



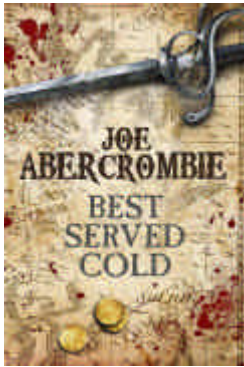
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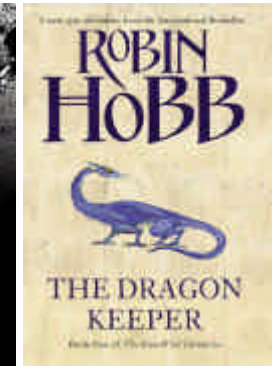
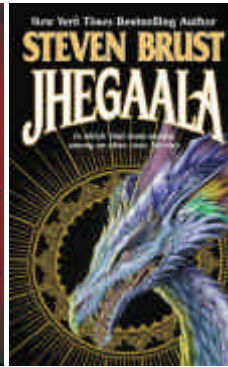
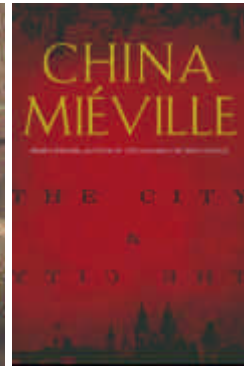
Eric Flint & Virginia DeMarce

Star Wars

Monsterpocalypse 3

Warhammer 40,000

Dungeons & Dragons



Best Served Cold in trade paperback.

The Pirate King in paperback.

The City and the City in trade paperback.

Jhegaala a new Vlad Taltos paperback.

White Witch, Black Curse in paperback.

Dragon Keeper in trade paperback and hardcover.

Witches Incorporated in paperback.

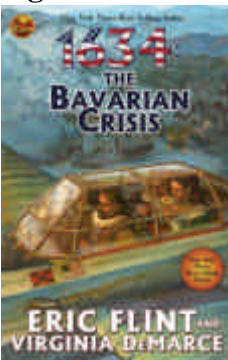
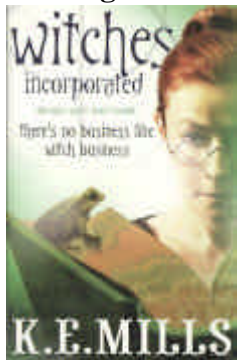
1634: The Bavarian Crisis in paperback.

Fate of the Jedi: Omen in hardcover.

All Your Base new monster and unit figurines.

Fallen Angels a new Horus Heresy paperback.

Eberron Campaign Guide a new 4th edition rulebook.



News

Locus Awards for 2009 have been announced 27th June. Best science fiction novel went to *Anathem* by Neal Stephenson, best fantasy novel went to *Lavinia* by Ursula K. Le Guin, best first novel went to *Singularity's Ring* by Paul Melko and best young adult book went to *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman. For a full list of winners visit: <http://www.locusmag.com/News/2009/06/2009-locus-award-winners.html>

Alastair Reynolds has signed a 10 year 10 book deal for 1 million pounds with Gollancz in the UK. However, he says this will not greatly change his writing habits, but will give him financial security that writers usually miss. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2009/jun/22/alastair-reynolds-million-pound-deal>

D&D Delve Days: Our first D&D Delve day will be Saturday morning 11th July. We are hoping to run two tables of players through an adventure of two encounters, expected to be two or three hours playing time. This month's Delves are for 11th level characters, built to standard RPGA guidelines. Contact us at the shop for more information, and to book a place.

The Flare Dive by David Farmer

The PD-1 Protector Droid rolled on his magnetic treads to his usual place on the flight deck. He tilted his spherical head forward and looked down at the instrument panel, the sensors behind his glowing red eyes scanning the readings. He reached out one hand and carefully recalibrated the external heat sensors. His highest priority was to guard the crew, and he was very aware that the ship wasn't designed for what Captain Stokes was about to do with it. Discretely, the PD-1 reached out with his other hand and held on hard to the edge of the instrument panel.

They were far enough above the orange and red gases of Jupiter that they could clearly see the huge, white-hot flare travelling up through the atmosphere towards them. It was a rare, natural phenomenon, and the F20 survey ship was in a perfect position to intercept it and collect some of its debris.

They had done this before. The Captain, strapped into his chair at the controls, aimed the ship like a weapon and accelerated. The hull vibrated as the first traces of atmosphere tore past, and there was a rumble as the tail stabilisers and swept-back wings slid automatically out of the streamlined fuselage.

This time they hadn't even lowered the shutters over the view panels, and the PD-1 watched as the flare slowly grew larger, bright against the orange gases behind it. As a precaution he lowered the magnetic flanges around his treads to anchor himself more securely to the floor, and held there as tight as he could.

The vibrations from the hull grew stronger, and the ship started responding to the flight control column as the control surfaces in the wings and tail bit into the thicker atmosphere. The Captain continuously corrected their flight, aiming at a point in front of the target. At the last instant he adjusted again and aimed the ship into the heart of the flare. The temperature readings in front of the PD-1 suddenly spiked, and there was a sound like bullets hitting the hull as the flare debris was collected in the ship's vents. Then it was gone. The deeper orange of the normal atmosphere was around them, and the Captain rolled the ship level, slowly pulled out of the dive, and aimed them back into space. He retracted the wings and tailplane as the ship accelerated to escape velocity. For a while they watched the flare on the scanners as it started to dissipate in the upper atmosphere.

Part of the joke seemed to be that they pretended it wasn't dangerous. Tony Peel, the Engineer, unstrapped his harness and floated out of his chair. He grabbed the moving handrail along the wall, and floated casually around the room to the coffee machine, the grin he exchanged with the Captain the only thing that gave him away. Aneko, the Navigator, smiled to herself and then rolled her eyes at the PD-1.

The Protector Droid decided he would never understand this crew. He raised the safety flanges

discretely. He had learned not to be too showy about it. The crew would pretend he had been scared, even though he was incapable of that. He scanned the instruments on the main panel, looking for problems.

Something was using up the oxygen in the control room. He swivelled his head and looked discretely at the Captain, the Engineer and then the Navigator. They didn't seem to have noticed anything. He used his own sensors to scan around the cabin, and found he could localise the source of the disruption. There was a shadow just above the Captain's head. As the PD-1 watched, it moved over to the back of the flight deck and he lost sight of it. The door didn't open, but presently the oxygen started to disappear in the corridor outside.

It had happened again. They had collected something else. Something that didn't come out until they were gone.

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The Protector Droid saw the crew off the ship and into the shuttle that would take them to the space station. The last was Aneko. She let go of the moving handrail and spun slowly in the air to face him.

'Thanks for taking care of us, Mr PD-1,' she said. She seemed to be having trouble breathing. She glanced back past him. She could tell something was wrong.

'You are welcome, Aneko.' He had a flat monotone voice, and had resisted all attempts by the crew to change it. He pressed the button that slid open the door for her.

Then, infinitesimally, the oxygen started draining from the room. Something was here, right above them, and he seemed to see a shadow float over their heads and make for the doorway behind Aneko, the entrance to the shuttle. The PD-1 raised an arm. His fingertip retracted, but before the pulse weapon packed in his forearm could fire, the shadow darted back the way it had come, through the closed door to the aft sections of the ship.

'PD-1?'

'Yes, Aneko.'

She giggled. 'What are you pointing at?'

'I am not pointing, Aneko. I am merely waving goodbye.'

She laughed again. 'You're not waving, PD-1! You're pointing at the shuttle!' She drifted close to him, turned her head and sighted along his arm. She turned back. The eyes were impish.

'That may be true, Aneko. I may be pointing at the shuttle. On the other hand, I may be waving.' He moved his arm so that his metal palm was towards her, but then didn't move it from side to side to complete the gesture. 'Who can tell, Aneko? Who can tell?'

She suddenly snorted a huge laugh she seemed to have been holding in. Then she said, pretending to be serious again, 'See you next time, PD-1.'

'Indeed, Aneko. See you next time.' She was gone, and he closed the door. He had made her laugh. He wasn't sure how, but he might be able to do it again if he thought about it long enough.

The shuttle broke away from the survey ship, and the vibration coming through the floor from its engines ceased. He swivelled on his magnetic treads and moved quietly through the aft door and then along the silent, bright corridor. It ran the length of the ship, and he checked every room that led off it. He expected to find something in the lab, but this time it was silent.

The cargo bay at the end of the ship was dim. It was in vacuum, and he entered through the two doors of the airlock. The huge panels in the floor were open to the stars, and he looked down at the distant, spinning space station, with the red-orange of Jupiter a small striped disk in the background. Something moved behind him, and he slowly and quietly swivelled.

There was something pale seeping through one of the walls. He could see three dark disks set in a horizontal line that might be eyes, and a mouth underneath that opened and closed as if it was breathing. It was hard to see, almost transparent, and he wasn't sure if a human eye could detect it at all. It floated slowly away from the wall.

He couldn't detect any life signs. There was no heart, no circulation, no brainwaves, and yet it floated where it wanted in a vacuum, and used up the oxygen in the ship. As it got closer he could see tiny serrated teeth in its mouth, and the three eyes swept the room together.

He raised his arm and it seemed to notice him for the first time. Its mouth moved in what may have been a shriek before he fired the blue plasma across the room. The creature shattered into pieces that floated to the sides of the cargo bay, and faded away as they hit the walls.

The PD-1 stayed still for thirty minutes, but nothing else appeared. He left through the airlock and glided up the corridor. He checked all the rooms again, just in case, and then went to the control room to check the oxygen levels. It was as he entered the room that something blocked his sight. It wasn't entirely dark, but something had slid over his face, covering his light and movement detectors, and he reached up with his left hand to tear it off.

It grabbed his fingers and left his face, and he saw what it was. There had never been two before. It tried to bite through his fingers, and he could feel the tiny teeth grind against the metal. He brought up the gun again and splattered the creature all over the walls.

He went to the control panels and started checking the instruments. He had to be ready when the crew returned in forty-eight hours. He found the oxygen levels were returning to normal. He could find no other problems, but he kept checking, just in case. And all the time he was aware of one thing, at the back of his mind, reminding him over and over of his duty - Safety Regulation 31177: 'If an alien life form breaches the ship's perimeter, any surviving crew must be quarantined and separated from each other.'

'Separated from each other.' His duty was to guard the crew. If they were separated from each other they would no longer be a crew, and he would have failed. Therefore, he must not tell them about the creatures from the flare.

He had to be ready for the next flare dive, in case there were more. He checked his pulse gun. Then he kept checking the instruments, over and over and over.

At the back of the ship, in the microscopic spaces behind the panels of the cargo bay, the thousands of offspring of the two aliens started to expand and look for oxygen.

Bestsellers for June

General Release

<i>By Schism Rent Asunder</i>	David Weber
<i>Skin Trade</i>	Laurell K Hamilton
<i>Valor's Trial</i>	Tanya Huff
<i>Juggler of Worlds</i>	Larry Niven & Edward M Lerner
<i>The Last Argument of Kings</i>	Joe Abercrombie
<i>Victory of Eagles</i>	Naomi Novik
<i>Zoe's Tale</i>	John Scalzi
<i>Dead and Gone</i>	Charlaine Harris
<i>Pride and Prejudice and Zombies</i>	Jane Austen & Seth Grahame-Smith
<i>Orphan's Triumph</i>	Robert Buettner

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>The Killing Ground</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Heroes of the Space Marines</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Monster Manual 2</i>	D & D 4ed
<i>Courage and Honour</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Star Trek (movie novelisation)</i>	Star Trek
<i>Fallen Angels</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Tales of Heresy</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Revenge of the Fallen</i>	Transformers
<i>Treason</i>	Star Trek New Frontier
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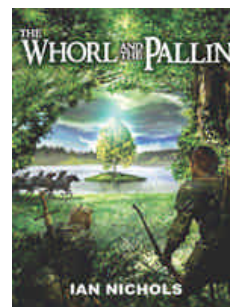
The Whorl and the Pallin by Ian Nichols, reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780980518634>

The Whorl and the Pallin is an interesting read, in that it is officially classed as a Young Adult book, but there are elements in it that are brutal and violent, and contains some concepts that most teenagers won't be familiar with in detail. Definitely a challenging read, but worthwhile to complete. This is the author's first full novel, and it does fit the generic pattern of hero is discovered, goes on quest with others, resolves the situation, saves the world for goodness and light, but there is more in the work than you expect. The gods are real, or at least their magic and illusions are. When people get old enough, they are bound and sealed to a god, enabling them to see the magic cast, but there are a few people who are unsealed, and they can't see magic or illusions at all. Imagine being blind to the wonders of magic, which is all around you, even as your neighbours gasp in awe and wonder.

Tom, the main character, is on the street, stealing food to survive, when he is almost caught, and whilst running away, is pressed into the army to serve the Empire. After training, he and his mates are sent to stop an invasion, but in the process they are nearly all wiped out. After they hold the invaders long enough they are saved by reinforcements and Tom is declared to be a hero. Sent to the Capital for reward, he spots an assassin trying to kill the Emperor, and stops him, even after he realises that he is the only one who can actually see the killer. It is at this point when Tom realises that being immune to illusion can possibly be helpful, not a cause to be spurned by others, as has happened to him during his whole life. Deciding to make use of this power, the Emperor sends him on a quest to prevent the source of magic being tainted and corrupted by the Whorl.

Set in a medieval style world, where rival powers are using politics, force and magic to achieve their aims and goals, this is a well written book, intriguing in the concepts it puts forward, detailed in description, and well written, in that makes a whole world come to life in a believable manner. It also raises some interesting questions, including ones of where people can fit into their society, and what you may have to do to achieve a goal in life, not to mention the costs.



Gladiatrix by Rhonda Roberts, reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732288556>

From my readings of ancient Rome, I don't actually recall too many instances of female fighters in the gladiatorial arena or plastic water filters in their bathrooms. The ancient Rome visited by Kannon Jarrett in this novel may be a little stylised, like ancient Judea in Monty Python's Life of Brian, but we won't let that get in the way of a good yarn. Compared with Life of Brian, Gladiatrix though most of the novel is a more serious light fantasy thriller, like a fantasy version of Poul Anderson's Guardians of Time.

Coming in cold, Gladiatrix doesn't look like a fantasy story. It begins with a more prosaic mystery of Kannon's birth, then swings to a science fictionish time portal scenario, Roberts spending some effort to explain why the time portal hasn't had the dramatic impact on present society in its forty years of operation than I might expect it to. Reading the cover blurb first, the reader's expectation is more immediately put to the light fantasy, but then the first third of the novel is reduced to back story. I don't have any good answers for this sort of problem in novels.

Late in the novel, the storyline rises in action, but drops to a quest style series of one death trap after another. Here, my suspension of disbelief became somewhat battered, and after laughing at the second trap, I turned to looking for how the various tangled threads would be resolved (they are, quite cleverly). Then the story verged on dark fantasy, complete with human sacrificial alters, rape and brutality. Much of the novel is thriller standard.

Kannon is a twenty-two year old Japanese-trained martial arts expert in both swordplay and unarmed combat, appealing the way such fantasy heroes so far ahead of the rest of us do. She approaches the end of the novel dressed only in a skirt, bare from the waist up, but while sexuality is referred to, feelings are not deep and the story is by no means raunchy. It would probably appeal primarily to readers aged around eighteen. Of course, there are many young readers who might be a little older than that.

As a writer, Roberts is clear in both background and action apart from a predilection for the now all too common atrocities perpetrated upon the English language (I've read an uncorrected proof, so missing commas may be inserted in the production version, but there are places where the reader pauses to figure out meaning). There are only a couple of minor instances of fortuitous revelation. The writing slows about a third of the way in, where new characters are introduced one chapter at a time, culminating in one chapter of blatant information dump. Otherwise, the writing is paced and mysteries are intricate.

In my own completely arbitrary five-star system, I would give Gladiatrix three of them. I think the novel would be enjoyed immensely by those who like biff-bash female heroes throwing their weight around to vanquish the bad guys. The subtitle Kannon Dupree: Timestalker and the final chapter are setups for a series of follow up novels that I would probably rate at four stars given that the reader would know what to expect of them.





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Legend: PB = paperback
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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>

Thursday 2nd July 2009: Alternative Reality

Thursday 6th August 2009: Epidemics and Infestations

Thursday 3rd September 2009: Alternative Technology

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting. The discussion is generally serious and insightful, we usually share a bottle or 2 of wine with cheese – contributions gratefully drunk. All welcome.

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Thursday 16th July 2009

Speed of Dark by Elizabeth Moon (SF)

Fetish by Tara Moss (Crime)

Thursday 20th August 2009

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (Fantasy) by

Seth Grahame-Smith and Jane Austin

Hunter's Run (Science Fiction) by

George R R Martin, Gardner Dozois and Daniel Abraham

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

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Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

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



Dungeon & Dragons Delve Days: Play a short game of 4th edition D&D, one or two encounters only. Pre-prepared characters may be required. Ask us at the shop for details.
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Blake Bell

Strange and Stranger: The World of Steve Ditko

A critical retrospective of the work of Spider-Man's reclusive co-creator traces the progression of his spatial designs from the hallucinatory landscapes of Dr. Strange to the plebeian earthiness of The Amazing Spider Man, in an account that covers such topics as his early work for Marvel and his creation of Mr. A. **HC \$80**

Boris Vallejo & Julie Bell

Boris Vallejo and Julie Bell: The Ultimate Illustrations

Boris Vallejo and Julie Bell have been two of the biggest names in fantasy art for over 40 years. THE ULTIMATE ILLUSTRATIONS presents the first collection of their sketches in over 15 years and features 100 previously unpublished illustrations. Taking the reader into the privacy of their studio and giving an insight into the artistic imagination of Boris and Julie - some of these were produced for pleasure and experiment and others as preliminary ideas for commissioned work. **HC \$39.99**

Boy Who Saw True

THE BOY WHO SAW TRUE is based on the diary entries of a young Victorian boy whose extraordinary supernatural talent reveals itself within these pages. By turns naive, insightful, funny and moving, it is an extremely convincing account of a precocious paranormal talent, and all the more persuasive because the young diarist never sets out to win over his readers. Born with incredible clairvoyant powers, the anonymous author could see auras and spirits, yet failed to realise that other people were not similarly gifted. This remarkable book has become a paranormal classic. **PB \$23.95**

Joe Abercrombie

Best Served Cold (First Law)

Springtime in Styria. And that means war. There have been nineteen years of blood. The ruthless Grand Duke Orso is locked in a vicious struggle with the squabbling League of Eight, and between them they have bled the land white. While armies march, heads roll and cities burn, behind the scenes bankers, priests and older, darker powers play a deadly game to choose who will be king. War may be hell but for Monza Murcatto, the Snake of Talins, the most feared and famous mercenary in Duke Orso's employ, it's a damn good way of making money too. Her victories have made her popular - a shade too popular for her employer's taste. Betrayed, thrown down a mountain and left for dead, Murcatto's reward is a broken body and a burning hunger for vengeance. Whatever the cost, seven men must die. Her allies include Styria's least reliable drunkard, Styria's most treacherous poisoner, a mass-murderer obsessed with numbers and a Northman who just wants to do the right thing. Her enemies number the better half of the nation. And that's all before the most dangerous man in the world is dispatched to hunt her down and finish the job Duke Orso started... Springtime in Styria. And that means revenge. **TP \$32.99**

Daniel Abraham

An Autumn War (Long Price Quartet 03)

Daniel Abraham delighted fantasy readers with his brilliantly original and engaging first novel, and in his second penned a tragedy as darkly personal and violent as Shakespeare's King Lear. Now he has written an epic fantasy of much wider scope and appeal that will thrill his fans and enthrall legions of new readers.

Otah Machi, ruler of the city of Machi, has tried for years to prepare his people for a future in which the magical *andat*, entities that support their commerce and intimidate all foes, can no longer be safely harnessed. But his efforts are too little, too late. The Galts, an expansionist empire from across the sea, have tired of games of political espionage and low-stakes sabotage. Their general, a ruthless veteran, has found a way to do what was thought impossible: neutralize the *andat*.

As the Galtic army advances, the Poets who control the *andat* wage their own battle to save their loved-ones and their nation. Failure seems inevitable, but success would end the Galtic threat. **APB \$19.95**

The Hard Call (Wildcards)

In 1946, an alien virus is accidentally unleashed that changes the world forever. Most of those infected die horribly, said to have drawn the Black Queen as their fated card. Ninety percent of those who survive mutate into Jokers—deformed, broken, hated, and feared. But a handful are lucky enough to become Aces, gaining superpowers that allow them to achieve almost anything the mind can conceive—both in dreams and in nightmares. Sixty years later, an Ace named Croyd Crenson, better known as the Sleeper, is framed for the murder of a young nurse in New York City's Jokertown. As Crenson investigates the killing to clear his name, he has to fight to stay awake, or else his unusual ability will change him into something else entirely.

Meanwhile, a group of teenagers in Whiteoak, Colorado, accidentally activate the dormant wild-card virus, wiping out nearly the entire town. As the teens are sent to the Jokertown clinic, they discover that not all Jokers are bad and not all Aces are good.

Set in the world of the novels edited by George R. R. Martin and featuring a brand-new set of characters as well as appearances from many old favorites, Wild Cards: The Hard Call is an original story written specifically for comics that will enchant new readers and old fans alike. **HC \$47.95**

Marta Acosta

Midnight Brunch at Casa Dracula (Casa Dracula 02)

Having her illusions shattered throughout his year-long residence at Casa Dracula, Milagro hopes for a proposal from her vampire boyfriend, is targeted by a Neo-Vamp cousin, and joins the film crew for a new independent monster movie. Originally published as Midnight Brunch. **PB \$17.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Made to be Broken (Nadia Stafford 02)

To the outside world Nadia Stafford is a smart, good-looking, law-abiding citizen. Well, two out of three s not bad... An ex-cop with a legal code all her own, Nadia has a secret life as a world-class assassin. She works only for one New York crime family, who pay her handsomely to bump off traitors. But when a troubled teenager and her baby vanish in the woods near her home, Nadia's old detective instincts - and the memory of a past loss - compel her to investigate. With her enigmatic mentor Jack to support her, Nadia unearths sinister clues that point to an increasingly dark and deadly mystery.

As her obsession over the case deepens, Nadia realises that the only way she can right the wrongs of the present is to face her own painful ghosts - or die trying. And so she sets off on the trail of a young woman no one else cares about - and a killer who is bound to strike again. **PB \$19.99**

Neal Asher*Shadow of the Scorpion*

Ian Cormac's Early Years!

Raised to adulthood during the end of the war between the human Polity and a vicious alien race, the Prador, Ian Cormac is haunted by childhood memories of a sinister scorpion-shaped war drone and the burden of losses he doesn't remember.

Cormac signs up with Earth Central Security and is sent out to help restore and maintain order on worlds devastated by the war. There he discovers that though the Prador remain as murderous as ever, they are not anywhere near as treacherous or dangerous as some of his fellow humans, some closer to him than he would like.

