegade Hunter (Rogue Hunters)*

The Argeneau family has a secret . . . one of their own is a rogue vampire!

Nicholas Argeneau was once a successful hunter who went after rogue vampires who broke the immortal law. Except no one has mentioned his name in the last fifty years, not since he turned into a rogue himself. But once a hunter, always a hunter. When Nicholas sees a bloodthirsty sucker terrifying a woman, it's second nature for him to come to her rescue. He had no idea he would also want to kiss her senseless . . .

One minute Josephine Willan is taking in a breath of fresh air, and the next sharp fangs are heading straight for her neck! Luckily, a gorgeous stranger saves her life . . . and gets locked up for his troubles. Can a man who kisses so lovingly and passionately really have committed the crime he's accused of? Jo isn't so sure . . . and she's determined to prove that this renegade hunter is worth fighting for. **APB \$14.99**

John Saul*In the Dark of the Night*

The rambling lakeside house called Pinecrest has lain empty since its last owner went missing seven years ago. But for the Brewster family it will be this year's holiday retreat, and for the kids Eric and Marci it's the perfect place to spend a lazy summer exploring.

Which is how Eric and his teenage friends discover a curious collection of discarded objects stowed in a hidden room in the carriage house. The bladeless hacksaws, shade-less lamps, tables with missing legs, a headless axe handle – these unremarkable items add up to a pile of junk. Yet someone once took the trouble to list each worthless relic in a cryptic ledger, thus provoking a great mystery that is now whispering, coaxing, demanding to be solved. The more the boys devote themselves to piecing together the puzzle, the more their fascination deepens into obsession. Soon their days are consumed with this weird collection, while their nights become plagued by ever more ghastly nightmares.

And finally when a horrifying discovery surfaces, so does the chilling truth about a twisted legacy with a malevolent life of its own. **BPB \$22.99**

Robert J Sawyer*FlashForward*

Suddenly everyone in the world loses consciousness for two minutes. Planes fall from the sky, there are millions of car crashes, millions die. And when everyone comes round they have had a glimpse of their life in the future. When it awakes the world must live with the knowledge of what is to come. Some saw themselves in new relationships, some saw exciting new technologies, some saw the stuff of nightmares. Some, young and old alike, saw nothing at all . . .

A desperate search to find out what has happened begins. Does the mosaic of visions offer a clue? What did you see? **APB \$19.99**

David Seidman et al

Zathura Deluxe Movie Storybook

Presents scenes from the movie "Zathura" in which two brothers play a space game and are propelled into outer space where they must face meteor showers, aliens, and space battles in order to finish the game and return home.

Based on the action-adventure film being released at the end of this year, a lavishly illustrated storybook brings readers on a thrilling journey to outer space and includes a full-color keepsake poster. **HC \$22.95**

Maggie Shayne

The Chosen

Embrace The Twilight

A creature of the night, Sarafina lives only for pleasure, and love is a forbidden emotion. Experience has taught her that love leads only to betrayal and pain.

Willem Stone is a challenge Sarafina cannot resist — a man as boldly alive as she is, a man with a will of iron, yet a mere mortal. And the only thing stronger than their clash of wills is the power of their desire.

But when vampire hunters take Amber Lily, the only child ever born to a vampire, Sarafina and Willem must put their struggle aside and combine their strengths in a rescue attempt that could cost them their very lives.

Edge Of Twilight

His name is Edge, and he is the last of a band of Immortals who have been hunted down and murdered by Frank Stiles — an enemy determined to unlock their deepest secrets.

A legend among the undead, Amber Lily is the only half human, half vampire ever born, and is possessed of untamed powers. Amber alone understands the dangerous threat of Frank Stiles. Only she may hold the key to his vulnerability... and his doom. Amber is drawn into the hunt. In doing so, she will cast her fate to a passion that may be her destiny and to an evil she may not be able to defeat. **TP \$29.99**

Eve Silver, Hannah Howell & Adrienne Basso

Nature of the Beast

In this captivating new collection from Hannah Howell, Adrienne Basso, and Eve Silver, three women meet the irresistible vampires who are their destiny—and discover a passion satisfied only by complete surrender . . .

'Dark Hero' by Hannah Howell

Unlike most of his clan, Berawald MacNachton chooses to live in comfortable seclusion, far from the enemies who hunt his kind—until Evanna Massey and her young brother intrude upon his solitude . . .

'Bride of the Beast' by Adrienne Basso

When Haydn of Gwynedd first met Bethan of Lampeter, she was a brave and fearless young girl, risking her life to save his. Now Bethan has grown into a striking, courageous woman who needs Haydn's help to defeat her tyrannical stepfather. Haydn's dark gift compels him to offer marriage in name only, but he cannot deny the passion that sears them both . . .

'Kiss of the Beast' by Eve Silver

Devoted to her work at King's College Hospital, Sarah Lowell is shocked to discover that someone—or something—is killing the weakest patients, draining them of their blood. Killian Thayne, an enigmatic surgeon, offers Sarah his protection, but his sensual, commanding presence presents another kind of danger . . . **PB \$12.95**

Eve Silver

Seduced By A Stranger

WITH JUST ONE GLANCE . . .

The vast, dense forest and murky lake that surround Cairncroft Abbey aren't the only menacing elements that envelop the estate. For a dark history lies behind its walls—where secrets and evil still linger . . .

SHE FALLS . . .

Catherine Weston arrives at Cairncroft Abbey to visit her childhood friend Madeline St. Aubyn whose health seems to deteriorate with each passing day. Even stranger, Madeline appears to grow more nervous whenever she is in the presence of her cousin, Gabriel. But Gabriel has quite a different effect on Catherine—stirring a longing deep within her . . .

UNDER HIS DANGEROUS SPELL . . .

Gabriel St. Aubyn is haunted by the curse that has plagued his family for decades. Living with the constant torment that he too will succumb to it one day, he has resigned himself to a solitary existence. Yet when he meets Catherine, he cannot resist her company—or his growing desire for her. But when a young woman is found dead, Catherine cannot ignore the link between this horrific crime and Gabriel. Is he the tender, charismatic man she loves—or a sinister stranger waiting to make her his next victim?... **APB \$12.95**

Nick Stone

The King of Swords

Miami, 1981. Cocaine Central. Murder Capital, .

A city about to catch fire.

Detective Max Mingus and his partner, Joe Liston, are anticipating a routine murder investigation when they are called to the scene of death at Miami's Primate Park—until the victim's family is found slaughtered, and a partly digested tarot card, the King of Swords, is discovered in the victim's stomach.

A trail that's growing bloodier by the hour is leading Max and Joe to the most powerful criminal in Miami: the infamous Solomon Boukman. Few have ever set eyes on the evil, intensely feared enigma, but rumors abound of voodoo ceremonies, dark rites, and friends in very high places. Malevolence is running rampant in a city choking on hatred, rage, and official corruption—as Max races to discover the terrifying truth about Boukman before death's shadow reaches his own front door. **TP \$30.95**

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Travis S Taylor

One Good Soldier

One Good Soldier is the third book in the rapid-fire hard science military SF series of One Day on Mars and The Tau Ceti Agenda. In another 24-like narrative set six years after the events in The Tau Ceti Agenda, this exciting action story unfolds in a single critical day in the history of the United States of the Sol System, the extra-solar colonies, the Separatist Revolutionaries of the Tau Ceti system, and all of mankind.

As another of Earth's colonies, Ross 128, secedes from the union, the President of the United States, former marine major Alexander Moore, takes swift action to prevent a second American Civil War, this time on an interstellar scale. He sends the flagship of the U.S. Naval fleet through the Quantum Membrane Teleporter based in the Oort Cloud to the seceding colony. But the Tau Ceti Separatists have stationed their own teleporter there and the flagship will be met with heavy resistance from the Separatist Navy.

And, unknown to the president and first lady, their eighteen year old military school cadet daughter has been kidnapped and whisked away to the Separatist leader's house on Tau Ceti.

Only the heroics and sacrifices of one good soldier after another can save the flagship, the Union, and the first daughter in an all-out winner-take-all showdown that reaches its final climax with frenzied hand-to-hand combat in the Oval Office itself. **HC \$47.95**

Vickie Taylor

Legacy of Stone

Driven into hiding due to abilities he could neither understand or control, Levi Tremaine, a shape-shifting gargoyle, is forced out into the open when he must save his everlasting soul--and the woman he loves--from the forces of both good and evil. **APB \$17.95**

Charlene Teglia

Claimed By the Wolf (Shadow Guardians 01)

A first entry in a paranormal romance series introduces a brotherhood of alpha-male warriors including a vampire, werewolf, demon, dragon and fae who work together to protect the human race, in a tale in which werewolf Kenrick falls passionately in love with an apprentice witch who has unknowingly released dark demons in the world. **TP \$28.95**

Francis Tsai

Extreme Worlds: Complete Guide to Drawing and Painting Sci-Fi Art

Teaches core elements of sci-fi art through exercises and 11 detailed projects that focus on such subjects as aliens, robots, space ships, weapons, space stations, strange planets and more. **TP \$47.95**

Harry Turtledove

The United States of Atlantis (Atlantis 02)

As England tightens its control over the Atlantean colonies, Victor Radcliff and his band of revolutionaries resolve to make the English pay for each and every piece of land they dare to occupy and will stop at nothing to preserve the liberty of their people as a new nation is born--a nation that will change the face of the world... **APB \$19.95**

Liberating Atlantis (Atlantis 03)

Frederick, a descendant of the family that founded the first settlement in Atlantis, must work as a slave when he is unable to prove his lineage, and becomes the leader of a revolutionary army of freedom fighters. **HC \$52.95**

Tilting the Balance (Worldwar 02)

No one could stop them--Not Stalin, not Togo, not Churchill, not Roosevelt . . . The invaders had cut the United States virtually in half at the Mississippi, vaporized Washington, D.C., devastated much of Europe, and held large parts of the Soviet Union under their thumb.

But humanity would not give up so easily. The new world allies were ruthless at finding their foe's weaknesses and exploiting them.

Whether delivering supplies in tiny biplanes to partisans across the vast steppes of Russia, working furiously to understand the enemy's captured radar in England, or battling house to house on the streets of Chicago, humankind would never give up. Yet no one could say when the hellish inferno of death would stop being a war of conquest and turn into a war of survival--the very survival of the planet . . . **APB \$19.95**

Greg van Eekhout

Norse Code

Is this Ragnarok, or just California?

The NorseCODE genome project was designed to identify descendants of Odin. What it found was Kathy Castillo, a murdered MBA student brought back from the dead to serve as a valkyrie in the Norse god's army. Given a sword and a new name, Mist's job is to recruit soldiers for the war between the gods at the end of the world--and to kill those who refuse to fight.

But as the twilight of the gods descends, Mist makes other plans.

Journeying across a chaotic American landscape already degenerating into violence and madness, Mist hopes to find her way to Helheim, the land of the dead, to rescue her murdered sister from death's clutches. To do so, she'll need the help of Hermod, a Norse god bumming around Los Angeles with troubles of his own. Together they find themselves drafted into a higher cause, trying to do what fate long ago deemed could not be done: save the world of man. For even if myths aren't made to be broken, it can't hurt to go down fighting...can it? **APB \$19.95**

Dan Vining

Among the Living

Two companion novels, The Quick and The Next, feature detective Jimmy Miles as he investigates a rash of murders that may be connected to the Sailors, restless nocturnal beings trapped between the living and the dead. **TP \$30.95**

Shiloh Walker

Hunter's Need (Hunter)

Duke is bitter. A shapeshifter betrayed by the psychic powers of Analise Morell, he cannot forgive her for putting him in the clutches of a feral vampire, but he also can't shake his desire for her. And when she needs a Hunter, Duke must face his demons--and hers. **APB \$19.95**

J R Ward

Lover Avenged (Black Dagger Brotherhood 07)

Rehvenge, as a half-breed symphath, is used to living in the shadows and hiding his true identity. As a club owner and a dealer on the black market, he's also used to handling the roughest nightwalkers around - including the members of the Black Dagger Brotherhood. He's kept his distance from the Brotherhood as his dark secret could make things complicated on both sides - but now, as head of the vampire aristocracy, he's an ally that Wrath, the Blind King, desperately needs. Rehv's secret is about to get out, though, which will land him in the hands of his deadly enemies- and test the mettle of his female, turning her from a civilian into a vigilante... **APB \$19.99**

Freda Warrington

Dracula The Undead

The legend returns . . . - It is seven years since a stake was driven through the heart of the infamous Count Dracula. Seven years which have not eradicated the terrible memories for Jonathan and Mina Harker, who now have a young son. To lay their memories to rest they return to Transylvania, and can find no trace of the horrific events. But, beneath the earth, Draculas soul lies in limbo, waiting for the Lifeblood that will revive him . . . **HC \$58.95**

Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman

Bones of the Dragon (Dragonships 01)

Welcome to the World of Dragonships!

Skylan Ivorson is a sea-raider of the Vindras and eventually becomes the Chief of Chiefs of all Vindras clans, an honor he truly feels he deserves as one who has been blessed by Skoval, the god of war.

But sometimes a blessing is a curse in disguise.

Skoval and the other ancient gods are under siege from a new generation of gods who are challenging them for the powers of creation... and the only way to stop these brash interlopers lies within the mysterious and hidden Five Bones of the Vektan Dragons.

It will be up to the Vindras people, as the dragon-goddess's champions, to undertake the quest to recover all Five. The fate of the Old Gods and the Vindras rests on their recovery--for this is not only a quest to save the world. It is also a quest for redemption.

Filled with heroes and heroines young and old and exotic adventure in a magic-forged world, this is a series that fully illustrates the mastery of world-building and storytelling that has made Weis and Hickman into the bestselling fantasy co-authors of all time. **PB \$19.95**

Wrath James White

The Resurrectionist

After her new neighbor moves in, Sarah Lincoln begins having dreams about being brutally murdered, waking up to bloody sheets night after night, and soon discovers that her neighbor has a special talent that is making her life a living hell. **APB \$14.95**

Clare Willis

Once Bitten

While doing some research for her latest account--a cosmetics line for wannabe vampires--Angie McCaffrey goes to San Francisco's hot, new "undead" nightclub where she meets--and inexplicably craves--her client's mysterious friend, Eric Taylor. **APB \$13.95**

Maryrose Wood

What I Wore to Save the World (03)

Third in the fabulous series that started with *Why I Let My Hair Grow Out*

Senior year's coming up fast and Morgan still has no clue about college, or a career-the whole rest-of-her-life thing is basically a blank. Maybe it's because she spent her junior year obsessing about Colin, the hot Irish guy she fell for last summer (that was right around the same time she discovered she's a half-goddess from the days of Irish lore... you had to be there). She even saved Colin from a nasty enchantment, but he doesn't know that. Colin doesn't believe in magic, not even a little.

But then a mysterious message reunites her with Colin, who turns out to be caught up in the biggest faery-made disaster ever. We're talking the end of reality-not just reality TV. To save the world, she's going to have to tell Colin the truth about her half-goddess mojo. But if he doesn't believe in magic, how will he ever believe in her? **TP \$21.95**

S L Wright

Confession of A Demon

After accidentally stealing the life force of a dying demon, Allay became the only human-demon hybrid in existence. Demons feed on human emotions, so Allay decided the safest way to satisfy this need-and still retain some semblance of her humanity-was to open a bar. Here she can drink from, and ease, her patrons' pain, which has helped her to stay under the demon radar...until now.

When Allay is attacked and nearly killed by another demon, a human comes to her rescue. Theo Ram is tall, handsome, and mortal-and Allay feels a connection to him she didn't think she'd ever know. But that bond is tested when the demon community in New York begins to rise up, and two opposing clans fight for power. Now Allay is caught in the middle, and she must decide where her loyalties lie. **APB \$19.95**

Timothy Zahn

Cobra Alliance (Cobra War)

When the colony worlds Adirondack and Silvern fell to the Troft forces almost without a struggle. Outnumbered and on the defensive, Earth made a desperate decision. It would attack the aliens not from space, but on the ground—with forces the Trofts did not even suspect. Thus were created the Cobras, a guerilla force whose weapons were surgically implanted, invisible to the unsuspecting eye, yet undeniably deadly. And the Moreau family were the most famous of the Cobra warriors.

Long after victory over the Troft was achieved, the Cobras made common cause against their former adversaries against a new enemy. Their reward was three planets that would be a home for the Cobras, whose deadly powers made them too dangerous to feel at home on Earth.

Now, years had passed and not everyone on the Cobra worlds thought that the Cobras were worth the high cost of providing their training and maintaining their existing built-in weaponry, let alone supporting research to improve the Cobra weapons, and possibly even put an end to the negative effects of that built-in weaponry, which caused Cobras to die much too young. Many who had never known interplanetary war were convinced that the Cobras were not needed at all.

That was a grave miscalculation, because a new menace was approaching, one that even the formidable Cobra warriors might not be able to defeat . . . **HC \$49.95**

John Zakour

The Sapphire Sirens (Zach Johnson 07)

Zach Johnson, the world's last freelance detective, has been man-napped by the beautiful sapphire-haired Amazon Kiana. She's brought him to her home island of Lantis-where the women dominate men with their words-to discover who killed her mother, the Queen. But to save the day this time, Zach and his holographic A.I. sidekick HARV have to tangle with not just one gorgeous superwoman, but four. Each of Kiana's three sisters could have the motive and the means to pull off the crime-and now that you mention it, Kiana could too... **APB \$19.95**

Christmas is coming,
so why not start a wish list. Submit an order online or in person with the comment "wish list". Then you can send your relatives or friends in to buy something from your list. We'll remove each item as purchased for you so you don't get duplicates, and you do get something you want. And you get points.
We do this year round.

Anthologies

Lisa Childs, Linda Winstead Jones & Bonnie Anne Vanak

Holiday With A Vampire III

Christmas starts at midnight... After you've been visited by these sexy men, you'll discover the true meaning of the season in these tales of love.

Sundown by Linda Winstead Jones: After distancing herself from a very attractive cop, vampire Abby Brown discovers she wants only one thing for Christmas—Leo Stryker. But when a murder investigation endangers his life, she may be the one to give him a present...

Nothing Says Christmas Like a Vampire by Lisa Childs: Sienna Briggs never knew she had a guardian vampire. But, when she stumbles across the truth surrounding the Secret Vampire Society, her guardian—the handsome Julian—has only one solution to save the woman he's loved for so long.

Unwrapped by Bonnie Vanak: Adrian Thorne never expected to see Sarah Roberts again. But she's presented to him as a special gift. The vampire is elated to finally avenge the werewolf who broke his heart... except Sarah may be the only one who can mend it! **APB \$14.95**

Gardner Dozois & Jack Dann *Editor*

The Dragon Book

Whether portrayed as fire-breathing reptilian beasts at war with humanity or as noble creatures capable of speech and mystically bonded to the warriors who ride them, dragons have been found in nearly every culture's mythology. In modern times, they can be found far from their medieval settings in locales as mundane as suburbia or as barren as post-apocalyptic landscapes - and in *THE DRAGON BOOK*, today's greatest fantasists reignite the fire with legendary tales that will consume readers' imaginations.

With original stories by New York Times bestselling authors Jonathan Stroud, Gregory Maguire, Garth Nix, Diana Gabaldon, Tamora Pierce, Harry Turtledove, Sean Williams and Tad Williams as well as tales by Naomi Novik, Peter Beagle, Jane Yolen, Adam Stemple, Cecelia Holland, Kage Baker, Samuel Sykes, Diana Wynne Jones, Mary Rosenblum, Tanith Lee, Andy Duncan and Bruce Coville. **TP \$24.95**

Martin H Greenberg & Jean Rabe *Editor*

Spells of the City

Featuring contributions from Timothy Zahn, Mike Resnick and Margaret S. Lundock, this enchanting collection of stories imagines a world filled with hidden magical places where such creatures as trolls, goblins, fairies and leprechauns coexist with the human race. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen Jones *Editor*

The Dead That Walk

Of all the monstrous threats to humanity, zombies are the most horrific. That's because they are not uncommon or alien — they're human. (Or more correctly, were human.) Anywhere that there are humans, there are zombies, and they can never be completely annihilated. In *The Ultimate Book of Zombies*, these decomposing monsters are demolished, decapitated, and destroyed. The gore flows as humans and zombies dispatch each other in blood-curdling battles fought in big-city alleys, high school playgrounds, and even suburban living rooms. In addition, the living dead are fully deconstructed in these wide-ranging and fascinating stories. More than just brain-eating assaults and acid-bath retaliations, the tales in this book explore all elements of zombie existence and their interaction with the humans they live among. **TP \$30.95**

James Lowder *Editor*

The Best of All Flesh

Culled from the *All Flesh Must Be Eaten* zombie-anthology series, a collection of stories by such authors as Tom Picciarelli, Tobias Buckell and Scott Edelman proves that no place in the world is safe when the dead rise, including cities, the countryside and an array of historical periods. **TP \$30.95**

George R R Martin *Editor*

Busted Flush (Wild Cards)

In 1946, an alien virus that rewrites human DNA was accidentally unleashed in the skies over New York City. It killed ninety percent of those it infected. Nine percent survived to mutate into tragically deformed creatures. And one percent gained superpowers. Now a new generation of heroes has taken its place on the world stage, its members crucial players in international events. At the United Nations, veteran ace John Fortune has assembled a team of young aces known as the Committee, to assist at trouble spots around the world—including a genocidal war in the Niger Delta, an invasion of zombies in hurricane ravaged New Orleans, and a freak nuclear explosion in a small Texas town. **APB \$19.95**

Edgar Allan Poe

Tales of Mystery and Imagination

An inescapable black pit, an innocent buried alive, and the deranged hallucinations of a murderer all haunt this collection of Edgar Allan Poe's most celebrated stories. The undisputed master of gothic horror, Poe probes every imaginable depth of terror in his claustrophobic nightmares of murder and madness, including the classic *The Fall of the House of Usher*, *The Pit and the Pendulum* and *The Tell-Tale Heart*. Just as disturbing are the tales featuring the eccentric and ingenious Auguste Dupin - the first modern detective hero. In these chilling stories, Edgar Allan Poe's macabre imagination explores the darkest corners of the human mind and the furthest reaches of the paranormal. **BPB \$22.99**

J D Robb, Mary Blayney, Patricia Gaffney & Ruth Ryan Langan

The Lost

Four New York Times best-selling authors unite in this suspenseful collection of paranormal romances that features J. D. Robb's *Missing in Death*, in which Detective Eve Dallas investigates a woman's mysterious disappearance from a New York City ferry. **APB \$19.95**

Tricia Telep *Editor*

The Mammoth Book of Time Travel Romance

This exciting collection contains 25 short tales of adventure and love. Join the dashing characters as they slip through the ages, finding themselves transported back to settings including medieval Scotland, sixteenth-century England, and the nineteenth-century American West-or sometimes forward to the present day and even the future. **TP \$28.95**

Gordon van Gelder *Editor*

Very Best of Fantasy and Science Fiction: Sixtieth Anniversary Anthology

For the last 60 years, Fantasy & Science Fiction has showcased innovative authors and groundbreaking fiction. Now, to mark its Diamond Jubilee, Hugo-winning editor Gordon Van Gelder has hand-picked 23 of the very best stories originally featured in the Locus-lauded magazine. Gracing these pages with tales of space farers and time-travelers, merfolk and twigmen, post-apocalypse and dystopia are luminaries such as Ray Bradbury, Philip K. Dick, Neil Gaiman, Stephen King, Ursula K. Le Guin, Roger Zelazny and many more. Laced with humor, social commentary and moments that will variously haunt or chill you, this assemblage of classic short stories is a great introduction to speculative fiction and a fine retrospective for long-time fans. **TP \$32.95**

Young Adult

Welcome to Horrorland: A Survival Guide (Goosebumps Horrorland)

Luke and Lizzy Morris weren't sure who-or what-would see their ad. It was a risk, but they had to find out the TRUTH about HorrorLand, otherwise the kids who were lured there would never make it out alive. Between the pages of this cool survival guide, readers will get closer to discovering whether or not there are werewolves in Wolfsbane Forest, why kids are disappearing, and why there aren't any mirrors at HorrorLand. One thing is for certain: something very wrong is happening in HorrorLand, and this guide is the only thing that will help you figure out what. Welcome to HorrorLand is a fantastic add-on to a super-successful franchise that has sold over 300 million copies and been published into more than 32 languages worldwide. **PB \$9.99**

Jessica Adams *Australian author et al*

Kids' Night In 3: A Sea of Stories and Oceans of Other Stuff

From the bottom of the sea to the highest mountain, there's a story here for everyone ...

Kids' Night In 3 might just be the most amazing collection of stories ever. And every copy you buy helps to raise money for War Child, the aid organisation that helps children all over the world, affected by war.

It's an ocean of bedtime stories, poetry, recipes, hilarious cartoons and cool art to explore! **BPB \$24.99**

Steve Augarde

X-Isle

Ever since the floods came and washed the world away, survivors have been desperate to win a place on X Isle, the island where life is rumoured to be easier than on what's left of the mainland. Only young boys are in with a chance, the smaller and lighter the better.

Baz and Ray are two of the lucky few to be chosen, but they soon discover that X-Isle is a far cry from paradise. Ruled by Preacher John, a dangerous religious fanatic, it's a violent, unpredictable place where terrible things can happen at any moment.

The boys hatch an extraordinary plan in order to protect themselves - the construction of a mighty weapon of defence. But can they complete this weapon in time, and are they really prepared to use it in order to secure their freedom?