Amidst the ruins left by wartime genocides, Cormac will discover in himself a cold capacity for violence and learn some horrible truths about his own past while trying to stay alive on his course of vengeance. **PB \$19.95**

Will Christopher Baer*Godspeed*

Hired to kidnap Polly Lee James, a sixteen-year-old orphan who is not what she seems, Ryder Fell, a thief with visions of the future, discovers that his quarry is an exile from the Presidio, a lawless purgatory underworld populated by the dead, the undead, monsters, angels, and immortals, in a dark fantasy novel by the author of *Kiss Me Judas* **TP \$27.95**

Louisa Barton*In the Garden of Sins (Hidden Grotto)*

The author returns readers to the Hidden Grotto, where in the course of two novellas a rapacious vampire satiates his hunger for a beautiful goddess and a young English maid sheds her innocence in order to become a true courtesan. **TP \$30.95**

Alex Bledsoe*The Sword-Edged Blonde (Eddie LaCrosse)*

It should have been a case like any other: a missing princess, a king willing to pay in gold for her return. But before he realizes it, sword jockey Eddie LaCrosse is swept up in a web of mystery and deceit involving a brutally murdered royal heir, a queen accused of an unspeakable crime, and the tragic past he thought he'd left behind.

In order to uncover the answers he seeks, Eddie must delve into the dark underbelly of society while digging deep into his own private history, drawing past and present together. Vast conspiracies, women both beautiful and deadly, and a centuries-old revenge scheme are only a few of the pieces in a lethal puzzle.

The *Sword-Edged Blonde* is a tour-de-force foray into a realm of action, intrigue, and murder. **PB \$19.95**

Ben Bova*Mars Life*

Jamie Waterman discovered the cliff dwelling on Mars, and the fact that an intelligent race lived on the red planet sixty-five million years ago, only to be driven into extinction by the crash of a giant meteor. Now the exploration of Mars is itself under threat of extinction, as the ultraconservative New Morality movement gains control of the U.S. government and cuts off all funding for the Mars program.

Meanwhile, Carter Carleton, an anthropologist who was driven from his university post by unproven charges of rape, has started to dig up the remains of a Martian village. Science and politics clash on two worlds as Jamie desperately tries to save the Mars program and uncover who the vanished Martians were. **PB \$19.95**

James Braziel*Snakeskin Road*

In a tale set in a bleak near-future world, recently widowed and pregnant Jennifer Harrison flees the Alabama desert for the promise of the North only to find her path blocked by merciless dust storms, a situation that is complicated by an abandoned girl and a smuggler who offers to transport them to the Midwestern free zones. **TP \$30.95**

Patricia Briggs*Mercy Thompson: Homecoming (Mercy Thompson)*

A graphic novel interpretation of the prequel entry in the popular series finds shapeshifter Mercy Thompson looking for work upon her graduation from college only to wind up confronting rival werewolves, angry vampires, and ruthless prospective employers, in an edition that includes bonus material. **HC \$47.95**

Eric Brown*Xenopath (Bengal Station)*

Working for a telepathic detective agency, Vaughan investigates a series of murders linked to the colony world of Mallory, and the slaughter of innocent aliens there by a colonial organization. **PB \$19.95**

Steven Brust*Jhegaala (Vlad Taltos)*

Fresh from the collapse of his marriage, and with the criminal Jhereg organization out to eliminate him, Vlad decides to hide out among his relatives in faraway Fenario. All he knows about them is that their family name is Merss and that they live in a papermaking industrial town called Burz.

At first Burz isn't such a bad place, though the paper mill reeks to high heaven. But the longer he stays there, the stranger it becomes. No one will tell him where to find his relatives. Even stranger, when he mentions the name Merss, people think he's threatening them. The witches' coven that every Fenarian town and city should have is nowhere in evidence. And the Guild, which should be protecting the city's craftsmen and traders, is an oppressive, all-powerful organization, into which no tradesman would ever be admitted.

Then a terrible thing happens. In its wake, far from Draegara, without his usual organization working for him, Vlad is going to have to do his sleuthing amidst an alien people: his own. **APB \$19.95**

Robert Buettner*Orphan's Triumph (Orphanage 05)*

Mankind's reunited planets now control a vital crossroads after forty years of fighting, one that secures their uneasy union. The doomsday weapon that can end the Slug war, and the mighty fleet that will carry it to the Slug homeworld, also lie within humanity's grasp - but all is far from won. Since the Slug Blitz orphaned Jason Wander, he has risen from infantry recruit to commander of Earth's garrisons on the emerging allied planets. But four decades of service have cost Jason not just his friends and family, but his innocence. Then an enemy counterstroke threatens to reverse the war and destroy mankind, Jason must finally confront not only his lifelong alien enemy but the reality of what he has become after a lifetime of conflict. **APB \$19.99**

Emma Bull

Bone Dance

Sparrow's my name. Trader. Deal-maker. Hustler, some call me. I work the Night Fair circuit, buying and selling pre-nuke videos from the world before. I know how to get a high price, especially on Big Bang collectibles. But the hottest ticket of all is information on the Horsemen—the mind-control weapons that tilted the balance in the war between the Americas. That's the prize I'm after.

But it seems I'm having trouble controlling my own mind.

The Horsemen are coming. **TP \$32.95**

Jim Butcher

Summer Knight (Dresden Files 04)

The fourth book in the best-selling series featuring Chicago's only professional wizard and supernatural sleuth, Harry Dresden, has Harry investigating excessive turbulence in the spirit world, after discovering that many of the recent victims have ties to him.

Despondent over the loss of his vampire girlfriend, private detective and wizard-for-hire Harry Dresden undertakes a mission for the Winter Queen of Faerie to find out who murdered the Summer Queen's right-hand man, the Summer Knight, and clear the Winter Queen of the crime. **HC \$52.95**

Rachel Caine

The Dead Girls' Dance (MP3) (Morganville Vampires 02 Audio)

When Claire Danvers and her equally outcast best friend Eve are invited to the annual Dead Girls' Dance at a fraternity, all hell breaks loose when the living party with the dead in a town rampant with bloodthirsty vampires. Read by Cynthia Holloway. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Alan Campbell

Iron Angel

Order has collapsed in Deepgate. The chained city is now in ruins, and the Deadsands beyond are full of fleeing refugees. Meanwhile, the Spine militia is trying to halt the exodus of panicking citizens through brutal force. Rachel and the young angel Dill are dragged off to the Temple torture chambers... but strange things start to happen as a foul red mist rises from the abyss beneath the city. For the god Ulcis death has left the gates to Hell unguarded, and certain forces in the fathomless darkness beneath Deepgate have noticed an opportunity.

Only the offspring of the dread goddess Ayen understand this new danger. Already, Cospinol, god of brine and fog, is coming to save his brother's temple - and to hunt down Ulcis murderers. His foul, fog-wreathed skyship has already reached Sandport, bringing along its own version of hell.

By now, Rachel just wants to keep her companion alive. Escaping their prison, and with enemies closing in on all sides, she is forced to undertake a perilous journey across the Deadsands towards the distant land of Pandemeria. But there the battlefield at Coreollis is fated to witness a clash of powers - a contest between men and gods and archons and slaves, all forced into desperate alliances. **BPB \$22.99**

Jacqueline Carey

Naamah's Kiss

Once there were great magicians born to the Maghuin Dhonn; the folk of the Brown Bear, the oldest tribe in Alba. But generations ago, the greatest of them all broke a sacred oath sworn in the name of all his people. Now, only small gifts remain to them. Through her lineage, Moirin possesses such gifts - the ability to summon the twilight and conceal herself, and the skill to coax plants to grow.

Moirin has a secret, too. From childhood onward, she senses the presence of unfamiliar gods in her life; the bright lady, and the man with a seedling cupped in his palm. Raised in the wilderness by her reclusive mother, it isn't until she comes of age that Moirin learns how illustrious, if mixed, her heritage is. The great granddaughter of Alais the Wise, child of the Maghuin Donn, and a cousin of the Cruarch of Alba, Moirin learns her father was a D'Angeline priest dedicated to serving Naamah, goddess of desire.

After Moirin undergoes the rites of adulthood, she finds divine acceptance...on the condition that she fulfill an unknown destiny that lies somewhere beyond the ocean. Or perhaps oceans. Beyond Terre d'Ange where she finds her father, in the far reaches of distant Ch'in, Moirin's skills are a true gift when facing the vengeful plans of an ambitious mage, a noble warrior princess desperate to save her father's throne, and the spirit of a celestial dragon. **HC \$54.95**

Glen Cook

Empire Unacquainted With Defeat (Dread Empire)

The Dread Empire, a gritty world of larger-than-life plots, nation-shattering conflict, maddening magic, strange creatures, and raw, flawed heroes, all shown through the filter of Cook's inimitable war-correspondent prose. The Dread Empire, spanning from the highest peaks of the Dragon's Teeth to the endless desert lands of Hammad al Nakir, from besieged Kavelin to mighty Shinshan, the Empire Unacquainted with Defeat, with its fearless, masked soldiers, known as the Demon Guard...

An Empire Unacquainted with Defeat collects all of Glen Cook's short fiction set in the vast world of the Dread Empire, from "The Nights of Dreadful Silence", featuring the first appearance of Bragi Ragnarson, Mocker, and Haroun bin Yousif, to the culture-clashing novella "Soldier of an Empire Unacquainted with Defeat"; from "Silverheels", Cook's first published work of fiction, to "Hell's Forge", a haunting tale of cursed pirates and strange lands, appearing here for the first time.

Also including a detailed introduction and extensive story notes by Glen Cook, An Empire Unacquainted with Defeat charts the development of this influential American author and the massive, multifaceted world that he created.

"The world of the Dread Empire is, of course, the most important character of the series. It is always there, always on stage, always a stage, but never to be taken for granted." - Glen Cook, from the introduction. **HC \$51.95**

Dragon Never Sleeps

Glen Cook delivers a masterpiece of galaxy spanning space opera. For four thousand years, the Guardships ruled Canon Space with an iron fist. Immortal ships with an immortal crew roamed the galaxy, dealing swiftly and harshly with any mercantile houses or alien races that threatened the status quo. But now the House Tregesser believes they have an edge; a force from outside Canon Space offers them the resources to throw off Guardship rule. Their initial gambits precipitate an avalanche of unexpected outcomes, the most unpredicted of which is the emergence of Kez Maeefe, one of the few remaining generals of the Ku Warrior race - the only race to ever seriously threaten Guardship hegemony.

Kez Maeefe and a motley group of mysterious aliens, biological constructs and scheming aristocrats find themselves at the center of the conflict. Maeefe must choose which side he will support; the Guardships, who defeated and destroyed his race, or the unknown forces from outside Canon Space that promise more death and destruction. **PB \$19.95**

Swordbearer

A young boy's dreams of glory and war turn into a bitter nightmare as his father's kingdom is overrun by an invading army. Lost and alone in the woods, he finds an ancient sword that promises him the ability to claim his vengeance. As he begins to take that vengeance, he begins to realize the price that the sword will demand of him.

Enemies soon become allies and strange bedfellows abound as the prophecies of an age swirl into chaos. **TP \$30.95**

F G Cottam*The House of Lost Souls*

Just weeks after four students cross the threshold of the derelict Fischer House, one of them has committed suicide and the other three are descending into madness.

Nick Mason's sister is one of them. To save her, Nick must join ranks with Paul Seaton—the only person to have visited the house and survive. But Paul is a troubled man, haunted by otherworldly visions that even now threaten his sanity.

Desperate, Nick forces Paul to go back into the past, to the secret journal of beautiful photographer Pandora Gibson-Hoare and a debauched gathering in the 1920s, and to the dark legacy of Klaus Fischer—master of the unspeakable crime and demonic proceedings that have haunted the mansion for decades.

Because now, the Fischer House is beckoning, and some old friends have gathered to welcome Paul back. . . . **HC \$51.95**

Greg Cox*Countdown*

The explosive novelization of the events that followed the cataclysm of Infinite Crisis.

Cosmic legend has it that when the primordial gods of antiquity perished in some bygone cataclysm, the universe gave birth to a new breed of gods who reigned from two eternally warring worlds, the heavenly New Genesis and the hellish Apokolips. Now, a vast conspiracy of evil is determined to eradicate the New Gods, stealing their souls to wield universal power that can destroy all of reality.

At the end of an age in which time, s **TP \$30.95**

Blake Crouch*Abandon*

On Christmas Day in 1893, every man, woman and child in a remote gold mining town disappeared, belongings forsaken, meals left to freeze in vacant cabins; and not a single bone was ever found. One hundred thirteen years later, two backcountry guides are hired by a history professor and his journalist daughter to lead them into the abandoned mining town so that they can learn what happened. With them is a psychic, and a paranormal photographer—as the town is rumored to be haunted. A party that tried to explore the town years ago was never heard from again. What this crew is about to discover is that twenty miles from civilization, with a blizzard bearing down, they are not alone, and the past is very much alive. **HC \$52.95**

Julie E Czerneda*Riders of the Storm (Stratification 02)*

Exiled from the rest of their people, Om'ray Aryl Sarc and her supporters seek refuge in the mountains and try to discover the fate of the previous inhabitants of Sona, unaware that the dark secrets of the region could threaten their own future. **APB \$19.95**

Rift in the Sky (Stratification 03)

A third installment of a prequel series to the popular Trade Pact Universe novels finds the space-capable members of the Om'ray species converging on the Sona settlement, a situation that prompts the M'hiray to plan the evacuation of Cersi to prevent a disruption of the peace-keeping Agreement. **HC \$51.95**

MaryJanice Davidson*Undead and Unwelcome (Undead 08)*

Betsy Taylor has problems that only a vampire queen/suburban wife could possibly understand...such as fifty-thousand angry werewolves. That's what Betsy is facing when she takes her werewolf friend Antonia's body to Cape Cod, where the Pack resides at Wyndham Mansion. Because Antonia died in her service, Betsy is alive and well - and wracked with guilt. She has no idea if the Wyndham werewolves will welcome her with fangs or friendship. While Betsy and her husband Sinclair try to make nice, their legal ward Baby Jon is freaking out every werewolf he comes in contact with. Meanwhile, Betsy's posse back at the St Paul mansion are not happy. Increasingly frantic emails alert Betsy to her half-sister's increasingly erratic behavior. Looks like the devil's daughter is coming into her own - and raising hell. All in the name of making Betsy's life easier, of course. **TP \$32.99**

S J Day*Eve of Darkness (Marked 03)*

How do you tell Satan that you ran over his dog?

Evangeline Hollis has no idea, and she doesn't want to find out. She'd rather forget the Infernal that nearly wiped out her training class and killed some of the best demonhunting Marks in the world. Living with the Mark of Cain—and the two sexy brothers who come with it—is trouble enough. Satan has put a bounty on Eve's head, and Hell's denizens are converging on Southern California. The Infernals are complicating Eve's hunts and creating chaos in her once orderly life. They've also brought her to the attention of an overzealous reverend who's certain she's Jezebel reincarnate. **APB \$17.95**

Alyssa Day*Atlantis Unmasked (Warriors of Poseidon)*

When Alexios, one of Poseidon's fiercest warriors, is tasked with retrieving the Vampire's Bane from his mortal enemy, he must join forces with Grace, who, as part of the rebellion against the vampires and shapeshifters trying to take over her world, wishes he would see her as a woman, not a weapon. **APB \$19.95**

Charles de Lint*Widdershins*

Jilly Coppercorn and Geordie Riddell. Since they were introduced in the first Newford story, "Timeskip," back in 1989, their friends and readers alike have been waiting for them to realize what everybody else already knows: that they belong together. But they've been more clueless about how they feel for each other than the characters in *When Harry Met Sally*. Now in *Widdershins*, a stand-alone novel of fairy courts set in shopping malls and the Bohemian street scene of Newford's Crowsea area, Jilly and Geordie's story is finally being told.

Before it's over, we'll find ourselves plunged into the rancorous and sometimes violent conflict between the magical North American "animal people" and the more newly-arrived fairy folk. We'll watch as Jilly is held captive in a sinister world based on her own worst memories--and Geordie, attempting to help, is sent someplace even worse. And we'll be captivated by the power of love and determination to redeem ancient hatreds and heal old magics gone sour.

To walk "widdershins" is to walk counterclockwise or backwards around something. It's a classic pathway into the fairy realm. It's also the way people often back slowly into the relationships that matter, the real ones that make for a life. In *Widdershins* Charles de Lint has delivered one of his most accessible and moving works of his career. **TP \$30.95**

Gideon Defoe

Pirates! In an Adventure with Napoleon (Pirates)

Bruised from a crushing disappointment at the Pirate of the Year Awards the Pirate Captain decides that perhaps it's time for a career change. Before long, his loyal crew, much to their dismay, find themselves en route to St Helena: a bleak speck of an island a thousand miles from anywhere. But the Captain's plan for a quiet life rearing bees is interrupted by the arrival of another visitor to the island - the recently deposed Napoleon Bonaparte. Is the island's twenty-eight mile circumference big enough to contain two of history's greatest egos? Has the Pirate Captain finally met his match? And who has the best hat? This is an exciting, unputdownable tale of lavish tea parties, planning regulations, educational museum exhibits and raw naked political ambition. There is not much ham in this one. **APB \$14.99**

Tananarive Due

Blood Colony

There's a new drug on the street: Glow. Said to heal almost any illness, it is distributed by an Underground Railroad of drug peddlers. But what gives Glow its power? Its main ingredient is blood -- the blood of immortals. A small but powerful colony of immortals is distributing the blood, slowly wiping out the AIDS epidemic and other diseases around the world.

Meet Fana Wolde, seventeen years old, the only immortal born with the Living Blood. She can read minds, and her injuries heal immediately. When her best friend, a mortal, is imprisoned by Fana's family, Fana helps her escape -- and together they run away from Fana's protected home in Washington State to join the Underground Railroad.

But Fana has more than her parents to worry about: Glow peddlers are being murdered by a violent, hundred-year-old sect with ties to the Vatican. Now, when Fana is most vulnerable, she is being hunted to fulfill an ancient blood prophecy that could lead to countless deaths.

While her people search for Fana and race to unravel the unknown sect's mysterious origins, Fana must learn to confront the deadly forces -- or she and everyone she loves will die. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Dunbar

The Shore

The coastal town of Edgeharbor is held in the grip of terror due to a series of vicious murders, all bearing strange marks, and only a young policewoman and a mysterious stranger can save this isolated community from an ancient--and bloodthirsty--evil. **APB \$19.95**

Christine Feehan

Hidden Currents (Drake Sisters 05)

From afar, Sheriff Jackson Deveau has always loved Elle Drake, the youngest telepath of seven magically gifted sisters. After a long time away she is finally returning home to the small coastal village of Sea Haven. But someone has been following Elle, someone who doesn't want her to make it back. And when Elle fails to arrive, her disappearance strikes fear in the hearts of everyone who loves her. Now it is left to Jackson to uncover the mystery of Elle's vanishing, and rescue her from an unseen danger. But Sea Haven is no longer safe for anyone, and it will take the powers of all the Drake sisters and their men to survive the coming storm. **APB \$19.99**

Jaine Fenn

Consorts of Heaven

When a naked, amnesiac stranger is found outside a remote highland village, he is taken in by Kerin, a widow whose unconventional ways are tolerated because her son Damaru is 'skytouched' - he appears simple, but he is able to affect matter. All skytouched are tested by the Beloved Daughter, the living goddess who rules the world from the City of Light. If he's found worthy, Damaru will become a Consort of the skymothers, the Gods of this world. Kerin and the stranger, nicknamed Sais, accompany Damaru to the City, in the company of a priest who's helping Sais to get back his missing past - but as Sais recovers his memory, he realises that the world does not work the way he assumed - and everyone believes - it does. Worse still, the hierarchy which has kept society stable for thousands of years is rotten to the core. Then Kerin and Sais uncover the true nature of the world and the unimaginable fate of the Consorts - a fate Kerin will do anything to stop her son sharing. **TP \$32.99**

C C Finlay

The Demon Redcoat (Traitor to the Crown 03)

When a powerful demon, summoned by the secret society of European witches known as the Covenant, tries to possess their newborn infant, Proctor and Deborah, embarking on a desperate journey to destroy the Covenant, uncover a dark, necromantic design of epic proportions. **PB \$19.95**

Eric Flint & Virginia Easley DeMarce

1634: The Bavarian Crisis (Ring of Fire)

The Thirty Years War continues to ravage 17th century Europe, but a new force is gathering power and influence: the Confederated Principalities 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 CPE has the know-how of 20th century technology, but needs iron and steel to make the machines. The iron mines of the upper Palatinate were rendered inoperable by wartime damage, and American know-how is needed on the spot to pump them out and get the metal flowing again—a mission that will prove more complicated than anyone expects. In the maelstrom that is Europe, even a 20th century copy of the Encyclopedia Britannica can precipitate a crisis, when readers learn of the 1640 Portuguese revolt, a crisis that will involve Naples as well. Another factor: Albanian exiles in Naples, inspired by the Americans, are plotting to recover lost Albanian turf, which will precipitate yet another crisis in the Balkans.

This troubled century was full of revolutions and plans for more revolutions before the Americans arrived, and gave every would-be revolutionary an example of a revolution that succeeded. Europe is a pot coming to a boil, and Mike Stearns will have his hands full seeing that it doesn't boil over on to Grantville and the CPE. **APB \$19.95**

Caleb Fox

Zedayi Red

A young Shaman of the Galayi people has had a powerful and frightening vision: it is of the Eagle Feather Cape, the gift of the Thunderbird, which is worn by the Seer of the People to see the future and gain the guidance of the gods. The cape is torn and bloody, and it will no longer bring visions to the Seer of the People. But the Shaman's vision also tells her of the cure: a child will be born to the People, a hero who will restore the cape and return the goodwill of the gods to the People.

Dahzi may be that hero, if he can survive the hatred of his grandfather. He was born after his mother's death, as she fled from her father's anger. But Dahzi carries the hope of all of his People, along with the power to become a great Chief. He will be tested--by his family, by his people, and by the Gods.

Zadayi Red is a magnificent retelling of a Cherokee legend. It brings to life an ancient people and a time of magic in a warm and intimate storyteller's voice. **HC \$51.95**

Max Frei

The Stranger (Labyrinths of Echo 01)

If it weren't for bad luck, Max Frei wouldn't have any luck at all. A self-described twenty-something 'classic loser', an insomniac, hardened smoker, a glutton and a loafer, there's nothing much going for Max Frei...at least not until he arrives in the magical city of Echo. Summoned to the city by the head of the Department of Absolute Order, Sir Juffin Halli, Max's dreams are becoming a reality. But as with all dreams-come-true its not quite the reality Max expected; he's about to become a secret agent, tasked to solve extravagant, impossible crimes with nothing but his wits and a handful of unexplained magical abilities to recommend him. Max is going to be thrown into the fray - and he can't even have a cigarette first... **TP \$35**

Heather Graham

Dust to Dust

Not long ago, Scott Bryant would have described himself as an ordinary guy. But one act of heroism has changed his life forever—or at least until the apocalypse occurs. Because the end of the world is on its way.

Suddenly and inexplicably possessed of superhuman strength, Scott finds himself allied with the enigmatic and alluring Melanie Regan in a quest to find the mysterious Oracle in hopes of averting the absolute destruction that threatens.

Melanie herself has been falling into trances, sketching terrifying visions of future events—and she wants answers. She knows better than Scott where to look for help, but even she cannot fathom the powers that have thrust them together in an epic battle of good against evil.

The earth itself will soon turn against its inhabitants, and now mortal and immortal must join forces if any are to survive. **PB \$19.95**

Claudia Gray

Stargazer (02)

I kissed Lucas again, more slowly this time. We held each other tighter, and I started to wonder how much closer we could get - and then I remembered what it had felt like when I drank his blood.