Powerful and compelling, X ISLE is a fast-moving thriller that will keep you guessing right to the very end. **HC \$34.95**

Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi

Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles (Spiderwick)

Just when it seemed the book had closed on the Spiderwick Chronicles, a new chapter begins far from the old-fashioned charm of New England. Under the hot Florida sun, Nick Vargas and his annoying new stepsister, Laurie, stumble upon the faerie world. A nixie asks for their help to save her sisters and before they know it, Nick and Laurie are outrunning giants, negotiating with mermaids, and battling a monster that's bigger than they'd ever imagined! Along with Nick's brother, Jules, and some familiar faces, the kids find themselves in a race to save not only themselves, but all of Florida!

Three breathtaking books! One incredible journey that takes you...Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles! **HC \$29.99**

Rachel Caine

Fade Out (Morganville Vampires 07)

Without the evil vampire Bishop ruling over the town of Morganville, the resident vampires have made major concessions to the human population. With their newfound freedoms, Claire Danvers and her friends are almost starting to feel comfortable again...

Now Claire can actually concentrate on her studies, and her friend Eve joins the local theatre company. But when one of Eve's castmates goes missing after starting work on a short documentary, Eve suspects the worst. Claire and Eve soon realize that this film project, whose subject is the vampires themselves, is a whole lot bigger—and way more dangerous—than anyone suspected. **APB \$17.95**

P C Cast

Elphame's Choice (Partholon Epona 01)

Worshipped. Set apart. Unable to connect with others.

Though most girls believe they are different, Elphame knows she is. Odd. Strange. Unique. No one in Partholon has her abilities — or her connection to their goddess. And she has a destiny she is about to discover...

A restlessness has infused her, leading her to the other side of her country. There, the remnants of an evil war still linger. Will Elphame be able to redeem both her country and her soul mate, a survivor of that war? The choice she makes now may bring disaster — or a future in which she may never again be alone.

Partholon: A different world from P.C. Cast — where the blood-suckers are truly dangerous... **BPB \$19.99**

Brighid's Quest (Partholon Epona 02)

'I WILL GO.'

Rather than follow her family's restrictive rules, centaur Brighid chose to set out on her own to make friends and form relationships with humans as well as centaurs.

Now she's facing her toughest challenge yet. While helping guide home a grieving human — Cuchulainn, her friend Elphame's brother — Brighid finds herself beginning to care for him. An emotion forbidden by her clan.

To add to her troubles, the Great Goddess has awoken the power of the Shaman within Brighid — the first centaur so blessed in ages. And just as she's torn between taking up a power she never expected and a love she's afraid to admit to, Brighid receives a vision of a tragedy that might destroy everyone she's ever cared about... **BPB \$19.99**

Stephen Cole

Christmas Crisis (Astrosaurs Academy 06)

The cadets are given 24 hours to come up with the most amazing Christmas decorations they can - to complete the task, they can go anywhere and do anything!

Teggs, Blink and Dutch set out to make the biggest set of fairy lights in the world, ever. But their lights prove no match for Damona and her team, who use all their cunning to find the biggest Christmas tree they can find. When terrifying ice creatures start coming out from Damona's tree though, things turn dangerous, and the cadets will really have to work together to stay alive so they can enjoy Christmas . . . **PB \$14.95**

Joseph Delaney

The Witches (Wardstone Spook's Stories)

This is a fabulous collection of stories based on many of the witches from Joseph Delaney's Spooks books.

Ever wondered why the Spook doesn't trust girls who wear pointy shoes? Or why Grimalkin became the Assassin for the Malkin Witch clan? Find out all this and more in this a dark and eerie collection. You don't have to know the Spook's books to enjoy the stories. They're all standalone and absolutely haunting. A perfect introduction to the world of The Spook's Apprentice. But for any fans of the series out there, this collection will be a must-have. **HC \$22.95**

Chris Eboch

Knight of the Shadows (Haunted 03)

When Jon and Tania attend a costume party at a museum full of ancient arms and armor -- relics that have been through bloody battles, or worse -- it doesn't surprise either of them to discover a ghost lurking in the shadows. But this particular ghost is on a mission, and if Jon and Tania don't help him, he just might become the warrior he was when he was alive, and that means trouble -- and danger -- for everyone involved! **BPB \$12.99**

Dan Elconin

Never After

There is no place like a dysfunctional home.

Leaving everything behind for the Island was Ricky's dream come true. When his happily ever after is not quite what it seems, he discovers that running away means running toward bigger problems.

Trapped on the Island, Ricky must join together with the only people he can trust to help him face his fears and return home. But the only way off the Island is to confront the person who trapped Ricky and his friends in the first place. With countless enemies and true peril staring them down, Ricky's mission to leave this so-called paradise will become a battle for their very lives. **BPB \$14.99**

Nancy Farmer

Islands of the Blessed

In the final adventure of Nancy Farmer's acclaimed trilogy a malevolent spirit of a vengeful mermaid is wreaking havoc on Jack's village and it's up to him, the old Bard and Thorgril to confront and vanquish the restless draugr. But the task will not be easy and the three find themselves travelling once more with Thorgil's northman brother and his crew into the most dangerous of waters. Their quest to right old wrongs leads them from a village plagued by a hogboon to the fin folk land of Notland and via every danger in-between. Can they escape the perils they face and return in time to help undead spirit to find peace? **HC \$29.99**

Steve Feasey

Dark Moon (Changeling 02)

The brilliant action-packed second novel in the bloodthirsty Changeling series.

Fourteen-year-old werewolf Trey is getting more powerful by the day. But can he control his powers – or will they bite back? Trey is sent on a dangerous mission to Iceland, where he must infiltrate the evil empire of the vampire Caliban. Trey's abilities are tested to the max, challenged by a rage he cannot regulate and a dark angel with looks that kill.

Lucien Charon, Trey's mentor, lies in a coma in London – Trey is his only hope for survival. But the Netherworld is intent on destruction and Trey's about to face his nemesis... **BPB \$14.99**

Neil Gaiman

Coraline and Other Stories

When Coraline explores her new home, she steps through a door and into another house just like her own - except that things aren't quite as they seem. There's another mother and another father in this house and they want Coraline to stay with them and be their little girl. Coraline must use all of her wits and every ounce of courage in order to save herself and return home but will she escape and will life ever be the same again? Elsewhere in this collection, a sinister jack-in-the-box haunts the lives of the children who ever owned it, a stray cat does nightly battle to protect his adopted family, and a boy raised in a graveyard confronts the much more troubled world of the living. From the scary to the whimsical, the fantastical to the humorous, Coraline + Other Stories is a journey into the dark, magical world of Neil Gaiman. **BPB \$22.99**

Alison Goodman Australian author

Dragoneye Reborn (Eon 01)

Under the harsh regime of an ambitious master, candidate Eon is training to become a Dragoneye - a powerful lord able to master wind and water to protect the land. But Eon also harbours a desperate secret - Eon is, in fact, Eona, a young woman who has endured years of disguise as a boy for the chance to practise the Dragoneyes art. In a world where women are only hidden wives or servants, Eona's dangerous deception is punishable by death. Still in disguise, Eona's unprecedented talent thrusts her into the centre of a lethal struggle for the Imperial throne. Summoned by the Emperor to the opulent and teacherous court, Eona must learn to trust her power and find the strength to face a vicious enemy who would seize her magic and her life. Inspired by the rich myths and traditions of Ancient China, this is a fast-paced, exhilarating page-turner that shimmers with energy dragons, and dazzles with deadly intrigue and breathtaking swordplay. **BPB \$15.99**

Andy Griffiths

Robot Riot! (Schooling Around 04)

The Robot Riot! Test

1. Henry McThrottle suspects that the new girl, Roberta Flywheel, is

A: a spy. B: a boy. C: a robot.

2. Roberta writes in her diary that she is on a mission to

A: kiss Henry. B: clean up the school. C: exterminate all humans.

3. Henry and his friends get Grant Gadget to build

A: a treehouse. B: a sand castle. C: a robot-fighting robot.

4. Grant Gadget's robot-fighting robot malfunctions and

A: picks flowers. B: starts telling jokes. C: goes completely out of control.

5. Robot Riot! Is the name of

A: a soft drink. B: a hairstyle. C: a very funny book about robots, making friends and falling out of windows.

ANSWERS

The answers to these questions – and many more – are contained between the covers of this very funny book about robots, making friends and falling out of windows. **BPB \$14.99**

Jack Higgins

First Strike

Barely have Rich and Jade Chance walked away from their terrifying ordeal in the Middle East, when they stumble into another nightmare. And this time, its at the heart of the free world... As their father deals with missing nuclear missiles in China, the twins are finally enjoying their all-expenses paid trip to the White House. But the enjoyment isnt going to last long. Soon, the President they saved from assassination in Sharp Shot is targeted again. Now Rich and Jade face a shocking siege and a battle to prevent World War III - all from the comfort of the President's home... **BPB \$14.99**

Erin Hunter

Warriors Box Set: Graystripe's Adventure (Warriors)

Graystripe-the ThunderClan deputy-has been captured by Twolegs! He longs to go home to the forest and his Clan, and when he meets a feisty kittypet named Millie, she encourages him to search for his lost friends. But with the forest destroyed, and no clear path left to lead him, how will Graystripe find ThunderClan? Ages: 8 - 12 **BPB \$29.99**

Eclipse (Warriors Power of Three 04)

Power of Three story arc continues with this exciting fourth installment! Firestars grandchildren have learned of the powerful prophecy that foretells their destinies, and the responsibility of deciding the Clans future weighs heavily on the three apprentices. Each secretly yearns for power, and their strengths are tested when ThunderClan is suddenly attacked-and all the clans are thrown into a battle unlike any the cats have seen. Suddenly, the Warrior code is being tested, and a crisis of faith threatens to tear the Clans apart Full of battles, hunts, visions, and rescues, this series has all the epic drama, betrayal, and action that our legions of Warriors fans crave! Ages: 10+ **BPB \$9.99**

Brian Jacques

Doomwyte (Redwall 20)

Beware of the dreaded Balisssssssss! When young mouse Bisky persuades the inhabitants of Redwall Abbey to go in search of the stolen jewelled eyes of the Great Doomwyte Idol of long ago, he has no idea that the fearsome Korvus Skurr, the black-feathered raven and his gang, are vying for that very same treasure. All too soon the brave Redwallers find themselves in the grip of adventure, solving mysterious riddles and battling villainous foes. From underground tunnels to the tops of trees, the fearless Redwallers unite with the tribes of the Guosim and Gonfelin against vermin, carrion and the dangerous, sinister Wytes on the most terrifying treasure hunt ever. **BPB \$14.95**

Brian James

Zombie Blondes

They're beautiful. They're popular. They're dead...From the moment Hannah Sanders arrived in town, she felt there was something wrong. A lot of houses were for sale, and the town seemed infected by an unearthly quiet. And then, on Hannah's first day of classes, she ran into a group of cheerleaders - the most popular girls in school. The odd thing was that they were nearly identical in appearance: blonde, beautiful, and deathly pale. But Hannah wants desperately to fit in - regardless of what her friend Lukas is telling her: If she doesn't watch her back, she's going to be blonde and popular and dead - just like all the other zombies in this town... **BPB \$16.99**

Lauren Kate

Fallen (01)

What if the person you were meant to be with could never be yours? Seventeen-year-old Lucinda falls in love with a gorgeous, intelligent boy, Daniel, at her new school, the grim, foreboding Sword & Cross . . . only to find out that Daniel is a fallen angel, and that they have spent lifetimes finding and losing one another as good and evil forces plot to keep them apart. Get ready to fall . . . **TP \$29.95**

C S Lewis

The Magician's Nephew (Narnia 01)

When Digory and Polly discover Uncle Andrews secret workshop, they are tricked into touching some magic rings that take them right out of this world. But even Uncle Andrew doesn't realise the wonders that lie ahead as they discover the gateway to the magical land of Narnia, where many thrilling adventures await them! **BPB \$16.99**

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Narnia 02)

The most loved of all the Chronicles. Lucy steps into the Professors wardrobe but steps out again into a snowy forest. Shes stumbled upon the magical world of Narnia, land of unicorns, centaurs, fauns! and the wicked White Witch, who terrorises all. Lucy soon realises that Narnia, and in particular Aslan, the great Lion, needs her help if the countrys creatures are ever going to be free again. **BPB \$16.99**

The Horse and His Boy (Narnia 03)

The Horse and his Boy is a stirring and dramatic fantasy story that finds a young boy named Shasta on the run from his homeland with the talking horse, Bree. When the pair discover a deadly plot by the Calormen people to conquer the land of Narnia, the race is on to warn the inhabitants of the impending danger and to rescue them all from certain death. **BPB \$16.99**

Prince Caspian (Narnia 04)

Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy are mysteriously transported back to Narnia where they discover that it has been hundreds of years since their reign as Kings and Queens of the land ended. Cair Paravel, the castle where they lived, is in ruins and the evil King Miraz has taken charge. Along with their old friend Prince Caspian, they race to overthrow the King, calling on the help of Aslan and and Reepicheep the mouse. **BPB \$16.99**

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (Narnia 05)

Book five in the Chronicles of Narnia sees the intrepid Edmund and Lucy returning to Narnia--with their beastly cousin Eustace in tow--on the ship 'The Dawn Treader' where their old friend Prince Caspian is searching for lost friends of his fathers. As the children take to the Eastern Seas in their hunt for the friends they find themselves embroiled in a dangerous adventure that leads them once again into the arms of Aslan the lion. **BPB \$16.99**

The Silver Chair (Narnia 06)

Eustace and Jill are called back to Narnia where they meet Aslan the lion who sets them the task of finding King Caspian's long lost son, Rilian. With Narnian marshwiggle Puddlegum in tow the pair stumble across Harfang, the castle of giants, and are invited to stay for the Autumn Feast--and then they realise that they are the main ingredients. The Silver Chair, the sixth book in the Chronicles of Narnia, is filled with all the fast-paced adventure of the other Chronicles and introduces Narnia fans to a host of new, remarkable characters. **BPB \$16.99**

The Last Battle (Narnia 07)

It is Narnia's darkest hour. A Aslan is commanding all Narnians to work for the cruel Calormenes and striking terror into every heart. King Tirian's only hope is to call Eustace and Jill back to Narnia in an attempt to find the true Aslan and restore peace to the land. Battle lies ahead. **BPB \$16.99**

E Van Lowe

Never Slow Dance with a Zombie

Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion meets Night of the Living Dead in this laugh-out-loud debut YA novel by Emmy Award-nominated TV writer E Van Lowe

Principal Taft's 3 Simple Rules for Surviving a Zombie Uprising:

Rule #1: While in the halls, walk slowly and wear a vacant expression on your face. Zombies won't attack other zombies.

Rule #2: Never travel alone. Move in packs. Follow the crowd. Zombies detest blatant displays of individuality.

Rule #3: If a zombie should attack, do not run. Instead, throw raw steak at to him. Zombies love raw meat. This display of kindness will go a long way.

On the night of her middle school graduation, Margot Jean Johnson wrote a high school manifesto detailing her goals for what she was sure would be a most excellent high school career. She and her best friend, Sybil, would be popular and, most important, have boyfriends. Three years later, they haven't accomplished a thing!

Then Margot and Sybil arrive at school one day to find that most of the student body has been turned into flesh-eating zombies. When kooky Principal Taft asks the girls to coexist with the zombies until the end of the semester, they realise that this is the perfect opportunity to live out their high school dreams. All they have to do is stay alive. **BPB \$16.99**

Robin McKinley

Spindle's End / the Hero and the Crown / the Blue Sword **PB \$30.95**

Lisa McMann

Wake (Wake 01)

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... **BPB \$14.99**

Christine Morton-Shaw

Hunt For the Seventh

After Jims mother dies, Jims father moves the family to Minerva Hall, a crumbling, desolate estate owned by the crotchety Lord Minerva. Jim hates his new home. He is bored and lonely-the only other kid around is his pesky little sister, Sal-and he misses his mother terribly. But soon, Minerva Hall reveals itself to be a place full of dark and dangerous secrets. Six children have died there. Jim encounters their ghosts one-by-one as they leave him cryptic clues and urge him to find the seventh child before it is too late. At the same time, Jim meets Einstein, a brilliant autistic boy. If anyone can help Jim, Einstein can. But the boy speaks in riddles and proves to be as mysterious as the dead children. Jim has no one to turn to as he is plunged into a mystery involving an ancient prophecy only he can stop from coming true. Will Jim be able to figure out the clues before another child is killed? Ages: 10+ **BPB \$12.99**

Alyson Noel

Evermore (Immortals 01)

The first title in the Immortals series, a #1 New York Times Bestseller

Seventeen-year-old Ever is the sole survivor of a car crash that killed her entire family. Living with her aunt in Southern California, she's plagued by the ability to hear the thoughts of those around her, and haunted by the ghost of her little sister.

She tries to tune everyone out, shunning her old lifestyle as the pretty, popular cheerleader, but somehow she can't hide from Damen, the new guy at school. Stunningly handsome, clever and not a little bit intimidating, there's something about him that doesn't quite add up. Ever realises he's hiding something – but nothing could prepare her for the truth... **BPB \$16.99**

Blue Moon (Immortals 02)

In the second instalment, Ever can bring her family back from the dead – but only if she's willing to sacrifice the guy she loves more than life itself.

Just as Ever is learning everything she can about her new abilities as an immortal, initiated into the dark, seductive world by her beloved Damen, something terrible is happening to him. As Ever's powers are increasing, Damen's are fading – stricken by a mysterious illness that threatens his memory, his identity, his life.

Desperate to save him, Ever travels to the mystical dimension of Summerland, uncovering not only the secrets of Damen's past – the brutal, tortured history he hoped to keep hidden – but also an ancient text revealing the workings of time. With the approaching blue moon heralding her only window for travel, Ever is forced to decide between turning back the clock and saving her family from the accident that claimed them – or staying in the present and saving Damen, who grows weaker each day... **BPB \$16.99**

Skye Obert

Leven Thumps and the Wrath of Ezra (Leven Thumps)

The dreams of mankind are in grave danger. The Dearth, the true evil beneath the soil, rises above ground and gains the strength he needs to defeat Leven Thumps. Lev, now the Want, is also gaining strength and must discover his new power before the Dearth finds him.

Meanwhile, Sycophant Run is on the brink of war, and the secret of the sycophants' vulnerability is more of a threat than ever -- can Clover and the sycophants protect the only gateway to Reality? And speaking of Reality, Terry and Addy are about to join forces with a onetime janitor and the angriest, most confused toothpick alive: Ezra. What kind of power is raging inside that sliver of wood? **BPB \$16.99**

Sally Odgers

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First written by Terry Pratchett, aged 17, and revised by the internationally acclaimed author at the age of 43, this edition now includes 2 x 8 page sections of Terry's own full colour illustrations for the book. **HC \$39.95**

Guillaume Prevost

The Gate of Days (Book of Time 02)

Sam Faulkner now knows his father is trapped in Vlad Tepes's castle, but he can't save him without the seven coins that will allow him to direct his travel to the right year in Time. So he sets off on a desperate journey through the ages to collect the coins-to the oracle at Delphi, to Pompeii before Mt. Vesuvius - even to Chicago in 1932, where he meets his seven-year-old grandfather. But things get wilder still when he finally finds his father, who is sick, dying, raving ... and who insists they must rescue Sam's dead mother from Time! **PB \$16.99**

Philip Reeve

No Such Thing As Dragons

A brand-new stand-alone novel from the internationally best-selling author Philip Reeve. Ansel is a mute boy whose father sells him to a travelling dragon-slayer. But Brock is a cynical storyteller, planning to make money by protecting a mountain town from the monster that's said to threaten it. He knows full well that dragons don't exist, and that gullible people do. Then they find that there is indeed a huge creature that makes its lair in the icy peaks. It's evil and terrifying, with one thought in its cunning brain-to devour them ... **HC \$24.99**

Emily Rodda Australian author

The Key to Rondo (Rondo 01)

The day that Leo Zifkac became the owner of the music box, his life changed forever. Leo didn't know this at the time. His heart didn't miss a beat as he took the box calmly from his mother and put it on his desk. He had no idea what he was holding in his hands. The old music box has its rules, carefully handed down through the generations in Leo's family. A long-ago ancestor called Rollo had brought it back from one of his world trips. It had a plain black shiny lid, but its sides were painted with detailed scenes of a town, a castle on a hill, a queen in a long blue gown. Those who had owned it before Leo understood its powers well, and placed strict limits on its use. But now it is Leo's music box, and although he respects the rules, his least favourite cousin Mimi Langlander does not. When the rules are flouted and the Blue Queen appears and takes Mimi's dog Mutt back to the world of Rondo, Leo finds himself on an alarming quest to retrieve him, with the disagreeable Mimi at his side. **BPB \$22.99**

Darren Shan

Hunters of the Dusk (Darren Shan 07)

THE SAGA OF DARREN SHAN BOOK 7 Darren Shan, Mr Crepsley and Vancha Marsch, are the hunters of the dusk. Their quarry - the Vampaneze Lord. But friends old and new may stand in their way... It is six years after Darren was made a Vampire Prince and following a grim prophecy made by Mr Tiny, the vampires know the ascension of the Vampaneze Lord is at hand. Mr Tiny warns the vampires that there will be only three opportunities for the Vampaneze Lord to be vanquished and only three vampires who may succeed: Vancha Marsch, Larten Crepsley and Darren Shan. Leaving the enclave of Vampire Mountain, Harkat, Darren and Mr Crepsley are shadowed by a creature of the night, do battle with the vampaneze, meet the mysterious Evanna and pay a visit to some old friends at the Cirque Du Freak. But no friend can prevent the bloody trail of bodies - the Vampaneze Lord may be more than a match for the hunters of the dusk. Ages 10+ **BPB \$12.95**

Allies of the Night (Darren Shan 08)

The quest for the Vampaneze Lord continues for the hunters of the dusk. Darren gets an unwelcome taste of reality when he is forced to go back to school and his past catches up with him. Maturing at one fifth the rate of a normal human, Darren has the looks of a fifteen year old, even though he is very much older. Vampire Prince and vampaneze killer he may be, but someone has shopped him to the authorities and its time for Darren to go back to school. But school is not the only thing Darren has to come to terms with: a surprise meeting with an old girlfriend, the death of one of the Vampire Princes, a vampire hunter with a very familiar face and a vampaneze whos not what he seems mean Darrens past is catching up with him - fast. When the vampaneze start a killing spree Debbie Hemlock, Steve Leopard, Harkat Mulds, Vancha Marsh, Mr Crepsley and Darren Shan join forces as allies of the night. The hunt is on... Ages 10+ **BPB \$12.95**

The Vampire's Assistant (Saga of Darren Shan)

CIRQUE DU FREAK Darren goes to a banned freak show with his best mate Steve. Its the wonderfully gothic Cirque Du Freak where weird, frightening half human/half animals appear who interact terrifyingly with the audience. After he sees the amazing performing spider, Madam Octa, Darren is determined to steal her. But his daring theft goes horribly wrong. The spider bites Steve and Darren has to sell his soul to an evil vampire to get the antidote. THE VAMPIRES ASSISTANT Darren joins the vampire, Mr Crepsley, as his assistant and they return to the Cirque Du Freak. There, Darren makes friends with the snake-boy, Evra Von (who knows what Darren is) and a local boy, Sam, and RV, an eco-warrior and animal lover (who do not). Darren begins to enjoy his life among the Cirque performers as the youngest half-vampire in existence, but he defiantly refuses to drink human blood - the whole idea sickens him - and he tries desperately to cling on to the part of him which is human. TUNNELS OF BLOOD When Mr Crepsley is called upon by the Vampire Generals, Darren and the snake-boy, Evra Von, leave the Cirque Du Freak and travel with him to the city. Whilst there, Darren meets Debbie and his life as a Vampires Assistant fades into the background - until corpses are found. Corpses drained of blood... Suspicious of Mr Crepsleys secretive behaviour, Darren and Evra shadow him across the city and confront a creature of the night who may be the end of them all... **BPB \$19.99**

Arthur Slade

The Hunchback Assignments (The Hunchback Assignments 01)

Fourteen-year-old Modo is so ugly he wears a mask. Found by the mysterious Mr Socrates in a circus freak-show, he is raised in isolation by Mrs Finchley and Mr Socrates Indian butler, Tharpa, who teaches him combat skills. Mr Socrates is grooming Modo for a career as a spy for the Permanent Association, because Modo has the ability to transform his features into a likeness of anyone he wants to resemble - for a limited time. Desperate to survive in London after Mr Socrates abandons him, Modo becomes a private detective under the pseudonym of Mr Wellington. He meets Octavia, another agent, who is investigating the sinister Clockwork Guild, which is recruiting the sons of prominent political and military figures to murder their fathers. Venturing into the London sewers, Modo and Octavia encounter the mad scientist Dr Hyde, who has created a monstrous machine, powered by children who have been kidnapped and drugged by a potion to make them strong. Hydes aim is the destruction of the Houses of Parliament - the political heart of the British Empire. Can Modo and Octavia stop him in time? **TP \$19.99**

L J Smith

Nightfall (Vampire Diaries Return 01)

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R L Stine

Escape from Horrorland (Goosebumps Horrorland 11)

Not long ago, Luke and Lizzy Morris dared to spend one day at HorrorLand, the terrifying theme park where nightmares come to life. They thought that NOTHING could lure them back, but their travel plans are about to change... Who-or WHAT-is summoning ordinary kids to HorrorLand and trapping them there? Luke and Lizzy are determined to find out. They've gathered every clue, and they even launched their own secret website at EscapeHorrorLand.com. This time, Luke and Lizzy are prepared to face any danger-and any villain. Or so they thought... **PB \$9.99**

R L Stine*The Streets of Panic (Goosebumps Horrorland 12)*

The kids who are trapped in HorrorLand thought they had reason enough to panic. That was before they reached Panic Park. It seemed like the only way to escape the mysterious villain who's playing puppet-master with their lives. But Panic Park is a perilous place, and it makes HorrorLand seem like HappyLand! Now they must face their greatest fears-and team up with the unlikeliest allies-in this shocking conclusion to the ride of a lifetime. **PB \$9.99**

Kate Thompson*The White Horse Trick (03)*

It is the latter part of the 21st century, and dramatic climate change has made life in Ireland almost impossible. Meanwhile, Tir na n'Og is faced with a refugee problem, and the king of the fairies is not happy about it and when it is revealed that the warlord who is behind the problem is a member of the Liddy family, JJ is sent to sort him out...

Following on from *The New Policeman* and *The Last of the High Kings*, *The White Horse Trick* travels from the now to far distant futures: from world's end to world's beginning.. **TP \$29.95**

Jessica Verday*The Hollow (01)*

Growing up in the town of Sleepy Hollow, the mystery and intrigue over Washington Irving's classic legend are all part of daily life for sixteen-year-old Abbey. But when her best friend, Kristen, vanishes at the bridge near Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Abbey's world is suddenly turned upside down. While everyone is all too quick to accept that Kristen is dead, Abbey refuses to believe that she is really gone. And when Abbey meets the gorgeous, but mysterious, Caspian at Kristen's memorial she starts to feel like she has something to hold on to for the first time since Kristen's disappearance. But when Abbey finds a diary hidden in Kristen's bedroom, she begins to question everything she thought she knew about her best friend. How could Kristen have kept silent about so much? And could this secret have led to her disappearance or even her death? Hurt and angry at Kristen's betrayal, Abbey turns to Caspian for support... and uncovers a frightening truth about him that threatens both their emerging love and her sanity. **BPB \$16.99**

Mark Walden*Higher Institute of Villainous Education (Hive 01)*

'You have been selected, all of you, the worst, the most cunning, the most mischievous minds from around the world - selected to become part of an institution like no other.'

Thirteen-year-old master criminal Otto Malpense has been chosen to attend the top-secret school of villainy. His skills in Global Domination will be developed to rival the world's most dastardly villain. But there is one small catch - he cannot leave until his training is complete. There's no way Otto is going to spend six years studying something he has such a natural talent for.

He is left with one option. Escape. He just needs to figure out how. **PB \$16.95**

Overlord Protocol (Hive 02)

Otto and Wing have special permission to leave H.I.V.E.'s secret island location to attend a funeral (all too common in their line of business). But before they reach their destination they are ambushed. Who would risk assassinating Otto Malpense, star pupil of the Higher Institute of Villainous Education and favourite of Number One, the most powerful villain alive? A new power is rising to challenge Number One's authority, and they need H.I.V.E. and its powerful computer ... **BPB \$16.95**

Dreadnought (Hive 04)

A renegade faction of the world's most powerful villains is intent on destroying G.L.O.V.E. (Global League Of Villainous Enterprises) and showing the world the true face of evil. The Disciples begin by hijacking Diabolus Darkdoom's Airborne command post, then they kidnap his son and his son's best friend. Unfortunately for them, Nigel Darkdoom (and Franz) also happen to be Otto's friends.

Heading out to America, Otto, Wing et al embark on a perilous and highly unauthorised rescue operation. Cut off from the support of H.I.V.E. and on the run from American security forces the hunt for their friends leads to one of the US military's most secret facilities. It becomes clear that the Disciples are not all they appear and in a desperate race against time Otto must work out who his real friends are to prevent the Disciples from completing their true objective. Only Otto can save the world from domination by a sinister new world order but it might be that the price he has to pay is just too high. When it comes to the crunch will he be prepared to sacrifice himself? **PB \$16.99**

Scott Westerfeld *Australian author**Uglies: Collector's Set (Uglies)***PB \$29.99****Jeanette Winterson***The Battle of the Sun*

In this sweeping fantasy, Jack faces strange and dreadful challenges: antagonistic creatures that are literally half human; winged sets of eyes; people - including his mother - turned to stone. But he has the help of a small, brave dog; a girl transported from the twentyfirst century; and the undying love of his mother. And perhaps enemies can change, too.

Will these be enough to help him save London? **PB \$16.99**

Laurence Yep*City of Fire*

Sure to appeal to fans of Rick Riordan and Eoin Colfer, this action-packed tale takes readers on an unforgettable journey through an alternate version of our world in 1941 - a world filled with magical beings such as dragons in human form, tiny lap griffins, reincarnations of legendary Chinese warriors, Japanese folk creatures, and goddesses in disguise.

When her older sister dies trying to prevent the theft of one of her people's great treasures, 12-year-old Scirye sets out to avenge her and recover the precious item. Helping her are Bayang, a dragon disguised as a Pinkerton agent; Leech, a boy with powers he has not yet discovered; and Leech's loyal companion Koko, who has a secret of his own. All have a grudge against the thieves who stole the treasure: the evil dragon Badik and the mysterious Mr Roland.

Scirye and her companions pursue the thieves to Houlani, a new Hawaiian island being created by magic. There, they befriend Pele, the volatile and mercurial goddess of volcanoes. But even with Pele on their side, they may not be able to stop Mr Roland from gaining what he seeks: the Five Lost Treasures of Emperor Yu. Together, the treasures will give him the power to alter the very fabric of the universe. **HC \$26.99**

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Camilla d'Errico

Burn was once human.

He also had a family and friends, until a metallic angel of death took everything from him. This mechanical monster, Shoftiel, was one of many living machines made to help humanity that revolted and declared war on their creators. It tore through Burn's home and wreaked havoc on his city until the buildings collapsed, crashing down upon them.

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Danny graydon

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Gavin Baddeley

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Matsuri Hino

Meet your knights in shining darkness.

Cross Academy is attended by two groups of students: the Day Class and the Night Class. At twilight, when the students of the Day Class return to their dorm, they cross paths with the Night Class on their way to school. Yuki Cross and Zero Kiryu are the Guardians of the school, protecting the Day Class from the Academy's dark secret: the Night Class is full of vampires!

After trying to recall her past, Yuki's hallucinations become more vivid and she tries to strangle Zero during a fit of madness. Locked in her room, all she can see is a world dyed in blood, but Kaname comes for her. He tells her it's time to wake up and sinks his fangs into her neck... **TP \$21.95**

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Nicole Pitesa

In the futuristic world of James Cameron's Avatar, a young man named Jake becomes part of an exploration team on the planet Pandora, inhabited by the exotic Na'vi. Scientists have created an avatar—a body that looks like a Na'vi but is operated by a human's consciousness. When in his avatar body, Jake finds himself drawn to the planet's way of life. But before the Na'vi will accept him as one of their own, he has to pass a series of fantastic and dangerous tests. Can Jake survive long enough to become a full-fledged Na'vi? And will he ever want to live as a human again? **BPB \$13.95**

Avatar: Field Guide to Pandora

A companion to the forthcoming cutting-edge film from Titanic director James Cameron features a comprehensive look at the fictional world created for the film—including flora, fauna, planets and more--augmented by 150 full-color images. **TP \$36.95**

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Lisa Fitzpatrick

Academy Award-winning writer/director James Cameron, the maker of Titanic and the creator of the Terminator series, has been crafting Avatar for over four years. The film follows the story of an ex-marine who finds himself thrust into hostilities on a distant planet filled with exotic life forms. As an avatar, a human consciousness in an alien body, he finds himself torn between two worlds, in a desperate fight for his own survival and that of the indigenous people. The Art of Avatar, the companion book to this epic 3-D action adventure, explores the developmental and conceptual art used by the creative team to create the original world of Avatar.

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When transmissions are disrupted throughout the Solar System and spaceships — including one carrying Sir Hubert — disappear, Dan and Co set out to discover what's going on. They find a fleet of huge alien craft containing peaceful aquatic creatures called Cosmobes, who are fleeing from another aquatic race, the warlike Pescods. But the Pescods have a deadly weapon, the "Crimson Death"... and they're heading for Earth! Will Dan and his crew be able to once again save the day? **HC \$27.99**

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Frank Hampson

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THE BRO CODE provides men with all the rules they need to know in order to become a "bro" and behave properly among other bros. THE BRO CODE has never been published before. Few know of its existence, and the code, until now, has been verbally communicated between those in the 'bro'. Containing approximately 150 "unspoken" rules, this code of conduct ranges from the simple (bros before hos) to the complex (the hot-to-crazy ratio, complete with bar graphs and charts). With helpful sidebros THE BRO CODE will help any ordinary guy become the best bro he can be. Let ultimate bro and co-author Barney Stinson and his book share their wisdom, lest you be caught making eye contact in a devil's three-way (two dudes, duh.) Samples: Article 1: Regardless of veracity, a Bro never admits familiarity with a Broadway show or musical. Article 53: A Bro will, whenever possible, provide his Bro with prophylactic protection. **PB \$24.99**

Star Trek

View From the Screen

Nicholas Meyer

The acclaimed director and writer shares his account of the making of the three classic Star Trek films. The View from the Bridge is Nicholas Meyer's enormously entertaining account of his involvement with the Star Trek films: STII: The Wrath of Khan, STIV: The Voyage Home, and STVI: The Undiscovered Country, as well as his illustrious career in the movie business. The man best known for bringing together Sherlock Holmes and Sigmund Freud in *The Seven Per-Cent Solution* had ironically never been interested in Star Trek until he was brought on board to save the film series. Meyer shares how he created the script for *The Wrath of Khan*, the most revered Star Trek film of all, in twelve days-only to have William Shatner proclaim he hated it. He reveals the death threats he received when word got out that Spock would be killed, and finally answers the long-pondered question of whether Khan's chiseled chest is truly that of Ricardo Montalban. **HC \$39.95**

Titan 06: Synthesis

James Swallow

Captain Will Riker and the crew of the USS Titan make contact with a civilization made up entirely of artificial intelligences -- sentient computers who have surrounded a vast gas-giant planet for eons, serving as the first line of defence against an ominous threat that the Titan crew can scarcely comprehend. The long and turbulent history of the AIs has made them deeply distrustful of organics, and their mistrust leads to an unexpected act which radically transforms the dynamic between the ship and her crew. **APB \$14.99**

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David Mack

Diego Reyes, courtmartialled Starfleet commodore and disgraced former commander of space station Vanguard, discovers that his role in deciphering the truth about the Taurus Reach is not yet over. As friend and foe join forces in a separate peace against the threat of the Shedai -- the godlike aliens who, eons ago, reigned over that part of the galaxy -- a long-missing wild card in the complex events which are playing out in the Taurus Reach returns to change the nature of the game. **APB \$14.99**

Star Wars

Millennium Falcon

James Luceno

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Luke Skywalker Bio

Ryder Windham

The complete biography of a celebrated character. A must-have book for every *Star Wars* fan! Hidden away at birth, he would believe himself an orphan. Watched over by a mysterious hermit, he would discover incredible abilities. And by finding help where others found only evil, he would restore balance to the galaxy. This is the incredible story of *Luke Skywalker*, as told by best-selling author *Ryder Windham*. **HC \$22.99**

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Ryder Windham

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Drew Karpyslyn

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Alex Wheeler

Deadly assassin X-7 has never failed to complete a mission-until now. Unmasked and unarmed, he narrowly escapes from the Rebels with his life and little else. His cover may be blown, but he's not returning to Commander Rezi Soresh until his target has been eliminated. This time, he has a new plan. He'll gather six of the best pilots in the galaxy-all of them roguish mercenaries who care nothing about money-and turn them loose on Red Squadron. He counts on his pilots' mercenary instincts to keep them in line. But one of them has a secret that could cost X-7 his victory. **BPB \$9.99**

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Torchwood

Asylum CD

Anita Sullivan

When PC Andy Davidson arrests a young girl for shoplifting, he thinks its going to be a routine case. That is, until he sees that she is carrying a gun. The girl is soaking wet, covered in mud, and the weapon is like nothing hes ever seen before. He knows that this is a case for *Torchwood*... The team discovers that the girl is called *Freda*, but can find out nothing else. Yet when she speaks, its a strange mix of English and Icelandic, but with a Cardiff accent. While Jack and Ianto check out the girls weapon and her blood sample at the Hub, Gwen and PC Andy take *Freda* to a safe house. But when Jack calls with the results - and *Freda* goes on the run - PC Andy finds his world turning upside down. **CD \$24.99**

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John Barrowman

"Anything Goes" gave you the story so far. "*I Am What I Am*" reveals more about the man behind the television sensation, focusing on John's unique approach to life and love. Written with John's trademark style, the book will be filled with juicy tidbits from behind the scenes of "*Doctor Who*" and "*Torchwood*", alongside heart-warming family anecdotes and personal revelations, including John's perspective on fame and how it has affected him.

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John Barrowman & Carole E. Barrowman

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The Torchwood Encyclopedia

Founded by Queen Victoria in 1879, the *Torchwood Institute* has been defending Great Britain from the alien hordes for 130 years. Though London's *Torchwood One* was destroyed during the *Battle of Canary Wharf*, the small team at *Torchwood Three* have continued to monitor the space-time Rift that runs through Cardiff, saving the world and battling for the future of the human race.

Now you can discover every fact and figure, explore every crack in time and encounter every creature that *Torchwood* have dealt with. Included here are details of: The secret of the *Children of Earth*, Operatives from *Alice Guppy* to *Gwen Cooper*, Extraterrestrial visitors from *Arcateenians* to *Weevils*, The life and deaths of *Captain Jack Harkness*, and much more.

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'Are you trying to tell me, Captain Harkness, that the entire staff of Torchwood Cardiff now consists of yourself, a woman in trousers and a tea boy?' Agnes Havisham is awake, and Jack is worried (and not a little afraid). The Torchwood Assessor is roused from her deep sleep in only the worst of times – it's happened just four times in the last 100 years. Can the situation really be so bad?

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Trevor Baxendale

The Hokrala Corp lawyers are back. They're suing planet Earth for mishandling the twenty-first century, and they won't tolerate any efforts to repel them. An assassin has been sent to remove Captain Jack Harkness.

It's been a busy week in Cardiff. The Hub's latest guest is a translucent, amber jelly carrying a lethal electrical charge. Record numbers of aliens have been coming through the Rift, and Torchwood could do without any more problems.

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Torchwood should be ready for anything – but with Jack the target of an invisible killer, Gwen trapped in a forgotten crypt and Ianto Jones falling desperately ill, could a world of suffering be the Undertaker's gift to planet Earth?

Featuring Captain Jack Harkness as played by John Barrowman, with Gwen Cooper and Ianto Jones as played by Eve Myles and Gareth David-Lloyd, in the hit series. **HC \$21.95**

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04: *Don't Split the Party*

Rich Burlew

Divided by the events of War and XPs, our heroes struggle to reunite in this fourth compilation of the popular online comic, The Order of the Stick! With their leader, ah, indisposed, Haley leads the quest to bring him back from the, uh, the place that he is at. (Hey, some people only read the comic in book form, I don't want to spoil it for them.)

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Warhammer

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Song of Ice and Fire RPG

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Barony of the Damned

In *Barony of the Damned*, the Player Characters are hired by a powerful noble to bring back the head of a nefarious agitator, Guido LeBeau. In following his trail, it's clear the fugitive sought safety inside Mousillon. Travelling through the wilderness, they must contend with Mousillon's peasants and nobles alike as they track their quarry to the city itself. Once inside Mousillon they find themselves embroiled in a twisted tail of intrigue and investigation, thwarting the plots of Pirates, murderers and even the blasphemous force behind the *Barony of the Damned*. But escaping Mousillon is no easy task. Once inside there's no getting out unless they can find the head of their prey.

Barony of the Damned is a stand alone adventure for *Warhammer Fantasy Roleplay*, designed to breathe life into one of Bretonnia's more infamous lands. In addition to the adventure, this book details Mousillon, its history, its people and politics. Inside you'll find several new monsters like the *Grey Men*, new diseases such as the *Red Pox* and *Swampaire's Croup* and two new careers: the *Frogwife* and the *Swampaire*. In addition this book presents statistics and information on all the important characters found in this foetid land.

Can the heroes survive the terrors of Mousillon long enough to bring back the head of Guido LeBeau?

Find out in *Barony of the Damned*. **HC \$48**

Paths of the Damned: Ashes of Middenheim

The ashes still cool, and the wounds still heal after the onslaught of Archaon and the forces of Darkness, but *Middenheim* still stands proud atop the massive height of the *Ulricsberg*. But all is not well in the city of the *White Wolf*. Dark forces still lurk and plot among the ruins and battered streets plotting their rise. Treachery, betrayal, murder and corruption most foul are surely all that await anyone who dares confront them.

Written by Graeme Davis, *Ashes of Middenheim* is the first part of 'Paths of the Damned', the new epic adventure trilogy for *Warhammer Fantasy Roleplay*. In addition to the adventure itself, the book contains a full description of *Middenheim*, including maps, descriptions of neighbourhoods, key NPC's and a host of important locations. **HC \$48**

Paths of the Damned: Spires of Altdorf

The corruption in Middenheim has been stopped but the enemy within has not been defeated. With the Emperor and the army gone from the capitol, all eyes have shifted away from Altdorf. Deep inside the city lies a buried secret that promises power but delivers nothing but damnation.

In *Spires of Altdorf*, the Player Characters must travel to the great city, learn its ways and find the second artefact of their great quest. Altdorf, however, is a hotbed of intrigue, and it takes more than skill with a blade to survive its perilous streets. Confronted with foes new and old, thrust into the arcane worlds of the Colleges of Magic, and blessed with only a few allies, the Player Characters must thwart the machinations of Xathrodox Incarnasine or suffer the terrible consequences.

Spires of Altdorf is part 2 of *Paths of the Damned*, an epic adventure for Warhammer Fantasy Roleplay. In addition to the adventure itself, the book features details on Altdorf, including a history of the city, key locations and advice on evoking the proper atmosphere. Although it can be played alone, *Spires of Altdorf* works best as a sequel to part 1 of *Paths of the Damned- Ashes of Middenheim*.

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A young woman hired to keep the books at a down-at-heel nightclub is taken under the wing of the infamous Gloria Denton, a mob luminary who reigned during the Golden Era of Bugsy Siegel and Lucky Luciano. The moll to end all molls, Gloria is notoriously cunning and ruthless. She shows her eager young protégée the ropes, ushering her into a glittering whirl of late-night casinos, racetracks, betting parlours, inside heists and big, big money. Suddenly, the world is at her feet -- as long as she doesn't take any chances, like falling for the wrong guy.

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Will Adams

The Exodus Quest

On the trail of a Dead Sea Scroll, Daniel Knox finds himself at an excavation just outside Alexandria, where an evangelical Christian archaeologist has just discovered an undeclared Jewish Temple. Knox takes photographs and sends them to his partner Gaille. Moments later Knox's jeep is forced off the road killing his friend and head of the SCA - Omar. Meanwhile in Egypt, Gaille is baby-sitting a television documentary crew. When she receives Dan's pictures she quickly realises that one of them has a link to the Copper Scroll, one of the Dead Sea Scrolls. But more importantly the link is also attached to the one time Pharaoh Akheneaten in Amarna - the very place the crew are filming. Whilst following up the connections Gaille unwittingly draws the attention of Khaled and tomb robber and army officer. Khaled soon realises that Gaille has what he wants and suddenly she and the television crew are in mortal danger from a greedy and deranged individual. Back in Alexandria Knox is under investigation for the murder of his colleague and then sees a broadcast showing a kidnapped Gaille. Its obvious only to him that Gaille is trying to send him a coded message but Knox is now imprisoned and Gaille's time is running out. Whats worse, a new and even more dangerous foe is about to make its mark... **APB \$19.99**

Jeffrey Archer

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This is the story of a man who loved two women, and one of them killed him. Some people have dreams that are so outrageous that if they were to achieve them, their place in history would be guaranteed. Christopher Columbus, Isaac Newton, Florence Nightingale, Thomas Edison, Nancy Astor, Charles Lindbergh, Amy Johnson, Edmund Hillary and Neil Armstrong are among such individuals. But what if one man had such a dream, and when he'd achieved it, there was no proof that he had fulfilled his ambition?

Paths of Glory is the story of such a man. But not until you've turned the last page of this extraordinary novel will you be able to decide if George Mallory should be added to this list of legends, because if he were, another name would have to be removed. **TP \$32.99**

Susan Arnout-Smith

Out At Night

Thaddeus Bartholomew, a history professor, is forced at gunpoint to drive to a soy field. As he lies dying, he leaves a message on his answerphone at home in Morse code: find Grace Descans-. Cut off before finishing, the FBI need to know why he asked for Grace. Called back from the Bahamas where she is watching her daughter's father build a bond with his little girl, Grace knows she hasn't got much time to stop the killer. A journey into a world of activism and violence, secrets and lies, this is a breakneck rollercoaster of a thriller, gripping from the first page until the last. **BPB \$24.99**

Maureen Ash

Murder for Christ's Mass (Templar Knight Mysteries 04)

The town of Lincoln is covered in snow-concealing the mortal remains of a clerk who worked in the local mint. The only clue is a pristine coin stamped with the visage of King Stephen. But Templar Bascot de Marins soon discovers that the motive goes beyond money-and beyond mere murder. **PB \$19.95**

Charles Atkins

Mother's Milk

Forensic psychiatrist Barrett Conyors is back . . . - Barrett Conyors finds the discovery of the bodies of two heroin-addicted teens particularly hard to accept. Barrett's convinced that chief suspect Jerod, a homeless schizophrenic, didn't do it but she's the only one, apart from Detective Ed Hobbs, who is. But even Hobbs can't stop Barrett from following a complex trail of drugs and death that places her in the cross hairs of a killer. **HC \$58.95**

Maggie Barbieri

Final Exam (Muder 101 Mysteries)

St. Thomas, the small college north of New York City where Professor Alison Bergeron teaches, has had its share of scandals involving both its students and its staff, not to mention Alison herself, so when a resident director goes missing the administration wants to keep a lid on it. With only five weeks left in the semester and no time to interview replacements, Alison is tapped for the job. An alumna of the college, Alison knows all about living in the dorms. Even a short stay is like doing hard time, and she will do anything to avoid reliving her college days any more than she has to. Her only way out: Track down the reluctant RD and drag him back kicking and screaming if need be. Luckily, she doesn't have to look further than the drugs he had hidden in his bathroom to get her boyfriend, Detective Bobby Crawford, on the case.

With plenty of sneaking around both on campus and off, Alison and Bobby link up once again in Final Exam, the wildest adventure yet from this outstanding mystery talent. **HC \$51.95**

Alex Barclay

Blood Runs Cold

Special Agent Jean Transom is a rising star in the FBI, right up to the moment her charred corpse is found slumped on the white slopes of Quandry Peak. Special Agent Ren Bryce is drafted in from Washington DC to take Transom's place, but when she arrives she finds the investigation into her death going nowhere fast. Under pressure from her boss in Washington she delves deeper into the victim's past. Dogged by her own personal demons the investigation leads Ren down a dark and treacherous path, where one secret leads to another, the past bleeds into the present and murder is the only way out for a damaged and dangerous mind... **APB \$19.99**

Black Run

The stunning sequel to Blood Runs Cold Twenty years ago...A woman lies battered and bleeding to death beneath the gaze of her killer, her head bludgeoned, glass in her face, coughing blood with her last breaths. With a final, shattering blow, she is gone. Present Day...Special Agent Ren Bryce is in trouble. After the brutal murder of her trusted friend and therapist, Dr Helen Wheeler, and the curious alteration of her psychiatric records, she finds herself fighting for her innocence of the heinous crime she did not commit. With a dark connection to a savage murder committed two decades earlier, conflicting evidence, and the return of an old enemy hell-bent on Ren's destruction, she must battle for the answers she needs to clear her name and find the real killer, whatever the danger, whatever the cost. **TP \$32.99**

Louis Bayard

The Black Tower

Welcome to Paris, c. 1818. After the execution of Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI, and the death of their son, the Dauphin, the Bourbon monarchy has at last been restored. But a remnant core of Republicans is still working to fulfill the promise of the Revolution, and the great Napoleon is plotting his next return to power from the rocky exile of St. Helena. Partisans on every side will do whatever it takes to advance their causes. Dr. Hector Carpentier is a partisan of no cause. His father, Dr. Julien Carpentier, saw first-hand the ravages of the Revolution and remained resolutely impartial to politics. His son, cowed by his domineering mother and missing his deceased father, leads a very quiet life. Until he meets Vidocq, Paris's most legendary police officer. As founder and chief of the newly created plain-clothes force called the Sret, Vidocq has used his mastery of disguise and surveillance and his extensive knowledge of the Parisian underworld to capture some of France's most notorious and elusive criminals. And now he needs the help of the shy, provincial Hector Carpentier. Between the two of them, they may prove that the Dauphin, like Anastasia, lives, which could change the course of history. **BPB \$24.99**

Greg Bear

Mariposa

In an America driven to near bankruptcy with crushing foreign debt, the Talos Corporation stands out as a major success story—training soldiers and security forces from around the world and providing logistics and troops for nearly all branches of the United States government. But Talos has another plan in mind—the destruction of the federal system and constitutional law.

Three FBI agents are all that stands between Talos's CEO Axel Price and the subversion of our nation. Fouad Al-Husam is working undercover in Lion City, Texas, on the Talos Campus—but he may have just overplayed his hand. Agent William Griffin will engage in a desperate diversion to try to rescue Al-Husam, and the top-secret information he literally carries in his blood.