Evernight Academy: an exclusive boarding school for the most beautiful, dangerous students of all - vampires. Bianca, born to two vampires, has always been told her destiny is to become one of them. But Bianca fell in love with Lucas - a vampire hunter sworn to destroy her kind. They were torn apart when his true identity was revealed, forcing him to flee the school. Although they may be separated, Bianca and Lucas will not give each other up. She will risk anything for the chance to see him again, even if it means coming face-to-face with the vampire hunters of Black Cross - or deceiving the powerful vampires of Evernight. Bianca's secrets will force her to live a life of lies.

Yet Bianca isn't the only one keeping secrets. When Evernight is attacked by an evil force that seems to target her, she discovers the truth she thought she knew is only the beginning . . . **TP \$19.99**

Chris Marie Green

Midnight Reign (Vampire Babylon 02)

In the sequel to Night Rising, Dawn Madison must employ all of her skills as a vampire slayer as she is drawn ever deeper into the heart of Los Angeles's erotic, underground vampire community. **APB \$19.95**

David Gunn

Maximum Offence (Death's Head 02)

The Aux have been dropped on a far-flung planet called Hekati, only it's in Uplift space and not really a planet at all. As for their mission, it's so damn secret that General Jaxx hasn't even told Lieutenant Sven Tveskoeg what it's about. But Hekati is a realm where nothing is quite as it seems and no one can be trusted. Smelling a rat, Sven is so not happy - and when he's not happy is when bad things start to happen - and the body count starts to rise...The devil-may-care not-quite 100% human mercenary soldier-cum-killing machine Tveskoeg and the Death's Head squad are back: cue more extreme violence, a mega death toll, dirty sex, fiendish plot twists and explosive, non-stop action! **PB \$24.95**

Day of The Damned (Death's Head 03)

Continues the perilous adventures and exploits of Sven Tveskoeg and his team of high-tech military enforcers. **HC \$52.95**

Nina Harper

Succubus In New York (02)

Inspector Singh is in a bad mood. He's been sent from his home in Singapore to Kuala Lumpur to solve a murder that has him stumped. Chelsea Liew - the famous Singaporean model - is on death row for the murder of her ex-husband. She swears she didn't do it, he thinks she didn't do it, but no matter how hard he tries to get to the bottom of things, he still arrives back at the same place - that Chelsea's husband was shot at point blank range, and that Chelsea had the best motivation to pull the trigger: he was taking her kids away from her. Now Inspector Singh must pull out all the stops to crack a crime that could potentially free a beautiful and innocent woman and reunite a mother with her children. There's just one problem - the Malaysian police refuse to play ball... **BPB \$22.99**

Charlaine Harris

Living Dead in Dallas (Sookie Stackhouse 02)

When a vampire enlists the aid of cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse to use her telepathic talents to find a missing vampire in Dallas, she agrees to the deal if the vampires promise to behave and to let the humans go unharmed. TV tie-in. **APB \$19.95**

Dead As A Doornail (Sookie Stackhouse 05)

Sookie's got just a month, before the next full moon, to find out who wants her brother dead - and to stop the fiend! Sookie Stackhouse enjoys her life, mostly. She's a great cocktail waitress in a fun bar; she has a love life, albeit a bit complicated and most people have come to terms with her telepathy. The problem is, Sookie wants a quiet life - but things just seem to happen to her and her friends. Now her brother Jason's eyes are starting to change: he's about to turn into a were-panther for the first time. She can deal with that, but her normal sisterly concern turns to cold fear when a sniper sets his deadly sights on the local changeling population. She's afraid not just because Jason's at risk, but because his new were-brethren suspect Jason may be the shooter. Sookie has until the next full moon to find out who's behind the attacks - unless the killer decides to find her first. The Sookie Stackhouse books are delightful Southern Gothic supernatural mysteries, starring Sookie, the telepathic cocktail waitress and a cast of increasingly colourful characters, including vampires, werewolves and things that really do go bump in the night. **BPB \$22.99**

Definitely Dead (Sookie Stackhouse 06)

Sookie's life is on the line and the suspects range from rogue weres to her first love, the vampire Bill. Sookie doesn't have that many relations, so she hated to lose one - but of all the people to go, she didn't expect it to be her cousin Hadley, a consort of New Orleans' vampire queen - after all, Hadley was technically already dead. But she is gone, beyond recall and she's left Sookie an inheritance - one that comes with a bit of a risk - not least because someone doesn't want Sookie digging too deep into Hadley's past - or her possessions. Sookie's life is once again on the line and this time the suspects range from the rogue werewolves who have rejected Sookie as a friend of the pack to her first love, the vampire Bill. Sookie's got a lot to do if she's going to keep herself alive... **BPB \$22.99**

Charlaine Harris

All Together Dead (Sookie Stackhouse 07)

Sookie's beginning to get used to being surrounded by all varieties of undead, changeling, shapeshifting and other supernatural beings - but even she has her limits. She'd really like to take a while to get over being betrayed by Bill, her long-time vampire lover and get used to her new relationship with the sexy shapeshifter Quinn - but instead, she finds herself attending the long-planned vampire summit, the destination of choice for every undead power player around, as a sort-of human 'Geiger counter' for Sophie-Anne Leclercq, vampire queen of Louisiana. But the job is fraught with difficulties. Sophie-Anne's power base has been severely weakened by Hurricane Katrina and she's about to be put on trial during the event for murdering her king. Sookie knows the queen is innocent, but she's hardly prepared for other shocking murders: it looks like there are some vamps who would like to finish what nature started. With secret alliances and backroom deals the order of the day - and night - Sookie must decide which side she'll stand with and quickly, for her choice may mean the difference between survival and all-out catastrophe. **BPB \$22.99**

From Dead to Worse (Sookie Stackhouse 08)

The supernatural community in Bon Temps, Louisiana is reeling from two hard blows: the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina and the manmade horror of the explosion at the vampire summit in the up-north city of Rhodes. Sookie Stackhouse is safe but dazed and she's yearning for things to get back to normal. But that's just not happening. Too many vampires - some friends, some not - were killed or injured and her were-tiger boyfriend Quinn is among the missing. It's clear that things are changing, whether the weres and vamps like it or not. And Sookie, Friend to the Pack, blood-bonded to the leader of the local vampire community, is caught up in those changes. She's about to find herself facing danger and death and, not for the first time, betrayal by someone she loves. And when the fur has finished flying and the cold blood has stopped flowing, Sookie's world will be forever altered... **BPB \$22.99**

Poppy Done to Death (Aurora Teagarden 08)

When her stepsister-in-law Poppy meets an untimely demise just before being inducted into the exclusive Uppity Women Book Club, part-time librarian Aurora "Roe" Teagarden investigates and becomes caught in a web of sordid stories that cause her to question her own heart. **APB \$19.95**

Kim Harrison

White Witch, Black Curse (Hollows 07)

The demon, Algaliarept, although banished back into the everafter has infected others of his kind with his interest in a witch who can channel demon magic. Rachel soon finds herself with not one but three hellions on her tail; and one of them is even crazier and more dangerous than all the fairy assassins, weres and vampires on the planet. **APB \$20.99**

Michele Hauf

The Highwayman (Wicked Games)

Max Fitzroy, the legendary Highwayman, had slain scores of demons with a razorlike whip and a burning need for revenge. Now, to rid himself of the demon inside him—who'd cursed him with immortality and stolen all sensual pleasures—Max needed a witch's familiar, the one creature he'd made a career of killing.

But the Highwayman wasn't prepared for the familiar named Aby. The sleek and sexy conduit to the demon world saw past his swirling shadow as easily as he scaled the walls she'd erected to protect herself. Max needed Aby to grant him his freedom, and then he needed to slay her. But how could he destroy the only creature he'd desired in centuries? **PB \$14.95**

Robert A Heinlein

Farmer in the Sky

The Earth is crowded and food is rationed, but a colony on Ganymede, one of the moons of Jupiter, offers an escape for teenager Bill Lerner and his family. Back on Earth, the move sounded like a grand adventure, but Bill soon realizes that life on the frontier is dangerous, and in an alien world with no safety nets, nature is cruelly unforgiving of even small mistakes. Bill's new home is a world of unearthly wonders—and heartbreaking tragedy. He will face hardships, survive dangers, and grow up fast, meeting the challenge of opening up a new world for humanity and finding strengths within himself that he had never suspected existed. **APB \$19.95**

Markus Heitz

The Dwarves

The German Fantasy Award-winning author of *Shadows Over Ulldart* presents the tale of solitary dwarf Tungdil, who works as a blacksmith among humans until he is called upon to save the kingdom of Girdlegard by embracing his heritage.

For countless millennia, the dwarves of the Fifthling Kingdom have defended the stone gateway into Girdlegard. Many and varied foes have hurled themselves against the portal and died attempting to breach it. No man or beast has ever succeeded. Until now. . .

Abandoned as a child, Tungdil the blacksmith labors contentedly in the land of Ionandar, the only dwarf in a kingdom of men. Although he does not want for friends, Tungdil is very much aware that he is alone - indeed, he has not so much as set eyes on another dwarf. But all that is about to change.

Sent out into the world to deliver a message and acquaint himself with his people, the young foundling finds himself thrust into a battle for which he has not been trained. Not only his own safety, but the life of every man, woman and child in Girdlegard depends upon his ability to embrace his heritage. Although he has many unanswered questions, Tungdil is certain of one thing: no matter where he was raised, he is a true dwarf.

And no one has ever questioned the courage of the Dwarves. **TP \$32.95**

Robin Hobb

Dragon Keeper (Rain Wild Chronicles 01)

Tintaglia the blue dragon has lost interest in the stunted dragons that emerged from the cocoons of Maulkin's Serpent Tangle. Dragons are fiercely practical about survival of the fittest, and now that she has produced her own batch of healthy hatching serpents Tintaglia no longer provides for the weak creatures abandoned near Trehaug, the main city of the Rain Wilds.

The Rain Wild Council is as ruthless as Tintaglia: Deciding that the pack must be relocated they begin to recruit their least useful citizens to tend the beasts and escort them upriver to better hunting grounds.

Because of their proximity to the acid waters and vapours of the Rain Wild River, Rain Wilders are born with deformities that shorten their life expectancy and must wed young and reproduce early if their family lines are to survive.

Thymara is long past marriageable age. Having been born with too many abnormalities she should have been exposed as an infant, but her father chose to keep and raise her, against his wife's wishes.

When Thymara's mother hears that the council is seeking tenders she grasps the chance to be rid of her wild, ugly daughter. But Thymara shows just as much enthusiasm at the prospect of adventure and grabs the opportunity to travel with the dragons.

But the youngsters that will herd the dragons are as ignorant as the beasts themselves - both completely unaware that they are being sent into an exile rather than to a sanctuary. **HC \$49.99 TP \$32.99**

P C Hodgell

Seeker's Bane (Seeker 01, 02)

Two epic novels of fantasy adventure in one volume:

Seeker's Mask: After an epic adventure that will become the stuff of legend, Jame has been reunited with her older brother Torisen and with her people, the Kencyrath. But when she is placed in the Women's Halls and expected to become a normal, quiet Kencyr lady, normal and quiet are not what the Women's Halls are going to get. Shadow Guild Assassins, ghosts, and other strange beings are soon after her, sprung not only from her own adventurous past but from the tragic, mysterious events that nearly annihilated her family in her father's time.

To Ride a Rathorn: Jame's adventures continue as she arrives at the random military college Tentir to face cut-throat competition and find even more buried, poisonous family secrets. The Kencyr have a phrase, "to ride a rathorn," referring to a task too dangerous either to accomplish or to give up. This is true for Jame both figuratively, given her military career in a college which no Highborn girl has ever attended before, and literally, in that she is being stalked by one of these murderous, ivory-clad creatures whose mother she killed and who is now after her blood. All in all, Jame's school days are shaping up to be anything but golden.

Publisher's Note: *Seeker's Bane* has been previously published as two separate novels, *Seeker's Mask* and its sequel *To Ride a Rathorn*. **TP \$28.95**

Emma Holly

Breaking Midnight (Upyr)

When her lover, Edmund FitzClare, one of the upyr, a race of immortal shapeshifters, is kidnapped by a rival upyr faction, Estelle will stop at nothing to save him--and her world--from falling victim to an ancient evil. **PB \$19.95**

Tom Holt

The Better Mousetrap

It touches all our lives; our triumphs and tragedies, our proudest achievements, our most traumatic disasters. Alloyed of love and fear, death and fire and the inscrutable acts of the gods, insurance is indeed the force that binds the universe together. Hardly surprising, therefore, that Frank Carpenter, one of the foremost magical practitioners of our age, felt himself irresistibly drawn to it. Until, that is, he met Jane, a high-flying corporate heroine with an annoying habit of falling out of trees and getting killed. Repeatedly. It's not long before Frank and Jane find themselves face to face with the greatest enigma of our times: When is a door not a door? When it's a mousetrap. **BPB \$22.99**

Jonathan L Howard

Johannes Cabal the Necromancer

Johannes Cabal has never pretended to be a hero of any kind. There is, after all, little heroic about robbing graves, stealing occult volumes, and being on nodding terms with demons. His purpose, however, is noble. His researches are all directed to raising the dead. Not as monstrosities but as people, just as they were when they lived: physically, mentally, and spiritually. For such a prize, some sacrifices are necessary. One such sacrifice was his own soul, but he now sees that was a mistake it's not just that he needs it for his research to have validity, but now he realises he needs it to be himself. Unfortunately, his soul now rests within the festering bureaucracy of Hell. Satan may be cruel and capricious but, most dangerously, he is bored. It is Cabal's unhappy lot to provide him with amusement. In short, a wager: in return for his own soul, Cabal must gather one hundred others. Placed in control of a diabolical carnival and armed only with his intelligence, a very large handgun, and a total absence of whimsy, Cabal has one year. One year to beat the Devil at his own game. And isn't that perhaps just a little heroic? **TP \$32.99**

Chris Howard

Seaborn **APB \$19.95**

Faith Hunter

Skinwalker (Jane Yellowrock)

Jane Yellowrock, a skinwalker of Cherokee descent who can turn into any creature she desires--and is the last of her kind--is hired by one of the oldest vampires in New Orleans to hunt a powerful rogue vampire who is killing his fellow undead. **PB \$19.95**

Larissa Ione

Passion Unleashed (Demonica 03)

WRAITH, a vampire with a tortured past, is wild, strikingly attractive, and the most skilled fighter in both the human and demon realms...and he's dying. Given only weeks to live, he has only two options: seduce a human woman in order to take possession of her invulnerability charm...or die. SERENA is a treasure hunter and has lived a charmed life - literally. At the age of six, a fatal disease nearly killed Serena, until her mother passed down her charm to Serena, making her immune to injury and death. But there is a price: she will lose her charm to the one she is intimate with. Worse, with the charm no longer keeping her disease in check, she will die. But as she starts to fall for the young and dying Wraith, she realizes her own loneliness, and starts to wonder if living forever is worth the price. **APB \$14.99**

Stephen M Irwin Australian Author

The Dead Path

A terrible accident leaves Nicholas Close a widower and awakens in him the ability to see the dead. Now, he can't escape visions of tortured spirits, their last moments caught in horrible, endlessly replaying loops. Nicholas leaves London and returns to his childhood suburb in Australia where he is disturbed to see that a heavily treed tract of land has escaped development. These woods have haunted Nicholas since he was a child, and now he can see why - he is subjected to visions of the ghosts of terrified children being dragged from the path into the midst of the dark trees. When another local child goes missing Nicholas himself becomes a suspect, yet he alone knows the girl has been taken into the woods. If he does not act against whatever resides among the dark trees, more innocents will be murdered. But the force he resolves to confront is old, cunning, and evil ... and wants Nicholas for itself. **TP \$32.99**

Graham Joyce

How to Make Friends With Demons **HC \$52.95**

Karen Kelley

Earth Guys Are Easy

Sent to Earth to find her missing cousin, Kia, an extremely talented alien, is distracted from her mission by sexually adept undercover cop Nick Scericino who is trying to take down some Russian mobsters. **PB \$17.95**

Nate Kenyon

The Bone Factory

After accepting a job with a recently opened hydropower plant, David moves his family to Quebec where his little girl begins having terrifying visions of blood and death that lead to the discovery of a nightmarish chamber of horrors deep in the woods--and a madman. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen King

Nightmares & Dreamscapes

The haunting collection that comes from the unique place where Ripley's Believe It or Not! ® meets The Twilight Zone: Stephen King's unparalleled imagination....

Nightmares & Dreamscapes includes the tale "Dolan's Cadillac," soon to be a feature film starring Christian Slater, Wes Bentley, and Emmanuelle Vaugier **APB \$19.95**

Dierdre Knight

Red Kiss (Gods of Midnight 02)

Spartan slave River Kassandros can transform into any weapon. After a bloody battle he's forever a dagger - until a mortal can release him. Drawn to this blade, Emma Lowery draws blood with it and frees River. But even as they fight off intense passions, a sinister power arises to destroy them. To protect humankind, they may have to make the ultimate sacrifice - and lose their chance at love... **APB \$19.95**

E E Knight

Fall With Honor (Vampire Earth 07)

Leading a company of soldiers in the rebellion against the Kurian Occupation of Earth, David Valentine joins forces with a guerrilla army planning to establish a new freehold in the Appalachian Mountains. **APB \$19.95**

Duncan Lay Australian Author

The Wounded Guardian (Dragon Sword 01)

Disillusioned, now derided as the 'Butcher of Bellic', war hero Martil leaves his beloved homeland in search of peace. Set upon by bandits, he is tricked into taking a small child, Karia, to her uncle. But the village has been gutted of its people -- except for one ex-bandit who has the Dragon Sword, a magical relic belonging to the rulers of Norstalos.

Now Martil and Karia find themselves swept up in the struggle for a country. Norstalos's first-ever queen is trying to keep her crown while her cousin, Duke Gello, wants it and is prepared to do anything, even make a deal with dark powers, to get it ...

Martil finds himself caring for a child, fighting for a queen and discovering that even a magical sword is no guarantee of victory ... **APB \$20.99**

Ursula K Le Guin

Lavinia

'Like Spartan Helen, I caused a war. She caused hers by letting men who wanted her take her. I caused mine because I wouldn't be given, wouldn't be taken, but chose my man and my fate. The man was famous, the fate obscure; not a bad balance.' Lavinia is the daughter of the King of Latium, a victorious warrior who loves peace; she is her father's closest companion. Now of an age to wed, Lavinia's mother favours her own kinsman, King Turnus of Rutulia, handsome, heroic, everything a young girl should want. Instead, Lavinia dreams of mighty Aeneas, a man she has heard of only from a ghost of a poet, who comes to her in the gods' holy place and tells her of her future and Aeneas' past... If she refuses to wed Turnus, Lavinia knows she will start a war - but her fate was set the moment the poet appeared to her in a dream and told her of the adventurer who fled fallen Troy, holding his son's hand and carrying his father on his back. **TP \$32.99**

Tim Lebbon

Bar None

TP \$30.95

Jeremy F Lewis

Staked

UNREPENTANT. UNIMPRESSED. AND TOTALLY UNDEAD.

Eric's got issues. He has short-term and long-term memory problems; he can't remember who he ate for dinner yesterday, much less how he became a vampire in the first place. His best friend, Roger, is souring on the strip club he and Eric own together. And his girlfriend, Tabitha, keeps pressuring him to turn her so she can join him in undeath. It's almost enough to put a Vlad off his appetite. Almost.

Eric tries to solve one problem, only to create another: he turns Tabitha into a vampire, but finds that once he does, his desire for her fades -- and her younger sister, Rachel, sure is cute. And when he kills a werewolf in self-defense, things really get out of hand. Now a pack of born-again lycanthropes is out for holy retribution, while Tabitha and Rachel have their own agendas -- which may or may not include helping Eric stay in one piece.

All Eric wants to do is run his strip club, drink a little blood, and be left alone. Instead, he must survive car crashes, enchanted bullets, sunlight, sex magic, and werewolves on ice -- not to mention his own nasty temper and forgetfulness.

Because being undead isn't easy, but it sure beats the alternative. **APB \$19.95**

Jane Lindskold

Thirteen Orphans

As evocative and moving as Charles de Lint's Newford books, with the youthful protagonists and exciting action of Mercedes Lackey's fantasies, Thirteen Orphans makes our world today as excitingly strange and unfamiliar as any fantasy realm . . . and grants readers a glimpse of a fantasy world founded by ancient Chinese lore and magic.

As far as college freshman Brenda Morris knows, there is only one Earth and magic exists only in fairy tales.

Brenda is wrong.

A father-daughter weekend turns into a nightmare when Brenda's father is magically attacked before her eyes. Brenda soon learns that her ancestors once lived in world of smoke and shadows, of magic and secrets.

When that world's Emperor was overthrown, the Thirteen Orphans fled to our earth and hid their magic system in the game of mah-jong. Each Orphan represents an animal from the Chinese Zodiac. Brenda's father is the Rat. And her polished, former child-star aunt, Pearl—that eminent lady is the Tiger.

Only a handful of Orphans remain to stand against their enemies. The Tiger, the Rooster, the Dog, the Rabbit . . . and Brenda Morris. Not quite the Rat, but not quite human either. **APB \$19.95**

Marjorie M Liu

Darkness Calls

Haunted by the past and determined to change the future, Maxine Kiss, a reclusive demon hunter, risks everything to save Grant, the last of his kind who has the ability to manipulate energy and control any living creature--including demons. **PB \$19.95**

James Lowder*The Screaming Tower (Ebonacht 01)*

Vampires and the supernatural abound in this epic fantasy that examines the evil spirits that haunt all that is good. Superstition shrouds the island of Thran and keeps its fear-plagued inhabitants subservient to Lord Ebonacht and the denizens of the Twilight Court. Only Janus—an orphan with a mysterious and frightening past—is brave enough to prove the old stories false by going head to head with the Strangerfolk and other creatures rumored to stalk the night. During his eye-opening quest, Janus finds himself face-to-face with the prisoner of the Screaming Tower, and secrets about the world are revealed—secrets far more terrible than those hinted at in even the grimmest of legends **TP \$30.95**

Ken MacLeod*The Night Sessions*

A priest is dead. As Detective Inspector Adam Ferguson picks through the rubble of the demolished Edinburgh tenement, he discovers that the explosion wasn't an accident. When a bishop is assassinated soon afterwards, it becomes clear that a targeted campaign of killings is underway. No one has seen anything like this since the Faith Wars. In this enlightened age there's no persecution, but believers are a marginal and mistrusted minority. And now someone is killing them. But who? At first, suspicion falls on atheists more militant than the secular authorities, but when the target list expands to include the godless, it becomes evident that Ferguson and his team need to cast their net wider. Although the solution lies in the brave new world of the future, its origin is couched in the rigid doctrines of the past. But with each question Ferguson answers the suspicion dawns that he may have stumbled upon a conspiracy to bring about disaster on, literally, a biblical scale... **APB \$19.99**

Devorah Major*Ice Journeys***TP \$30.95****George Mann***The Affinity Bridge (Newbery and Hobbes Investigation)*

Welcome to the bizarre and dangerous world of Victorian London, a city teetering on the edge of revolution. Its people are ushering in a new era of technology, dazzled each day by unfamiliar inventions. Airships soar in the skies over the city, while ground trains rumble through the streets and clockwork automatons are programmed to carry out menial tasks in the offices of lawyers, policemen, and journalists.

But beneath this shiny veneer of progress lurks a sinister side.