Rebecca Rose is called into action to partner with an unlikely hero: Nathan Trace, one of a team of four who created and programmed the thinking machines that are about to help Axel Price in his plans for domination. Trace and his colleagues were caught up in a violent incident in the Middle East several years ago, and experienced Post-Traumatic Stress disorder. All of them were forcibly enrolled in a treatment program sponsored by Talos Corporation, code-named Mariposa—which supposedly cured their PTSD. But now they are beginning to notice unexpected side effects. The Mariposa subjects are being liberated from nearly all human emotions and concerns—and all mental limits—to become brilliant sociopaths. They are out of control and they must die. **HC \$52.95**

Steve Berry

Paris Vendetta

12.40 a.m. Copenhagen. Cotton Malone wakes up to find a stranger in his house, bearing bad news: Malone's closest and most dangerous friend, Henrik Thorvaldsen, is in serious trouble and the men who want to kill Thorvaldsen are on Malone's doorstep. Thorvaldsen has been tracking a shadowy group called the Paris Club. Not only does he believe that they are about to trigger a global financial meltdown, but also that one of the club's members murdered his son, Cai, two years ago. Thorvaldsen won't rest until he has avenged his boy's death. Dragged into his friend's schemes and secretly under pressure from the US government to stop both Thorvaldsen and the Paris Club, Malone soon discovers that the key to defeating the conspiracy and saving his friend's life and his own lies in the past, and an astounding treasure that Napoleon took to his grave. **TP \$32.99**

Mikkel Birkegaard

The Library of Shadows

Imagine that some people have the power to affect your thoughts and feelings when you read, or they read a book to you. They can seduce you with amazing stories, conjure up vividly imagined worlds, but also manipulate you into thinking exactly what they want you to.

When Luca Campelli dies a sudden and violent death, his son Jon inherits his second-hand bookshop, Libri di Luca, in Copenhagen. Jon has not seen his father for twenty years since the mysterious death of his mother.

When Luca's death is followed by an arson attempt on the shop, Jon is forced to explore his family's past. Unbeknown to Jon, the bookshop has for years been hiding a remarkable secret. It is the meeting place of a society of booklovers and readers, who have maintained a tradition of immense power passed down from the days of the great library of ancient Alexandria. Now someone is trying to destroy them, and Jon finds himself in a fight for his life and those of his new friends. **BPB \$24.95**

Gary Birken*Code 15*

When patients in her hospital start dying from seemingly preventable medical errors--also known as Code 15--and her father is killed in what seems to be a random attack, Chief of Emergency Medicine Dr. Morgan Connolly discovers that someone is trying to end both her career and her life.

PB \$19.95

Benjamin Black*The Lemur*

William ('Wild Bill') Mulholland is an Irish-American electronics billionaire. An ex-CIA operative, he now heads up the Mulholland Trust, with the help of his daughter Louise. When Mulholland gets wind of a hostile biography planned for him by the investigative journalist Wilson Cleaver, he commissions his daughter's husband, John Glass, to pen the official line.

But Glass young researcher tries to blackmail him, and Glass is horrified, fearing that his own secrets, as well as the Mulhollands, are at risk. He slings him off the project, only to hear from the NYPD that this man he has nicknamed The Lemur has been found shot to death.

Silence cannot be bought – even by one of New York's wealthiest families. Riddled with explosive secrets, The Lemur is a brilliant contemporary thriller that sees Benjamin Black at the top of his game. **BPB \$22.99**

Cindy Blake*Tainted*

In a dazzling tour de force of suspenseful storytelling, first-time novelist Brooke Morgan ingeniously peels away layers of artifice and deception to reveal the fears and uncertainties that live in the hearts of us all.

Holly Barrett first saw Jack Dane early one morning—tall, tan, and so heartbreakingly handsome he took her breath away. He also seemed like the last person to disrupt her quiet, uneventful days with her sensitive daughter, Katy. But the charming, enigmatic Englishman has blown into her small Cape Cod town like a brisk summer wind off the bay.

He sweeps Holly off her feet, and is soon touching the lives of everyone she deeply cares about. But is Jack the considerate, concerned gentleman he appears to be—or is there a very different creature lurking below the surface? Has a monster entered her life . . . and how far will Holly have to go to save the person she loves more than anyone else in the world? **TP \$30.95**

Miranda Bliss*Murder Has A Sweet Tooth (Cooking Class Mysteries 05)*

Annie Capshaw has found that the way to a man's heart is through his cooking class. But just as she and her best friend, Eve, are planning Annie's big day with Jim, her former cooking instructor turned boss, murder takes the cake. Make that the wedding cake... **PB \$17.95**

Allison Brennan*Sudden Death (FBI 01)*

When by-the-book FBI agent Megan Elliott realises that a murder victim carries military ID, what seemed to be a simple homicide enquiry turns a lot more serious. An unusual mutilation on the body causes Meg to suspect the murder is target specific, especially when she discovers other recently murdered soldiers with the same disfigurement. Then military police take possession of the body and Meg is forced to partner up with burn-the-book mercenary Jack Kincaid. All too soon does she realise that the killer's primary target is closer to home, and that Jack really is more trouble - dangerous trouble - than either of them had bargained for... **APB \$19.99**

Dan Brown*The Lost Symbol (Robert Langdon)*

Six years in the writing, The Lost Symbol is Dan Brown's extraordinary sequel to his internationally bestselling Robert Langdon thrillers, Angels & Demons and The Da Vinci Code.

Nothing is ever what it first appears in a Dan Brown novel. Set over a breathtaking 12 hour time span, the book's narrative takes the reader on an exhilarating journey through a masterful and unexpected landscape as Professor of Symbology, Robert Langdon, is once again called into action.

Expertly researched and written with breakneck pace, The Lost Symbol once again demonstrates why Dan Brown is the world's bestselling thriller writer. **HC \$49.95**

Rita Mae Brown & Sneaky Pie Brown*Santa Clawed (Mrs Murphy Mysteries 17)*

After the discovery of a body on a Christmas tree farm owned by the Brothers of Love, a semi-monastic organization, Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen seeks a murderer as prominent men of Crozet, Virginia, continue to turn up dead. **PB \$19.95**

Ken Bruen*London Boulevard*

When Mitchell is released from prison after serving three years for a vicious attack he doesn't even remember, Billy Norton is there to pick him up. But Norton works for Tommy Logan, a ruthless loan shark lowlife with plans Mitchell wants nothing to do with. Attempting to stay out of Logan's way, he finds work at the Holland Park mansion of faded movie actress, Lillian Palmer, where he has to deal with her mysterious butler, Jordan. It isn't long before Mitchell's violent past catches up with him and people start getting hurt. When his disturbed sister Briony is threatened, Mitchell is forced to act.

This is a masterful work of double dealing and suspense from one of the great crime writers of our time. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Byrnes*Sacred Bones (01)*

Fast-paced and intelligent, blending historical fact with persuasive fiction, The Sacred Bones is an addictively compelling thriller that calls into question many of modern religion's most deeply-held beliefs. Jerusalem is a ticking time bomb . . .

An ancient artefact is stolen from beneath Temple Mount. With thirteen Israeli soldiers dead, and the Palestinians outraged over the desecration of the sacred ground, tensions are running high. Detectives must work against the clock to identify the stolen relic and the thieves, before civil unrest escalates to deadly proportions.

Meanwhile, in Vatican city, American scientist Charlotte Hennesey and Italian anthropologist Giovanni Bersei have been secretly summoned to analyse a mysterious artefact, that could prove to be history's darkest secret: a human skeleton, approximately 2,000 years old, and bearing the unmistakable marks of crucifixion . . .

With the malevolent eye of Vatican security expert Salvatore Conte watching her every move, Charlotte must work against the clock to uncover an astonishing truth that threatens the very foundations of belief. And there's a more immediate question to face: whether the Vatican will allow this information - and Charlotte - to see the light of day . . . **APB \$19.95**

Michael Byrnes*Sacred Blood (02)*

The dust has barely settled in the Holy Land after a terrible raid on Temple Mount when a group of archaeologists in the Judean desert stumble upon a secret room inside a cave. Its walls are covered in Egyptian hieroglyphs and other symbols, including the curious image of a dolphin wrapped around a trident. There they discover an old clay jar, also bearing this unusual symbol, and containing an ancient scroll...

Meanwhile, a covert and ruthless sect called The Sons of Light are planning to turn the world upside down. Their ancient secret safe beneath Egyptian sands, they still need a very specific strain of DNA - the DNA from a human skeleton, 2,000 years old, stolen from beneath Temple Mount. When they discover that American scientist Charlotte Hennesey actually shares this DNA, the race begins to kidnap the girl and prepare for the final battle. **APB \$19.99**

Chelsea Cain*Evil At Heart*

A college student is found dead, floating in a rowing boat on a lake, a gaping wound in his abdomen. The autopsy reveals that his spleen was removed while he was still alive.

A media frenzy ensues, the press reaching the same conclusion as the local law enforcement: Gretchen Lowell, the Beauty Killer, still at large following her prison escape, is back and she's killing again.

But Detective Archie Sheridan, on medical leave following his last run-in with Gretchen, isn't so sure. The more he discovers about the murders the more convinced he is that they could be the work of a copy-cat. Plus Archie has other things to worry about - his health is declining sharply and he is being stalked by a strange young man. At first Archie dismisses him as one of a disturbed group who are obsessed with Gretchen and romanticise Archie's ten-day ordeal with her. But as the young man's attentions begin to intensify, it becomes clear that this group will go to great lengths to feel close to the Beauty Killer...

Archie, along with journalist Susan Ward, is desperate to find the truth behind this new spate of killings. But it is Gretchen who holds the answers and copy-cat or not, she still has one more victim in mind. **TP \$32.99**

Laura Caldwell*Red Hot Lies*

Usually I pride myself on my intuition. I listen to that voice that says, 'Something bad is happening...' or maybe 'Get out. Now.' But on that Tuesday at the end of October, my psyche must have been protecting the one remaining day I still believed life was orderly and the universe liked me. Because I didn't hear that voice. I never saw it coming.

They say bad things happen in threes. When her fiancé, Sam, disappears on the same day her mentor and biggest client is killed, hotshot Chicago attorney Izzy McNeil starts counting. But trouble keeps coming. Sam is implicated in the client's death, her apartment is broken into and it's not just the authorities who are following her.

Now, to find Sam and uncover her client's murderer, Izzy will have to push past limits she never imagined. Lucky for her she's always thrived under pressure, because her world is falling apart. Fast. And the trail of half-truths and lies is red-hot. **APB \$16.99**

Anthony J Cardieri*Luck of the Draw*

When Detective Deke Durgess finds himself at the scene of a brutal murder in Lower Manhattan, he has no idea that it's just the beginning of the most prolific murder spree in New York City history, one where entire families will be wiped out by a vicious killer dubbed The Daily Killer.

The murders are being meticulously committed, with no forensic evidence left behind except for the killer's callous calling card, a short note left on the body of the victim. The mayor and police commissioner are coming down hard on Deke to make progress, but Deke and his team of detectives and FBI agents are at a standstill until a series of events, and one misstep by the killer, leads them toward cracking the code in the victim selection process. Believing he knows where the killer will strike next, Deke sets up a sting operation, only to be slapped back down as the killer turns the tables on him, forcing the police department to take a good hard look at its own finest.

Anthony J. Cardieri's first crime novel is an adrenaline-charged ride through the streets of New York. **HC \$51.95**

J L Carrell*The Shakespeare Curse*

Macbeth is a famously cursed play, fraught with gruesome violence and supernatural evil. Some of Kate Stanley's friends question her choosing to direct its production for the 400th anniversary of its first performance, but Kate's expertise in the little-known secrets and obscure mysteries of Shakespeare make her a natural. However, bizarre ritual objects begin to turn up at rehearsals, and it becomes clear someone is using the production to send a message in the form of very dark ancient magic. The cast is unnerved both by the gruesome pranks and the historical creepiness of this play, and consider abandoning the production. But a local young boy, the namesake of the 17th-century actor who first played the role of Lady Macbeth, is abducted, and the puzzling ransom notes make the boy's survival dependent upon making the play happen. As opening night approaches, Kate digs deep into the obscure and magical allusions in Macbeth, and draws on all her skill and knowledge of occult Shakespeare to decipher the ransom note riddles and save the kidnapped boy. **TP \$32.99**

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Michael Castleman*A Killing In Real Estate*

When San Francisco is targeted by a series of arson attacks, columnist Ed Rosenberg refuses to stop investigating the brutal death of his colleague Ryan Duffy, a situation that culminates in clashes with the police and a dangerous confrontation with the killer. **HC \$51.95**

Joanna Challis*Murder on the Cliffs (Daphne du Maurier 01)*

The storm led me to Padthaway. I could never resist the allure of dark swirling clouds, windswept leaves sweeping down cobbled lanes or a view of the sea stirring up its defiant nature. The sea possessed a power all of its own and this part of Cornwall, an isolated stretch of rocky cliff tops and unexplored beaches both enchanted and terrified me.

It is not a lie to say I felt drawn out that day, led to a certain destiny...

So begins this new mystery series featuring young Daphne du Maurier, headstrong, adventurous, and standing at the cusp of greatness.

Walking on the cliffs in Cornwall, she stumbles upon the drowned body of a beautiful woman, dressed only in a nightgown, her hair strewn along the rocks, her eyes gazing up to the heavens. Daphne soon learns that the mysterious woman was engaged to marry Lord Hartley of Padthaway, an Elizabethan mansion full of intriguing secrets.

As the daughter of the famous Sir Gerald du Maurier, Daphne is welcomed into the Hartley home, but when the drowning turns out to be murder, Daphne determines to get to the bottom of the mysteries of Padthaway—in part to find fresh inspiration for her writing, and in part because she cannot resist the allure of grand houses and long buried secrets. **HC \$51.95**

Laura Childs

Eggs Benedict Arnold (Cackleberry Club Mysteries 02)

When Cackleberry Clubber Suzanne delivers a pie to funeral director Ozzie Driesden, she discovers him not working at the embalming table but lying on the embalming table. She barely has time to recognize his corpse before she's drugged with chloroform. With more suspects than breakfast specials, the Cackleberry Club scrambles to crack the case before one of their own ends up six feet under. **PB \$19.95**

Tom Clancy & David Michaels

Endgame (Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell)

When all evidence points to him as the mole who sold out his government, Third Echelon operative Sam Fisher races against time to prove his innocence and expose the real traitor responsible for helping to deplete the ranks of the Splinter Cells. **PB \$21.95**

Cassandra Clark

The Red Velvet Turnshoe

A tale set against a backdrop of the Black Death and Hundred Years' War finds brave nun Abbess Hildegard searching for the sacred Cross of Constantine in order to safeguard the English crown. By the author of Hangman Blind. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Connelly

Harry Bosch Novels volume 4 (Harry Bosch)

The Narrows: Harry Bosch is adjusting to life in Las Vegas as a private investigator and as a new father. Then he gets a call from the widow of a friend who died recently. A friend who worked on the famous case tracking the killer known as The Poet, which makes his death doubly suspicious. Now Bosch is heading straight into the path of the most ruthless and inventive murderer he has ever encountered ...

The Closers: Three years after leaving the LAPD, Harry is back, working with his former cop ally and partner, Kizmin Rider. Assigned to the LAPD's Open-Unsolved Unit, Harry and Kiz are immediately thrown into a politically sensitive and dangerous case when a DNA match connects a white supremacist to the 1988 murder of a mixed race 16-year-old girl. But there are some people who want the case to remain unsolved ...

Echo Park: In 1993, Harry Bosch was assigned the case of a missing person, Marie Gesto. The young woman was never found and the case has haunted Bosch ever since. Thirteen years later, a man accused of two heinous killings is willing to confess to several other murders, including that of Gesto. Bosch's whole being as a cop begins to crack when he comes to realise that he missed a clue that could have led him to the killer and prevented the nine murders that followed ... **TP \$35**

Stephen Coonts

The Disciple

In this new novel by the New York Times bestselling author, Stephen Coonts, Iran is weeks away from acquiring nuclear weapons and has every intention of using them to strike first—only Tommy Carmellini and Jake Grafton can stop a nuclear nightmare

Iran is much closer to having operational nuclear weapons than the CIA believes, and Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has a plan. Iran will become a martyr nation, and Ahmadinejad will lead the united Muslims of the world in a holy war against the non-believers.

But the Americans have a secret weapon in a group of Iranian dissidents, including a brother and sister determined to avenge the death of their beloved grandfather at the hands of the religious police. They are funneling information to Carmellini. They want to stop the attack before their leader launches a new world war. But will the U.S. government believe the information they are providing, and can the Americans prevent the Israelis from taking matters into their own hands, which could prove disastrous?

Returning to the kind of military and espionage story that made Cuba one of his most successful novels, Coonts weaves an unforgettable tale of men and women at war, with the sort of dramatic military action and undercover technology for which Coonts is known. **HC \$54.95**

F G Cottam

Magdalena Curse

It only takes a couple of visits to convince Dr Elizabeth Bancroft that Adam Hunter is not just having bad dreams. He's a child possessed. His father is desperate: adamant that his son's affliction is the result of a curse he incurred in the depths of the Amazon, where a badly misguided military operation ended in a terrifying and macabre encounter. There he met two women one more bad than good, who placed the curse - and the other more good than bad, with whom any hope of saving his son resides. Mark Hunter leaves the Scottish Highlands to beg help from the mysterious woman, leaving his son in the care of Elizabeth who is about to discover there are equally dark secrets on their own doorstep. And in her blood... **TP \$32.99**

Jack Coughlin

Dead Shot

In Baghdad's Green Zone, an Iraqi scientist is murdered just before he can reveal the secret that Saddam Hussein took to his grave: the location of the Palace of Death—home to a devastating chemical weapon quietly developed by Islamic militants.

The assassination is the work of a mysterious sniper called Juba, who was trained by the British but now works with a twisted mastermind determined to steal control of the terrorist world from Al Qaeda. When he tests the new weapon by killing hundreds of people at a British royal wedding in London, the devastation is all too real.

Kyle Swanson, once the top sniper in the Marine Corps and now the key member of a secret special operations team known as Task Force Trident, is assigned to hunt down his old special ops rival. A new reign of global terror can be stopped only by a confrontation between the two best snipers in the world, a duel in which the first shot wins—most of the time... **PB \$19.95**

Isis Crawford

A Catered Birthday Party (Culinary Mystery 06)

When sisters Bernie and Libby Simmons cater a canine birthday celebration for Trudy the Pug, who is the mascot for the Colbert toy company, the big day is marred by murder when Trudy's pugnacious owner is poisoned, forcing Bernie and Libby to sniff out a killer among a lot of suspects--all of whom had a bone to pick with the deceased. **HC \$43.95**

Clive Cussler & Dirk Cussler & C M Palov

Arctic Drift (Dirk Pitt)

When a series of unexplained deaths and international hostilities occurs in the wake of a breakthrough discovery to reverse global warming, NUMA director Dirk Pitt and his children investigate a mysterious silvery mineral with links to a fabled northwest passage expedition. **PB \$21.95**

Pablo De Santis*The Paris Engine*

In the tradition of *The Alienist* and *The Devil in the White City* comes a gripping, atmospheric tale of murder and the art of crime solving. Paris, 1889: in anticipation of the World's Fair and the opening of Monsieur Eiffel's tower, a society of the world's most famous detectives convenes as a single body for the very first time. Sent in place of a conspicuously absent Renato Craig, founding member of The Twelve, his novice assistant Sigmundo Salvatrio arrives, bearing a secret message for the brilliant, brooding Viktor Arzaky, Craig's best friend and the society's cofounder. When one of The Twelve is discovered murdered at the Tower's base—the first in a series of grisly slayings—it falls to Arzaky and Salvatrio, the last remaining student of Craig's famed Academy for Detectives in Buenos Aires, to find and stop the killer. But what the two discover as they race around fin-de-siÈcle Paris—encountering secret societies, philosophical puzzles, and an imperiled, dangerously beautiful woman—has shattering consequences that will alter the fate of their precious brotherhood forever. **TP \$28.95**

Len Deighton*The Ipcress File*

Len Deightons classic first novel, whose protagonist is a nameless spy - later christened Harry Palmer and made famous worldwide in the iconic 1960s film starring Michael Caine. The Ipcress File was not only Len Deightons first novel, it was his first bestseller and the book that broke the mould of thriller writing. For the working class narrator, an apparently straightforward mission to find a missing biochemist becomes a journey to the heart of a dark and deadly conspiracy. The film of *The Ipcress File* gave Michael Caine one of his first and still most celebrated starring roles, while the novel itself has become a classic. **APB \$19.99**

Billion Dollar Brain

The fourth of Deightons novels to be narrated by the unnamed employee of WOOC(P) is the thrilling story of an anti-communist espionage network owned by a Texan billionaire, General Midwinter, run from a vast computer complex known as the Brain. After having been recruited by Harvey Newbegin, the narrator travels from the bone-freezing winter of Helsinki, Riga and Leningrad, to the stifling heat of Texas, and soon finds himself tangling with enemies on both sides of the Iron Curtain. **APB \$19.99**

Horse Under Water

The Ipcress File was a debut sensation. Here in the second Secret File, *Horse under Water*, skin-diving, drug trafficking and blackmail all feature in a curious story in which the dead hand of a long-defeated Hitler-Germany reaches out to Portugal, London and Marrakech, and to all the neo-Nazis of today's Europe. The detail is frightening but unfaultable; the story as up to date as ever it was. The un-named hero of *The Ipcress File* the same: insolent, fallible, capricious - in other words, human. But he must draw on all his abilities, good and bad, when plunged into a story of murder, betrayal and greed every bit as murky as the waters off the coast of Portugal, where the answers lie buried. **APB \$19.99**

Funeral in Berlin

In Berlin, where neither side of the wall is safe, Colonel Stok of Red Army Security is prepared to sell an important Russian scientist to the West - for a price. British intelligence are willing to pay, providing their own top secret agent is in Berlin to act as go-between. But it soon becomes apparent that behind the facade of an elaborate mock funeral lies a game of deadly manoeuvres and ruthless tactics. A game in which the blood-stained legacy of Nazi Germany is enmeshed in the intricate moves of cold war espionage. **APB \$19.99**

Nelson DeMille*The Gate House*

When John Sutter's aristocratic wife killed her mafia don lover, John left America and set out in his sailboat on a three-year journey around the world, eventually settling in London. Now, ten years later, he has come home to the Gold Coast, the stretch of land on the North Shore of Long Island that once held the greatest concentration of wealth and power in America, to attend the imminent funeral of an old family servant. Taking up temporary residence in the gatehouse of Stanhope Hall, John finds himself living only a quarter of a mile from Susan, who has also returned to Long Island. But Susan isn't the only person from John's past who has reemerged. Though Frank Bellarosa, infamous Mafia don and Susan's ex-lover, is long dead, his son, Anthony, is alive and well, and intent on two missions: drawing John back into the violent world of the Bellarosa family, and exacting revenge on his father's murderer - Susan Sutter. **PB \$19.99**

Hannah Dennison*Expose! (Vicky Hill 03)*

During snail-racing season in the town of Gipping-on-Plym, obituary writer Vicky Hill gets a tip about the secret funeral of local celebrity Scarlett Flemming, whose sudden death has baffled the townsfolk, and she soon realizes that she is no longer writing an obituary, but an expose on murder. **PB \$17.95**

Margaret Duffy*Souvenirs of Murder*

The brand-new Patrick Gillard and Ingrid Langley mystery - Ingrid Langley isn't pleased when her husband and working partner, Patrick Gillard, late of MI5 and now with the Serious Organized Crime Agency, is sent on assignment days after the birth of their new son. A local crime provides a welcome distraction, but before long Ingrid has a bigger problem to deal with Pangborne is murdered, and all clues point to Patrick as the killer . . . **HC \$58.95**

Dominick Dunne*Too Much Money*

A sequel to *People Like Us* finds writer Gus Bailey witnessing the disappearance of the old-money society that once occupied him and investigating the murder of one of the world's wealthiest men, an effort that is sabotaged by the man's calculating wife and schemers within Gus's own set. **HC \$52.95**

J F Englert*A Dog At Sea (Bull Moose Dog Run Mystery)*

While on a pet lovers cruise, Randolph, an intrepid Labrador Retriever, finds adventure, mystery, and murder on the high seas as he and his owner Harry follow the clues to the whereabouts of the long-lost Imogen, Randolph's mistress and Harry's beloved girlfriend. **PB \$19.95**

Loren D Estleman

Alone

The second wacky comedic murder romp for Hollywood film detective Valentino

Valentino wants to keep The Oracle, his beloved run-down movie palace, from being condemned before it even reopens, but murder keeps intruding into his otherwise quiet life. At a gala party held in memory of screen legend Greta Garbo, he's having fun until the host, a hotshot developer named Rankin, tells Valentino about a certain letter from Garbo to his late wife. She and Garbo had been-close.

Such a letter is of great interest to a film archivist like Valentino, but the the plot thickens when Rankin tells Val that his assistant, Akers, is using this letter to blackmail him. Val is appalled by the thought of blackmail...but that letter sounds juicier all the time. Returning to Rankin's mansion after the party, Val finds Rankin sitting at his desk with a pistol in his hand, looking at Akers's dead body on the floor.

Valentino's in a quandary. He'd love to see that letter, but he can't. He's gotten his girlfriend-who works for the police-in trouble, so his love life is, pardon the expression, shot to hell. Worse yet, the building inspector has kicked him out of his unfinished living space in the Oracle, so he takes his life in his hands and moves in with his eccentric mentor, the elderly, insomniac Professor Broadhead. No love, no sleep, no letter-life isn't fair!