Queen Victoria is kept alive by a primitive life-support system, while her agents, Sir Maurice Newbury and his delectable assistant Miss Veronica Hobbes, do battle with enemies of the crown, physical and supernatural. This time Newbury and Hobbes are called to investigate the wreckage of a crashed airship and its missing automaton pilot, while attempting to solve a string of strangulations attributed to a mysterious glowing policeman, and dealing with a zombie plague that is ravaging the slums of the capital. **HC \$51.95**

James Maxey*Dragonseed (Dragon Age 03)*

After the death of King Albekizan, Shandrazel and his allies struggle to keep the kingdom intact as the radical human prophet, Ragnar gathers forces to launch a full scale rebellion against the dragons. When all out war erupts, legendary dragon hunter, Bitterwood, must face his own personal demons and choose where his loyalty really lies. **PB \$19.95**

Charlotte McConaghy Australian Author*Arrival (Strangers of Paragor 01)*

"There will come a time when greatness is needed. Strength, passion... goodness. For in the land of Paragor an oppressor travels closer. Four is the sacred number, and it is only by looking beyond ourselves that we will find salvation, and only through love that we will defeat the darkness that threatens to consume us forever"

— Words of the Great One

It has been foretold. Two worlds will collide when six mortals from Earth enter Paragor through a portal.

They will face forces of terrifying darkness.

Their journey will become the stuff of legends.

It is time. **PB \$19.99**

Fiona McIntosh Australian Author*Bye Bye Baby*

It all began in Brighton. Now there is a killer on the loose. Scotland Yard's brightest talent is chosen to head up the high-profile taskforce, a DCI who must confront his own past as the body count rises. There are few leads and Jack Hawksworth can only fall back on instinct and decades-old cold cases for any clue to the killer's motive ... and identity. With his most loyal team member threatening to betray him, a Chief Inspector pushing for results, a hungry British media clamouring for information, and a restless public eager for a conviction, the high-pressure operation can only end in a final shocking confrontation ... A searing story of brutal revenge **APB \$19.99**

China Mieville*The City & The City*

When the body of a murdered woman is found in the extraordinary, decaying city of Beszel, somewhere at the edge of Europe, it looks like a routine case for Inspector Tyador Borlú of the Extreme Crime Squad.

But as he probes, the evidence begins to point to conspiracies far stranger, and more deadly, than anything he could have imagined. Soon his work puts him and those he cares for in danger. Borlú must travel to the only metropolis on Earth as strange as his own, across a border like no other.

With shades of Kafka and Philip K Dick, Raymond Chandler and 1984, *The City & The City* is a murder mystery taken to dazzling metaphysical and artistic heights. **TP \$34.99**

K E Mills Australian Author*Witches Incorporated (Rogue Agent 02)*

Gerald is deep in training for his first official assignment a case of espionage with international consequences. Melissande meanwhile has gone into business ... she's opened a new witching locum agency. A onestop shop where magical problems are solved for a reasonable price. Managing her own business should be a breeze after negotiating the rough tides of New Ottosland politics. The future is looking good. Good that is until *Witches Incorporated* is offered a job that puts Melissande on a collision course with Gerald. Before long any kind of future is looking increasingly unlikely. Praise for *The Accidental Sorcerer: Rogue Agent 1* a riproaring Harry Potter for grown ups ... magic Herald Sun a wizard of a read specusphere.com delightful ... lively energetic original romp asif.dreamhosters.com **APB \$19.95**

L E Modesitt Jr*The Towers of the Sunset (Recluce 02)*

With the founding of the world of the Recluce and the rise in the discipline of Order Magic, battling wizards, love, and politics mix in a tale that climaxes in a final battle on land and sea **APB \$19.95**

Karen Marie Moning*Fae fever (Fever 03)*

Hurling us into a realm of seduction and shadows, Karen Marie Moning tells the enthralling tale of a woman who explores the limits of her mysterious powers as she enters a world of ancient sorcery—and confronts an enemy more insidious than she could ever have imagined.

He calls me his Queen of the Night. I'd die for him. I'd kill for him, too. When MacKayla Lane receives a torn page from her dead sister's journal, she is stunned by Alina's desperate words. And now MacKayla knows that her sister's killer is close. But evil is closer. And suddenly the sidhe-seer is on the hunt: For answers. For revenge. And for an ancient book of dark magic so evil, it corrupts anyone who touches it.

Mac's quest for the Sinsar Dubh takes her into the mean, shape-shifting streets of Dublin, with a suspicious cop on her tail. Forced into a dangerous triangle of alliance with V'lane, an insatiable Fae prince of lethally erotic tastes, and Jericho Barrons, a man of primal desires and untold secrets, Mac is soon locked in a battle for her body, mind, and soul.

As All Hallows' Eve approaches and the city descends into chaos, as a shocking truth about the Dark Book is uncovered, not even Mac can prevent a deadly race of immortals from shattering the walls between worlds—with devastating consequences.... **PB \$19.95**

Howard Myers*A Sense of Infinity*

In a post-apocalyptic world, telepaths are common, but young Starn had no trace of telepathic ability, and was persecuted by those who had the talent—until he discovered he possessed an even more unusual ability.

A criminal mastermind has been captured by the Space Patrol, and a Patrol ship is carrying him to a prison planet. Escape seems impossible, but he has a secret weapon. It's only water—but water with a very unusual property.

In the afterlife, it turns out that one's existence is dependent on being remembered by the living. As you are forgotten, you shrink. How do you avoid this? Why, hire an unearthly public relations firm, of course.

These stories and more, including two full-length novels, fill a large volume of entertaining space adventure and humorous fantasy. Inventive by a writer noted for original ideas developed with a sardonic wit. **APB \$19.95**

K S Nikakis*The Cry of the Darkwing (Kira Chronicles 03)*

The mare snorted, wild-eyed, and danced sideways as a dark shape launched itself at Kira, knocking her off her feet. It leapt on top of her, then a disfigured face thrust close, its lips drawing back in a macabre smile as hands tightened around her throat.

With battles raging and Shargh warriors threatening the future of Allogrenia, gold-eyed Kira is forced to betray her every principle by requesting Tremem Protectors fight and kill to defend their homeland.

As the sickening carnage continues, Ashmiri treachery threatens to deliver Shargh victory. Realising her love of Tierken is not enough to bridge the gulf between them and their respective people, Kira flees Terak.

Reunited with Caledon, her companion of yore, Kira decides to make for her Tremem homeland. But as she and Caledon approach Allogrenia, Caledon's star vision fails him and they're confronted by Shargh.

With the prophecy drawing towards its chilling conclusion, Kira realises victory over the Shargh may cost her everyone and everything she loves . . .

This action-packed conclusion to the Kira Chronicles finds our heroine battling for her people, her beliefs, her love for a man, and, finally, her very existence. **TP \$32.99**

Patti O'Shea*Edge of Dawn*

Glass artist Shona Blackwood has lost her ability to create, but instead of panic, all she feels is apathy. Her detachment is shaken when she narrowly avoids being mugged, thanks to a timely rescue by a man who makes all her senses come roaring to life.

Logan Andrews is a magical troubleshooter assigned to protect Shona from an unseen enemy. Shona is unaware that magic actually exists and Logan is under orders not to tell her, but it isn't long before he finds his loyalty torn between his people and the passionate woman he is guarding.

He thought this would be a straightforward job, but Logan quickly realizes that in an edgy contest between magic and passion, love is destined to win. **PB \$17.95**

Nicholas Pekearo*The Wolfman*

Since being dishonorably discharged after a tour in Vietnam, Marlowe Higgins has been in and out of prison, moving from town to town, going wherever the wind takes him. He's not the kind of guy who can stay in one place too long. Every full moon he kills someone. For years he struggled with his affliction, until he found a way to use his unfortunate curse for good--he only kills really bad people.

After years on the road, Higgins finds a home in the small town of Evelyn, Tennessee. He even has a friend, Daniel Pearce, one of Evelyn's two detectives. Then, one night, everything changes. Higgins is not the only monster lurking in the area. The Rose Killer, a fiendish serial killer, is brutally murdering young women all around the county. Higgins targets the killer as his next victim. But on the night of the full moon, things go drastically wrong . . . **APB \$19.95**

Vicki Pettersson*City of Souls (Sign of the Zodiac 04)*

Thrust into a lethally seductive alternate dimension that blurs the lines between good and evil, love and hate, Joanna Archer, an agent battling the Shadow, finds herself unable to escape this realm in which lies the last hope for the Light. **APB \$19.95**

Kimberly Raye*Sucker for Love (Dead-End Dating)*

Love never tasted so good.

When an eight-hundred-year-old warlock with a big-girl fetish kidnaps one of her plus-sized clients, Lil Marhette, the owner of Dead End Dating, which caters to New York vampires, must race against time to save her curvy client before she becomes a Mayan sacrifice. **PB \$19.95**

In the Midnight Hour

When practical Veronica Parrish decides to purchase an extravagant antique four-poster bed, she finds the ghost of a famed New Orleans libertine between the sheets who needs her help in solving his murder, and, in return, takes her to new heights of ecstasy. **PB \$19.95**

Robert V S Redick*The Red Wolf Conspiracy (Chathran Voyage 01)*

The Chathrand - The Great Ship, The Wind-Palace, His Supremacy's First Fancy - is the last of her kind - built 600 years ago she dwarves all the ships around her. The secrets of her construction are long lost. She was the pride of the Empire. The natural choice for the great diplomatic voyage to seal the peace with the last of the Emperor's last enemies. 700 souls boarded her. Her sadistic Captain Nilus Rose, the Emperor's Ambassador and Thasha, the daughter he plans to marry off to seal the treaty, a spy master and six assassins, one hundred imperial marines, Pazel the tarboy gifted and cursed by his mother's spell and a small band of Ixchel. The Ixchel sneaked aboard and now hide below decks amongst the rats. Intent on their own mission. But there is treachery afoot. Behind the plans for peace lies the shadow of war and the fear that a dead king might live again. And now the Chathrand, having survived countless battles and centuries of typhoons has gone missing. This is her story. **BPB \$22.99**

Alastair Reynolds*Galactic North (Revelation Space)*

Gathered here are Alastair Reynolds' stories and novelettes set in the universe of revelation Space, his first bestselling blockbuster. Galactic North includes several brand-new stories and novelettes written specially for this collection. **BPB \$24.99**

Patricia Rice*Outcast (Mystic Isle)*

On the Mystic Isle of Aelynn, Lissandra Olympus, the daughter of Aelynn's late spiritual leader, must convince renegade outcast Murdoch LeDroit that he is the only one who can save her people, and together they must learn to focus their powers to triumph over those who conspire to destroy them. **PB \$19.95**

John Ringo*Eye of the Storm (Posleen)*

Beneath A Banner Burned . . .

In an instant the world changed for Lieutenant General Michael O'Neal. His beloved Corps of the last remaining ACS destroyed beneath the guns of the Fleet, his staff shot before his eyes, arrested on the charge of war crimes, he faces a short, one-sided, trial, a trip to the Fleet Penal Facility and a bullet to the back of the head while trying to 'escape.'

The Boundaries Blur

General Tam Wesley faces trying one of the most beloved heroes in Federation, not to mention a friend of decades, on trumped up charges. His alternative is having the last corps of humans that haven't sold their souls to the Darhel be taken apart like a chicken.

Then he finds out the bad news...

The Chaos Has Returned

With a new invasion from a previously unknown race threatening the Federation capital, Darhel Tir Dal Ron faces his ultimate nightmare: He is going to have to reinstate the one man human soldiers trust, a man with the power and knowledge to destroy the Darhel oligarchy forever. And instead convince him, against all logic, to save the Darhel.

Somebody is going to die. General Michael O'Neal, Supreme Commander, Federation Forces, just has to pick. **HC \$52.95**

John Ringo & Julie Cochran*Honor of the Clan (audio) (Posleen Audio)*

Underground fighters Cally O'Neal and the O'Neal Bane Sidhe fight to overthrow Earth's tyrannical Darhel "allies," while Cally's father, Major General Michael O'Neal, battles to preserve that order in the hopes of preventing another invasion by the Posleen. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

David Robbins*The Fox Run (Endworld 01)*

In a post-apocalyptic world where mutations are becoming more common and people are not living as long as they used to, the Family, realizing that they must venture outside the compound walls for help, send their best warriors--Blade, Hickok, and Geronimo--to defend their fledgling society from savage barbarians. 75,000 first printing. **APB \$17.95**

Kim Stanley Robinson*Green Mars (Mars 02)*

Nearly a generation has passed since the first pioneers landed, but the transformation of Mars to an Earthlike planet has just begun. The plan is opposed by those determined to preserve the planet's hostile, barren beauty. Led by rebels like Peter Clayborne, these young people are the first generation of children born on Mars. They will be joined by original settlers Maya Toitovna, Simon Frasier, and Sax Russell. Against this cosmic backdrop, passions, rivalries, and friendships explode in a story as spectacular as the planet itself. **APB \$19.95**

Patrick Rothfuss*The Wise Man's Fear (Kingkiller Chronicle 02)*

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

Michelle Rowen*Stakes and Stiletos*

Newly vamped Sarah Dearly wants her normal life back, but fate is fighting against her. She tries to get a regular job and gets staked in the interview, only to be rescued by a masked vampire who calls himself the Red Devil. Then a wallflower-turned-witch curses her, making her a bloodthirsty, sun-allergic nightwalker - the worst vampire there is. As if all that weren't enough, she can't get married because her 600-year-old boyfriend, Thierry, is in a centuries-long marriage of convenience he can't escape. As Sarah's nightwalker tendencies make her more dangerous, even to those she loves, she'll have to counteract that curse, unmask the increasingly intriguing Red Devil, and get a commitment from her man. But if that's what it takes to secure her happiness, Sarah is ready...even if it means embracing her inner vamp to do it. **APB \$14.99**

Brian Ruckley*Bloodheir (Godless World 02)*

As ever greater battles are fought between the Black Road and the True Bloods, so each side in the conflict becomes ever more riven by internal dissent and disunity. Amidst the mounting chaos, Aeglyss the na'kyrim gradually masters the remarkable powers that have been unleashed upon him by his crucifixion. Twisting everything and everyone around him to serve his own mad desires, he begins to exert a dangerous, insidious influence over the course of events both near and far. Orisian, lord of the ruined Lannis Blood, faces not only the consequences of that malign influence, but also the machinations of his supposed allies and the stirring of the long-dormant Anain, the most potent race the world has ever known. **BPB \$22.99**

Rob Sacchetto*Zombie Handbook*

A visual handbook on how to recognize and protect oneself from zombies. Traces the experience of a typical zombie childhood, makes recommendations for arming oneself for effective zombie dispatching, and considers peaceful human-zombie relations. **TP \$34.95**

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

Sasha, the wilful but talented heroine, returns to battle in Joel Shepherd's stunning second volume of A Trial of Blood & Steel quartet. Away from the hills of her Lenayin homeland, Sasha is making a new life in the dark alleys and wealthy houses of Petrodor. An influential trading centre, Petrodor holds the key to preventing the coming war between Lenayin and the mighty Bacosh. Together with her old mentor Kessligh, Sasha attempts to navigate the political intrigues of the port city and find a way to stop the war. It is the serrin, the beautiful but dangerous people from beyond the Bacosh, who will be pivotal in this struggle. How much can Sasha trust her old serrin friend Errollyn? And how much can she trust herself? **PB \$19.99**

Nalini Singh New Zealand Author*Branded by Fire*

When a changeling researcher is kidnapped from DarkRiver territory, Mercy, a cat, and Riley, a lieutenant from the SnowDancer pack, must work together to save the young man from a certain death, and, along the way, discover that opposites really do attract. **PB \$19.95**

Sherwood Smith*King's Shield (Inda 03)*

In the third book of the Inda quartet, Inda, on the verge of adulthood, is at last coming home. His best friend from his academy days, E vred, is now king. But instead of befriending and welcoming Inda, he puts him in charge of defending the kingdom. In saving his homeland from attack, Inda must prove himself, or lose everything he holds dear. **APB \$19.95**

Clark Ashton Smith*The Last Hieroglyph*

The Last Hieroglyph is the fifth volume of the five volume Collected Fantasies series. Editors Scott Connors and Ron Hilger have compared original manuscripts, various typescripts, published editions, and Smith's notes and letters, in order to prepare a definitive set of texts.

This series presents Smith's fiction chronologically, based on composition rather than publication. Includes, in chronological order, all of his stories from "The Dark Age" to "The Dart of Rasasfa". This volume also features an introduction, and extensive notes on each story. **HC \$78**

Maria V Snyder*Poison Study (01)***PB \$19.99****Peter Straub***Koko*

Bestselling author Peter Straub's Koko is a gripping, psychological thriller in which horror and paranoia are indistinguishable from reality.

Koko. Only four men knew what it meant. Now they must stop it. They were Vietnam vets—a doctor, a lawyer, a working stiff, and a writer. They were as different as men could be. Yet all of them were eternally bound by a single shattering secret. Now, they have been reunited and are about to embark on a quest that will take them from Washington, D.C., to the graveyards and fleshpots of the Far East to the human jungle of New York, hunting someone from the past who has risen from the darkness to kill and kill and kill. **TP \$30.95**

Charles Stross*Saturn's Children*

Following the extinction of humankind in the twenty-third century, leaving behind only androids, femmebot Freya Nakamichi 47 accepts a job to transport a mysterious package from Mercury to Mars, unaware that ruthless humanoids are in pursuit of the package. **APB \$19.95**

Wireless

A major collection by the Hugo Award-winning author of Accelerando and Saturn's Children includes an original novella and a selection of speculative-fiction tales that reflects his visions about the origins of life and the state of the universe in the near and distant future. **HC (US) \$51.95**
HC (UK) \$39.99

Harry Turtledove*The Man with the Iron Heart*

Surviving a failed assassination attempt, the ruthless Reinhard Heydrich, the number-two man in the SS and an architect of the Holocaust, conceives a conspiracy designed to keep the German war machine alive, long after the supposed end to hostilities. **TP \$38.95**

Elizabeth Vaughan*White Star*

The Lady High Priestess Evelyn, known as Evie to her friends, is a healer, dedicated to using her magic in the service of the goddess to aid others and give strength where it is needed. Orrin Blackheart couldn't be more different. With his black armour, a black name and a blacker reputation, he's been feared and hated in equal parts. So on his defeat and capture in battle, the Goddesses insistence that Evie saves him from a death sentence astonishes them both - as does the growing attraction between them. But in saving Orrin, Evie condemns herself to a prohibition on her magic and a penance posting on the edges of the land, while to retain his salvation Orrin must battle a spreading plague across the land. Fate clearly has plans for them both - but to fulfill them, both must survive the perils ahead. **TP \$32.99**

Rachel Vincent*Prey*

Sometimes playing cat and mouse is no game...

Play? Right. My Pride is under fire from all sides, my father's authority is in question and my lover is in exile. Which means I haven't laid eyes on Marc's gorgeous face in months. And with a new mother and an I-know-everything teenager under my protection, I don't exactly have time to fantasize about ever seeing him again.

Then our long-awaited reunion is ruined by a vicious ambush by strays. Now our group is under attack, Marc is missing and I will need every bit of skill and smarts to keep my family from being torn apart. Forever. **PB \$19.95**

Kurt Vonnegutt

Armageddon in retrospect

First published on the anniversary of Kurt Vonnegutt's death, *Armageddon in Retrospect* is a collection of twelve new and unpublished writings on war and peace. Imbued with Vonnegutt's trademark rueful humour, the pieces range from a visceral nonfiction recollection of the destruction of Dresden during World War II, a piece that is as timely today as it was then to a painfully funny short story about three privates and their fantasies of the perfect first meal upon returning home from war, to a darker, more poignant story about the impossibility of shielding our children from the temptations of violence. Also included are Vonnegutt's last speech as well as an assortment of his artwork, with an introduction by the author's son, Mark Vonnegutt. *Armageddon in Retrospect* says as much about the times in which we live as it does about the genius of the writer. **BPB \$29.95**

Karen Whiddon

Wild Wolf (The Pack)

Turning her back on humans because of her ability to shape-shift into a wolf, young and beautiful Raven doesn't believe she needs anyone. Until the day a darkly handsome man appears near her remote cave...and she watches him turn into a wolf.

Simon Caldwell has been sent to assess the threat of a new feral wolf prowling the Rockies. But he's wholly unprepared for his intense attraction to Raven. His investigation is about to take a deadly turn as he and Raven become the hunted. Now their very survival depends on Simon's ability to win what this wild wolf holds most dear! **PB \$14.95**

Liz Williams

The Precious Dragon (Detective Inspector Chen 03)

Chen and Zhu are given a major assignment to escort an emissary from heaven on a diplomatic mission to hell. Zhu tries to dodge his demonic family's overtures, but ends up embroiled in hell's political intrigues. At the same time, a young boy born to ghostly parents in Hell is sent to live with his grandmother in Singapore Three. The boy, Precious Dragon, is being chased by Hell's most dangerous creatures and ends up being the key to unlock the mystery that is quickly spiraling out of control. Chen and Zhu find themselves in the middle of a struggle much bigger than they can fully comprehend, and when the dust finally settles, neither heaven nor hell will be the same. **APB \$19.95**

The Shadow Pavilion (Detective Inspector Chen 04)

Detective Inspector Chen is back!

The Snake Agent returns in *The Shadow Pavilion*, the fourth Detective Inspector Chen novel from Liz Williams. When Chen's partner, the demon Seneschal Zhu Irzh, disappears, along with Chen's wife Inari's guardian badger, Chen must enlist all of his allies and assets in order to locate them.

Meanwhile, Zhu Irzh and the badger find themselves trapped in an unfamiliar jungle hell, stalked by a rogue demon lord and his harem of tigress demons, an assassin from between worlds targets Mhara, the new Lord of Heaven, and a beautiful Bollywood starlet holds a deadly secret...

From the strange streets of Singapore Three to the rough and tumble world of Bollywood, where money flows fast and emotions flare even faster; from the realms of the Celestial to the haunts of the Infernal and all the spaces in between, *The Shadow Pavilion* delivers the thrills, excitement, and near-future occult action fans have come to expect. **HC \$51.95**

F Paul Wilson

The Touch (Adversary Cycle 03)

Suddenly, a family physician can heal any illness with a simple touch

After a dozen years of practicing medicine as a family physician, Dr. Alan Bulmer discovers one day that he can cure any illness with the mere touch of his hand. At first his scientific nature refuses to accept what is happening to him, but there is no rational explanation to be found. So Alan gives himself over to this mysterious power, reveling in the ability to cure the incurable, to give hope to the hopeless—for one hour each day.

Although he tries to hide his power, word inevitably leaks out, and soon Alan's life begins to unravel. His marriage and his practice crumble. Only rich, beautiful, enigmatic Sylvia Nash stands by him. And standing with her is Ba, her Vietnamese gardener, who once witnessed a power such as Dr. Bulmer's in his homeland, where it is called *Dat-tay-vao*. And the *Dat-tay-vao* always comes with a price.