HC \$51.95

Lyndsay Faye

Dust and Shadow

From the gritty streets of nineteenth century London, the loyal and courageous Dr. Watson offers a tale unearthed after generations of lore: the harrowing story of Sherlock Holmes's attempt to hunt down Jack the Ripper.

As England's greatest specialist in criminal detection, Sherlock Holmes is unwavering in his quest to capture the killer responsible for terrifying London's East End. He hires an "unfortunate" known as Mary Ann Monk, the friend of a fellow streetwalker who was one of the Ripper's earliest victims; and he relies heavily on the steadfast and devoted Dr. John H. Watson. When Holmes himself is wounded in Whitechapel during an attempt to catch the savage monster, the popular press launches an investigation of its own, questioning the great detective's role in the very crimes he is so fervently struggling to prevent. Stripped of his credibility, Holmes is left with no choice but to break every rule in the desperate race to find the madman known as "the Knife" before it is too late.

A masterly re-creation of history's most diabolical villain, Lyndsay Faye's debut brings unparalleled authenticity to the atmosphere of Whitechapel and London in the fledgling days of tabloid journalism and recalls the ideals evinced by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most beloved and world-renowned characters. Jack the Ripper's identity, still hotly debated around the world more than a century after his crimes were committed, remains a mystery ripe for speculation. *Dust and Shadow* explores the terrifying prospect of tracking a serial killer without the advantage of modern forensics, and the result is a lightning-paced novel brimming with historical detail that will keep you on the edge of your seat. **TP \$28.95**

Monica Ferris

Sew Far, So Good (Needlecraft Mysteries)

Available for the first time in one volume: three mysteries from the Today bestselling author of the Needlecraft series...

Shop owner and part-time sleuth Betsy Devonshire has a knack for stumbling upon dead bodies-and it's entangled her in more than one knotty situation. Here in one volume are three of Betsy's adventures as a not-so-seamless investigator.

Includes *Unraveled Sleeve*, *A Murderous Yarn*, and *Hanging by a Thread*. **TP \$28.95**

Thai Die (Needlecraft Mysteries 12)

Back from a trip to Thailand, Doris Valentine is eager to show Betsy, owner of the Crewel World needlework shop, her souvenirs. Later when the souvenirs are stolen from Doris's apartment, Betsy thinks there is something more to some of this exotic embroidery than meets the eye. **PB \$19.95**

G M Ford

Identity

Paul Hardy has lived in a care home for the past seven years with no memory of who he is or where he came from. When a car accident necessitates an emergency and cutting edge procedure on his brain, he begins to remember things. Things that if he's not careful, will get him killed.

An internet search of the one rogue memory he does possess brings a shadowy government agency to his door determined to keep him quiet – permanently. With only a single name to guide him, Paul begins on a journey to discover who he is and find out why people want him dead. When the path leads him to Florida and the space centre, Paul realises that the secret he carries within him is one that will rock the foundations of America... **APB \$19.99**

Steven M Forman

Boca Knights

In a debut novel sure to both excite passions and elicit laughter, a different kind of hero emerges in that most unlikely criminal hotbed: Boca Raton. Eddie Perlmutter is capable of fighting with fearless frenzy, but only does so to defend the defenseless. Eddie's career as a much-honored Boston cop has come to an end. At sixty, he's still energetic and virile, but decades of harsh New England winters and collaring the pug-uglies of Boston's underworld have taken their toll—especially on his knees. So what does a lonely, retired cop with arthritic knees do? Head to sunny Florida, of course. Country-club politics and early-bird specials are a far cry from the street toughs, scuffles, and arrests of his former life. But some things never change. Instead of enjoying a relaxed, laid-back retirement, Eddie quickly discovers the darker side of Boca Raton's endless sun and palm trees, where hate crimes, counterfeiting, and worse lurk beneath the deceptively calm surface of cushy retirement communities.

With his no-nonsense crime-fighting skills and roll-with-the punches attitude, Eddie hits Boca Raton like a Nor'easter from Hell, fast, fresh, and unstoppable. A compulsively readable comic thriller with an egalitarian message that will inspire readers of all ages, *Boca Knights* will have readers in stitches and keep them on the edge of their seats. **PB \$19.95**

Margaret Frazer

A Play of Mysteries (Joliffe the Player Mysteries)

When the powerful Bishop Beaufort sends him to France where he is to act as a servant to the duchess of Bedford, a beautiful young widow, and train as a spy under the late duke's spymaster, Joliffe discovers that wealth is no defense against murder. **PB \$19.95**

Meg Gardiner

Dirty Secrets Club

Meet Jo Beckett - a forensic psychiatrist who profiles victims' lives to help solve their deaths. On a San Francisco street, Jo confronts a scene of pure carnage: four dead, five injured after a high speed pursuit. In the mangled remains of a BMW lies prosecutor Callie Harding, dead with the word dirty written in lipstick on her thigh. Why did Harding run from the police? Why did she crash through a bridge railing? Was it an accident? Suicide? Or murder? Jo is a last resort in difficult cases. But now she's on the front line, because Callie Harding isn't the first high flyer to go down and take others with her. And if Jo can't figure out why the prosecutor died, Harding won't be the last. Jo's about to discover how dirty some secrets can be.

PB \$19.99

Jonathan Gash

The Faces in the Pool (Lovejoy Mysteries)

Released from jail on condition that he join the elegant Laura Moon's speed-dating agency, a reluctant Lovejoy is finagled into a temporary marriage of convenience to help the millionaire divorcee track down her dangerous former husband. By the author of *The Ten-Word Game*. **HC \$51.95**

Lee Goldberg

Mr Monk in Trouble (Monk)

America's favorite obsessive-compulsive detective is back in a new original tale in the series based on the popular TV show, in a book by the author of *Mr. Monk and the Dirty Cop*. **HC \$47.95**

Mr Monk and the Dirty Cop (Monk 05)

Captain Leland Stottlemeyer relies on Adrian Monk to solve his most baffling cases, but when the captain is faced with budget cuts, Monk's fees are one of the expenses he trims. Monk is too compulsive to stop investigating; he resorts to calling in tips under assumed names, infuriating the captain. But when Stottlemeyer is arrested for murder, he turns to the only detective who can prove his innocence. That is, if Monk can overcome some potentially crippling obstacles along the way... **PB \$19.95**

Ed Gorman

Ticket to Ride (Sam McCain 08)

Struggling with his father's illness, his boss's rehab, and the end of a relationship, small-town Iowa lawyer Sam McCain witnesses the return of his community's first Vietnam casualty while reuniting with old friends at a Labor Day party that is shattered by a double murder. By the Shamus and Spur Award-winning author of *Fools Rush In*. **HC \$51.95**

Sue Grafton

U is For Undertow

In 1960s Santa Teresa, California, a child is kidnapped and never returned...

When the case is reopened after 20 years, a man – Michael Sutton – contacts private detective Kinsey Millhone for help. He claims to have recalled a strange and disturbing memory which just might provide the key to the mystery. He may have stumbled across the kidnappers burying Mary Claire Fitzhugh's body...

But Michael's account is indistinct – he was only six years old at the time of the kidnapping; and even members of his family try to discredit his evidence. But Kinsey is certain there is something vital within Michael's recollections. And even when what is eventually unearthed isn't what anyone expected, she can't quite let go of the case.

As Kinsey gradually brings to light the stories of the protagonists involved in the tragedy, from Country Club parents to their free-living, hippy children, the truth finally begins to emerge. And while stepping back into the past, Kinsey discovers more about her own history too... **TP \$32.99**

Thomas Greanis

Raising Atlantis

In Antarctica, a glacial earthquake swallows up a team of scientists - and exposes a mysterious monument older than the Earth itself. In Peru, archaeologist Dr Conrad Yeats is apprehended by US Special Forces to unlock the final key to the origins of the human race. In Rome, the Pope summons environmental activist Dr Serena Serghetti to the Vatican - and reveals a terrifying vision of apocalyptic disaster. In space, a weather satellite reveals four massive storms forming around the South Pole - and three US spy satellites disappear from orbit.

These are the end times, when the agendas of a lost civilization and the prophecies of the world's great religions lead a man and a woman to the shattering discovery that will change the face of humankind. **APB \$19.95**

Atlantis Prophecy

An ancient organization more powerful than the federal government has targeted the USA. They'll stop at nothing to destroy the republic and raise an empire.

The adventure begins with a mysterious military burial - and a shocking legacy that has explosive implications for America's future. Archaeologist Conrad Yeats discovers in his father's tombstone the key to a centuries-old warning built into the very design of Washington DC. Major monuments along the National Mall are astronomically aligned and are about to 'lock' with the stars at a date foreseen by the Founding Fathers. Along with Serena Serghetti, a beautiful Vatican linguist with secrets of her own, Yeats explores the hidden world beneath America's capital city in a deadly race to save it. For America has a date with destiny - and the fate of the world hangs in the balance. **APB \$19.95**

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 discovery of the wreckage of a sunken Nazi submarine - and a shocking legacy of Hitler's quest to find 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. **APB \$22.99**

W E B Griffin & William E Butterworth IV

The Honor of Spies (Honor Bound)

August 6, 1943: In his brief career in the Office of Strategic Services, twenty-four-year-old Cletus Frade has already been involved in a lot of unusual situations, but nothing like the one he's in now, standing with a German lieutenant colonel named Wilhelm Frogger in a Mississippi prisoner-of-war detention facility. Frade's job? To help Frogger escape.

Frogger's parents are in Frade's custody in Argentina, because of their involvement in a secret German plan to establish safe havens for senior Nazi officials in South America, and the younger Frogger has agreed to help find out what they know. Even more important, however, is the secret within the secret. Before he was captured in Africa, Frogger was part of a conspiracy; its goal: to assassinate Adolf Hitler. If the OSS can use his knowledge and connections to nudge that plot along, even just a little bit- they may be able to end this war right now. But Frade is not the only one who knows about the Froggers. Even as he stands there in Mississippi, a troop of Germans and Argentinians, led by a Colonel Juan, is on its way to kill the parents and, after them, Frade himself. His career in the OSS may have been brief-but it may just be about to be over. Filled with the special flair that Griffin's fans have come to expect. **HC \$54.95**

David Hagberg

The Expediter

Late one balmy summer evening in Pyongyang, an important Chinese intelligence general on his way to a secret meeting with Kim Jong-Il is assassinated in plain sight of a surveillance camera. The two shooters are wearing the uniforms of North Korean police officers.

Kim Jong-Il denies any knowledge of the shooting, but the Chinese do not believe him. As they prepare to attack, Jong-Il promises to unleash his nuclear weapons on downtown Beijing, Seoul, and Tokyo, plunging the entire region into nuclear war.

Kirk McGarvey, just off a difficult assignment that took him to Mexico City, has returned to his visiting professorship at the University of South Florida. A colonel in North Korea's intelligence service shows up in person, asking McGarvey to prove that North Korea did not authorize the hit.

It's the most extraordinary request McGarvey has ever received. He enters a dangerous international shadow world where almost nothing is as it seems. The puzzles lead him to a mysterious Russian ex-KGB multimillionaire whose specialty is expediting assassins for hire, to Pyongyang where he finds the wedge to open up a far-reaching plot so monstrous the entire world could go up into flames, and finally back to the one nation that potentially has the most to gain by such a war.

And the most to lose . . . **PB \$21.95**

M R Hall

The Disappeared

In the bestselling tradition of Patricia Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta, M. R. Hall's heroine Jenny Cooper makes her debut as a coroner with a detective's eye and a woman with a home life as complicated as her cases.

In this brilliant debut, Jenny investigates the disappearance of two young Muslim students, who vanished without a trace seven years ago. The police had concluded that the boys, under surveillance for some time for suspicion of terrorism, had fled to Pakistan to traffic in the atrocities of Islamic fanaticism. Now, sufficient time has passed for the law to declare the boys legally dead. A final declaration is left up to a coroner, Jenny Cooper.

As Jenny's official inquest progresses, the stench of corruption is unmistakable. Not only does it appear that British Security Services played a role, but the involvement of an American intelligence agent soon makes it clear that a vast conspiracy is in play. As Jenny builds an ever-strengthening case implicating a shocking collection of power and influence, she meets with a determined and increasingly menacing resistance. When she links the students' "vanishing" to the unidentified corpse of a beautiful young woman and the fate of a missing nuclear scientist, Jenny is forced into an arena in which she is pushed to the breaking point and beyond. She must struggle with her own inner demons while fighting a lone and desperate battle to bring an unspeakable crime to justice. **HC \$51.95**

David Handler

Click to Play

An electrifying thriller from an Edgar Award-winning crime writer - A dying TV star reaches out to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist with an explosive revelation: the truth behind an infamous Hollywood murder spree, which will destroy a US senator's bid for the presidency. For former star reporter Hunt Lieblich, it's a chance to get his career back on track until he walks in on an all-new Hollywood massacre, and becomes the prime suspect himself. **HC \$58.95**

Sophie Hannah

Other Half Lives

Why would anyone confess to the murder of someone who isn't dead? Ruth Bussey knows what it means to be in the wrong and to be wronged. She once did something she regrets, and her punishment nearly destroyed her. Now Ruth is rebuilding her life, and has found a love she doesn't believe she deserves: Aidan Seed. Aidan is also troubled by a past he hates to talk about, until one day he decides he must confide in Ruth. He tells her that years ago he killed someone: a woman called Mary Trelease. Ruth is confused. She's certain she's heard the name before, and when she realises why it sounds familiar, her fear and confusion deepen because the Mary Trelease that Ruth knows is very much alive . . . **PB \$19.99**

Cora Harrison

The Sting of Justice

The year is 1509 and autumn has come to the Burren in western Ireland. It's a time of harvest and preparation for the winter to come—the end of summer and, for some, the end of life. When Mara attends the funeral of a local priest of the Burren, the last thing she expects to discover is another corpse on the church steps—a man stung to death by bees.

Sorley, the silversmith, was a greedy and distrusted man: there would be no shortage of people who wanted him dead. But who really stood to profit from his murder? As Mara investigates, she must use all her cunning and prowess as a judge to bring the sting of justice to a killer with a hate-filled heart and a murderous mind. **HC \$52.95**

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles

Third Bill Slider Omnibus (Bill Slider)

SHALLOW GRAVE: The Old Rectory is the kind of house Detective Inspector Bill Slider would give anything to own. But the dead body of Jennifer Andrews, found in a hole on the terrace, rather spoils the view. It looks like a straightforward case: Jennifer was a congenial flirt, and the hole was dug by her builder husband Eddie, who was violent and jealous. But questions remain unanswered. Why was Jennifer's body so unmarked? And how did she reach her shallow grave unnoticed? BLOOD SINISTER: Award-winning ex-Guardian hack Phoebe Agnew had a name for championing the underdog - and for attacking the police in print. When her trussed and strangled body is found in her chaotic flat, Detective Inspector Slider must demonstrate the impartiality of the law and find her killer. Unidentified fingerprints, a missing ligature, alibis offered when none is required - Slider is on a race against time to untangle the web of lies and hidden relationships. **TP \$32.99**

David Hewson

The Cemetery of Secrets

In the ancient burial ground of San Michele on an island off Venice, a young woman's casket is prised open, an object wrenched from her hands, and an extraordinary story begins.

Young academic Daniel Forster arrives in Venice working for the summer in the library of a private collector. When his employer sends him to buy a stolen violin from a petty thief, he ignites a chain of violence, deception, intrigue and murder. Daniel is drawn into the police investigation surrounding a beautiful woman, a mysterious palazzo and a lost musical masterpiece dating back to 1733.

Separated by centuries, two tales of passion, betrayal and danger collide transporting the reader from the intrigue of Vivaldi's Venice to the gritty world of a modern detective. From the genius of prodigy to the greed of a killer, *The Cemetery of Secrets* builds to a shattering crescendo - and one last, breathtaking surprise. **BPB \$22.99**

James Hime

Where Armadillos Go To Die

Sylvester Bradshaw owns the Bouree restaurant, home of the best catfish in Brenham, Texas. He's also known to be one of the most unpleasant residents of Brenham, and not just because he's stubborn, racist, and mean. Sylvester also happens to have invented a machine that several venture capitalists and one former NFL star would like to invest in, but he's not sharing. When the restaurant is ransacked and he goes missing, the only person willing to take his disappearance seriously is Jeremiah Spur. The retired Texas Ranger and rancher is a dedicated customer if not a friend, and decidedly more competent than the local law enforcement. **HC \$52.95**

Hazel Holt

Mrs Malory and Any Man's Death (Mrs Malory 19)

The village of Mere Barton would be a different place without local busybody Annie Roberts. Standing only five feet tall, the tireless retired nurse organizes and oversees all local activity with military precision. When Sheila Malory gets roped into Annie's latest project, a compilation of the village's history, she has a feeling it will lead to trouble. But the project is cut short when Annie is found dead from a nasty case of mushroom poisoning—and Mrs. Malory seems to be the only one who finds the death suspicious. Because of her nosy nature, Annie had discovered some dark secrets about her fellow villagers. Secrets someone might kill to keep quiet. **PB \$17.95**

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. **TP \$32.99**

Arnaldur Indridason

Arctic Chill (Reykjavik)

On an icy January day the Reykjavik police are called to a block of flats where a body has been found in the garden: a young, dark-skinned boy, frozen to the ground in a pool of his own blood. The discovery of a stab wound in his stomach extinguishes any hope that this was a tragic accident. Erlendur and his team embark on their investigation with little to go on but the news that the boy's Thai half-brother is missing. Is he implicated, or simply afraid for his own life? The investigation soon unearths tensions simmering beneath the surface of Iceland's outwardly liberal, multicultural society. A teacher at the boy's school makes no secret of his anti-immigration stance; incidents are reported between Icelandic pupils and the disaffected children of incomers; and, to confuse matters further, a suspected paedophile has been spotted in the area. Meanwhile, the boy's murder forces Erlendur to confront the tragedy in his own past.

Soon, facts are emerging from the snow-filled darkness that are more chilling even than the Arctic night. **BPB \$24.95**

Voices (Reykjavik)

Detective Erlendur encounters memories of his troubled past in this gripping and award-winning continuation of the Reykjavik Murder Mysteries. At a grand Reykjavik hotel the doorman has been repeatedly stabbed in the dingy basement room he called home. It is only a few days before Christmas and he was preparing to appear as Santa Claus at a children's party. The manager tries to keep the murder under wraps. A glum detective taking up residence in his hotel and an intrusive murder investigation are not what he needs. As Erlendur quietly surveys the cast of grotesques who populate the hotel, the web of malice, greed and corruption that lies beneath its surface reveals itself. Everyone has something to hide. But most shocking is the childhood secret of the dead man who, many years before, was the most famous child singer in the country: it turns out to be a brush with stardom which would ultimately cost him everything. As Christmas Day approaches Erlendur must delve deeply into the past to find the man's killer.

Voices is a tense, atmospheric and disturbing novel from one of Europe's greatest crime writers. **BPB \$24.95**

Bill James

Full of Money

Part social satire, part police procedural, Bill James returns with the stunning prequel to *Tip Top* - In the drug-ridden Whitsun and Temperate housing estates a connection, once made, is only ever one thing: trouble. Trouble for the journalist whose investigation into the estates leads to his murder; trouble for policewoman Esther Davidson, whose job it is to arrest the killer; and trouble for TV producer Larry Edgehill, who becomes more involved with a Romeo and Juliet-esque cross-estate romance than he ever would have wanted. **HC \$56.95**

P D James

The Private Patient (Adam Dalglish)

Cheverell Manor is a lovely old house in deepest Dorset, now a private clinic belonging to the famous plastic surgeon George Chandler-Powell. When investigative journalist Rhoda Gradwyn arrived there one late autumn afternoon, scheduled to have a disfiguring and long-standing facial scar removed, she had every expectation of a successful operation and a pleasant week recuperating. Two days later she was dead, the victim of murder.

To Commander Adam Dalglish, who with his team is called in to investigate the case, the mystery at first seems absolute. Few things about it make sense. Yet as the detectives begin probing the lives and backgrounds of those connected with the dead woman—the surgeon, members of the manor staff, close acquaintances—suspects multiply all too rapidly. New confusions arise, including strange historical overtones of madness and a lynching 350 years in the past. Then there is a second murder, and Dalglish finds himself confronted by issues even more challenging than innocence or guilt. **TP \$30.95**

Steven James

The Rook (Bowers Files 02)

When Special Agent Patrick Bowers is called in to investigate an arson attack on a top-secret research facility, he is caught up in a race against time to stop an international assassin before it is too late. **PB \$19.95**

J A Jance

Web of Evil

Ali Reynolds is mad as hell and she isn't going to take it anymore! Fired from her glamorous high profile LA anchorwoman job, Ali's returned to her hometown of Sedona, Arizona to lick her wounds, shedding her old life and her old husband (the 'cheating rat') in the process. She's started a blog to help vent her feelings of betrayal: cutlooseblog.com. But the day before their final decree nisi, Ali's estranged husband is found dead in Palm Springs - having been trussed up in the boot of a car and left on the railway tracks to be pulverized by an oncoming freight train - leaving behind him a rich estate and a pregnant fiancée. Not only is Ali the sole heir to her soon-to-be-ex-husband's estate, she's also the prime suspect in his murder. Soon she's heading down a path strewn with corpses and danger alike. But little does Ali realize the extraordinary part her blog will play in tracking down the real culprit. **APB \$19.95**

Cruel Intent

Ali Reynolds doesn't go looking for trouble - but trouble comes looking for her when the battered, bloodstained body of Morgan Forester is discovered by her twin daughters. For the prime suspect, Morgan's husband, is the contractor Ali has hired to help re-design her home.

Bryan Forester swears he had nothing to do with the killing - but no one, including Ali's boyfriend, Detective Dave Holman, believes him. Was Morgan's death the result of a domestic dispute that turned violent - or is her murder part of something far more sinister? In her determination to prove Bryan's innocence, Ali finds herself drawn into a terrifying web of deceit that could cost her her life. **APB \$19.99**

Trial By Fire

In the heat of the Arizona desert, a raging fire pushes temperatures to a deadly degree, and one woman is left to burn. Pulled naked and barely breathing from the fire, the victim has no idea who she is, let alone who would do this to her -- or why. In her hospital bed she drifts in and out of consciousness, her only means of communicating a blink of the eye. And then an angel appears. Misguidedly known around town as the "Angel of Death," Sister Anselm has devoted her life to working as an advocate for unidentified patients. To her burn patient, she is a savior. But to this Jane Doe's would-be killer, Sister Anselm's efforts pose a serious threat. Ali Reynolds is on the scene as the new media relations consultant for the Yavapai County Police Department, keeping reporters at bay and circumventing questions about arson and a link to a domestic terrorist group called Earth Liberation Front. But her job quickly becomes much more. As Ali struggles to help Sister Anselm uncover the helpless woman's identity, they realize that by locating the missing relatives they may be exposing the victim once more to a remorseless killer determined to finish the job. Faced with the possibility of putting all three of their lives in jeopardy, Ali fearlessly pursues justice -- and what she discovers is a secret even darker and more twisted than she ever could have imagined. **HC \$52.95**

Linda O Johnstone

Howl Deadly (Kendra Ballantyne Pet-Sitter Mysteries 08)

When a mother wolf goes missing from her lover Dante's wild animal sanctuary--and the wolf's caretaker is found dead--L.A. attorney and pet sitter Kendra Ballantyne, no stranger to murder, must track down a killer who has ties to Dante's mysterious past. **PB \$19.95**

Alex Kava

Exposed

Agent Maggie O'Dell believes she's responding to a threat, but instead walks into a trap. The killer's weapon is a deadly virus, virtually invisible and totally unexpected.

Maggie knows dangerous minds — from hauntingly perverse child predators to cunningly twisted serial killers. Now she faces a new opponent from inside an isolation ward. Maggie must find clues to catch the killer — while waiting to see if the lethal strain is already multiplying in her body.

With every new exposure there's the potential for an epidemic. And Maggie knows she may not live long enough to stop the nightmare scenario becoming a devastating reality. **APB \$9.99**

The Soul Catcher

For FBI special agent Maggie O'Dell, there is nothing routine about being called in to work on two seemingly unrelated crimes. As an expert criminal profiler, Maggie provides psychological insight on cases that involve suspected serial killers. She can't understand, then, why she has been assigned to these two crimes. But as Maggie and her partner, Special Agent R. J. Tully, delve deeper into the cases, they discover there is a connection: Reverend Joseph Everett, the charismatic leader of a high-profile religious sect.

Is Everett a psychotic madman who uses his power to perform heinous crimes? Or is he merely the scapegoat for a killer more cunning than he? Maggie realizes the only way to find out is to use her own mother, a member of Everett's church, as a pawn in a deadly trap. **APB \$9.99**

Robert Knightly

Bodies in Winter

A New York mystery from a talented new writer . . . - On a cold winter's morning in New York, NYPD detective Harry Corbin and his partner Adele Bentibi arrive at the scene of a murder. It looks like a cut-and-dried case but, as Corbin and Bentibi investigate, they uncover a murky world of bent cops and cover-ups that puts both of their careers and their lives in serious danger . . . **HC \$58.95**

Dean Koontz

Breathless

Grady Adams, a craftsman, lives alone in the Colorado mountains, a strong gentle man whose experiences have left him alienated from the contemporary world. One day out walking he observes a pair of beautiful white-furred animals he has never seen before: as big as dogs, maybe sixty or seventy pounds, but they are not dogs. They seem to be at play ... Grady can find no animal like them in reference books. Then he comes face to face with the two animals: they are more beautiful than he could have imagined. They are unlike anything he can name! Soon they are taking food from him. A sudden wonder has come into his life, not to mention a deep mystery. Grady's friend Cammy Rivers is a vet. She is stunned by the two creatures - and sends photos over the Internet to inquire of colleagues in far places if they can identify the animals. Before they know what is happening, Homeland Security has quarantined square miles of wildland surrounding Grady's home and confined both Grady and Cammy there while biologists and assorted scientists capture, confine and run tests on the creatures. Angered and alarmed Grady and Cammy free the captives and go on the run. A pursuit of hair-raising suspense begins, with no happy ending in prospect ... **BREATHLESS** is a unique and riveting thriller from the master of suspense. **TP \$32.99 HC \$56.95**

Camilla Lackberg

The Ice Princess

Returning to her hometown after the death of her parents, writer Erica Falck finds a community about to be torn apart by tragedy. The death of Erica's childhood friend, Alex, is just the beginning. Her wrists slashed, her body frozen in an ice-cold bath, it seems, at first, that Alex has taken her own life. When Erica delves further, however, it becomes clear that her death is connected to events long in the past. As she and local detective Patrik Hedstrom come closer to the truth, they are drawn into a web of deception and secrets that someone is willing to do anything to protect. **BPB \$24.99**

C E Lawrence

Silent Screams

Criminal profiler Lee Campbell must delve into the mind of a burgeoning serial killer known as the Slasher, who carves up his victims and arranges their bodies as a tribute to his sick fantasies, before he strikes again. **PB \$17.95**

Stephen Leather

Private Dancer

Thailand, the Land of Smiles. Pete, a young travel writer, wanders into a Bangkok go-go bar and meets the love of his life. Joy is the girl of his dreams: young, stunningly pretty, and one of the Zombie Bar's top-earning pole dancers. What follows is a roller-coaster ride of sex, drugs and deception, as Pete discovers that his very own private dancer is not all that she claims to be. And that far from being the girl of his dreams, Joy is his own personal nightmare...

The disastrous course Pete embarks upon when he falls for Joy is all too obvious to his mates while Pete remains only vaguely aware that he may be just another tourist "ATM machine". The vanity of men knows no bounds and Pete's self-belief that Joy is really in need of salvation and that he is the man to deliver it triumphs over common sense. Pete increasingly loses his own sense of reality as he falls in love with Joy, wishes to save her from poverty and grasping mamasans, and blinkers himself to the reality of the world he has stepped into. **BPB \$22.99**

Laura Lippman

In Big Trouble (Tess Monaghan)

Available in hardcover for the first time is a classic Tess Monaghan mystery, where Tess receives a clipping featuring her musician ex-boyfriend, prompting her to investigate his disappearance and that of the woman who was with him, as well as the victims of a killer who dances to his own deadly tune. **HC \$45.95**

Dick Lochte & Al Roker

The Morning Show Murders

A debut mystery by the Emmy-winning television host finds celebrity chef Billy Blessing struggling to clear his name by solving the murder of his producer, who has been poisoned while eating a dish from Billy's four-star restaurant. **HC \$52.95**

Elizabeth Lowell

Dark Fire

Romantic suspense set in exotic surroundings - The Andean Cloud Forest in Ecuador is mysterious and beautiful. Trace Rawlings is a man who lives by his own rules. Ruthless and domineering, he takes what he wants. But Cynthia is used to someone trying to manipulate her, having dealt with her father all her life. She feels sure she can handle Trace. After all, he's just there to guide her through the treacherous forest, right? **HC \$56.95**

Alastair MacNeill

Rendezvous

Early in 1942 the Special Operations Executive and American Military Intelligence must put together a carefully selected team to send on a daring mission which could ultimately change the course of the war in the Mediterranean. James McIndoe, one of the most experienced operatives in the SOE, forms an uneasy team with two members of the AMI- the beautiful Stella di Mauro and the brash Nicky Ravallo. When it becomes clear that the operation has become compromised the tension mounts, but there can be no turning back, not until the mission has been completed. But with the Germans closing in, there may be no way out... **APB \$19.99**

Javier Marias

Your Face Tomorrow (Poison, Shadow and Farewell 03)

A finale to the author's novel in three parts returns MI6 recruit Jaime Deza to Madrid to spy on and protect his own family, a mission that involves psychologically grueling losses. By the award-winning author of *Fever* and *Spear*. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Marshall

Bad Things

Three years ago a young boy died in tragic and mysterious circumstances, collapsing inexplicably right in front of his horrified parents. Since then, the family has fallen apart, and the boy's father has gone off the rails. Then, one day, he receives a very spooky email: I know what happened to your child... Does the author really possess such vital information, or is it all just a cruel hoax? There's only one way for the bereaved father to find out. But while the email-writer may well have the knowledge she claims, her motives for getting involved are far darker and more complicated than they at first appear... **APB \$19.99**

Colleen McCullough Australian author

Too Many Murders (Carmine Delmonico 02)

The unputdownable new chiller from Australia's greatest storyteller.

Proving once again that she is a master of suspense, bestselling author Colleen McCullough returns with a riveting follow-up to *ON, OFF*.

The year is 1967 and the world teeters on the brink of nuclear holocaust as the Cold War goes relentlessly on. On a beautiful spring day in the little city of Holloman, Connecticut, home to prestigious Chubb University and armaments giant Cornucopia, chief of detectives Captain Carmine Delmonico has more pressing concerns than finding a name for his infant son: twelve murders have taken place in one day, and Delmonico is drawn into a gruesome web of secrets and lies.

Supported by his detective sergeants Abe Goldberg and Corey Marshall, and new team member the meticulous Delia Carstairs, Delmonico embarks on what looks like an unsolvable mystery. All the murders are different, and they all seem unconnected. Are they dealing with one killer, or many? How is the murder of Dee-Dee Hall, a local prostitute, related to the deaths of a mother and her disabled child? How is Chubb student Evan Pugh connected to Desmond Skeps, head of Cornucopia? And as if twelve murders were not enough, Carmine soon finds himself pitted against the mysterious Ulysses, a spy giving Cornucopia's armaments secrets to the Russians. Are the murders and espionage different cases, or are they somehow linked? As the overtaxed police force contends with small town politics, academic rivalry, and corporate greed, the death toll mounts, and Carmine and his team discover that the answers are not what they seem -- but then, are they ever? **HC \$49.99**

On, Off (Carmine Delmonico 01)

"I don't suspect anyone, and that's my worst worry. I should suspect someone, so why don't I? What I do have is a sense that I'm missing something right under my nose ..." It is 1965, and in Holloman, Connecticut, someone is preying on the innocent. At the "Hug", a prestigious research centre for the neurosciences, parts of a body are discovered. Soon Lieutenant Carmine Delmonico of the Holloman Police learns of a string of horrifying disappearances throughout the state. Then another body is found ... With the Hugs hierarchies of power in turmoil, Delmonico delves into the lives and pasts of every Hugger. It is the case of his career, and he is determined to solve it. But how do you find a monster who leaves no clues and is two steps ahead? **BPB \$24.99**

Cody McFadyen

Abandoned

The woman had been missing for almost eight years. Someone watched her, stalked her, kidnapped her, and held her captive in the dark all that time. No ransom demand, and no suspects. No answers, even now that the woman has been found thrown from an unmarked car in front of a beachside wedding alive but unbearably traumatised. All she can do is scream. Tracking a kidnapper who appears to have no motive, FBI Special Agent Smoky Barrett and her team are plunged into the most sinister and disturbing case of their careers. Then they start to find the others. **TP \$32.99**

Michael McGarrity

Dead or Alive (Kevin Kerney)

Racing to his New Mexico ranch home after a disturbing phone call, retired Santa Fe police chief Kevin Kerney is horrified to learn that his horse-training partner, Riley Burke, has been murdered by an escaped prisoner, prompting Kerney to team up with his half-Apache son. **TP \$30.95**

Blood Relations

While on the trail of a genius mad scientist who believes that murder will further his research, international bounty hunter Ovan Dominguez must protect a recovering sex addict, and a college dean and her professor husband—all of whom are on the scientist's hit list. **TP \$30.95**

Russi McLean

The Good Son

In the aftermath of a farmer's estranged brother's suicide, Scottish private investigator Daniel Robertson begins to suspect the work of a pair of killers who are targeting victims throughout the city, a situation that is complicated by personal demons. **HC \$51.95**

Aly Monroe

Washington Shadow (Peter Cotton 02)

September 1945. Bankrupt and desperate, Britain sends John Maynard Keynes to boom town Washington to beg for a loan. Under cover of the backup team, agent Peter Cotton is sent to investigate the break-up of America's wartime intelligence agency. Cotton finds himself caught up in a world of shadows involving an extraordinarily attractive girl from the US State Department, a Soviet ex-tank commander claiming to be his opposite number, a contrarian African academic, an ambitious, quick-tempered boss from the world of misinformation . . . and an Anglo-American conspiracy that will change the world of post-war intelligence for ever. **TP \$32.99**

David Morrell

The Spy Who Came for Christmas

It's Christmas Eve in Santa Fe. But among the revelers on Canyon Road, a decidedly unholy scene is taking place. A desperate man, dressed all in black, feverishly seeks refuge for himself and the squirming bundle he holds tightly against his breast. Agent Paul Kagan's bundle is a baby who has the power to change the course of global events. His pursuers are his former colleagues—members of the Russian mafia who will stop at nothing to accomplish their mission. Now Kagan is a spy on the run—he must ensure this baby's survival, even if it will cost him his own life.

Just a short distance away, Kagan will find an unexpected pair of allies—a mother and her young son, who huddle together after a horrible episode of domestic violence leaves them home alone, with no means of transportation.

And so, with the exquisitely honed skills of his profession and the help and good faith of a weary woman and a disillusioned boy, Kagan must take on forces that will stop at nothing. In the course of a wild and violent night, the unlikely trio learns lessons of generosity, courage, and selflessness, discovering within themselves the luminous strength of the true Christmas spirit. **TP \$21.95**

Bob Morris

A Deadly Silver Sea

The world's most exclusive cruise ship, The Royal Star, has just set sail from Miami on its inaugural voyage. For the hundred or so well-heeled passengers, including Zack Chasteen and his wife, the itinerary is a secret and the week ahead promises to be the ultimate tropical sojourn...

But just an hour out of port, gunmen take over the Royal Star, killing most of the officers and sequestering passengers throughout the ship. Not only is Zack separated from his wife, he has another worry: She is eight months pregnant, and could go into labor at any moment...

As Zack and his fellow captives struggle to get an upper hand, the hijackers offer few clues to their motives. Maybe it's a simple kidnap/extortion plot. Or maybe they're bent on more devious ends—using the Royal Star as a giant torpedo to blow up another cruise ship. Either way, Zack must figure out a way to stop them—while keeping himself, and his family, alive. **PB \$19.95**

Shirley R Murphy

Cat Striking Back (Joe Grey Mystery)

Beware of the cat striking back . . .

On a lovely moonlit night, Joe Grey is minding his own business, carrying a gift of mice to a litter of kittens, when he stumbles upon a murder scene. Behind an empty house lies a swimming pool, its bottom covered with mud. There is also blood, the smell of human death, and drag marks. But there is no victim. Without a body, it's a crime that will be hard to prove.

With stubborn feline curiosity, Joe Grey sets out to investigate. As he, Dulcie, and Kit follow the killer's trail among four houses whose owners are on vacation, they discover that more murder has been planned for the small, close-knit neighborhood. They uncover evidence of conflict among the residents and multiple signs of breaking-and-entering, although nothing valuable seems to be missing.

With the help of two local ferals, the cats find the victim's hidden grave and learn of the violence that is yet to come. As they set out to alert the law, they discover the perfect way to thwart the killer—through that person's unnatural but powerful fear of cats.

Thus unfolds the next installment in Shirley Rousseau Murphy's beguiling series about the gray tomcat P.I., his feline friends, and human companions, as, skirting danger, they unravel events shaped by human frailty and by the darkest feline imaginings from the killer's past. **HC \$40.95**

Carla Neggers

Cold River

Hannah Shay has finally shown the town of Black Falls what she's worth. Her Three Sisters Café is a success, and she's soon to become a prosecutor. When the café becomes an epicenter for investigators trying to pierce a violent crime ring that's leaving bloody trails on nearby Cameron Mountain, Hannah suspects a man from her past is involved.

Sean Cameron returns to the snowy cold of his Vermont hometown to unmask his father's killer. Sean has the skills and resources to mount his own search, but he must convince the resistant Hannah to cooperate—because the killer is ready to strike again...and closer than anyone ever imagined. **PB \$19.95**

Carla Neggers

The Mist

When Lizzie Rush uncovers evidence that thrill-seeking billionaire Norman Estabrook may be at the centre of an international criminal network, she finds herself playing a dangerous game of cat and mouse. Raised in the elite world of her hotelier family, educated in reality by her spy father, Lizzie is the perfect choice to slowly amass information that will take down Estabrook.

When Lizzie learns of a bomb that's about to go off, her instincts are proven right. But her warning doesn't come quickly enough. One detective is seriously injured in the blast and another, the FBI director's daughter, disappears. Then intelligence officer Will Davenport arrives with a single, simple message: Norman Estabrook is gone.

Lizzie doesn't know how Will found her or whose side he's on, but she does know he can help her prevent the killers from striking again. Now Lizzie has no choice but to trust Will, a man who lives by a code of personal honour and answers to no one. At least until the mist clears and the frightening truth is revealed. **APB \$16.99**

Jo Nesbo

The Devil's Star (Harry Hole)

A young woman is murdered in her Oslo flat. One finger has been severed from her left hand, and behind her eyelid is secreted a tiny red diamond in the shape of a five-pointed star – a pentagram, the devil's star.

Detective Harry Hole is assigned to the case with his long-time adversary Tom Waaler and initially wants no part in it. But Harry is already on notice to quit the force and is left with little alternative but to drag himself out of his alcoholic stupor and get to work.

A wave of similar murders is on the horizon. An emerging pattern suggests that Oslo has a serial killer on its hands, and the five-pointed devil's star is key to solving the riddle. **BPB \$24.95**

Nemesis (Harry Hole)

Grainy CCTV footage shows a man walking into a bank and putting a gun to a cashier's head. He tells her to count to twenty-five. When he doesn't get his money in time, she is executed. Detective Harry Hole is assigned to the case.

While Harry's girlfriend is away in Russia, an old flame gets in touch. He goes to dinner at her house and wakes up at home with no memory of the past twelve hours. The same morning the girl is found shot dead in her bed. Then Harry begins to receive threatening e-mails. Is someone trying to frame him for this unexplained death? Meanwhile the bank robberies continue with unparalleled savagery.

Gripping and surprising, *Nemesis* is a thriller by one of the biggest stars of Scandinavian crime fiction. **BPB \$24.95**

The Redbreast (Harry Hole)

Harry Hole, drunkard, loner and brilliant detective is reassigned to surveillance after a high profile mistake.

He's bored by his new job until a report of a rare and unusual gun being fired sparks his interest because of its possible links to Neo Nazi activity. Then a former soldier is found with his throat cut. Next Harry's former partner is murdered. Why had she been trying to reach Harry on the night her head was smashed in? The investigation leads Harry to suspect that the crimes have their roots in the battlefields of Eastern Front during WWII. In a quest that takes him to South Africa and Vienna, Harry finds himself perpetually one step behind the killer. He will be both winner and loser by the novel's nail-biting conclusion. **BPB \$24.95**

The Redeemer

One freezing night in Oslo Christmas shoppers gather to listen to a Salvation Army street concert. An explosion cuts through the music, and a man in uniform falls to the ground, shot in the head at point-blank range.

Harry Hole and his team have little to work with: no immediate suspect, no weapon and no motive. But when the assassin discovers he has shot the wrong man, Harry Hole's troubles have only just begun. After some exceptionally shrewd detective work, the team begins to close in on a suspected hit man, monitoring his credit card, false passport and the line to his employer. With no money, only six bullets and no place to stay in the bitter cold, the hit man becomes increasingly desperate. He will stop at nothing to eliminate his target.

Moving at a breathless pace, *The Redeemer* is Jo Nesbø's most gripping thriller yet. **BPB \$24.95**

Katherine Neville

The Fire

In this long-awaited sequel, Alexandra Solarin, a chess-wizard and only daughter of Cat Velis, the heroine of *THE EIGHT*, arrives at her mother's Colorado lodge, only to discover that her mother has disappeared. Finding string of clues, Alexandra is soon joined by a group of people called there by her mother, including her aunt Lily, who explains the truth of Cats past. In 1822, as the fortress of Sultan Ali Pasha falls to the Turks, the Sultans daughter Haidee attempts a desperate journey taking her through Albania, Morocco and Rome, while carrying an invaluable object and seeking the one man who can help her: the poet George Gordon, Lord Byron. Ultimately both Alexandra and Haidee learn that their missions are even more desperate than they first seem, for both are players in a dangerous game, a game that began more than a millennium before either of them were born and that has the power to affect the fate of human civilization itself. **BPB \$24.99**

Barbara Parker

The Reckoning

The author of *The Dark of the Day* once again brings readers into her gripping world with this new thriller that is sure to please readers looking for exciting suspense. **HC \$52.95**

Brad Parks

Faces of the Gone

Four bodies, each with a single bullet wound in the back of the head, stacked like cordwood in a weed-choked vacant lot: That's the front-page news facing Carter Ross, investigative reporter with the Newark Eagle-Examiner. Immediately dispatched to the scene, Carter learns that the four victims—an exotic dancer, a drug dealer, a hustler, and a mama's boy—came from different parts of the city and didn't seem to know one another.

The police, eager to calm jittery residents, leak a theory that the murders are revenge for a bar stickup, and Carter's paper, hungry for a scoop, hastily prints it. Carter doesn't come from the streets, but he understands a thing or two about Newark's neighborhoods. And he knows there are no quick answers when dealing with a crime like this.

Determined to uncover the true story, he enlists the aide of Tina Thompson, the paper's smoking-hot city editor, to run interference at the office; Tommy Hernandez, the paper's gay Cuban intern, to help him with legwork on the streets; and Tynasha Dales, a local stripper, to take him to Newark's underside. It turns out that the four victims have one connection after all, and this knowledge will put Carter on the path of one very ambitious killer.

Treading the same literary turf as Harlan Coben, and writing with a fresh Jersey voice, Brad Parks makes an energetic, impressive debut. **HC \$52.95**

James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge

Run For Your Life

A man who calls himself 'the Teacher' is devising a meticulous plan. Cold-hearted and cunning, it is time for everyone to learn his name as he teaches New York a lesson it will never forget.

Intent on exacting revenge and causing mass hysteria, he embarks on the worst killing spree the city has ever seen. The whole New York Police Department is tested to its limits; none more so than Detective Michael Bennett as the Teacher leads him on a terrifying chase that brings danger perilously close to home. **APB \$21.95**

Cathy Pickens

Can't Never Tell (Southern Fried Mystery)

It's another Fourth of July in Dacus, South Carolina, and the carnival fright house isn't impressing Avery's seven-year-old niece Emma. That is, until the leg falls off a mannequin posed with a chainsaw. Then even Emma recognizes the human leg bone protruding from the wizened limb. The next day, Avery joins her sister at a college picnic up on the mountain, but the festivities are interrupted when one of the faculty wives disappears off the waterfall. Now, between the owners of the fright house needing help in reopening for the high season and the new widower's even newer lady friend seeking legal protection of his financial interests, Avery has her work cut out for her. She finds herself following the money as she pieces together a very cold case—and a very cold-blooded murder... **PB \$17.95**

Jason Pinter

The Darkness (Henry Parker 05)

A young man is found murdered, his bones crushed nearly to dust before his body was dumped into New York's East River

In New York there are hundreds of murders a year, but this one is different. Somebody is sending a message. And shockingly, the victim has ties to my brother, Stephen Gaines, recently murdered by an elusive drug lord known only as the Fury.

For years this kingpin has been shrouded in darkness. Stephen was executed just as he was about to shed some light. Working alongside my mentor, Jack O'Donnell, I'm going to find the truth behind this blood-soaked curtain. But the more we reveal, the more we realize just how dark the Fury's plans are. And that no matter how brutal the violence has been, we haven't seen anything yet.... **PB \$19.95**

The Fury

Am I my brother's keeper?

If I'd known I had a brother, I might have been. But he's dead — shot point-blank in a rat-hole apartment, wasted by hunger and heroin. Stephen Gaines, a man with whom I shared nothing... except a father.

For some reason this stranger who shared my blood came to me for help... and I blew him off thinking he was just some junkie. Now I'm forced to question everything I ever knew... and figure out why this man was murdered in cold blood.

All I can do for Stephen Gaines now is find his killer — and with the help of Amanda Davies uncover the whole, hard truth. If it means tracking down a vicious drug kingpin — who may or may not exist — then so be it... **TP \$32.99**

Barry Pollack

Forty-Eight X: Lemuria Project

When Colonel Link McGraw ventures toward the remote Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia to train soldiers who have been genetically altered to be super-strong and unflinchingly valiant, he comes across scientists Fala al Shodaha and Joshua Krantz, who seek to uncover the true nature of the project, a project that could lead to the annihilation of the human race. **HC \$51.95**

David Poyer

The Weapon

As a member of TAG Charlie—an elite team of active-duty sailors, SEALs, and civilian analysts—United States Navy Commander and Medal of Honor winner Dan Lenson must defuse emerging naval threats around the globe. The deadly Skhval K, an unstoppable rocket torpedo designed to destroy U.S. aircraft carriers, definitely qualifies.

When the Skhval-K is demonstrated at a Moscow arms show, Dan tries to buy one so that the U.S. Navy can build countermeasures. But when the Russians sell the new weapon to Iran and China instead, Dan decides that if he can't buy it, he'll steal it...

When a daring nighttime penetration of Iran's largest naval base goes wrong, Dan finds himself captaining a submarine he barely knows how to submerge—while being pursued by Iranian destroyers and sub-hunting aircraft through the hazardous Persian Gulf. Never mind the weapon and the balance of power in the Mideast. This time, Dan will be lucky to escape with his life... **PB \$19.95**

Ann Purser

Tragedy at Two

Lois Meade's daughter was admittedly considering leaving her partner, Rob—but she never expected him to be found badly beaten and left for dead in a ditch by the side of the road. When Rob tragically dies from his injuries without regaining consciousness, Inspector Cowgill has a murder investigation on his hands, and once again he engages the assistance of the woman he respects above all others—Lois.

Suspicion quickly falls on the traveling gypsies who are camped out on Alf Smith's property. There is strong prejudice among many in the village who consider the gypsies no better than tramps and thieves. Lois must follow a twisted path that leads to arson, local delinquents, secret assignments, and blackmail—before she can discover who's been tinkering with the truth... **HC \$49.95**

John Maddox Roberts

Oracle of the Dead (SPQR 12)

Decius Caecilius Metellus, this year's magistrate for cases involving foreigners, thinks he is merely visiting one of the local attractions of southern Italy when he takes a party to visit the Oracle of the Dead, a pre-Roman cult site located at the end of a tunnel dug beneath a temple of Apollo. But there is a bitter rivalry between the priests of Apollo and those of Hecate, who guard the oracle, and when the priests are all killed, the countryside looks to explode in violence as Greeks, Romans, and native Italians of several conquered nations bring out old enmities.

This riveting historical series began with the Edgar Award-nominated SPQR I: The King's Gambit and has gone on to international success in thirteen languages. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Rotenberg

Old City Hall

A talk-show host confesses to the brutal murder of his young wife. The evidence is cast iron. But when a determined detective, an ambitious rookie prosecutor and a defence lawyer keen to make her mark piece together the details of the case, nothing fits. An intricately plotted web of lies, half-truths and hidden motives emerges along with a secret no one could have suspected. **PB \$22.99**

Sandra Ruttan*Lullaby for the Nameless*

When a body is found in a dumpster bearing details similar to the very first case they had worked on together, Hart and Tain wonder if the sadistic murderer known as the Missing Killer is back from the dead. **APB \$19.95**

John Sandford*Dark of the Moon*

First the Army, then the military police, Virgil Flowers had kicked around for a while before Lucas Davenport recruited him to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, promising him "We'll only give you the hard stuff". He'd been doing the hard stuff for three years now - but never anything like this. In the small town of Bluestem, where everybody knows everybody, a house way up on a ridge explodes into flames, its elderly owner trapped inside. Following up rumours of financial scams plus some very dodgy activities with other men's wives, Flowers discovers several reasons why the victim was so hated. And that wasn't even the reason why he'd come to Bluestem. Three weeks before, there'd been another murder, two in fact - a doctor and his wife; the doctor found propped up in his own backyard, both eyes shot out. There hadn't been a murder in Bluestem in years, and now suddenly three? Flowers knows two things: This isn't a coincidence, and this has to be personal.

But just how personal, Flowers might not find out until too late. Because the next victim ... might be himself. **APB \$19.95**

Heat Lightning

Homicide Detective Virgil Flowers doesn't think much can surprise him anymore. He's wrong.

It's a hot, humid summer night in Minnesota, and Flowers is in bed with one of his ex-wives when the phone rings. It's Lucas Davenport. There's a body in Stillwater, two shots to the head, found near a veterans' memorial. And the victim has a lemon in his mouth.