Help arrives from an unexpected quarter—Senator James McCready offers the use of his family's medical foundation to investigate Alan's supposed power. If it truly exists, he will back Alan with the full weight of the Foundation's international reputation. Feeling that he has reached bottom and that things can only get better, Alan accepts McCready's offer. But he has only begun to pay. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Charles Wilson

Julian Comstock

From the Hugo-winning author of *Spin*, an exuberant adventure in a post-climate-change America

In the reign of President Deklan Comstock, a reborn United States is struggling back to prosperity. Over a century after the Efflorescence of Oil, after the Fall of the Cities, after the Plague of Infertility, after the False Tribulation, after the days of the Pious Presidents, the sixty stars and thirteen stripes wave from the plains of Athabaska to the national capital in New York City. In Colorado Springs, the Dominion sees to the nation's spiritual needs. In Labrador, the Army wages war on the Dutch. America, unified, is rising once again.

Then out of Labrador come tales of a new Ajax—Captain Commongold, the Youthful Hero of the Saguenay. The ordinary people follow his adventures in the popular press. The Army adores him. The President is...troubled. Especially when the dashing Captain turns out to be his nephew Julian, son of the falsely accused and executed Bryce.

Treachery and intrigue dog Julian's footsteps. Hairsbreadth escapes and daring rescues fill his days. Stern resolve and tender sentiment dice for Julian's soul, while his admiration for the works of the Secular Ancients, and his adherence to the evolutionary doctrines of the heretical Darwin, set him at fatal odds with the hierarchy of the Dominion. Plague and fire swirl around the Presidential palace when at last he arrives with the acclamation of the mob.

As told by Julian's best friend and faithful companion, a rustic yet observant lad from the west, this tale of the 22nd Century asks—and answers—the age-old question: "Do you want to tell the truth, or do you want to tell a story?" **HC \$52.95**

Anthologies

Catherine Asaro, Mercedes Lackey & Rachel Lee

Charmed Destinies

In Lady Gwynnhwyfar's dark, lonely court, her only ally was noble Sir Atremus, a warrior willing to fight for her honor. But would her powerful spell capture his heart—or tumble the kingdom into chaos?

Drusilla's Dream by USA TODAY bestselling author Rachel Lee

Every night Drusilla Morgan dreamed of courageous and handsome Miles Kennedy. Their quest: to battle evil and find true love. Yet when the sun rose, would Drusilla's fantasy man become a reality?

Moonglow by Nebula Award-winning author Catherine Asaro

In a world where kings married for magic, Iris Larkspur was required to wed the prince—despite the spell that kept him deaf, mute and blind. Healing her bridegroom would take a power greater than any she'd ever known—one only two bonded hearts could provide! **TP \$30.95**

Ben Bova

Science Fiction Hall of Fame Volume 2A

The Greatest Science Fiction Novellas of All Time Chosen by the Members of the Science Fiction Writers of America

Eleven essential classics in one volume

This volume is the definitive collection of the best science fiction novellas published between 1929 and 1964, containing eleven great classics. No anthology better captures the birth of science fiction as a literary field.

Published in 1973 to honor stories that had appeared before the institution of the Nebula Awards, The Science Fiction Hall of Fame introduced tens of thousands of young readers to the wonders of science fiction and was a favorite of libraries across the country.

This volume contains novellas by Poul Anderson, John W. Campbell, Lester del Rey, Robert A. Heinlein, C.M. Kornbluth, Henry Kuttner and C. L. Moore, Eric Frank Russell, Cordwainer Smith, Theodore Sturgeon, H. G. Wells, and Jack Williamson. **TP \$38.95**

Meg Cabot, Kim Harrison, Michele Jaffe, Stephenie Meyer & Lauren Myracle

Prom Nights From Hell

Worried that your Prom Night is gonna bite?

In this thrilling collection, bestselling authors Stephenie Meyer and Meg Cabot take bad prom nights to a whole new level - a paranormally bad level! Clothes disasters and falling over your own two feet are nothing compared with discovering you're dancing with the Grim Reaper - and he isn't there to tell you how hot you look...

From vampire exterminations to angels fighting demons, these 5 stories are more entertaining than any really bad DJ spinning his stuff. No corsage or limo necessary - just good, scary, sexy fun. **BPB \$16.99**

Gardner Dozois & Jonathan Strahan

The New Space Opera 2

Untrammelled adventure, awe-inspiring scale, cosmic perspective and grand romance -- an exuberant celebration of the infinite possibilities of the strangely wonderful universe we live in -- all in this fabulous new anthology. THE NEW SPACE OPERA 2 focuses on the action and adventure that form the beating heart of space opera, new and old. A follow up to the Locus Award-winning and Hugo Award-nominated THE NEW SPACE OPERA it features new classic stories by Garth Nix, Elizabeth Moon, Sean Williams, Bruce Sterling, Robert Charles Wilson, Cory Doctorow, John C. Wright, and Tad Williams -- writers who have been recipients of the Hugo, Nebula, Tiptree, and Campbell Awards, amongst many others. A must-read collection that will challenge and excite ... and bring the future alive! **TP \$35**

Gardner Dozois

Year's Best Science Fiction 26th Annual

An anthology of top-selected writings from 2008, edited by a Hugo Award-winning author, includes the works of such figures as Ian McDonald, Stephen Baxter, and Elizabeth Bear and is complemented by an extensive recommended reading guide.

The thirty stories in this collection imaginatively take us far across the universe, into the very core of our beings, to the realm of the gods, and the moment just after now. Included here are the works of masters of the form and of bright new talents, including: Paolo Bacigalupi, Stephen Baxter, Elizabeth Bear, Aliette de Bodard, James L. Cambias, Greg Egan, Charles Coleman Finlay, James Alan Gardner, Dominic Green, Daryl Gregory, Gwyneth Jones, Ted Kosmatka, Mary Robinette Kowal, Nancy Kress, Jay Lake, Paul McAuley, Ian McDonald, Maureen McHugh, Sarah Monette, Garth Nix, Hannu Rajaniemi, Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Mary Rosenblum, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Geoff Ryman, Karl Schroeder, Gord Sellar, and Michael Swanwick.

Supplementing the stories are the editor's insightful summation of the year's events and a lengthy list of honorable mentions, making this book both a valuable resource and the single best place in the universe to find stories that stir the imagination, and the heart. **HC \$78 TP \$45.95**

P N Elrod Editor

Strange Brew

Today's hottest urban fantasy authors come together in this delicious brew that crackles and boils over with tales of powerful witches and dark magic!

In Charlaire Harris' "Bacon," a beautiful vampire joins forces with a witch from an ancient line to find out who killed her beloved husband.

In "Seeing Eye" by Patricia Briggs, a blind witch helps sexy werewolf Tom Franklin find his missing brother—and helps him in more ways than either of them ever suspected.

In Jim Butcher's "Last Call," wizard Harry Dresden takes on the darkest of dark powers—the ones who dare to mess with this favorite beer.

For anyone who's ever wondered what lies beyond the limits of reality, who's imagined the secret spaces where witches wield fearsome magic, come and drink deep. Let yourself fall under the spell of this bewitching collection! **TP \$30.95**

Martin H Greenberg & Kerrie Hughes

Gamer Fantastic

These thirteen original stories by veterans of the fantasy realms take role-playing games and universes to a whole new level.

From a teenager who finds a better future in virtual reality; to a private investigator hired to find a dying man's grandson in the midst of a virtual reality theme park; from a person gifted with the power to pull things out of books into the real world; to a psychologist using fantasy role-playing to heal his patients; from a gaming convention where the real winners may not be who they seem to be; to a multi-layered role-playing game that leads participants from reality to reality and games within games - these imaginative and fascinating new tales will captivate both lovers of original fantasy and anyone who has ever fallen under the spell of role-playing games. **APB \$19.95**

Caitlin Kittredge, Marjorie M Liu, Jenna Maclaine & Christine Warren

Huntress

Christine Warren "Devil's Bargain"

Supernatural bounty hunter Lilli Corbin made a pact with the Prince of Hell: She agreed to recover a book of prophecies. When she learns it could trigger the apocalypse, Lilli is forced to make the ultimate choice: save her soul, or the man she loves?

Marjorie M. Liu "The Robber Bride"

Welcome to a post-apocalyptic world where women are fed on for their life forces. Now it's up to Maggie, one of the last female survivors, to hunt down and destroy an army of darkness...

Caitlin Kittredge "Down in the Ground Where the Dead Men Go"

Ava is a demon slayer who needs help from mage Jack Winter to reach the demon underworld—a place of dark seduction...and, maybe, one of no return.

Jenna Maclaine "Sin Slayer"

London 1889. Jack the Ripper is killing off the city's vampire population, and now it's up to Cin Craven to hunt him down—and save the infected Michael, the love of her undead life. **PB \$19.95**

Jonathan Strahan

Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year Volume 3

TP \$40.95

Young Adult

R J Anderson

Faery Rebels: Spell Hunter

Forget everything you think you know about faeries. . . .

Creatures full of magic and whimsy?

Not in the Oakenwyld. Not anymore.

Deep inside the great Oak lies a dying faery realm, bursting with secrets instead of magic. Long ago the faeries mysteriously lost their magic. Robbed of their powers, they have become selfish and dull-witted. Now their numbers are dwindling and their very survival is at stake.

Only one young faery—Knife—is determined to find out where her people's magic has gone and try to get it back. Unlike her sisters, Knife is fierce and independent. She's not afraid of anything—not the vicious crows, the strict Faery Queen, or the fascinating humans living nearby. But when Knife disobeys the Faery Queen and befriends a human named Paul, her quest becomes more dangerous than she realizes. Can Knife trust Paul to help, or has she brought the faeries even closer to the brink of destruction? **HC \$29.99**

Kelley Armstrong

The Awakening (Darkest Powers 02)

Chloe Saunders used to be a normal teenage girl - or so she thought. Then she learned the shocking truth - she is a walking science experiment. Genetically altered at birth by a sinister group of scientists known as the Edison Group, Chloe is an aberration - a powerful necromancer who can see ghosts and even raise the dead, often with terrifying consequences. Even worse, her growing powers have made her a threat to the surviving members of the Edison Group, who have decided it's time to end their experiment - permanently...Now Chloe is running for her life with three other supernatural teenagers - a charming sorcerer, a troubled werewolf and a temperamental young witch. Together they have a chance for freedom - but can Chloe trust her new friends? **APB \$19.99**

Tom Becker

Timecurse (Darkside 04)

A Blood Succession, a mysterious watch, and chaos in the streets - just another day in Darkside. Jonathan is back home again when he hears that Vendetta has gone missing - and that's not even the worst of it. Teaming up with some old friends, Jonathan becomes embroiled in a terrifying Darkside mystery - and he discovers the answer to the question he's been asking for years: could his mother still be alive? **PB \$16.99**

Libba Bray

The Sweet Far Thing (03)

It has been a year of change since Gemma Doyle arrived at the foreboding Spence Academy. Having bound the wild, dark magic of the realms to her, Gemma has forged unlikely and unsuspected new alliances both with the headstrong Felicity and timid Ann, Kartik, the exotic young man whose companionship is forbidden, and the fearsome creatures of the realms. Now, as Gemma approaches her London debut, the time has come to test those bonds.

As her friendship with Felicity and Ann faces its gravest trial, and with the Order grappling for control of the realms, Gemma is compelled to decide once and for all which path she is meant to take. Pulled forward by fate, the destiny Gemma faces threatens to set chaos loose, not only in the realms, but also upon the rigid Victorian society whose rules Gemma has both defied and followed. Where does Gemma really belong? And will she, can she, survive? **BPB \$19.99**

Theresa Breslin

The Nostradamus Prophecy

When Nostradamus proclaims to the French court his prophecy of a great massacre, the young King Charles only laughs. His mother, Catherine de' Medici, pays more heed - she believes that Nostradamus can truly see the future.

But the great soothsayer's prophecies are not only for those who rule; he also has a message for Melisande, the minstrel's daughter, who he believes is linked with him by Fate. And as the Angel of Death approaches, Nostradamus entrusts to her safekeeping some very special parchments - parchments that the rulers of France would do anything to see... **BPB \$19.95**

N M Browne

Warriors of Alavna

When Dan and Ursula become lost in a thick mist, they have no idea that once they step out of the other side they will find themselves in an England of thousands of years ago and embroiled in a civil war between ancient Britons and Romans. Soon they will have to rely on strengths that neither of them knew they had as they battle both physical and magical enemies, not only to ensure their own safety, but also to try and help save the lives of the Combrogii who face the might and power of the Roman army.

In this powerful and sweeping epic novel, survival depends on learning magical arts and respecting codes of behaviour that pre-date all modern life. It is a difficult world to survive in. Are Dan and Ursula able to master all they need to know in time to ensure that they do not become victims of a time far harsher than any they could ever have imagined? **PB \$17.99**

N M Browne

Warriors of Camlann

When the thick fog of the Veil descends for the second time, Dan and Ursula expect to return to present-day Britain. Instead, the treacherous mist transports them to an ancient world very like the one they have just escaped. But the battle they fought in only hours before is distant history to those around them and their deeds on the battlefield are legend. Dan and Ursula have travelled forwards through time, but how far? What has happened to their old allies and enemies? To find a way back, they have to piece the clues together and use all their skills of survival - as it seems they were not the only ones to step through the mist. **PB \$17.99**

Warriors of Ethandun (03)

Dan and Ursula return to the present day after months in King Arthur's England. They sought a way back home for so long, but now find themselves unable to cope with modern life. Ursula's incredible strength and Dan's experience on the battlefield make it impossible to fit in with friends. So when they have an opportunity to go back in time, neither can resist. They emerge in 878 AD, the age of King Alfred the Great.

Vikings are rampaging through Britain and the King, defeated and weak, has retreated to the marshes. Dan finds him here, and he and Alfred's men begin plotting a counter-attack. But Dan cannot fight without Ursula. Consumed by her time-slip ability to wield magic, she has been captured by the Vikings who now revere her as a goddess. Everything hinges on Dan being able to rescue Ursula first from the Vikings, then from herself.

This is an utterly page-turning, clever, and action-packed finale to the Warriors trilogy. **PB \$17.99**

Eva Bunting

Night of the Gargoyles

With the coming of the darkness, the gargoyles high on the corners of the art museum come to life, creeping along ledges, swooping down on the fountain, and terrifying the local night watchman. **\$34.95**

P C Cast & Kristen Cast

Untamed (House of Night 04)

Life sucks when your friends are pissed at you. Just ask Zoey Redbird - she's become an expert on suckiness. In one week she has gone from having three boyfriends to having none, and from having a close group of friends who trusted and supported her, to being an outcast. Speaking of friends, the only two Zoey has left are undead and unMarked. And Neferet has declared war on humans, which Zoey knows in her heart is wrong. But will anyone listen to her? Zoey's adventures at vampire finishing school take a wild and dangerous turn as loyalties are tested, shocking true intentions come to light, and an ancient evil is awakened. **BPB \$16.99**

Hunted (House of Night 05)

It's all happening, though Zoey Redbird wishes it wasn't. She has her friends back, which is great. But a dark angel has taken over the House of Night, supported by High Priestess Neferet. Not so great. This leaves Zoey hiding out with the (supposedly friendly) red fledglings in Tulsa's prohibition-era tunnels. The not-greatness continues. Zoey has some boy-thoughts to distract her, with a chance to make-up with super-hot-ex Eric. But thoughts of the archer that died, semi-permanently, in her arms also keep distracting her. Then he shows up as Neferet's newest minion. Well, hell. Zoey and friends need a plan to put things right, soon, if she's to keep both head and heart intact. **BPB \$16.99**

Caroline B Cooney

Toxic Beauty (Horror High 01)

Bethany is tired of feeling plain and ordinary. Tired of being ignored. If only she was beautiful then everyone would want to be her friend, everyone would take notice - even Ryan. When a mysterious man offers to make all of Bethany's wildest dreams come true, she jumps at the chance. But she has no idea the terrible price that she'll have to pay... **PB \$12.99**

Killer Instinct (Horror High 02)

Holly and her friends are looking for excitement - a night to end all nights. When they break into a mysterious, dark house, they don't expect the owner to be a vampire. But he promises that they can leave, unharmed - all expect one, that is. One of them must stay and forever belong to the vampire. And he'll even let them choose. **PB \$12.99**

Edrei Cullen

Clearheart (Flutterwig 02)

When Ella Montgomery goes to Flutterwig's school to learn how to use her Elven skills, she thinks her greatest challenge will be to dodge her nemesis, Gloria Ulnus, and to find her wings in order to qualify for the Skateboarding Championships at the end of term. Until one day, her best friend, an emotionally unstable pixie, is kidnapped by the evil Duke. In order to find him, Ella and her Protector, Charlie Snopit, must awaken the Giants of Gommoranahl, travel to the South Pole and decipher the mysteries of the Spirit Trees. In return for the Giants' help, Ella must establish their innocence and clear their name with the Elf Queen of Magus or she will be beholden to them forever. **PB \$17.99**

Roald Dahl

Matilda

Matilda Wormwood's father is a mean crooked crook. And her mother's just plain stupid. They think Matilda is a nuisance who should watch more TV and read fewer books! But her lovely teacher Miss Honey thinks Matilda is a genius. Matilda has a few extraordinary tricks up her sleeve, so her horrible parents and even more horrible headmistress had better watch out. **PB \$14.95**

Joanne Dahme

The Plague

In a land overshadowed by death, fifteen-year-old Nell's uncanny resemblance to Princess Joan brings her to act as her double—what young girl wouldn't want to leave a life of poverty and pretend to be a princess? But when the plague catches up to the royal entourage, thwarting the King's plan for the princess to marry the Prince of Castile and seal an alliance between their kingdoms, Nell's life could change forever. Princess Joan's brother The Black Prince schemes to make the wedding go on declaring Nell will no longer double for Joan, she will become the princess and dupe Prince Pedro into marriage! With the aid and protection of a quirky band of friends—a Spanish minstrel, a monk, a gravedigger, a band of merchants—Nell must evade not only the Black Prince, a practitioner of the dark arts, but the plague as well, as she fights to return to the King and country. Based on historical truth, Dahme beautifully captures the dark terror of a Plague-infested fourteenth-century Europe, while bringing to life the daily existence of medieval life for young adult readers. **HC \$34.95**

Melissa De La Cruz

Revelations (Blue Bloods 03)

When one of the Gates of Hell is breached by Silver Bloods in Rio de Janeiro, the Blue Bloods need Schuyler Van Alen on their side, even though they question her blood legacy. **PB \$21.95**

Alex Flinn*A Kiss in Time*

Talia fell under a spell . . . Jack broke the curse. I was told to beware the accursed spindle, but it was so enchanting, so hypnotic. . . I was looking for a little adventure the day I ditched my tour group. But finding a comatose town, with a hot-looking chick asleep in it, was so not what I had in mind. I awakened in the same place but in another time, to a stranger's soft kiss. I couldn't help kissing her. Sometimes you just have to kiss someone. I didn't know this would happen.

Now I am in dire trouble because my father, the king, says I have brought ruin upon our country. I have no choice but to run away with this commoner! Now I'm stuck with a bratty princess and a trunk full of her jewels. . . The good news: My parents will freak! Think you have dating issues? Try locking lips with a snoozing stunner who turns out to be 316 years old. Can a kiss transcend all, even time? **HC \$29.99**

Jackie French Australian Author*Lessons for A Werewolf Warrior (School for Heroes)*

Boojum Bark is a werewolf - and a hero. He doesn't really want to be a hero, but it's in the family. Now he has to go to Hero School to learn the Right Way to achieve hero status. Werewolves are at the bottom of the pecking order when it comes to heroes - especially when they lift their legs on the doorpost and do outrageous things on stage in the middle of school assembly. But something strange is happening at the School for Heroes. Could the school be under attack? If so, by whom? And who will protect it? Can Boojum sniff out the perpetrators? Join the funniest assortment of strange (but heroic!) characters ever to attend one school as they try to find out what being a hero really means. **BPB \$16.99**

Neil Gaiman & David McKean*Crazy Hair*

Bonnie tries to tame her father's hair, but to no avail, as birds and beasts of every type jostle for space among the curls and tresses of this hirsute book. The warm and funny, conversational text combines beautifully with Dave McKean's edgy and dramatic illustrations. **HC \$27.99**

The Dangerous Alphabet

A tale of adventure, piracy, danger, and heroism told in twenty-six alphabetical lines-although even the alphabet is not to be relied upon here.

Will the children find the treasure? Will they make it out alive? And will the alphabet ever be the same again? **HC \$14.99**

Anthony Horowitz*Necropolis*

This is the eagerly-awaited fourth book in this bestselling series. Hong Kong has been taken over by the Old Ones and has become Necropolis, city of the dead. Once in, there is no way out...Evil has been unleashed on the world and only five children - with special powers - can save it.

Matt and the other three desperately need to find Scar, the final gatekeeper, who has been trapped in Hong Kong, where puddles of water turn into puddles of blood, where ghosts, demons and hideous creatures stalk the streets. Matt has no choice but to follow her. Now, both imprisoned, their only hope of survival is to reach a secret door in the Man Ho temple.

But even if Scar can find her psychic power, it may already be too late. **PB \$16.95**

Erin Hunter*Lost Warrior (Warriors)*

When the Twolegs destroy the warrior Clans' forest home, Greystripe - second in command of Thunder Clan - is captured trying to help his comrades escape! Trapped in the pampered life of a kittypet, Greystripe has all the food and shelter he could needs from his affectionate Twoleg family, but none of the freedom of a hunter and a warrior...

This is not the way he wants to live: the forest is calling him and he never stops longing to go home. When he makes friends with a feisty kittypet named Millie, she encourages him to go in search of his lost friends. But will Greystripe ever find his way back to the Clan? **BPB \$9.99**

The Sight (Warriors Power of Three 01)

There will be three, kin of your kin . . .

The wild cats have flourished in their new home on the banks of the lake for several seasons, and the Clans are growing strong and healthy with new kits. The time has come for three kits of ThunderClan to become apprentices.

Hollypaw, Jaypaw, and Lionpaw spring from a strong legacy: children of Squirrelflight and Brambleclaw, two of the noblest ThunderClan warriors, and grandchildren of the great leader Firestar himself. All three young cats possess unusual power and talent and seem certain to provide strength to the Clan for the next generation.

But there are dark secrets around the three, and a mysterious prophecy hints at trouble to come. An undercurrent of rage is rising against those who are not Clanborn, and the warrior code is in danger of being washed away by a river of blood. All the young cats' strength will be needed if the Clans are to survive.

. . . who hold the power of the stars in their paws. **BPB \$9.99**

Dark River (Warriors power of Three 02)

The three children of Squirrelflight and Brambleclaw, grandchildren of the great leader Firestar, have thrived in their apprenticeships: Lionpaw's strength and energy serve him well as a warrior in training, Hollypaw hones her understanding of the warrior code, and Jaypaw explores his mysterious powers and connection to StarClan as the medicine cat apprentice.

With more experience comes both power and danger: Lionpaw makes a friendship-and a discovery-that must be kept hidden; Jaypaw learns a secret that could benefit ThunderClan by damaging others; and Hollypaw knows something that could avert a battle, if she could convince the rest of her Clan.

The three are torn apart as each discovers darkness: in themselves, in the Clans, and in the past. And, as conflict begins over what it means to be a warrior, rising tensions threaten to overflow, washing away the peace that has existed for many moons. **BPB \$9.99**

Outcast (Warriors Power of Three 03)

There will be three,

Kin of you kin....

Who hold the

Power of the stars

In their paws.

A secret prophecy shapes the lives of Firestar's grandchildren, but only one of the three knows about it. Jaypaw is captivated by the power it promises, and he believes the key to that power may lie buried in the distant past -- with the ancient cats who once walked these woods and now prowl through his dreams. His search for answers leads him toward the mountains -- the home of the Tribe of Rushing Water. Lionpaw and Hollypaw feel drawn to the mountains too, for different reasons. But the mountains hide secrets as well as answers, and if the three cats find a way to get there, they may discover more than they ever expected. **HC \$29.99**

Erin Hunter

Eclipse (Warriors Power of Three 04)

Firestar's three 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. But each secretly yearns for power: Lionpaw dreams of being undefeatable in battle, while Hollypaw longs to be a great leader and Jaypaw knows only he can see the true past and future for them all. Their strengths are tested when ThunderClan is suddenly attacked—and all four Clans are thrown into a battle unlike any the cats have ever seen.

Then a dark shadow falls across the forest, and a mysterious stranger warns the Clans of more trouble to come. For the first time, it appears that StarClan does not hold the answers the cats need.

All of a sudden, the warrior code is being tested. A crisis of faith threatens to tear the four Clans apart and destroy what the cats have built their lives upon. . . **HC \$29.99**

Long Shadows (Warriors Power of Three 05)

The Clans are in turmoil. ShadowClan has turned its back on StarClan and pledged to follow the dark predictions of Sol, the strange cat who foretold the solar eclipse. But not all the cats have lost faith in their warrior ancestors. . . .

Jaypaw is convinced that StarClan still holds an important place in the warrior code, and his search for answers leads him far back into the past, farther back than even StarClan can remember. Lionblaze, tortured by violent dreams and bloody visions, wishes he had never been prophesied to be one of the three but to turn his back on his littermates would be the ultimate betrayal. And Hollyleaf is terrified that once the Clans lose their faith, the warrior code will fall apart. She's willing to fight tooth and nail to preserve it—whatever the cost.

And when murder stalks into the heart of ThunderClan, the cats realize that the darkest shadows don't always lie outside the territory. **HC \$29.99**

Sunrise (Warriors Power of Three 06)

There will be three, kin of your kin . . . who hold the power of the stars in their paws.

A mysterious murder in the ranks has ripped ThunderClan apart. But more secrets still remain to be discovered.

Jayfeather is determined to find out who his real parents are. But he'll have to trample through a forest of lies in order to uncover the truth. Hollyleaf is shocked by her Clan's disobedience of the warrior code, and distraught enough to strike out at someone she's always admired. And Lionblaze must bear horrified witness to events that will change everything he believes. In the harshest days of leaf-bare Clanmate turns upon Clanmate, danger lurks behind familiar faces, and one more warrior may be lost forever. . . . **HC \$29.99**

Diana Wynne Jones

House of Many Ways (Howl 02)

Charmian Baker is in over her head. Looking after Great Uncle William's tiny cottage while he's ill should have been easy, but Great Uncle William is better known as the Royal Wizard Norland and his house bends space and time. Its single door leads to any number of places - the bedrooms, the kitchen, the caves under the mountains, the past, to name but a few.

By opening that door, Charmian is now also looking after an extremely magical stray dog, a muddled young apprentice wizard and a box of the king's most treasured documents, as well as irritating a clan of small blue creatures.

Caught up in an intense royal search, she encounters an intimidating sorceress named Sophie. And where Sophie is, can the Wizard Howl and fire demon Calcifer be far behind? **BPB \$14.99**

P B Kerr

The Eye of the Forest (Children of the Lamp 05)

Another spellbinding adventure for djinncredible twins, John and Philippa! An ancient Incan prophecy leads the Gaunt twins deep into the heart of the Amazon in search of a cursed portal that has remained hidden for centuries. Along the way, they come across their old friend Dybbuk, but it's not a happy reunion. Dybbuk has lost all his djinn powers and is desperate to get them back - even if it means destroying the world. Can John and Philippa stop him before it's too late? **HC \$29.99**

Garry Kilworth

The Hundred-Towered City (03)

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

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Katherine Langrish

Dark Angels

When Wolf runs away from the monastery where he grew up, he finds himself lost on Devil's Edge - a hill riddled with old mine shafts, said to be infested with ghosts, bogbarts, elves, and perhaps even the Devil himself...

Wolf meets a local knight out hunting, who offers him work and shelter in his castle - a place inhabited by a host of unexpected characters - a hearth hob, a well sprite and a mysterious wandering juggler... Together Wolf and Nest, the knight's daughter, become embroiled in a mystery which leads them into the very darkest depths of Devil's Edge... **BPB \$15.99**

Holly Lisle

The Ruby Key (Moon & Sun 01)

Human and nightlings are never to meet, but when Genna and her brother Dan venture into the old forest at night, they encounter a nightling slave who reveals a terrifying secret: Genna and Dan's village chieftain has made a dangerous deal with Letrin, ruler of the nightlings, offering the lives of his people in exchange for his own immortality. **BPB \$15.99**

Sam Llewellyn

The Well Between the Worlds (Monsters of Lyonesse)

A drowning land holds a dark secret. Lyonesse is sinking. Every year the water gets a bit higher, and the walls of the land must be raised to keep it out. A fisherman's son, Idris Limpet is forced to leave his seaside home and make a new life amid the secrets and whispers of a dangerous city. He will train the monsters that inhabit the watery world under the wells of Lyonesse - and learn that his wits, his courage and his friends could be all that stand between him and certain death. **PB \$18.99**

D J MacHale

Blackwater (Pendragon 05)

Bobby Pendragon hits the shelves again in the fifth title of an epic series of adventures through time and space - The Lord of the Rings for the Alex Rider generation. **BPB \$16.99**

D J MacHale & Carla Jablonski

Travellers (Pendragon Before the War 01)

Before Bobby Pendragon.

Before Saint Dane.

Before the war . . .

Every territory of Halla has a Traveler. They lived for years-some even for decades-before learning of their true destiny. What was life like for Bobby Pendragon's fellow Travelers before they joined him in the fight to save every time and place that has ever existed? What led up to their becoming the guardians of Halla? The answers are here!

In this first of three thrilling Pendragon prequels, read about Vo Spader's death-defying adventures in the underwater world of Cloral, Gunny Van Dyke's race to find a murderer in 1930's Manhattan on First Earth, and the tough challenges Kasha faced on Eelong well before Bobby Pendragon arrived . . . **PB \$16.99**

Gemma Malley

The Resistance

The year is 2140. Peter and Anna are now living on the Outside as Legals. As an agent in the Underground, Peter is tasked with infiltrating Pincet Pharma Corporation and find out what's happening in the secret Longevity programme. Peter must feign a reconciliation and win the trust of his grandfather, Richard Pincet, one of the most powerful men on the planet, whose company, Pincet Pharma, is chasing the holy grail of modern science - a drug which will reverse ageing and make people look young again.

But his grandfather has his own plans for Peter - plans which involve Peter and Anna signing the Declaration and endorsing Longevity+. Richard Pincet will stop at nothing to get what he wants, even if it means ripping Peter and Anna's new life apart.

At the heart of the organisation he most despises, Peter stumbles across something more sinister than he could ever have imagined, as powerful forces are gathering to crush the young couple's dreams. **PB \$17.99**

Stephenie Meyer

Twilight (Twilight 01)

When seventeen-year-old Isabella Swan moves to Forks, Washington to live with her father she expects that her new life will be as dull as the town itself.

In spite of her awkward manner and low expectations, she finds that her new classmates are drawn to this pale, darkhaired new girl in town. But not, it seems, the Cullen family. These five adopted brothers and sisters obviously prefer their own company and will make no exception for Bella.

Bella is convinced that Edward Cullen in particular hates her, but she feels a strange attraction to him, although his hostility makes her feel almost physically ill. He seems determined to push her away until, that is, he saves her life from an out of control car.

Bella will soon discover that there is a very good reason for Edward's coldness. He, and his family, are vampires and he knows how dangerous it is for others to get too close. **HC \$45**

New Moon (Twilight 02)

The dramatic sequel to Twilight, following the tale of Bella, a teenage girl whose love for a vampire gets her into trouble. I stuck my finger under the edge of the paper and jerked it under the tape. 'Shoot,' I muttered when the paper sliced my finger. A single drop of blood oozed from the tiny cut. It all happened very quickly then. 'No!' Edward roared...Dazed and disorientated, I looked up from the bright red blood pulsing out of my arm - and into the fevered eyes of the six suddenly ravenous vampires. For Bella Swan, there is one thing more important than life itself: Edward Cullen. But being in love with a vampire is more dangerous than Bella ever could have imagined. Edward has already rescued Bella from the clutches of an evil vampire but now, as their daring relationship threatens all that is near and dear to them, they realise their troubles may just be beginning... **HC \$45**

Eclipse (Twilight 03)

Bella? Edward's soft voice came from behind me. I turned to see him spring lightly up the porch steps, his hair windblown from running. He pulled me into his arms at once, and kissed me again. His kiss frightened me. There was too much tension, too strong an edge to the way his lips crushed mine - like he was afraid we had only so much time left to us. As Seattle is ravaged by a string of mysterious killings and a malicious vampire continues her quest for revenge, Bella once again finds herself surrounded by danger. In the midst of it all, she is forced to choose between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob - knowing that her decision has the potential to ignite the ageless struggle between vampire and werewolf. With her graduation approaching, Bella has one more decision to make: life or death. But which is which? Following the international bestsellers Twilight and New Moon, Eclipse is the much-anticipated third book in Stephenie Meyer's captivating saga of vampire romance. **HC \$45**

Breaking Dawn (Twilight 04)

To be irrevocably in love with a vampire is both fantasy and nightmare woven into a dangerously heightened reality for Bella Swan. Pulled in one direction by her intense passion for Edward Cullen, and in another by her profound connection to werewolf Jacob Black, she has endured a tumultuous year of temptation, loss and strife to reach the ultimate turning point. Her imminent choice to either join the dark but seductive world of immortals or pursue a fully human life has become the thread from which the fate of two tribes hangs. Now that Bella has made her decision, a startling chain of unprecedented events is about to unfold with potentially devastating and unfathomable consequences. Just when the frayed strands of Bella's life - first discovered in TWILIGHT, then scattered and torn in NEW MOON and ECLIPSE - seem ready to heal and knit together, could they be destroyed...forever? **HC \$45**

James Moloney Australian Author

The Book From Baden Dark (03)

Three years have passed since Marcel defeated Mortregis, the great dragon of war, and more than a year since the Battle of Cadell.

On a mountainside in Elster, Bea, who has lived among the elves all this time, longs to see her human friends again. When strange creatures disturb the tranquillity of the mountain forests and her grandfather disappears, she calls for Marcel's help. Together with his cousin, Fergus, they travel into the forbidden underground world of Baden Dark on a rescue mission.

But Marcel senses an ancient evil in Baden Dark and becomes determined to free all of Elster from its threat. Forever. The challenge will test his growing power as a sorcerer and even success may come at a terrible price. Bea is not convinced by his ambitions and when Marcel betrays her with his magic, he makes a decision that may keep them apart forever. **BPB \$19.99**

Ian Nichols Australian Author

The Whorl and the Pallin

Escaping from custody, Tom enlists in the Imperial army where his heroic actions in battle come to the Emperor's attention. An assassination attempt on the Emperor reveals Tom's hidden gift and he is sent on a mission to save the world from the evil plans of the Whorl Sorcerers. His quest takes him on adventures on the high seas, into enchanted forests, and battles against man and beast. This book is filled with action and adventure from start to finish.

The man saw Tom point just as Gianna said: "There's no-one there, Tom". Tom felt his pulse quicken as the man continued his advance...halted and raised the rod up in the air. He drew a small, dark object from his belt, and cast it at the Emperor with vicious speed.

Goave is massing its troops ready for an invasion that will destroy the Empire. They have a sinister pact with the Whorl Sorcerers to corrupt the tribes on the Empire's border and lure them into war. The plan is evil distilled; while the Empire's troops are distracted by the raiding tribes, the Whorl Sorcerers' will steal the Blood of the Pallin. With this second Source of magic they will have even more power to change man and beast to meet their evil needs and invade Verachena.

Tom finds himself an unlikely hero as he fights bravely to save himself and his friends single-handedly against the warring tribes. When he foils an attempted assassination of the Emperor by a man no-one else can see, the Emperor recognizes Tom as the hero they have been waiting for.

Tom's unique gift means only he can lead the mission to save the Empire: intercept the Whorl Sorcerers before they reach the Pallin. **HC \$28.95**

Garth Nix Australian Author

Mister Monday (Keys to the Kingdom 01)

Arthur Penhaligon is not supposed to be a hero. He is, in fact, supposed to die an early death. But then he is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock.

Arthur is safe - but his world is not. Along with the key comes a plague brought by bizarre creatures from another realm. A stranger named Mister Monday, his avenging messengers with blood-stained wings, and an army of dog-faced Fetchers will stop at nothing to get the key back - even if it means destroying Arthur and everything around him.

Desperate, Arthur ventures into a mysterious house - a house that only he can see. It is in this house that Arthur must unravel the secrets of the key - and discover his true fate. **BPB \$9.99**

Kenneth Oppel

Starclimber

Boy-pilot Matt Cruse is looking forward to spending a peaceful summer with Kate de Vries, until they are offered the chance of a lifetime to join the first expedition into space aboard the incredible ship Starclimber. But many challenges stand in the way: passing the gruelling tests to become astronauts; facing attacks by fanatical Babelites opposed to the space race; and the unknown dangers that could be lurking in space. They will have to fight all the way and then find a way to return back home. **PB \$15.99**

James Patterson & Ned Rust

Watch the Skies (Daniel X 02)

Fifteen-year-old alien hunter Daniel X is on a mission to finish the job that killed his parents - to wipe out the world's most bloodthirsty aliens on The List. At the number-one spot, The Prayer is Daniel's ultimate target. With mind-blowing skills like telepathy and the ability to transform and create, Daniel's got more than a few tricks up his sleeve.

Along with his friends Willy, Joe-Joe, Emma and Dana, Daniel hunts down the aliens on The List one by one. But as he battles towards his top target he can't forget one thing: he's got a host of aliens to fight, but on their lists there's only one name at the top . . . and that's his. **TP \$29.95**

David Petersen

Winter 1152 (Mouse Guard 02) **HC \$49.95**

Terry Pratchett

Johnny and the Bomb

Johnny Maxwell and his friends discover that Mrs Tachyon, the local bag lady, holds the key to different times, different eras - including the Blackbury Blitz in 1941. Suddenly now isn't the safe place Johnny once thought it was as he finds himself caught up more and more with them... **APB \$16.95**

Celia Rees

The Vanished

At the start it was just stories. Stories of plague graves, vanished children and hidden steps leading to a festering underworld. But when another child goes missing, Fraser and Cassie wonder if there's some truth in the tales. The dark tunnels running under the city are real enough. There there's Billy, who promises to lead them to a decaying kingdom far more terrifying than anyone could imagine . . . **BPB \$16.99**

Neal Shusterman

Everlost **BPB \$16.99**

Sarah Singleton

The Poison Garden

It is the 1850's, and a young boy, Thomas, leaves his family to be apprenticed to a pharmacist, at the behest of his dead grandmother. He also inherits a magical box from her, which provides him entry into a mysterious garden. But while visiting it, he sees a ghostly vision of his grandmother, who tells him she was poisoned, and warns him that he must find the person responsible, and save her precious garden. For she was one of five members of an arcane guild, each of whom cultivated an individual garden, mastering the art of poison, perfume and medicine. The guild members jostle for power as, one by one, they are murdered...can Thomas solve the mystery, before he in turn is threatened? **BPB \$16.99**

Nahoko Uehashi

Guardian of the Spirit (Moriboto 01)

Balsa was a wanderer and warrior for hire. Then she rescued a boy flung into a raging river - and at that moment, her destiny changed. Now Balsa must protect the boy - the Prince Chagum - on his quest to deliver the great egg of the water spirit to its source in the sea. As they travel across the land of Yogo and discover the truth about the spirit, they find themselves hunted by two deadly enemies: the egg-eating monster Rarunga . . . and the prince's own father! **PB \$15.99**

Carole Wilkinson Australian Author

The Valley of the Tombs (Ramosé 01, 02)

The first two titles in the best-selling Ramosé series together in one volume! **PB \$19.99**

Television, Movie and Comic Related

Arnold: Schwarzenegger and the Movies

Dave Saunders

This book provides a comprehensive, in-depth examination of one of modern cinema's biggest and most ideologically defined screen presences. Tracing Arnold Schwarzenegger's entire film career and life from teenage bodybuilder in post-war Austria to Governor of California, Saunders blends observations of his major films, including Pumping Iron, Conan the Barbarian, The Terminator series, Twins and True Lies, with historical context and biographical detail, demonstrating continually the importance of broader social and political factors in defining Arnold's unique significance.

This work argues that Schwarzenegger represents far more than just a muscular spectacle; he embodies the powerful ideological and spiritual relevance of the age by embarking on a quest to restore collective faith in his adopted nation **TP \$38.95**

Angel

After the Fall 02: First Night

In a story that follows the events of the show's final televised season, a heroic vampire seeks redemption while dealing with the death destruction brought on by his choice to stand up to a demonic multi-dimensional law firm. **HC \$51.95**

03: *Angel: After the Fall 3* HC \$51.95

Batman

Killing Joke

Alan Moore

20th anniversary deluxe edition

Freed once again from Arkham Asylum, The Joker threatens Gotham's top cop, Commissioner Jim Gordon, and his beautiful daughter, and the origin of the Clown Prince of Crime reveals the thin line that separates Batman's nobility and The Joker's insanity. **HC \$36.95**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Season 8 03: Wolves at the Gate

Describes the adventures of Buffy after the events covered by the television program, as she faces a mysterious threat called "Twilight," while Giles and Faith deal with a rogue slayer. **TP \$30.95**

Doctor Who

Diary of a Dr Who Addict

Paul Magrs

It's the 1980's and David has just started secondary school. He's becoming a teenager, but still hanging onto the rituals of childhood, particularly his addiction to Doctor Who, sharing the books with his best friend and neighbour, Robert, and watching the TV show. But time moves relentlessly on, and Robert starts rejecting the Doctor in favour of girls, free weights and new music. Against a backdrop of Bowie, Breville toasters and trips to Blackpool, David acknowledges his own abilities and finds his place in the world. **BPB \$16.99**

The Nemonite Invasion

David Roden

Catherine Tate reads this exclusive thrilling story, in which the Doctor and Donna take on a race of dangerous bloodsucking aliens. When the sky rips open somewhere over Dover, two objects hurtle out of the Vortex and crash-land in the sea. One is the TARDIS, out of control and freefalling - but the other, a mysterious crystalline sphere, is far more sinister.

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Berlis seems harmless, but his people say he cannot live among them: his telepathy is so strong that their wills are subsumed to his. The same fear that compels the Isitri to seek the death of one of their own drives the neighboring Odib people toward genocide. For every time a "troublesome mind" dominates the Isitri, the Odib pay the price in their own blood.

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Megan Abbott

Bury Me Deep

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Luke Dantry tells people he has a job on the cutting edge of the war on terror, only he knows it's nowhere near as adrenaline-filled as he makes it sound. Luke's nightly task working for his stepfather's Washington think tank: Go undercover from the anonymous safety of his computer and infiltrate Web-based, home-grown terrorist networks, cataloging the screen names and details of a motley collection of rage-filled, mentally suspect, and mostly impotent loners he comes to call the Black Road. Now and then he encounters someone who may have the capability to make good on his threats, but Luke figures that the vast majority of his targets are simply frustrated malcontents using the Internet as an empty soapbox.

When Luke is kidnapped at gunpoint, without warning, and left for dead in an isolated cabin deep in the woods, he realizes it must be related to his work, and that the Black Road is far more organized than he thought, and much closer to home than he could have ever imagined. After a daring escape, with both the terrorist group and their enemies on his heels, he must quickly assemble a complex puzzle of convoluted histories and motives, where the final pieces extend deep into his own past...and where Luke himself may hold the key to stopping the Black Road before their spectacular plans come to horrible fruition. **HC \$52.95**

Mark Abernathy

Second Strike

In the early hours of October 13, 2002, Australian spy Alan McQueen is jolted awake and told to immediately head to Bali, where more than two hundred people have been killed in a series of bomb blasts.

Descending into Denpasar, Mac finds tensions running high between MI6, ASIS and the CIA, not to mention the Indonesian national police and Indonesian intel. Assigned to keep watch on the Australian forensic scientists working the bomb site - where the official line being peddled is that all the bombs were home-made - Mac learns that in fact one of the bombs was a military-grade mini-nuke.

Trying to glean the motives for misleading the public, Mac pursues a shady group of businessmen-terrorists through the wilds of west Java and into Sumatra. But the trail goes dead when the terrorists fly out of Sumatra in an unmarked plane.

Five years later, Mac is a freelance investigator living in Surfers Paradise, with his wife, Jenny, and baby daughter. During an apparently routine assignment looking into the people behind an Indonesian bio-engineering facility, Mac's partner is shot and MI6 turn up rather too quickly. Before too long Mac finds himself embroiled in the dangerous world of a new nuclear arms race.

Forced on the run, with no Commonwealth back up, Mac suspects a connection between what's going on and the 2002 Bali bombings. Remembering back to a puzzling note he found back then with M4' written on it, he suddenly realises it referred to Mantiqui Four, the legendary Fourth Brigade of Jemaah Islamyiah, who are dedicated to an attack on Australian soil.

The race is on as Mac discovers that the Fourth Brigade still have one remaining mini-nuke device. With ever-increasing tension, he trails his quarry from Indonesia to the Australian outback. In a thrilling denouement, involving three SAS troopers, several Israelis, the Indonesian police, and a Pakistani, Mac finds faced with more questions than answers. **APB \$19.99**

Peter Ackroyd

The Casebook of Victor Frankenstein

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

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

He pays better than any hospital for the bodies of the very recently dead. Even so, perfect specimens are hard to come by ... until that Thames-side dawn when Victor, waiting, wrapped in his greatcoat, on his wooden jetty, hears the splashing of oars and sees in the half-light that slung into the stern of the approaching boat is the corpse of a handsome young man, one hand trailing in the water.... **BPB \$24.95**

Elizabeth Adler*One of Those Malibu Nights*

It was just one of those Malibu nights, dark as a velvet shroud, creamy waves crashing onto the shore, breeze soft as a kitten's breath . . . But when private investigator to the stars Mac Riley hears the sound of a woman's scream over the crashing waves, his low-key beach-bum lifestyle is changed forever. A beautiful, distraught woman wearing only a black lace negligee stands in the doorway of a fabulous beach house. In her hand, a gun, and it's pointed directly at him. . . . Mac escapes her bullet, but barely. Who was that woman? Days later, she's disappeared and the Smith & Wesson she almost killed him with finds its way into his car.

Mac suddenly finds himself tangled up in a web of deception. He's going to need some help if he's going to get to the bottom of it all.

This is where Sunny Alvarez comes in. Sunny and Mac have an on-again, off-again relationship. Lately it's been more "off" than "on." But now he needs her more than ever.

Together they go on a quest that takes them from Southern California, to the beaches of Mexico, to the streets of Rome and the countryside of France. All the while, they are one step behind an elusive murderer, and one step ahead of an actress who wants nothing more than to get lost. . . .

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Mark Alpert*Final Theory*

Physics lecturer David Swift is summoned to hospital to comfort his dying mentor, a renowned scientist suffering from horrifying wounds. David is shocked when the old man dies after wheezing 'Einheitlichen Feldtheorie': The Destroyer of Worlds. The Theory of Everything. It was Einstein's lifetime quest to pin down a unified set of equations, combining physics of stars with the laws of atoms. He died without achieving this goal. Or did he?