Exactly like the body they found last week. The more Flowers works the murders, the more convinced he is that someone's keeping a list - and that list could have a lot more names on it. If he could only find out what connects them all ... But when he does start to piece the clues together, he discovers that this case leads down a lot more trails than he thought it did - and every one of them is booby-trapped. **APB \$19.99**

Invisible Prey

In the richest neighbourhood of Minneapolis, two elderly women lie murdered in their home, beaten to death with a metal pipe, the rooms ransacked, only small items stolen. It's clearly a random break-in by someone looking for money to buy drugs. But as he looks more closely, Davenport begins to wonder if the items are actually so small or the victims so random, if there might not be some invisible agenda at work here. Gradually, a pattern begins to emerge - and it will lead Davenport to somewhere he never expected. Which is too bad, because the killers - and there is more than one of them - the killers are expecting him. **APB \$19.95**

Pablo de Santis*Paris Enigma*

Introducing... the Twelve Detectives. The greatest sleuths in the world, gathered together for the first time at the 1889 Worlds Fair in Paris. See... the wonderful new work of engineering genius by Mr Gustave Eiffel! Marvel at Buffalo Bills world-famous Wild West show! Witness the savage tribes of Frances colonies gathered here for the first time! But Beware... a killer is at large who will test the genius of the Twelve to their limits. Secret societies, strange puzzles and seemingly impossible crimes await within these pages... The Paris Enigma. A classic mystery with a modern solution. **BPB \$24.99**

Sally Spencer*The Dead Hand of History*

The first in a new series featuring Charlie Woodend's protege, DCI Monika Paniatowski - It will be no easy task to fill DCI Charlie Woodend's shoes, the newly-promoted Monika Paniatowski tells herself, but, given a little time, she thinks she can grow into them. Yet, with the discovery of a severed hand, time is the one thing she does not have. When her colleagues prove untrustworthy, the urge to call Woodend for help becomes almost irresistible. . . **HC \$56.95**

Dana Stabenow*Whisper to the Blood (Kate Shugak)*

Inside Alaska's biggest national park, around the town of Niniltna, a gold mining company has started buying up land. The residents of the Park are uneasy. "But gold is up to nine hundred dollars an ounce" is the refrain of Talia Macleod, the popular Alaskan skiing champ hired by the company to improve relations with the locals, and pave the way for the mine's expansion...

Then, just as Talia is ready to present her case at town meetings and village breakfasts, there are two brutal murders, including that of a long-standing mine opponent. The investigation falls to Trooper Jim Chopin and, as usual, he could use some help from newly elected Niniltna Native Association chairman and part-time P.I. Kate Shugak. But Kate already has her hands full with a series of attacks on snowmobilers up the Kanuyak River and the homicide of Park villain Louis Deem. With both cases on the verge of going cold, can Kate take the heat? **PB \$19.95**

Aimee Thurlo & David Thurlo*Earthway (Ella Clah)*

Ella Clah has found her place on the Navajo Reservation, in her tribe, her clan, and her family. She has seen the Diné at their worst-and at their best-as they balance the modern era with the traditional Navajo way of life. The Navajo are building a nuclear power plant on the Reservation. Though the tribe voted for the plant, there are those who believe that nuclear power is inherently dangerous-and particularly so for the Navajo, due to past uranium mining operations that contaminated land and water and sickened many Navajo workers and their families.

A group of activists is determined to do whatever is necessary to stop the plant-assault, sabotage, domestic terrorism. When a fellow Navajo Police officer is injured in an attack aimed at Ella's boyfriend, Ella vows to do whatever it takes to find the terrorists and bring them to justice. **HC \$51.95**

James Twining*The Geneva Deception*

It begins with a young man hanging from the Ponte Sant Angelo Rome, his pockets weighed down with lead whilst the current of the river below slowly tightens the noose around his neck. Meanwhile, in Las Vegas, retired art thief Tom Kirk is asked by an old friend to investigate a case involving the theft of a long lost Caravaggio painting. When tragedy strikes Tom is left holding a blood-soaked body. Back in Rome police photographer Flavia Salvatore has been called to the Parthenon where a second body has been found, but this time the body is surrounded by mannequins. When a third body is found crucified upside down in the middle of the ancient forum Flavia realises there is a sinister link between the murders. Someone is staging famous Caravaggio paintings. Suspecting the detective leading the case is corrupt Flavia begins her own investigation. Spurred on by grief and the desire to avenge the murder of his friend, Tom follows a trail to Rome where he finds Flavia piecing together a similar mystery. Before long they both find themselves submerged in a vast criminal conspiracy involving the police, politicians, the church and a secret society born of a pact between two Mafia families decades before. **TP \$32.99**

Joseph Wambaugh

Hollywood Moon

There's a saying at Hollywood station that the full moon brings out the beast--rather than the best--in the precinct's citizens. One moonlit night, LAPD veteran Dana Vaughn and "Hollywood" Nate Weiss, a struggling-actor-turned cop, get a call about a young man who's been attacking women. Meanwhile, two surfer cops known as Flotsam and Jetsam keep bumping into an odd, suspicious duo--a smooth-talking player in dreads and a crazy-eyed, tattooed biker. No one suspects that all three dubious characters might be involved in something bigger, more high-tech, and much more illegal. After a dizzying series of twists, turns, and chases, the cops will find they've stumbled upon a complex web of crime where even the criminals can't be sure who's conning whom.

Wambaugh once again masterfully gets inside the hearts and minds of the cops whose jobs have them constantly on the brink of danger. By turns heart-wrenching, exhilarating, and laugh-out-loud funny, *Hollywood Moon* is his most thrilling and deeply affecting ride yet through the singular streets of LA. **HC \$54.95**

Eugenia Lovett West

Overkill

Emma Streat is rebuilding her shattered life in Boston when she receives an SOS from Venice. She must come at once to intervene in a disastrous affair between her opera singer niece, Vanessa, and a notorious playboy. But the night Emma and Vanessa return home, Vanessa is struck down by what appears to be the first case of avian flu in the United States.

Suddenly Emma is forced to cope with the medical world. As the case assumes a larger, international aspect, she finds herself working again with a charismatic British peer. Will their unusual relationship survive Emma's new interest in a brilliant doctor?

After two shocking murders, Emma has to rev up her now-established talent for making unlikely connections, in order to smoke out a lethal global network that sells stolen viruses—and save herself from a painful and horrifying death.

Eugenia Lovett West's sequel to *Without Warning* is a fast-moving, thrilling ride, featuring a resourceful, mature woman, a unique character in crime fiction today. **HC \$52.95**

Stuart Woods

Loitering With Intent (Stone Barrington)

After being dumped by his girlfriend, Stone Barrington is looking forward to working on a seemingly open-and-shut case in sunny Key West, but deception and a mysterious death test the limits that Stone is willing to go for a client. **PB \$21.95**

Other Books

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

Masterchef Australia Cookbook Volume 1 (Volume 1)

More than four million viewers tuned in to watch Julie Goodwin, a Central Coast mum, win the coveted title of Australia's first MasterChef. But for six nights a week, over three months, the Top Twenty MasterChef contestants had been battling to outcook each other under extreme kitchen conditions, often with unfamiliar ingredients, and in record time. You watched them sweating, stirring, whisking, frying, crying, hugging and laughing their way through the competition. You saw them either leapfrogging through to the final week, or leaving the competition, as their numbers were whittled down from twenty to two.

In this much-anticipated book, the Top Twenty contestants share recipes they created on the show. There are mystery box and invention test winners galore – including Chris's controversial roast pig head and his creamy 'beeramisu' – alongside standout audition dishes such as Lucas's Singapore chilli mud crab. They also share behind-the-scenes stories and culinary tips and tricks. They explain what they did right and what they did wrong – and what they would have done differently, if they'd had a second chance. You'll also find recipes here for Adriano Zumbo's demonically difficult pressure-test desserts – the croquembouche, the pannacotta, and the now-infamous mousse cake.

This cookbook contains sections on pantry basics, kitchen equipment, knife skills, and plating up like a professional, as well as classic recipes every wannabe chef should have in their repertoire.

Includes recipes from top Australian and international chefs. Be inspired in the kitchen, and cook like a MasterChef! **HC \$39.95**

Why a Curveball Curves: The Incredible Science of Sports

Sports. They get our blood pumping and our hearts racing. Fans scream and cheer as their favorite athletes run, throw, pedal, dive, or swing their way to victory. But what makes an athlete successful? Why do some players excel when others fall behind?

In *Why a Curveball Curves*, the experts at *Popular Mechanics*, along with top athletes, coaches, and sports journalists, explore the science behind sports. Fluid dynamics, biomechanics, and technology determine everything from speed in cycling to protection in football to performance measurement in all sports. This book is designed for both the player and the fan, helping athletes become better-prepared and giving enthusiasts a more complete understanding and appreciation of competition. The issues discussed range from Tiger's swing to Lance's legs, from gene doping to the physics of why a seemingly straight kick curves drastically just before its target—in other words, how to bend it like Beckham—plus so much more. **TP \$36.95**

Uncle John's Endlessly Engrossing Bathroom Reader 22

The all-new 22nd edition in the ever-absorbing Uncle John's Bathroom Reader series is sure to satisfy readers with more than 500 pages of humor, history, science, pop culture, and more. Flush with facts, the book is divided into short, medium, and long sections, making it ideal for brief visits or extended stays. History junkies can get their fix with the stories of the world's first detective (he was a criminal turned cop), the great social experiments of the 20th century—Prohibition and the New Deal—and the Lost Cloud People of Peru. And cooks can astound their friends and frighten their families with hillbilly recipes like Doctored Back-of-Pig, 'Nebriated Catfish, and Scorched Yellerbelly. Covering everything from super trains and water wars to 3-D television and the history of surfing, Uncle John's Endlessly Engrossing Bathroom Reader is sure to make every visit to the throne room more memorable. **TP \$38.95**

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My Word is Bond

Mention the name Roger Moore and James Bond almost inevitably follows. After all, he dominated the big screen as the world's most famous spy for seven missions, more than any other 007. But before joining Her Majesty's secret service Roger Moore was already an international star thanks to another unforgettable signature role as 'The Saint', one of the most successful syndicated series in television history. And who could forget the rakish playboy Lord Brett Sinclair in 'The Persuaders'?

In *My Word is My Bond* he looks back on a brilliant career and life with characteristic wit, from his childhood memories of London to his Hollywood career, his battle with prostate cancer and the inspiration he has gained from working for UNICEF.

Punctuated throughout with anecdotes about friends such as Noël Coward, David Niven, Cary Grant, Richard Harris, Frank Sinatra, Gregory Peck, Michael Caine and Sean Connery, this frank and funny memoir is as charming and disarming as the man himself.

And, as his millions of fans already know, nobody does it better. **TP \$35**

Chinese English: Bilingual Visual Dictionary

Look and learn to recall a wealth of everyday vocabulary in Chinese with this intuitive easy-to-use visual language dictionary.

Whether it's for business or pleasure, pick up 6,000 key Chinese words and phrases on a range of subjects: from shopping and eating out, to sport and beyond quickly and easily. Find every word you need to know fast using the clearly labelled colour illustrated scenes from everyday life.

Plus, find helpful features on key Chinese nouns, verbs and phrases to improve your understanding. Pocket-sized so you can take it wherever your travels take you. **TP \$29.95**

Douglas Adams & Mark Carwardine

Last Chance to See

'Douglas Adams' genius was in using comedy to make serious points about the world' Independent

After years of reflecting on the absurdities of life on other planets, Douglas Adams teamed up with zoologist Mark Carwardine to find out what was happening to life on this one. Together they lead us on an unforgettable journey across the world in search of exotic, endangered creatures – animals that they may never get another chance to see. They encounter the animal kingdom in its stunning beauty, astonishing variety, and imminent peril: the giant Komodo dragon of Indonesia, the helpless but lovable Kakapo of New Zealand, the blind river dolphins of China, the white rhinos of Zaire, the rare birds of Mauritius island in the Indian Ocean. Both funny and poignant, *Last Chance to See* is the tale of an unforgettable wildlife odyssey – and a timely reminder of all that we must protect. **BPB \$24.95**

Victoria Alexander

Believe

All she had to do was believe. . .

Tessa St. James thinks that true love is nothing more than a fairy tale, and she is absolutely certain she will never encounter someone worthy of her attention . . . until she meets her knight in shining armor.

His eyes are blue, the set of his chin is defiant, and he carries himself with unquestioned confidence. And when he kisses her, he sends a wicked desire through her body. Tessa, the beautiful skeptic, has no choice but to join forces with this man. Together they begin a quest that might restore her faith in the power of love . . . even if it costs both their lives.

And happily ever after could only be the stuff of fairy tales after all. **PB \$19.95**

John Banville

The Infinities

John Banville is one of the finest and most critically-acclaimed writers of his generation. With elegance, insight and wit, he has secured a devoted readership, and there can be few more eagerly anticipated literary events than a new John Banville novel – and, indeed, this is the first novel under his own name since he won the 2005 Booker Prize with *The Sea*.

The Infinities is a bitter-sweet erotic comedy with magical overtones, a sort of demotic *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Set across one single summer's day, from dawn to the early hours of the next day, it tells the story of Adam, a successful mathematician who is lying in a coma after a stroke, surrounded by his family and a series of unexpected and mysterious guests.

Combining myth and social comedy, *The Infinities* is clever, charming and a true delight. **TP \$32.99**

Chris Bellamy

Absolute War

Absolute War tells the story of the greatest and most terrible land-air conflict of all time: the war between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia. There have been many individual accounts of particular moments in the vicious war between the Nazi regime and the Soviet behemoth, but none which sets out to tell the full and dreadful story of that absolute war: absolute because both sides aimed to exterminate the opponent, to destroy his political existence and total because it was fought by all elements of society, not simply the armed forces, but civilians – men, women, children – too. Chris Bellamy, Professor of Military Science at Cranfield University, is one of the world's leading experts on this subject and has been working on this book for almost a decade. It benefits from his remarkable insight into strategic issues as well as exhaustive research in hitherto unopened Russian archives. It is the definitive study of what the Soviets called – and what their 15 successor states still call – the Great Patriotic War. **BPB \$29.99**

Elizabeth Bevarly, Lori Foster, Deirdre Martin & Christie Ridgway

Double the Heat

An anthology includes four steamy stories about the game of love from New York Times best-selling authors Lori Foster and Deirdre Martin, and Today best-selling authors Elizabeth Bevarly and Christie Ridgway. **TP \$30.95**

Tony Bower-Miles & Mark Whittaker

Bomber

Tony "Bomber" Bower-Miles was a young sapper in the Australian Army when he first went to Vietnam in the late 1960s. Land mines were one of the biggest threats faced by troops on both sides, and much of Bomber's work involved laying or clearing these terrible devices. He saw mates and colleagues killed and horribly injured around him, in a war that was confusing, terrifying and devastating to everyone that it touched.

He returned to Australia scarred, battered and unable to relate to a peacetime world. Alcohol became his way of escaping, and his life spiralled down into addiction and violence. He could easily have been lost – another vet unable to cope, another grim statistic put down to the tragedy of Vietnam.

But Bomber wasn't ready to let the war beat him after all these years. In 2001, he returned to South East Asia, putting his old skills to work in the dangerous job of clearing the millions of forgotten land mines that litter Cambodia. Starting from scratch, with makeshift equipment, Bomber established the Vietnam Veterans' Mine Clearing Team, an NGO with a difference – as those who fought now help others still suffering the consequences of the conflict.

Bomber is his story. Tough and uncompromising, it reveals the true face of war in all its brutality. But it also tells of redemption and humanity: a tale of real Australian heroism. **TP \$34.99**

Alan Boyle

The Case for Pluto: How a Little Planet Made a Big Difference

In support of Pluto—the cutest and most unfairly treated planet. Pity poor Pluto: it's a planet that was discovered because of a mistake, a planet that turned out not to be a planet at all, thanks to a still-disputed decision made in 2006. And yet, Pluto is the planet best-loved by Americans, especially children, one that may have contained the building blocks of life billions of years ago and may well serve as life's last redoubt billions of years from now. In *The Case for Pluto*, award-winning science writer Alan Boyle traces the tiny planet's ups and downs, its strange appeal, the reasons behind its demotion and the reasons why it should be set back in the planetary pantheon.

- Tells the compelling story of Pluto's discovery, how it became a cultural object, and why it should still be considered a planet
- Makes the case for Pluto as planet, countering the books that argue against it
- Comes in a small, friendly package—just like Pluto—and features a handsome design, making it a great gift

Absorbing and easy to read, *The Case for Pluto* is the must-read tale of a cosmic underdog that has captured the hearts of millions: an endearing little planet that is changing the way we see the universe beyond our backyard. **HC \$37.95**

Paul Brickhill

Dam Busters

On 17th May, 1943, nearly 350 million tonnes of water crashed into the valleys of the Ruhr, when the Lancasters of 617 Squadron breached the giant Moehne and Eder Dams with colossal blockbuster bombs.

The Dam Busters is the story of that raid and the squadron who carried it through. It tells how they took out the V3 rocket weapon and destroyed the Tirpitz in a Norwegian fjord. Again and again, the crews of 617 Squadron Bomber Command used their flying skills, their tremendous courage and Barnes Wallis highly accurate bombs to deal devastating blows to Nazi Germany. This story is one of the classics of the Second World War, a massive bestseller that became a film. **BPB \$29.99**

Raymond Briggs

The Elephant and the Bad Baby

The Elephant takes the Bad Baby for a ride and they go 'rumpeta, rumpeta, rumpeta down the road.' They help themselves to ice creams, pies, buns, crisps, biscuits, lollipops and apples, and the shopkeepers follow them down the road shouting and waving. All ends well as the Bad Baby learns to say 'Please' and his mother makes pancakes for everyone. **TP \$14.95**

Frank Coles

How to Drive A Tank

Call yourself a man? You do? Do you even know what a real man is? Are you a six foot one Adonis who wears all the latest fashions, moisturises regularly, visits spas for pleasure and never does anything wrong? Or do you drink twenty pints every Friday night, guzzle a kebab on the way home and then fart yourself to sleep? It's time to stop being the man everyone expects you to be and be the one you want to be. And while you're at it, why not discover the practical skills a real man should have: from hot-wiring a car to hiding a dead body, how to disappear without trace in less than 24 hours, to unarmed combat. Add in tips on love, sex, money and fatherhood and you have a book that tells you everything you need to know about being a man in 2009. Fast-paced and funny this is the ultimate bible for the modern man. **HC \$35**

Bernard Cornwell & Snnah Kells

A Crowning Mercy (01)

The civil war that is tearing England asunder in the year 1643 has not yet touched Dorcas Slythe, a secretly rebellious young Puritan woman living in the countryside south of London. She aches to escape the safe, pious tyranny of her father—and the opportunity appears with the arrival of Toby Lazender, dashing scion of a powerful royalist family, who awakens her to her passionate destiny. Her adventure truly begins with the discovery of an intricately wrought gold seal—one of four that, when joined, will reveal a great secret. Suddenly grave danger lies before her—not from Cromwell's advancing armies, but from relentless enemies who covet the great treasure to which she now holds the key. **TP \$28.95**

The Fallen Angels (02)

The streets of Paris run bloodred—while in England, the noble Lazenders hide from history's violent storm behind the walls of their opulent “little kingdom.” But Toby Lazender, the family's heir, is hunting the brutal murderers of the woman he loved in revolution-torn France, leaving Lazen Castle vulnerable to secret cabal of assassins conspiring to bring the chaos across the channel. There is an obstacle, however, to the Fallen Angels' dark plan: Toby's sister, Lady Champion Lazender. Drawn by a mysterious horseman into a realm of fascination and desire, she sees treachery everywhere—and her heart could be leading her to destruction . . . by the hand of the only man she dares to trust. **TP \$28.95**

Michael Crichton

Pirate Latitudes

An irresistible tale of swashbuckling pirates in the New World; a classic story of treasure and betrayal Jamaica in 1665 is a rough outpost of the English crown, a minor colony holding out against the vast supremacy of the Spanish empire. Port Royal, Jamaica's capital, a cut-throat town of taverns, grog shops, and bawdy houses, is devoid of London's luxuries; life here can end swiftly with dysentery or a dagger in your back.

But for Captain Edward Hunter it is a life that can also lead to riches, if he abides by the island's code. In the name of His Majesty King Charles II of England, gold in Spanish hands is gold for the taking.

Word in port is that the Spanish treasure galleon *El Trinidad*, fresh from New Spain, is stalled in nearby Matanceros harbour awaiting repairs. With the help of his cunning crew, Hunter hijacks *El Trinidad* and escapes the deadly clutches of its commander, the blood-swilling *Cazalla*, leaving plenty of carnage in his wake. But his troubles have just begun . . . **TP \$32.99**

Mark Dapin Australian author

Strange Country

"This book is about the people I met as I crisscrossed Australia by train and plane and L-plated car: the undefeated dreamers and wild-hearted romantics, the obsessed hobbyists and beautiful failures. It is about heroes and legends, illusions, delusions and hope, and one or two men with shit for brains who ought to be locked up."

As anyone who's ever read Mark Dapin's column and features in *Good Weekend* knows, he's an immensely funny, acute and vivid observer of Australian life. In *Strange Country*, he takes us on a journey through a very different Australia – a country that's eccentric, puzzling, big-hearted, small-minded, nostalgic and sometimes just plain mad.

From the last travelling boxing tent to feral urban sewer rats to Vietnam Veteran bikies and the annual Parkes Elvis Festival, his writing illuminates the stranger side of Australian life in a travel book like no other. **BPB \$24.99**

Saul David*Zulu Heart*

GEORGE HART just wants to serve his Queen and honour his family. It's not that simple. BASTARD He doesn't know his father, only that he's a pillar of the Establishment. His beloved mother is half Irish, half Zulu. ZULU In a Victorian society rife with racism and prejudice, George's dark skin spells trouble to his regimental commander. WARRIOR But George has soldiering in his blood - the only question is what he's really fighting for: ancestry or Empire. In the heat of battle he must decide . . . **BPB \$22.99**

Alicia Dean*Heart of the Witch*

When a serial killer called "The Tin Man" makes a mistake and leaves his latest victim alive, ex-homicide detective Nick Lassiter plans to use her to crack the case wide open until he actually meets this brave woman who is part helpless waif, part merciless vigilante. **PB \$17.95**

Philip K Dick*Puttering About in a Small Land*

When Roger and Virginia Lindhal enroll their son Gregg in Mrs. Alt's Los Padres Valley School in the mountains of Southern California, their marriage is already in deep trouble.

Then the Lindhals meet Chic and Liz Bonner, whose two sons also board at Mrs. Alt's school. The meeting is a catalyst for a complicated series of emotions and traumas, set against the backdrop of suburban Los Angeles in the early fifties. The buildup of emotional intensity and the finely observed characterizations are a hallmark of Philip K. Dick's work. **HC \$54.95**

Mary Durack*Kings in Grass Castles*

When Patrick Durack left Western Ireland for Australia in 1853, he was to found a pioneering dynasty and build a cattle empire across the great stretches of Australia. With a profound sense of family history, his grand-daughter, Mary Durack reconstructed the Durack saga - a story of intrepid men and ground-breaking adventure. This sweeping tale of Australia and Australians remains a classic nearly fifty years on. **PB \$19.95**

Richard Evans*Disasters that Changed Australia*

Australian history is full of disasters and colossal debacles. Some are natural but many more are man-made, results of individual or collective stupidity, poor choices, short-sightedness or outright greed. In *Disasters that Changed Australia*, historian Richard Evans nominates the disasters that have been instrumental in creating the Australia we know today.

From natural phenomena such as Cyclone Tracy, the great drought and the Ash Wednesday and Black Friday fires, to key moments in our military history such as the battle at Flanders in 1917 and the fall of Singapore, to the drug wars and the Snowy Mountains scheme, *Disasters that Changed Australia* is an essential guide to understanding the people, the ideas and the events that defined the course of Australia's history. It is also a call for Australia to re-examine its past, look beneath the familiar comforting stories, and rethink how Australians have responded to disaster. **PB \$34.99**

Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish*How To Talk So Teens Will Listen And Listen So Teens Will Talk*

You can stop fighting with your teenager! Internationally acclaimed parenting experts Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish have helped millions of families with their breakthrough, bestselling books *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* and *Siblings Without Rivalry*. Now, they return with this lively, down-to-earth guide that tackles today's tough issues. Within these pages you'll discover the innovative Faber & Mazlish approach to maintaining a candid, open, mutually respectful dialogue between parents and teens, and learn how to: Listen and respond helpfully to your teenagers' concerns Express your irritation or anger without being hurtful Take action without punishing Encourage your teen to assume responsibility Work out problems together Talk about sex and drugs without preaching or alienating **BPB \$24.99**

Angela Goode Australian author*Great Working Horse Stories*

Funny, familiar and deeply moving, these true stories of Australian working horses stretch over three generations and every part of our continent. Teams of powerful, labouring Clydesdales, patient and spirited saddle horses, brave police mounts and talented Olympic competitors canter through its pages, their stories told first-hand by the owners who cared for and worked alongside them.

Follow country tracks in a hawker's wagon, visit floodlit arenas with thumping music where horses perform with quiet trust, and trudge mountains where brumbies run. Trick riders, talented trainers and outback stockmen share their secrets. Updated with many contemporary tales, this new edition is an unmissable treat for horse-lovers. **TP \$29.99**

Ronald Harvey*To the Top End**Our trip across Australia*

Another fabulous Roland Harvey holiday book exploring some of the most spectacular landscapes of Australia, full of adventure, mishaps, and madcap activity. A hilarious, entertaining and delightful companion to *At the Beach*, *In the Bush* and *In the City*.