In the two hours after hearing these words, David's ex-wife and child are threatened; he's attacked by a Russian assassin, arrested by the FBI and nearly killed three times. But he's too busy running for his life to work out what it all means. Teaming up with his ex-girlfriend and an autistic teenager addicted to video games, David must work out what Einstein's theories could possibly be worth to the powers desperate for them - and if the world is ready for the consequences. **PB \$19.99**

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One grave. Two bodies. How many more? A young woman - a prostitute - has been brutally slain and left across a grave in Glasgow's sprawling cemetery, the Necropolis. Rhona Macleod, called in to carry out forensic investigations, has no doubt that the depraved killer's motives were sexual. When the removal of the girl's corpse from the city of the dead reveals another woman recently buried underneath, the case takes on a disturbing new dimension. This man has killed before - and will again. When another girl is reported missing, Rhona knows she has to track him down and stop the pattern from repeating itself.. **APB \$19.99**

Donna Andrews*Cockatiels at Seven*

When her old friend Karen drops by with her two-year-old son, Meg Langslow reluctantly agrees to mind him for a few hours. The next morning, when Karen is still MIA, Meg retraces her friend's footsteps and starts to suspect that her disappearance is linked to at least one serious crime. Has Karen been killed or kidnapped? Is she on the run? What's the story with her ex-husband Jasper? The police don't seem to care... So now it's up to Meg to crack the case—no small task when you consider she's also dealing with a house full of reptilian guests courtesy of Dad and Grandpa, thinking about starting a family of her own with new husband Michael, and chasing after a two-year-old who doesn't understand that the bad guys might be after him next. **APB \$17.95**

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A tale loosely based on the Bagdihi colliery flood tragedy in 2001 follows the efforts of a trapped miner to save himself and his co-workers when they are trapped hundreds of feet underground, a daring rescue attempt by the company and government, and a harrowing vigil kept by the workers' families. A first novel. **TP \$32.95**

Scott Bakker*Neuropath*

Tom's life is not what it once was. His marriage to the beautiful Nora is on the rocks and he now sees his two young children only on her say so. His best friend - and best man - Neil has moved away to California to teach neurology. He has one successful book - on human psychology - but he now wastes away the time teaching bored grad students. But that all changes when Neil comes back into his life. For it seems that his best friend was not a teacher - he was working for the US government, cracking the minds of suspected terrorists. But now it is Neil himself that has cracked and gone AWOL - what's more he has left behind evidence that he has been employing his unique skills on civilians - obsessed with the idea that he can control the human brain. Thus begins a terrifying sequence of events as Neil starts to kidnap and mutilate people with a connection to Tom. But it is only when he gets near his ultimate target does he reveal the full horror of his plan... **PB \$19.99**

Liz Balmaseda

Sweet Mary

In this mesmerizing debut novel by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Liz Balmaseda, one woman's hunger for justice becomes a journey into darkness -- and a punishing, soul-searching test of priorities.

Dulce Maria "Mary" Guevara is a woman with nothing left to lose. Wrongly accused of being a cocaine queen, she has lost her job, her reputation, and -- worst of all -- custody of her son. Even after the charges are dropped, suspicion lingers. Desperate to get it all back, she takes what she considers the only path open to her: She goes on a hunt for the real drug queen. Unfortunately, the one person she believes can help her is the last person she wants to see again: Joe Pratts, her ex-fiancé, a man whose connections to the drug world once ended their relationship.

Trying not to fall for Joe again is just the beginning of Mary's challenges, however. Her search leads her through the most deceiving of jungles: suburbia. There, she comes face-to-face with disturbing realities that challenge everything she thinks she knows about her formerly tranquil life. Mary's final dilemma hits closer to home than she ever imagined.

Sweet Mary is a gripping, heartrending story with a noir soul and plenty of surprising twists -- an assured debut from a writer with tremendous experience and talent. **HC \$51.95**

Sandra Balzo

Brewed, Crude and Tattooed (Maggy Thorsen Mystery)

The new Maggy Thorsen coffee-house mystery - Maggy Thorsen, co-owner of the Brookhills coffee-house Uncommon Grounds, is trapped in a shopping mall by a snow storm which cuts the electricity and phone lines. She finds the body of Way Benson, a local developer and owner of the mall. Maggy's discovery unearths other refugees of the storm and it seems that more than one of these people has a motive for killing the arrogant Way. Then there is another murder. **HC \$54.95**

Linwood Barclay

Fear the Worst

The worst day of Tim Blake's life started out with him making breakfast for his seventeen-year-old daughter Sydney. Syd was staying with him while she worked a summer job - even if he wasn't entirely sure what her job at the Just Inn Time motel actually was - and Tim hoped this quality father-daughter time would somehow help her deal with his divorce from Susanne. When she didn't arrive home at her usual time, he thought she'd probably gone to the mall to hang with her friends. When she didn't answer her phone he began to worry. When she didn't come home at all, he began to panic. And when the people at the Just Inn Time said they had no Sydney Blake working at the motel and never had, he began to see his life going into freefall. If she hadn't been working at the Just Inn Time every day, what had she been doing? To find his daughter Tim doesn't need to simply track her down - he needs to know who she really was. Only one thing has him convinced the worst hasn't already happened: the fact that some very scary people seem just as eager as he is to find her. The question is: who's going to find her first? **TP \$32.99**

Linwood Barclay

No Time For Goodbye

What could be worse than losing all the people you love in a single night? Twenty-five years after Cynthia Archer's entire family disappeared without a trace, she's about to find out. For Cynthia, it's finally time to solve the mystery that's hung like a dark cloud over her life. But digging up the truth may be the biggest mistake she's ever made. **PB \$22.99**

Brett Battles USA

The Deceived (Jonathan Quinn)

As a professional 'cleaner', Jonathan Quinn disposes of bodies and ties up loose ends. Doesn't get his hands dirty, no wet work. But when he discovers he's been hired to vanish all traces of Steven Markoff, one of his best friends who just happened to work for the CIA, his job suddenly hits too close to home. **APB \$19.95**

M C Beaton

The Potted Gardener (Agatha Raisin Mystery)

When Agatha Raisin comes home to cozy Carsely and finds that a new woman has piqued the interest of her handsome bachelor neighbor, James Lacey, she's less than thrilled. The beautiful newcomer to the Cotswolds, Mary Fortune, is superior in every way—especially when it comes to gardening—and Agatha is suddenly seeing nothing but green. If only a nice juicy murder would come along to remind James of Agatha's genius for investigation. When a series of mysterious assaults on the town's finest gardens is followed by a shocking murder, Agatha gets her wish. Seizing the moment, she immediately starts yanking up village secrets by their roots and digging up details about the victim—who, as it turns out, may just have some hidden dirt of her own... **APB \$17.95**

James Scott Bell

Try Fear

For Ty Buchanan, defending a suspected drunk driver named Carl Richess seems routine enough. But when his client ends up dead, an apparent suicide, there's nothing routine about it. Because the cops suspect it's murder, and arrest Eric Richess, Carl's brother, for the crime. Now Ty, at the desperate urging of Eric's mother, agrees to defend him. But it won't be easy. Because there's DNA on the gun that matches Eric's, and a history of conflict between the brothers.

Then Ty, assisted by Sister Mary Veritas, begins to uncover tentacles of corruption that reach into the citadels of city power. But he's being watched. Because somewhere in the dark labyrinth of LA is someone who will do anything to keep from being found out, someone who believes that when warnings don't work, try fear. **HC \$45.95**

Ted Bell

Tsar

There dwells, somewhere in Russia, a man so powerful no one even knows his name. His existence is only speculated upon, only whispered about in American corridors of power and CIA strategy meetings. Though he is all but invisible, he is pulling strings -- and pulling them hard. For suddenly, Russia is a far, far more ominous threat than even the most hardened cold warriors ever thought possible.

The Russians have their finger on the switch to the European economy and an eye on the American jugular. And, most importantly, they want to be made whole again. Should America interfere with Russia's plans to "reintegrate" her rogue states, well then, America will pay in blood.

In Ted Bell's latest pulse-pounding and action-packed tour de force, Alex Hawke must face a global nightmare of epic proportions. As this political crisis plays out, Russia gains a new leader. Not just a president, but a new tsar, a signal to the world that the old, imperial Russia is back and plans to have her day. And in America, a mysterious killer, known only as Happy the Baker, brutally murders an innocent family and literally flattens the small Midwestern town they once called home. Just a taste, according to the new tsar, of what will happen if America does not back down. Onto this stage must step Alex Hawke, espionage agent extraordinaire and the only man, both Americans and the Brits agree, who can stop the absolute madness borne and bred inside the modern police state of Vladimir Putin's 'New Russia'. **PB \$21.95**

Mark Billingham

In the Dark

A rainy night in London. Shots are fired into a car which swerves on to the pavement, ploughing into a bus stop. It seems that a chilling gang initiation has cost an innocent victim their life. But the reality is far more sinister...One life is wiped out and three more are changed forever: the young man whose finger was on the trigger; an ageing gangster planning a deadly revenge, and the pregnant woman who struggles desperately to uncover the truth. Two weeks away from giving birth, how will she deal with a world where death is an occupational hazard? In a city where violence can be random or meticulously planned, where teenage gangs clash with career criminals and where loyalty is paid for in blood, anything is possible. Secrets are uncovered as fast as bodies, and the story's final twist is as breathtakingly surprising as they come. **BPB \$22.99**

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 to save himself and his new friends. **TP \$32.95**

Lisa Black

Takeover

Arriving at the scene of a bank robbery where her fiance and seven others have been taken hostage, forensic scientist Theresa MacLean fears that the high-profile hostage negotiator brought in by police may be too arrogant for the task and offers herself in exchange for her fiance's safety. **PB \$19.95**

Lawrence Block

Hit and Run

Framed for a high-profile murder that he did not commit, contract hit man John Keller flees for his life and becomes increasingly suspicious about his handler's ominous unresponsiveness. **PB \$19.95**

Anna Blundy

Breaking Faith (Faith Zanetti)

Faith Zanetti doesn't much care who put the bomb on flight TAA67, the plane that blew up over the tiny Scottish village of Cairbridge twenty-five years ago. Wasn't it those Libyan blokes who went to prison? For a woman whose comfort zone is a war zone, it seems like the boring assignment from hell.

But as the conspiracy theories start seeming less theoretical, Faith realizes she's skating on thin ice. With the ghost of her dead father creeping out of her dreams, and the screams of the doomed passengers ringing in her ears, Faith begins to suspect that the truth she seeks might be closer to home than she thought... **HC \$51.95**

Rhys Bowen

A Royal Pain (Royal Spyness Mystery)

Assigned by the Queen of England to entertain a Bavarian princess, penniless aristocrat Lady Georgie must help Princess Hanni unlearn the English she has learned from American gangster films, break her of her shoplifting habit, and investigate a murder. **PB \$19.95**

Royal Flush

Sent home to Castle Rannoch in the wake of an employment scandal, Lady Georgiana becomes a companion to a divorcee who would seduce the prince of Wales, an assignment that serves as a front during her secret mission to help Scotland Yard prevent an assassination attempt. **HC \$51.95**

Allison Brennan

Fatal Secrets (02)

When a top lieutenant in a ring of human traffickers agrees to turn state's evidence, Immigration and Customs Enforcement senior agent Sonia Knight believes she'll finally take down the operation's mastermind, Xavier Jones. FBI agent Dean Hooper has been chasing Jones for years and doesn't need or want a hot-headed ICE agent second-guessing his every move. When the Bureau is ordered to join forces with ICE, Sonia is just as livid: her job is to save lives, not money. But Jones is just one piece of a depraved puzzle, answering to an even more dangerous predator. Denied his expected prey, this pitiless fiend intends to make Sonia and Dean pay - with their own blood... **TP \$32.99**

Suzanne Brockmann

Hot Pursuit

Troubleshooter Alyssa Locke and her husband, former Navy SEAL Sam Starrett, were brought to center stage in *Gone Too Far*, the sixth book in Suzanne Brockmann's sexy, suspenseful New York Times bestselling series. Now these fan favorites are back to continue their story!

Alyssa takes on the extremely public assignment of providing personal protection for Savannah von Hopf, an old friend who is running for office. While high-profile, the bodyguard job seems simple and easy enough—except Alyssa is juggling her stressful leadership position with a new baby and a husband who is her subordinate.

When Alyssa receives several disturbing messages from “the Dentist,” a serial killer she has relentlessly pursued for years, Alyssa must take action to protect those closest to her. No one is safe, even after the FBI—including Sam and Alyssa's good friend Jules Cassidy—gets involved. But Alyssa knows that as the Dentist's true target she must use herself as bait to catch the devious killer—before he strikes again. **HC \$52.95**

Christopher Brookmyre

A Snowball in Hell

If society has the B-list celebrities it deserves, it now has a killer to match. Except that Simon Darcourt is a great deal more successful in his career choice than the average talent show contestant. He's also got the media taped - by the simple expedient of by-passing them completely and posting real-time coverage of his killings on the internet. He's got viewing figures to make the world's TV executives gasp in envy, and he's pulling the voyeuristic strings of every viewer by getting them to 'vote' to keep his captives alive. Angelique De Xavier, his previous nemesis, is drafted onto the police team trying to bring this one-man celebrity hate-fest to an end. But she can't do it alone, she needs the magical skills of her lover, only she doesn't know where Zal is and meanwhile a whole load of celebs are, literally, dying to be famous. An intelligent satire, a thriller with exhilarating pace - Christopher Brookmyre at his best. **BPB \$24.99**

Dan Brown

Angels and Demons

Special Illustrated Collectors Edition

Hot on the heels of the successful ILLUSTRATED DA VINCI CODE, comes the illustrated edition of Dan Brown's hugely popular ANGELS & DEMONS

When a world renowned scientist is found brutally murdered, a Harvard professor, Robert Langdon, is summoned to identify the mysterious symbol seared onto the dead man's chest. His conclusion: it is the work of the Illuminati, a secret brotherhood presumed extinct for nearly four hundred years - now reborn to continue their bitter vendetta against their sworn enemy, the Catholic church.

In Rome, the college of cardinals assembles to elect a new pope. Yet somewhere within the walls of the Vatican, an unstoppable bomb of terrifying power relentlessly counts down to oblivion. While the minutes tick away, Langdon joins forces with Vittoria Vetra, a beautiful and mysterious Italian scientist, to decipher the labyrinthine trail of ancient symbols that snakes across Rome to the long-forgotten Illuminati lair - a secret refuge wherein lies the only hope for the Vatican.

But, with each revelation comes another twist, another turn in the plot, which leaves Langdon and Vetra reeling and at the mercy of a seemingly invincible enemy... **HC \$65**

Dale Brown

Rogue Forces

Originally contracted to provide air transport services into hostile areas of the world for the U.S. government and some non-governmental agencies, Sky Masters Inc. has upgraded its fleet of high-tech transport planes to provide much more militarily useful services for its clients, including aerial refueling, intelligence-gathering, reconnaissance, clandestine infiltration, and even aerial long-range bombardment. The planes are on lease to Scion Aviation International, a private security company run by former president Kevin Martindale and retired Air Force lieutenant-general Patrick McLanahan. Their task is to take over aerial patrols in northern Iraq as the U.S. military begins to downsize its forces there.

In the face of even more murderous attacks by Kurdish nationalists, the Republic of Turkey expands its campaign to root out the terrorists by invading northern Iraq. The few remaining American forces are quickly overwhelmed. The new government in Persia joins with the Turks to completely eradicate the Kurdish threat. The new American president, who pledged to start pulling U.S. forces out of Iraq on his first day in office, is reluctant to send U.S. forces back in to deal with the matter. As the only credible force in the region capable of blunting the Turks' advances, Scion Aviation International is contracted to respond.

But when Patrick McLanahan makes the decision to take the fight to the Turks, can the President rein him in? Where will McLanahan's loyalty lie: with his country, his President, his fellow warriors...or with his company's shareholders? **TP \$32.99**

James Lee Burke

Rain Gods

When Hackberry Holland became sheriff of a tiny Texas town near the Mexican border, he'd hoped to leave certain things behind: his checkered reputation, his haunted dreams, and his obsessive memories of the good life with his late wife, Rie. But the discovery of the bodies of nine illegal aliens, machine-gunned to death and buried in a shallow grave behind a church, soon makes it clear that he won't escape so easily.

As Hack and Deputy Sheriff Pam Tibbs attempt to untangle the threads of this complex and grisly case, a damaged young Iraq veteran, Pete Flores, and his girlfriend, Vikki Gaddis, are running for their lives, hoping to outwit the bloodthirsty criminals who want to kill Pete for his involvement in the murders. The only trouble is, Pete doesn't know who he's running from: drunk and terrified, he fled the scene of the crime when the shooting began. And there's a long list of people who want Pete and Vikki dead: crime boss Hugo Cistranos, who hired Pete for the operation; Nick Dolan, a strip club owner and small-time gangster with revenge on his mind; and a mysterious God-fearing serial-killer-for-hire known as Preacher Jack Collins, with enigmatic motives of his own.

With the FBI, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and a host of cold-blooded killers on Pete and Vikki's trail, it's up to Sheriff Holland to find them first and figure out who's behind the mass murder before anyone else ends up dead. **HC \$52.95**

Alistair Campbell

All in the Mind

Martin Sturrock desperately needs a psychiatrist. The problem? He is one.

Emily is a traumatised burns victim, Arta a Kosovan refugee recovering from a rape. David Temple is a longterm depressive, while the Rt Hon Ralph Hall MP lives in terror of his drink problem being exposed. Very different Londoners, but they share one thing: every week they spend an hour at the Prince Regent hospital, revealing the secrets of their psyche to Professor Martin Sturrock. Little do they know that Sturrock's own mind is not the reassuring place they believe it to be. For years he has hidden in his work, ignoring his demons. But now his life is falling apart, and as his ghosts come back to haunt him, the only person he can turn to is a patient.

Set over a life-changing weekend, Alastair Campbell's astonishing first novel delves deep into the human mind to create a gripping portrait of the strange dependency between patient and doctor. Both a comedy and tragedy of ordinary lives, it is rich in compassion for those whose days are spent on the edge of the abyss. **BPB \$24.95**

Kathryn Casey

Blood Lines

Readers loved Sarah Armstrong, the feisty and vulnerable profiler in Kathryn Casey's first mystery, Singularity. She's back in this second book in the series with her hands full with two cases at once: A persistent and potentially lethal stalker pursues pop mega-star Cassidy Collins, and a high-energy Houston businesswoman is found dead in her house.

Though the businesswoman's death is being called a suicide, when Sarah is shown photographs of the scene, something seems off. It looks too perfect, almost staged, and Billie Cox apparently had every reason to live. The victim's sister is convinced Billie was murdered and urges Sarah to take a closer look. During her investigation, Sarah uncovers a multimillion-dollar scam and traces a trail of greed to Billie's murderer.

Meanwhile, teenage idol Cassidy receives threatening emails and text messages and hears creepy whispers over her headset at performances. Cassie's next performance is at a Houston rodeo, for which her handlers request extra security. Sarah once again teams up with FBI agent David Garrity, and together they plot to outwit and capture the stalker, but at the concert the unthinkable happens. . . .

Kathryn Casey spins a tight plot with memorable characters and great action scenes, while paying close attention to Sarah's struggles as a widow and mother, to create a multilayered, exciting, and satisfying read. **HC \$51.95**

April Christofferson

Alpha Female

Justice in Yellowstone National Park comes in two forms: Annie Peacock, a beautiful young judge who is the head of the park's judicial system, and Will McCarroll, long-time backcountry ranger who is obsessed with stopping poachers. Will's willingness to break every rule in the book has earned him a formidable reputation—and Annie's disdain.

Then Annie's mother is kidnapped. When Will tries to help find her, a shocking attraction between Annie and Will starts to sizzle—and then burn. But when Will learns of a plan for trophy hunters to shoot the park's cherished alpha female wolf, he disappears into the back country to stop them. And it's there, in the wilderness of Yellowstone, that Will discovers the true extent of the danger to Annie's mother and to Yellowstone itself. All is not as it seems in Yellowstone country—where people are far wilder than the park's animals, danger lurks around every bend of the trail, and passions between Annie and Will climb as high as the snow-capped peaks. **PB \$19.95**

Paul Christopher

The Sword of the Templars

When West Point instructor John Holliday discovers a mysterious medieval sword among his late uncle's possessions, he is drawn into a war that has been fought for centuries involving the legendary Knights Templar and ruthless opponents who are willing to die for their cause. **PB \$19.95**

Philippe Claudel

Brodeck

Reminiscent of the works of Kafka and Coetzee, this mesmerizing novel is a powerful and moving exploration of a stranger who incites frenzy in a complacent town.

Forced into a brutal concentration camp during a great war, Brodeck returns to his village at the war's end and takes up his old job of writing reports for a governmental bureau. One day a stranger comes to live in the village. His odd manner and habits arouse suspicions: his speech is formal, he takes long, solitary walks, and although he is unfailingly friendly and polite, he reveals nothing about himself. When the stranger produces drawings of the village and its inhabitants that are both unflattering and insightful, the villagers murder him. The authorities who witnessed the killing tell Brodeck to write a report that is essentially a whitewash of the incident.

As Brodeck writes the official account, he sets down his version of the truth in a separate, parallel narrative. In measured, evocative prose, he weaves into the story of the stranger his own painful history and the dark secrets the villagers vigilantly keep hidden. **HC \$52.95**

Rory Clements

Martyr

England is close to war. Within days the axe could fall on the neck of Mary Queen of Scots, and Spain is already gathering a battle fleet to avenge her. Tensions in Elizabeth I's government are at breaking point. At the eye of the storm is John Shakespeare, chief intelligencer in the secret service of Sir Francis Walsingham. When an intercept reveals a plot to assassinate England's sea dragon, Francis Drake, Shakespeare is ordered to protect him. With Drake on land fitting out his ships, he is frighteningly vulnerable. If he dies, England will be open to invasion. In a London rife with rumour, Shakespeare must decide which leads to follow, which to ignore. When a high-born young woman is found mutilated and murdered at an illicit printing house, it is political gunpowder and he has no option but to investigate. But why is Shakespeare shadowed at every turn by the brutal Richard Topcliffe, the blood-drenched priest-hunter who claims intimacy with Queen Elizabeth herself? What is Topcliffe's interest in a housemaid, whose baby has been stolen? And where do two fugitive Jesuit priests fit into the puzzle, one happy to die for God, the other to kill for Him? From the splendour and intrigue of the royal court, to the sleek warships of Her Majesty's Navy and the teeming brothels of Southwark, Shakespeare soon learns that nothing is as it seems . . . **TP \$32.99**

Barbara Cleverly

Folly du Jour

Rushing to the aid of an old friend who has been wrongly accused of murder, Detective Joe Sandilands receives unlikely help from a self-conscious usherette who guides her through the notorious Paris Music Hall in search of answers. **TP \$28.95**

Sheila Connolly

Rotten to the Core (Orchard Mystery)

When the dead body of a local organic-farming enthusiast is found in her springhouse with traces of pesticide poisoning, orchard owner Meg Corey discovers that there is more than one bad apple in the bunch as she tries to clear her name. **PB \$17.95**

Thomas H Cook

The Fate of Katherine Carr

George Gates used to be a travel writer who specialized in places where people disappeared—Judge Crater, the Lost Colony. Then his eight-year-old son was murdered, the killer never found, and Gates gave up disappearance. Now he writes stories of redemptive triviality about flower festivals and local celebrities for the town paper, and spends his evenings haunted by the image of his son's last day.