Henry, Penny, Frankie, Mum and Dad embark on their most exciting adventure yet - from Tassie to the very tip of the Top End. Travel with them on the ferry across Bass Strait to the mainland, through Kelly country, along the Murray, into the Flinders Ranges, underground at Coober Pedy, overhead at the Olgas, overland to the Great Sandy Desert, with the fishes at the Great Barrier Reef, deep into the Daintree, out to the islands, kayaking at Kakadu and finally frolicking on the beach at the very top. Then go back and see if you can find a football in the illustrations on each page. Hours of fun for the whole family. **HC \$24.99**

Max Hastings*Das Reich*

Within days of the D-Day landings, the Das Reich 2nd SS Panzer Division marched north through France to reinforce the front-line defenders of Hitler's Fortress Europe. Veterans of the bloodiest fighting of the Russian Front, 15,000 men with their tanks and artillery, they were hounded for every mile of their march by saboteurs of the Resistance and agents of the Allied Special Forces.

Along their route they took reprisals so savage they will live for ever in the chronicles of the most appalling atrocities of war. Max Hastings's powerful account of their progress is a true military classic. **BPB \$29.99**

Alistair Horne

Lonely Leader

General Montgomery led the 8th Army to victory at El Alamein in 1942, and as Chief of Land Forces in the Allied invasion of Normandy in 1944 he received Germany's surrender in 1945. Concentrating on the momentous events of Operation Overlord from June 1944, *The Lonely Leader* follows Monty's leadership of the Allied offensive to Luneburg Heath the following May. Monty is a figure renowned for his military professionalism, but Alistair Horne, in association with Montgomery's only son, also looks at the human face of a man regarded as rather Cromwellian, considering his style of command in the context of the tactics and politics of the period, not least his controversial dealings with Eisenhower. This is a compelling account of the public and private influences of a remarkable military leader. **BPB \$29.99**

Christian Jacq

The Judgement of the Mummy

London, 1821. Recently returned from Egypt, the adventurer Giovanni Belzoni enthralled Londoners with the city's first exhibition devoted to Egyptian art. As he unveils his star exhibit, a perfectly-preserved mummy, there is a collective intake of breath.

The astonishing spectacle provokes an immediate scandal: a hysterical preacher demands the destruction of this pagan relic; an elderly Lord wants to feed it to his dogs; a pathologist wishes to keep the body in order to study this fascinating phenomenon.

But the following night, the mummy disappears - and the preacher, the Lord and the pathologist are murdered.

The case is handed to the country's foremost detective, Inspector Higgins. For him, the prime suspect is none other than the mummy itself. He is also convinced that the revolutionary conspiracy causing unrest in London's most squalid districts and the mummy's disappearance are closely linked. Assisted by the beautiful Lady Suzanna, will Inspector Higgins succeed in solving the puzzle before the mummy's inescapable judgment? **TP \$32.99**

Tutankhamun: The Last Secret

After receiving an anonymous letter, New York lawyer Mark Wilder arrives in Cairo to learn the shocking news that he is the illegitimate son of Howard Carter, the famous British archaeologist who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb. Before he died in mysterious circumstances, Carter informed Abbot Pacomas, the last descendant of the great priests of Amon, that only his lost son could continue his life's quest: to find the papyrus hidden in Tutankhamun's burial place and reveal its contents to the world.

No archive mentions this lost papyrus, archaeologists deny its very existence, mystical forces unleash themselves to protect it. It has become a legend -- just like the curse that claims all those who disturb the pharaoh's eternal slumber. The quest to uncover Tutankhamun's final secret is fraught with danger. And as he attempts to complete his father's mission, Mark finds himself facing new enemies Howard Carter could never have foreseen -- amongst them the CIA and the Egyptian police. **APB \$22.99**

Neil Johnson

Dr Johnson's Reliquary of Rediscovered Words

In these pages you will discover words you never knew existed, and rediscover many that you had forgotten or had given up all hope of ever seeing again.

If the amoudering of our language by ffish chuffs leads you to fleer and the infandous overslipping of orthoepy makes you feel wamble, this is most certainly the book for you.

Prepare to fike, gane and gaure as Dr Johnson certiorates, carrying carotic catachresis to new heights, and providing all lovers of leguleian lexicographical detail with a rich feast of mullock, cultch and peltry. **HC \$29.95**

Michael Jones

Retreat

At the moment of crisis in 1941 on the Eastern front, with the forces of Hitler massing on the outskirts of Moscow, the miraculous occurred: Moscow was saved. Yet this turning point was followed by a long retreat, in which Russian forces, inspired by old beliefs in the sacred motherland, pushed back German forces steeled by the vision of the ubermensch, the iron-willed fighter. Many of Russia's 27 million military and civilian deaths occurred in this desperate struggle. In *THE RETREAT*, Michael Jones, author of *LENINGRAD*, tells, with matchless vividness and comprehensiveness, of the crucial turning point of the Second World War - the moment when the armies of Hitler could go no further - and of the titanic and cruel struggle of two mighty empires. **TP \$35**

Mervyn Kaufmann

Organise It!

An organizational guide helps readers to identify and address problem areas in a home's public spaces, in a reference that offers a wealth of tips on how to make over kitchens, bathrooms, living rooms, and other areas by using the techniques demonstrated in a range of projects. **TP \$39.95**

Rich Langworth

Definitive Wit of Winston Churchill

Charismatic, erudite and often controversial Winston Churchill was one of the most inspiring leaders of the twentieth century, and one of its greatest wits. His much-celebrated sense of fun and mischief has led to many of his jokes and ripostes becoming almost as well known as his famous wartime speeches. Gloriously definitive, Richard Langworth includes all Churchill's most famous quips and witticisms, as well as little known asides and observations. The only book of its kind to be sanctioned by the Churchill estate, it captures the great statesman at his most eloquent, witty, and engaging. Churchill's Wit celebrates the humour and humanity of this most imposing man.

'I hate nobody except Hitler, and that is professional'

'The only statistics you can trust are those you falsified yourself.'

Nancy Astor: 'If I were your wife I would put poison in your coffee'

Winston Churchill: 'Nancy, if I were your husband, I would drink it.' **HC \$29.95**

Hugh Laurie

The Gun Seller

Cold-blooded murder just isn't Thomas Lang's cup of tea. Offered a tidy sum to assassinate an American industrialist, he opts to warn the intended victim instead - a good deed that soon takes a bad turn. Quicker than he can down a shot of his favourite whiskey, Lang is bashing heads with a Buddha statue, matching wits with evil billionaires, and putting his life (among other things) in the hands of a bevy of femmes fatales. Up against rogue CIA agents, wanna-be terrorists, and an arms dealer looking to make a high-tech killing, Lang's out to save the leggy lady he has come to love - and prevent an international bloodbath to boot. **BPB \$24.95**

Lindsay McKenna

Shadows From the Past (Morgan's Mercenaries)

When photojournalist Kamaria Trayhern goes undercover at the Mason family ranch, she's hoping to find her real father, not romance. But keeping everyone convinced she is who she claims to be will be harder than she expects—especially where one sexy ranch hand is concerned.

After all he's been through, there's no way Wesley Sheridan wants to tangle with more heartache and lies. So the last thing he needs is to be drawn to the pretty new caretaker. But with a jealous killer out to rewrite Mason family history forever, two lonely hearts must learn to trust each other...if they hope to survive the season. **PB \$19.95**

Fern Michaels

Deadly Deals (Sisterhood 16)

Presents the sixteenth installment in the author's popular Sisterhood series. **HC \$56.95**

Dream of Me

When the heart is willing...love has no secrets.

Paint Me Rainbows

With nothing but her shattered pride and a wedding dress, Jill Barton flees town after the heartbreak of being left at the altar. While a charming country retreat in Washington offers her sanctuary, its hard-bitten owner, Logan Matthews, does not. And soon Jill realizes that nothing is safe around Logan—especially not her heart.

Whisper My Name

Photographer Samantha Blakely is thrilled to land a job at Daylight magazine. Then she meets the owner, Christian Delaney, whose mere gaze leaves her wanting more. But how can she confess that she also happens to be the hated inheritor of his rightful legacy? And what will he do once he learns the truth? **PB \$19.95**

Ian Mortimer

The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England

The past is a foreign country: this is your guidebook.

Imagine you could get into a time machine and travel back to the fourteenth century. What would you see? What would you smell? More to the point, where are you going to stay? Should you go to a castle or a monastic guesthouse? And what are you going to eat? What sort of food are you going to be offered by a peasant or a monk or a lord?

This radical new approach turns our entire understanding of history upside down. It shows us that the past is not just something to be studied; it is also something to be lived. It sets out to explain what life was like in the most immediate way, through taking you, the reader, to the middle ages, and showing you everything from the horrors of leprosy and war to the ridiculous excesses of roasted larks and haute couture. **BPB \$27.95**

Sharon Nichols

I Judge You When you Use Poor Grammar

Correct grammar and proper spelling can be a challenge, and their absence can be a source of gleeful humour to everyone but the victim of a bad grammar attack. How do you react to sandwich boards, road signs, laminated instructions, and other written missives that are just not exactly what their creator meant?

If you've ever (gently) judged anyone else for their linguistic failures, if you find yourself guffawing about the frequent confusion between incontinence and inconvenience, if you've ever been tempted to whip out your marker to add in or cross out apostrophes, and if you've refused to answer e-mails in which your and you're are used interchangeably, this book is for you.

With pictures culled from the Facebook group by the same name, *I Judge You When You Use Poor Grammar* is a hilarious and eye-opening tour through restaurants and shops, through parking lots and along winding roads, and around the world. **PB \$16.99**

Hans Ohanian

Einstein's Mistakes: The Human Failings of Genius

Although Einstein was the greatest genius of the twentieth century, many of his groundbreaking discoveries were blighted by mistakes, ranging from serious errors in mathematics to misconceptions in physics and failures to grasp the subtleties of his own creations. This forensic biography dissects Einstein's scientific mistakes and places them in the context of his turbulent life and times. Hans C. Ohanian paints a fresh, insightful portrait of the real Einstein at work, in contrast to the uncritical hagiography of many biographies. **TP \$27.95**

Jeremy Oliver

Australian Wine Annual 2010

The bestselling guide to Australian wine has received an exciting facelift. A new team of designers has worked with author Jeremy Oliver to bring a new contemporary look and feel to *The Australian Wine Annual*, enhancing its popular appeal and user-friendliness. Now in its 13th edition, *The Australian Wine Annual* is a must-have for wine enthusiasts. Alphabetically arranged, it is a handy-sized book that easily fits into a handbag, glove box or coat pocket. It features professional tasting notes of nearly 1200 new releases plus commentary on wine trends and the issues facing Australian wine.

The Australian Wine Annual takes the hard work out of choosing the best Australian wine since Jeremy Oliver selects the very best at each price-point. For a winery to be one of the 300-odd featured in the 2010 edition is itself a significant achievement. In this new guide, he rates more than 11,000 wines, each of which he personally tasted himself.

Non-technical and simple to follow, it presents a score out of 100 and a tasting note for the current release of each wine listed. Colour-coded charts of drinking windows indicate quality cellaring potential of back vintages of each wine. The book also features a full-colour high-resolution label of every wine covered, making it as easy as possible for people to find the wines they want to taste and enjoy. There's also a handy up-front section featuring Jeremy's hot tips and opinions. **BPB \$29.95**

David Owen

Shark: in Peril in the Sea

The shark has been our planet's dominant predator for millions of years. But in just fifty years all sharks have become threatened by human activity; victims of a deadly combination of overfishing, pollution and the destruction of their habitats. Although scientific knowledge of sharks is increasing rapidly, there is still much to learn about these complex and elusive animals - and for many species it may already be too late.

Despite this, in the popular imagination sharks remain poorly understood and, all too often, despised.

Shark: In peril in the sea comprehensively overturns our negative and damaging perception of sharks. Thoroughly researched and written in clear, jargon-free prose by a shark 'outsider', it tells you everything you need to know about these sophisticated guardians of our oceans.

Big and small, scary and harmless, this book stands up for sharks! **HC \$35**

Don Pendleton

Code of Honor (Executioner 373)

Pink. Orange. White. Indigo. In the ruthless and unforgiving world of mercenaries, these are the code names of an elite group of assassins, known collectively as the Black Cross. They leave behind no DNA, no evidence at all—and until they were recruited by the shadowy group, they were the best and deadliest operatives working for the U.S. government.

When someone begins targeting retired American servicemen—CIA, navy and marines—Stony Man decides to send Black Cross a new recruit: Mack Bolan. Bolan must infiltrate the cell of skilled assassins, taking the entire organization apart, body by body. And he'll do it the only way he knows how...Executioner style. **PB \$13.95**

Extinction Crisis (Stony Man 104)

Immediate threats require immediate action—no questions, no explanations, no prisoners. Stony Man has the green light to strike against terror anywhere, anytime, and answer to no one except the President. Action-ready and combat-hard, the warriors of Stony Man know the stakes, and make their own rules....

Powerful, sophisticated conspirators understand the power in global panic and fear. Using remote-control robots and local terror groups as muscle, this secret cadre has accessed nuclear power plants across the globe, and is poised to let hell loose. By shutting down the alternative fuel industry, they alone will control the world's energy. And as the clock ticks to worldwide meltdowns, Stony Man unleashes everything it's got in a race against a new face of terror.... **APB \$17.95**

P R Reid

Colditz: The Full Story

In Colditz: The Full Story, Major Pat Reid brings together the many dramatic discoveries resulting from research that has covered the five continents. From all walks of life, Belgian, Czech, Dutch, French, German and Polish prisoners – as well as those from the British Commonwealth and USA – were incarcerated in suffocating intimacy for five years in an alien and hostile land.

Under these conditions, they proved that men could live together and that loyalty and generosity could thrive, transcending the natural prejudices of race, creed, language and intellectual diversity. There were more than 300 escape attempts at Colditz and in this fascinating portrayal, Reid vividly describes this unique period in Second World War history. Furthermore, he reveals the code systems between the War Office and Colditz; shows how he obtained information on Germany's secret weapons; and investigates the existence of traitors and the situation of non-collaborators in the castle.

This is a true story, which nonetheless possesses the mythical qualities that cause a legend to live forever. **BPB \$29.99**

Mark Ryan

The Hornet's Sting

The exploits of Tommy Sneum, the Danish-born spy who died in 2007, made him a legend in espionage circles. But until now, the full extraordinary story of Sneum's action-packed career as a British-run spy has never been told. Based on hundreds of hours of interviews with Sneum, Mark Ryan describes how Tommy made an incredible escape from Denmark in a battered old Hornet Moth aircraft - which he had to refuel in mid-air by climbing out on the wing. Later, he escaped from Denmark again - by walking across a treacherous frozen sea on which two of his companions died. Tommy brought over precious intelligence about the Nazi radar installations in Denmark and their atom bomb - his reward was to be imprisoned in Brixton as a suspected double agent and threatened with execution. He cheated the hangman - but it is only with the publication of this enthralling book that Sneum can be celebrated as, in the words of Professor R.V. Jones, Churchill's chief of scientific intelligence, one of the true heroes of World War II. **BPB \$29.99**

Graham Seal Australian author

Great Australian Stories

'Great Australian Stories is true to its title as it wanders from bush track to spooky hollow, follows the path of yowies and bunyips, searches for Lasseter's Reef, meets Dad and Dave and, on a different path, Henny-Penny, and then rambles into the cities where just as many entertaining characters are ready to tell stories.' - From the foreword by Warren Fahey

Australia has a rich tradition of story telling that reflects our unique history and experience. Great Australian Stories gathers some of the best of our stories from colonial times to the present, with bush yarns, tall stories, urban myths, and tales of the mysterious and downright weird.

This is an Australia of down-to-earth realism, tragedy and heroism, dry humour, an unexpectedly wide supernatural streak, and a strong sense of place. Stories feature cocky farmers, numbskulls like the drongo, bunyips, famous tricksters like Jacky Bindi-I and the world's greatest whinger, as well as larger than life real characters like the sad Eliza Donnithorne.

With favourite yarns from around the country, Great Australian Stories is the most representative collection available of the stories we tell about ourselves. Graham Seal explains where the stories come from, and why even the outright lies reveal a truth of sorts. **TP \$32.99**

Dog's Eye and Dead Horse: The Complete Guide to Australian Rhyming Slang

Though associated with Cockney speech, rhyming slang has thrived in Australia from our earliest days as a colony. In DOGS EYE AND DEAD HORSE (to translate: Pie and Sauce), Graham Seal celebrates the Aussie take on this earthy form of folk speech. Beloved of criminals, and tending to reflect the bawdy, the seamy and the irreverent side of life, to glance through this collection of rhyming slang - put together over decades - is to touch on some fascinating history (Peggy Lee for three, after the American jazz singer) and some surprising whimsy, like make another for brother. And as the addition of Britney Spears (beers) goes to show, rhyming slang is still very much alive. As well as a conventional A to Z organisation, this book groups the rhymes by themes: The body plus its functions, its adornments and its afflictions has the most entries. As well as revealing the preoccupations of ordinary Australians over the years, this collection features many big names - sporting greats, personalities of the stage and screen, and movers and shakers in society. **BPB \$24.99**

Robert Service

Trotsky

Revolutionary practitioner, theorist, factional chief, sparkling writer, "ladies' man" (e.g. his affair with Frieda Kahlo), icon of the Revolution, anti-Jewish Jew, philosopher of everyday life, grand seigneur of his household, father and hunted victim, Trotsky lived a brilliant life in extraordinary times.

Robert Service draws on hitherto unexamined archives and on his profound understanding of Russian history to draw a portrait of the man and his legacy, revealing that though his followers have represented Trotsky as a pure revolutionary soul and a powerful intellect unjustly hounded into exile by Stalin and his henchmen.

The reality is very different, as this masterful and compelling biography reveals. **TP \$39.99**

Barbara Sher

Early Intervention Games

A resource of fun games for parents or teachers to help young children learn social and motor skills

Barbara Sher, an expert occupational therapist and teacher, has written a handy resource filled with games to play with young children who have Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or other sensory processing disorders (SPD). The games are designed to help children feel comfortable in social situations and teach other basic lessons including beginning and end, spatial relationships, hand-eye coordination, and more. Games can also be used in regular classrooms to encourage inclusion.

- A collection of fun, simple games that can improve the lives of children with ASD or other SPDs.
- Games can be played by parents or teachers and with individual children or groups.
- Games are designed to make children more comfortable in social situations and to develop motor and language skills
- Also included are a variety of interactive games to play in water, whether in a backyard kiddie pool, community swimming pool, or lake
- All the games are easy-to-do, utilizing common, inexpensive materials, and include several variations and modifications **PB \$27.95**

William Slim

Defeat Into Victory

Field Marshal William Slim stands alongside Montgomery as the outstanding British field commander of World War II. Defeat Into Victory is his classic account of the Burma campaign: a story of retreat, attrition and final hard-fought victory over the Japanese.

Told by a commander always at the centre of events, this is a narrative which captures both the high drama and the harsh reality of war. **BPB \$29.99**

Bertrice Small

The Captive Heart

In 1461, as internecine war ravages England, Alix Givet, daughter of Queen Margaret's physician, and the rest of Henry VI's court find themselves uprooted, as Alix is trapped in a loveless marriage to a cruel Northumbrian, until she seizes the opportunity to flee across the border into Scotland and into the arms of a brooding and dangerous laird. **PB \$19.95**

Charlotte Smith *Australian author*

Dreaming of Dior

Every one of them comes to me with a story ... Charlotte Smith has had more than her fair share of fabulous dresses and adventures. Born in Hong Kong and raised in the United States, she lived life to the full in London, Paris and New York before falling in love with Australia and settling in the Blue Mountains. In between juggling school lunches, Charlotte discovered she had inherited a priceless vintage clothing collection from her American Quaker godmother, Doris Darnell. Then the boxes started arriving, with more than three thousand treasures dating from 1790 to 1995, from originals by Dior, Chanel and Balenciaga to a pioneer woman's daintily mended best dress. But when Charlotte unearthed her godmother Doris's book of stories about the dresses and the women who wore them, the true value of what she had been bequeathed hit home. This wasn't a mere collection of beautiful things, it was a collection of life. Women's lives. Tiny snapshots of our joys and disappointments, our entrances and exits, triumphant and tragic. This is a book any woman who knows a dress can hold a lifetime of memories will treasure. **HC \$35**

John Stack

Ship of Rome (Masters of the Sea 01)

Atticus, captain of one of the ships of Rome's small, coastal fleet, is from a Greek fishing family. Septimus, legionary commander, reluctantly ordered aboard ship, is from Rome, born into a traditionally army family. It could never be an easy alliance. But the arrival of a hostile fleet, larger, far more skilful and more powerful than any Atticus has encountered before, forces them to act together. So Atticus, one of Rome's few experienced sailors, finds himself propelled into the middle of a political struggle that is completely foreign to him. Rome needs to build a navy fast but the obstacles are many; political animosities, legions adamant that they will only use their traditional methods; Roman prejudice even from friends, that all those not born in Rome are inferior citizens. The enemy are first class, experienced and determined to control the seas. Can Atticus, and the fledgling Roman navy, staffed with inexperienced sailors and unwilling legionaries, out-wit and out-fight his opponents. SHIP OF ROME, full of magnificent sea-battles, packed with strong characters, torn between two powerful empires. **APB \$19.99**

Gerald Stone

Beautiful Bodies

"I never saw so many fine and beautiful bodies. The French and English wept together at such a horrible loss of life." (As reported in London's *The Standard*, 1 September 1833)

In August 1833, the *Amphitrite*, a small convict ship bound for the colonies of Australia, was wrecked in a terrible storm on the coast of France. She carried 102 female prisoners, 12 of their children, along with the captain, the crew, a medical officer and one passenger – the medical officer's wife. Only three people survived.

It was the convict era's first major shipwreck. The death of so many women and children, largely due to the incompetence and blind bigotry of those responsible for their safety, was a scandal that threatened to rock the very foundations of the transportation system. The reaction of the British Government was to cover it up, refusing to release even the names of the dead, depriving those tragic women and children of their very identity, even in death.

Gerald Stone, bestselling author and acclaimed journalist, has written a brilliant narrative recreation of the voyage and its disastrous end that brings these lost women back to life, revealing the world they lived in, their crimes, their loves, their hopes, their fears, and their final tragedy. *Beautiful Bodies* is a masterful and compelling work of living, breathing history. **TP \$34.99**

Chris van Allsburg

Zathura: A Space Adventure

Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game.

This enthralling sequel to *Jumanji* follows brothers Danny and Walter Budwing as they once again roll the dice in a new game called *Zathura* and embark on an unforgettable journey to a magical realm that forever changes their lives.

On the last page of the Caldecott-winning book *Jumanji*, young Danny Budwing is seen running after his brother, Walter, with a game tucked under his arm. Now after twenty years, Chris Van Allsburg is ready to reveal what happens when Danny and Walter roll the dice. This time the name of the game is *Zathura* and the battling Budwing boys are in for the ride of their lives.

Zathura unleashes intergalactic challenges that require even the quarreling Budwing brothers to work as a team.

Zathura hit bestseller lists when it was first published in 2002 and it's sure to visit them again, along with an exciting selection of six movie tie-in editions when *Zathura* blasts into movie theatres nationwide! **\$38.95**

Richard Walsh *Australian author Editor*

Traditional Australian Verse

Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson, CJ Dennis and Adam Lindsay Gordon. Once upon a time these were household names and Australians could recite their most famous verse. Here for the first time in one volume are all the great bush ballads, memorable songs and other poetry from the glory days of our bush tradition.

If you always wondered what came after 'There was movement at the station...' or 'We'll all be rooned said Hanrahan...' then Traditional Australian Verse is the book for you. Here too are the original versions of 'Advance Australia Fair', 'Bound for Botany Bay' and 'The Dog Sat on the Tucker Box', plus the bawdy version of 'The Bastard from the Bus'.

To entertain and delight the newcomer and the traditionalist alike, this treasury offers equal parts merriment, calumny, lyricism and gentle melancholia. **TP \$29.99**

Jack Whyte

Order in Chaos (Templar 03)

A brother of the Order - a medieval secret society uniting old noble families in a sacred pact - Sir Hugh de Payens has emerged from the First Crusade a broken man. He has no will other than to dedicate his life to God. But the Order has other plans for him: he must uncover a deadly secret that could shatter the very might of the Church itself. **BPB \$24.99**

John Wiseman

Ultimate SAS Survival Guide

This is the original and best survival handbook, now in an exclusive package. Lofty's extensive survival experience and tried and tested techniques are the choice of both survival expert and novice, and the text is specially crafted to prepare you for any and every situation, wherever you are in the world. Lofty imparts his much sought-after knowledge in a new illustrated top-of-the-range gift format, wonderfully packaged as a hardback covered with camouflage cloth, filled with informative and attractive photography. All the advice is firmly rooted in the training techniques of the world's most elite fighting force, the SAS. Whether you are on land, at sea, trekking in mountainous, desert or arctic regions, or in the midst of an unforeseen disaster, Lofty will teach you how to survive. **NEW CONTENTS INCLUDE:** Step-by-step photography showing you such fundamental survival skills as shelter building, lighting a fire, signalling for rescue, basic first aid, setting up and furnishing a camp, setting up traps. Also includes photography of plants, animals and trees you might be likely to encounter in various climates, to enable easy recognition when you're foraging for food. Case studies form an important part of the text, giving the reader real-life stories to learn from, and test their knowledge against.

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Mythic Creatures

- at the museum

Infinitas has 10 double passes to the opening of a new exhibition at the National Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour, Friday 18th December at 6pm, hosted by Andy Muirhead (ABC Collectors host). Investigate Dragons, Unicorns, Mermaids and others.

If you would like to a free ticket, ask us quick - as RSVP is by 11-12-09.