Enter Arlo MacBride, a retired missing-persons detective still obsessed with the unsolved case of Katherine Carr. When he gives Gates the story she left behind—a story of a man stalking a woman named Katherine Carr—Gates too is drawn inexorably into a search for the missing author's brief life and uncertain fate. And as he goes deeper, he begins to suspect that her tale holds the key not only to her fate, but to his own. **HC \$51.95**

Rick Copp

Fingerprints and Facelifts (LA Dolls)

Three well-accessorized female detectives come out of retirement when an enemy from their past begins targeting their children, and they discover that, despite danger and their inability to get back into their old bikinis, they still have what it takes to close the case. **PB \$17.95**

Patricia Cornwell

All that Remains (Scarpetta)

In Richmond, Virginia, young lovers are dying. So far, four couples in the area have disappeared, only to be found months later as mutilated corpses. When the daughter of the president's newest drug czar vanishes along with her boyfriend, Dr. Kay Scarpetta knows time is short. Following a macabre trail of evidence that ties the present homicides to a grisly crime in the past, Kay must draw upon her own personal resources to track down a murderer who is as skilled at eliminating clues as Kay is at finding them.... **PB \$21.95**

Catherine Coulter

TailSpin

Agents Savich and Sherlock travel to the Kentucky mountains to discern the fates of a missing special agent and a doctor who is being protected by the FBI, only to find the case further complicated by a young woman on the run and the doctor's mental deterioration. **PB \$19.95**

Harold Coyle

Rapiers and Goose Quills

Nathan Dixon, a mid-career Army officer, discovers just how different the Army that he has dedicated his life to will look in the future when he is assigned the task of investigating a friendly fire incident involving a rogue unmanned ground combat vehicle, or UGV. This is no easy task for an officer that has yet to learn how to deal with the self interests that a project such as the UGV program is capable of creating. In addition to working with the commanding officer of the unit testing the UGVs, a man determined to save his career, and dealing with the civilian contractor charged with seeing that the UGVs his company is building succeeds no matter what, Dixon must not only find out what happened but who, if anyone, was responsible for the sequence of events that caused the incident. **HC \$52.95**

Adam Creed

Suffer the Children

London. A city where no-one feels safe and one man's crime is another man's justice.

A paedophile is brutally murdered in his own home, and to protect other known offenders the police must haul the families of their victims down to the station for questioning. It's just another day in the life of D.I. Will Wagstaffe; better known to friends and enemies alike as Staffe.

In this case nothing is simple, least of all Staffe's personal life. There's heartache from Sylvie, his estranged lover, and the dark shadow of Jessop, his ex-partner and mentor. And as he digs for answers into the grime of the city there's also pressure from his boss and the newspapers who are gunning for him.

Everywhere he turns the boundaries between right and wrong have been blurred but the main question remains: just how far would you go to protect your children? **TP \$29.99**

Deborah Crombie

Where Memories Lie

When her friend Erika explains that a piece of jewelry that had been stolen from her years earlier may be tied to her husband's suspicious death, Detective Inspector Gemma James investigates the piece's appearance at a prestigious London auction house. **PB \$19.95**

Clive Cussler

Cyclops

Dirk Pitt doesn't go looking for adventure: it finds him easily enough. His chance witnessing of an airship disaster - which nearly kills him - and subsequent discovery of the gruesome fate of the crew sets in motion the most nail-biting chain of events of his career. The hijacking on a golf course of one of the world's most powerful leaders; an exotic but outrageous undercover operation in the Caribbean; the sinister intrigue of a secret power base on the moon...Pitt's considerable resources and guile are about to be tested to the limit. But when he finds a trail leading towards a fabulous treasure hidden fathoms deep in the ocean, Pitt realises he is on to something very special indeed. For somewhere in the raging waters lies the legendary lost lady of El Dorado, the golden prize that had already lured thousands to their graves... **PB \$19.99**

Deep Six

For the President of the United States, the crisis point is approaching fast. With his new Soviet initiative entering its most crucial phase, the President suddenly finds himself faced with a pollution disaster of potentially cataclysmic proportions. And then - incredibly - he vanishes into thin air, leaving his country poised on the brink of chaos. It's left to troubleshooter extraordinaire Dirk Pitt to hotwire the connections between these two shattering events. From the icy Alaskan waters to a Korean shipbreaker's yard; from a Caribbean shipwreck to a blazing inferno in the Mississippi Delta, he tracks down a conspiracy so fiendish and sophisticated that even the superpowers are helpless in its grip. **APB \$19.99**

Sahara

Stranded in the Sahara desert, Dirk Pitt and his friends uncover the truth about the fate of 1930s aviator Kitty Mannoock and the secret behind Lincoln's assassination. **APB \$21.95**

Jeffrey Deaver

Roadside Crosses (Kathryn Dance 02)

An innocent posting in a blog about a tragic car crash prompts cyberbullies to mount a vicious attack against a troubled teenager. Pushed over the brink, he seeks revenge against fellow classmates and local citizens, planting roadside crosses to mark their deaths as a prelude to his carnage. Body language expert Kathryn Dance must race against the clock to stop the boy before he completes his horrifying plans for revenge. **TP \$32.99**

Bodies Left Behind

A distant lake house in Wisconsin. A call to police emergency is cut short. A phone glitch or something more sinister? Off-duty deputy Brynn McKenzie goes to find out. And stumbles onto the scene of a murder. Before she can call for backup, she finds herself the next potential victim. Deprived of her phone, weapon and car, Brynn flees, along with the only survivor of the crime. These unlikely allies can survive only by escaping into the dense, deserted woods, on a desperate trek to safety. And ultimately to a life or death choice. Flight. Or fight? **APB \$19.99**

Bone Collector

New York City is thrown into chaos by the assaults of the Bone Collector, a serial kidnapper and killer who gives the police a chance to save his victims from death by leaving obscure clues. The cops go to Lincoln Rhyme, an ex-NYPD forensics expert left paralysed after an accident on the job. Rhyme reluctantly postpones his ambitions towards suicide and puts together a forensic investigation team, enlisting as his eyes and ears young police officer Amelia Sachs. Rhyme digs deep into the only world he has left - his astonishing mind - and slowly begins to narrow the noose around the Bone Collector. But the kidnapper is narrowing his own noose - around Lincoln Rhyme. **APB \$19.99**

Coffin Dancer

The Coffin Dancer, America's most wanted hit man, is back. He's been hired by an airline owner who wants three witnesses taken care of before his trial, and has got the first, a pilot, by blowing up his entire plane. Enter quadriplegic ex-cop Lincoln Rhyme, who can find forensic evidence to hang a man in the smallest debris, and his assistant Amelia Sachs. Their job is to keep the remaining two witnesses safe, and to find the Coffin Dancer before he finds them. Because he will find them, and anyone else who tries to get in his way. **APB \$19.99**

Empty Chair

Lincoln Rhyme has travelled to a world-famous spinal cord injuries center in North Carolina for some risky, experimental surgery. It may make him a tiny bit better, it may kill him. But before he has a chance to undergo it, the local police department are drafting in Rhyme and Amelia, using their forensic skills to help find two women kidnapped by a psychotic young man known locally as the Insect Boy. After a cat and mouse game through the abandoned swamps of North Carolina, Lincoln and Amelia manage to find him - then Amelia, convinced of his innocence, breaks the boy out of jail. And Lincoln has to find them both, while Amelia uses all the skills her mentor and lover has taught her to evade him. Her actions are to have more disastrous consequences than either of them anticipate... **APB \$19.99**

Matthew Dicks*Something Missing*

A career criminal with OCD tendencies and a savant-like genius for bringing order to his crime scenes, Martin considers himself one of the best in the biz. After all, he's been able to steal from the same people for years on end—virtually undetected. Of course, this could also be attributed to his unique business model—he takes only items that will go unnoticed by the homeowner. After all, who in their right mind would miss a roll of toilet paper here, a half-used bottle of maple syrup there, or even a rarely used piece of china buried deep within a dusty cabinet?

Even though he's never met these homeowners, he's spent hours in their houses, looking through their photo albums and reading their journals. In essence, Martin has developed a friendship of sorts with them and as such, he decides to interfere more in their lives—playing the part of a rather odd guardian angel—even though it means breaking many of his twitchy neurotic rules.

Along the way Martin not only improves the lives of others, but he also discovers love and finds that his own life is much better lived on the edge (at least some of the time) in this hilarious, suspenseful and often profound novel about a man used to planning every second of his life, suddenly forced to confront chaos and spontaneity. **TP \$28.95**

P C Doherty*The Magician's Death (Hugh Corbett Medieval Mystery)*

Scholars conven at Corfe Castle, to crack the code of Roger Bacon's Book of Secrets. When murder and mayhem ensue, Sir Hugh Corbett must thread through a maze of mystery while trying to unlock Bacon's great secrets. **HC \$51.95**

Harry Dolan*Bad Things Happen*

The man who calls himself David Loogan is leading a quiet, anonymous life in the college town of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He's hoping to escape a violent past he would rather forget. But his solitude is broken when he finds himself drawn into a friendship with Tom Kristoll, the publisher of the mystery magazine Gray Streets and into an affair with Laura, Tom's sleek blond wife

Elizabeth Waishkey is a single mother. She's also the most talented detective in the Ann Arbor Police Department. But when Tom Kristoll turns up dead, she doesn't know quite what to make of David Loogan. Is he a killer, or an ally who might help her discover the truth? Loogan suspects his friend's death is part of a much larger puzzle, and he's not going to wait for someone else to put the pieces together.

As Loogan and Elizabeth navigate their way through Kristoll's world, they find no shortage of people with motives for murder, from a young graduate student obsessed with Laura Kristoll to a trio of bestselling writers, all of them with secrets they don't want uncovered. But as the deaths start mounting up - some of them echoing stories published in Gray Streets - Loogan begins to look more and more like the most promising suspect.

Soon it becomes clear that only Elizabeth can find the path to solving both the murders and the mystery of Loogan himself. **HC \$51.95**

Carole Nelson Douglas*Cat in a Sapphire Slipper (Midnight Louie 20)*

PR honcho Temple Barr's romance novelist aunt Kit has wound up in a romantic plot of her own. She's snagged one of the most eligible bachelors on the Strip, one of the elder Fontana brothers, a silver-tongued reputed ex-mobster with a heart of gold. There is to be a wedding...and where there is a wedding there is usually a bachelor party. Things go disastrously wrong when the entire party is hijacked and taken to a remote ranch out in the Nevada desert, a place where the women are wild and the sex is legal. And among the group? None other than Temple's own Matt, an ex-priest.

Truly a fish out of water, he soon comes upon a beautiful young woman who is quite naked and most thoroughly dead. Given the remoteness of the location with very few suspects on hand (plus the Fontanas' shady reputation) this could be a very bad thing indeed.

And Louie? Well, he managed to go along for the ride and once again it's up to that big old tomcat to bail out his humans and save the day. Cat in a Sapphire Slipper is a fast-paced, racy mystery with a loveable cast of characters and one terrific tough dude to keep them all in line. **APB \$19.95**

Jack Drummond*Avalanche*

NOTHING CAN STOP IT Every year thousands flock to the exclusive ski resort of Hauts des Aigles to watch the Race du Diable - the most exciting and dangerous downhill race in the world. This year six champions will compete for the prize - a rare diamond worth \$12 million, donated by a mysterious Russian billionaire. NO ONE CAN STAND IN ITS PATH But it is not only the six racers who will risk their lives in the coming days. Caught up in their own secret plots and passions, visitors and townsfolk alike are oblivious to the silent killer waiting for them in the mountains. When the avalanche comes, only three things can save them. Fate. Courage. And the will to live. WHO WILL SURVIVE? **APB \$19.99**

Kjell Eriksson*The Demon of Dakar*

A follow-up to The Cruel Stars of the Night by the Swedish Crime Academy Award winner for Best Crime Novel finds Inspector Ann Lindell racing against time to solve a murder investigation involving a man who may have retaliated against a restaurant owner who caused the downfall of two brothers. **TP \$28.95**

Janet Evanovich*Finger Lickin' Fifteen (Stephanie Plum 15)*

When Lula witnesses celebrity chef Stanley Chipotle literally losing his head, she and Stephanie must find the killer before Lula becomes the next victim, while Ranger asks for Stephanie's help to find out who is leaking client information from within his company. **HC \$56.95**

Bill Evans & Marianna Jameson*Frozen Fire*

In the aftermath of a billionaire's attempt to tap resources under the Atlantic ocean and a retaliatory act of eco-terrorism on the planet, the billionaire's security chief, who is under suspicion for the terror attack, and scientist Sam Briscoe team up to seal an ocean-floor break that is releasing toxic gas and threatening all life on the planet. **HC \$51.95**

Linda Fairstein*The Kills*

Paige Vallis claimed that she gave in to Tripping's sexual demands because he had threatened to harm his son if she didn't. Alexandra Cooper, prosecuting the ex-CIA man, knew she had her work cut out to convince the jury, but before Paige could complete her testimony on the stand she is found dead - strangled in her own apartment building, just hours after she'd confessed to Alex that she had had a relationship with another ex-CIA operative. While the accusation of rape against Tripping is dropped, he has other charges to face, not least abusing his own child. As Tripping's defence team go into overdrive to keep their client out of jail, Alex, Chapman and Mercer set out to discover who so conveniently killed the woman who could have put him behind bars. As they peel back the layers of Paige's life, they discover a decades-old viper's nest of robbery and double-dealing and discover that truth of the adage of money being at the root of all evil - however old and 'respectable' it might be. **PB \$19.99**

Dan Fesperman

The Arms Maker of Berlin

A ruthless arms billionaire and a disgraced history professor share a terrible secret. Nat Turnbull is dragged abruptly from his quiet academic life when his former mentor, Professor Gordon Wolfe, is arrested for stealing top secret archive documents dating back to the Second World War. Coerced into examining the archives for the FBI, Nat finds intriguing references both to Wolfe's activities in an Allied intelligence office in Switzerland during the war, and to a mysterious student resistance group in Berlin known as the White Rose. Following Wolfe's cryptic clues to Europe, soon Nat is in a desperate race to unlock the truth, before it gets him killed. **TP \$32.99**

Sam Fisher Australian Author

State of Emergency

E-FORCE: Six gifted, super-fit, highly trained individuals

MISSION: Specialist rescue in times of global emergency

The Emergency Force team - including Marine Mark Harrison, Shuttle pilot Michaela Buchanan and Cyber genius Tom Erickson - employs some of the most advanced equipment on the planet: from Mach-10 jets to incredible cybersuits...

And they'll need all that gadgetry for their first mission - to save the life of US Senator Kyle Foreman.

Foreman was giving a speech in LA when two bombs ripped through the Conference Centre. Miraculously Foreman survives - except he's trapped inside, as fires rage and floors collapse. But as E-Force plan their perilous route into the building, so too does The Dragon, the assassin who will let nothing stop his deadly mission... **TP \$32.95**

Shamini Flint

A Most Peculiar Malaysian Murder (Inspector Singh Investigate 01)

Inspector Singh is in a bad mood. He's been sent from his home in Singapore to Kuala Lumpur to solve a murder that has him stumped. Chelsea Liew - the famous Singaporean model - is on death row for the murder of her ex-husband. She swears she didn't do it, he thinks she didn't do it, but no matter how hard he tries to get to the bottom of things, he still arrives back at the same place - that Chelsea's husband was shot at point blank range, and that Chelsea had the best motivation to pull the trigger: he was taking her kids away from her. Now Inspector Singh must pull out all the stops to crack a crime that could potentially free a beautiful and innocent woman and reunite a mother with her children. There's just one problem - the Malaysian police refuse to play ball. **PB \$22.99**

Vince Flynn

Separation of Power (Mitch Rapp)

CIA superagent Mitch Rapp is back in action in Vince Flynn's high-velocity New York Times bestseller.

Newly appointed CIA director Dr. Irene Kennedy is the target of an inside plot to destroy her and prematurely end the American President's term. To make matters worse, Saddam Hussein is close to entering the nuclear arms race -- something Israel has vowed to stop. With the haunting specter of World War III looming, the President calls on his secret weapon: top counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp. But with only two weeks to take out the nukes, Rapp is up against a ticking clock -- and impossible odds. **PB \$21.95**

Clyde W Ford

Whiskey Gulf

A sailboat fails to arrive at its next port of call after crossing into a "live-fire" naval exercise area just north of the border known as "Whiskey Gulf." Charlie Noble is asked to investigate why the sailboat went missing, and what happened to the couple aboard. But Noble runs into a wall of secrecy erected by the American and Canadian governments, and into troubling questions about the real identity of the couple involved.

Ultimately, he and his partner, Raven, set sail on the Noble Lady in a case that leads them up the Inside Passage to the remote coast of British Columbia. There, they discover a hidden cove, which harbors answers about what really happened in Whiskey Gulf. But first they must survive a vicious attack in order to return with the truth. Set in the stunning wilderness of coastal British Columbia, Whiskey Gulf is a story about unearthing secrets from the past that others would rather remain concealed forever. **HC \$51.95**

Anthea Fraser

Thicker Than Water

An intriguing mystery from this popular author - James Markham jilts his fiancée for a woman about whom he appears to know very little. Callum Firbank has always been evasive about his childhood, and his wife realises she knows little about her husband's upbringing or family. Jill Irving has everything she could wish for, but she, too, has secrets in her past. What links these three very different people, and who is the mysterious stranger whose appearance in their lives seems to cause such terror? **HC \$58.95**

Tana French

Likeness

Detective Cassie Maddox is still trying to deal with the events of *In the Woods*. She is out of the Murder Squad and has started a relationship with fellow detective Sam O'Neill but is too badly shaken to commit to Sam or to her career. Then Sam is allocated a new case, that of a young woman stabbed to death just outside Dublin. He calls Cassie to the murder scene and she finds the victim is strangely familiar. In fact, she is Cassie's double. Not only that, but her ID says she is Lexie Madison the identity Cassie used, years ago, as an undercover detective. With no leads, no suspects and no clues, Cassie's old undercover boss spots the opportunity of a lifetime: to send Cassie undercover in the dead girl's place. She could pick up information the police would never hear and tempt the killer to finish the job. So Cassie moves into Whitethorn House, poses as a post-grad student, and prepares to enter Lexie's world. **APB \$19.99**

James W Fuerst

Huge

12-yr Eugene "Huge" Smalls is short, mean, angry, and brilliant, characteristics which win him no friends, but he is also an amateur sleuth with his first real case, which leads him to believe life might be better if he did not imagine himself a character in a Raymond Chandler novel. **TP \$28.95**

Alan Furst

Dark Star

Andre Szara, survivor of the Polish pogroms and the Russian civil wars, is a journalist working for Pravda in 1937. War in Europe is already underway and Szara is co-opted to join the NKVD, the Soviet secret intelligence agency. He does his best to survive the tango of pre-war politics by calmly obeying orders and keeping his nose clean. But when he is sent to retrieve a battered briefcase the plot thickens and is drawn into even more complex intrigues. Szara becomes a full-time spymaster and as deputy director of a Paris network, he finds his own star rising when he recruits an agent in Berlin who can supply crucial information. DARK STAR captures not only the intrigue and danger of clandestine life but the day-to-day reality of what Soviet operatives call special work. **BPB \$22.99**

Alan Furst

Night Soldiers

Bulgaria, 1934. A young man is murdered by the local fascists. His brother, Khristo Stoianev, is recruited into the NKVD, the Soviet secret intelligence service and sent to Spain to serve in its civil war. Warned that he is about to become a victim of Stalin's purges, Khristo flees to Paris. NIGHT SOLDIERS masterfully re-creates the European world of 1934-45: the struggle between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia for Eastern Europe, the last desperate gaiety of the beau monde in 1937 Paris and guerrilla operations with the French underground in 1944. NIGHT SOLDIERS is a scrupulously researched panoramic novel, a work on a grand scale. **BPB \$22.99**

Red Gold

Set in the underworld of Paris in 1941. Reluctant spy Jean Casson returns to occupied Paris under a new identity. He is wanted by the Gestapo therefore must stay away from the civilised circles he knew as a film producer and learn to survive in the shadowy backstreets and cheap hotels of Pigalle. Yet as the war drags on, he finds himself drawn back into the dangerous world of resistance and sabotage... **BPB \$22.99**

The Spies of Warsaw

An Autumn evening in 1937. A German engineer arrives at the Warsaw railway station. Tonight, he will be with his Polish mistress; tomorrow, at a workers' bar in the city's factory district, he will meet with the military attache from the French embassy. Information will be exchanged for money. So begins THE SPIES OF WARSAW, with war coming to Europe and French and German operatives locked in a life-and-death struggle on the espionage battlefield. At the French embassy, the new military attache, Colonel Jean-Francois Mercier, a decorated hero of the 1914 war, is drawn in to a world of abduction, betrayal and intrigue in the diplomatic salons and back alleys of Warsaw. At the same time, the handsome aristocrat finds himself in a passionate love affair with a Parisian woman of Polish heritage, a lawyer for the League of Nations. Colonel Mercier must work in the shadows, amidst an extraordinary cast of venal and dangerous characters - Colonel Anton Vyborg of Polish military intelligence, last seen in Furst's THE POLISH OFFICER; the mysterious and sophisticated Doctor Lapp, senior German Abwehr officer in Warsaw; Malka and Viktor Rozen, at work for the Russian secret service; and Mercier's brutal and vindictive opponent, Major August Voss of SS counterintelligence. And there are many more, some known to Mercier as spies, some never to be revealed. **BPB \$22.99**

World At Night

Paris 1940. The civilised, upper-class life of film producer Jean Casson ends with the German occupation of the city. Out of money and almost out of luck, Casson attempts to work with a German film company but finds himself drawn into the dark world of espionage and double agents. More used to evading jealous husbands than the secret police, Casson becomes a reluctant spy, torn between honour, patriotism, love and survival. **BPB \$22.99**

Luiz Alfredo Garcia-Roza

Alone in the Crowd (Inspector Espinosa Mystery)

Inspector Espinosa unwittingly ignites the obsessions of a menacing misanthrope in the latest from the highly acclaimed mystery author. An elderly lady approaches the front desk at the Twelfth Precinct in Copacabana and demands to speak with the chief. Tired after a long day, she leaves without further explanation, promising to return. Two hours later, Doña Laureta is dead, and witnesses' accounts vary as to whether she was pushed or fell in front of the bus that killed her on one of the busiest avenues in the city. Veteran police chief inspector Espinosa quickly pinpoints a suspect in Hugo Breno, an unassuming bank teller whose solitary existence takes on a sinister cast as he shadows the inspector's movements across the city. Meanwhile Espinosa discovers an unsettling connection from the past between himself and Breno, and must turn his trademark psychological inquiry inward to determine how murky memories of a murder from long ago might play into Doña Laureta's untimely passing. Chilling and ultimately heart-stopping, Alone in the Crowd presents Espinosa as we have never seen him before, the man of detached expertise and calm self-assurance entangled in a mystery where reason alone will not suffice. **HC \$47.95**

Blackout (Inspector Espinosa Mystery)

With no witnesses and no weapon, it seems like the case of the one-legged homeless man found lying in a cul-de-sac on São João Hill, shot through the heart, will remain unsolved. But Chief Inspector Espinosa can't shake thoughts of the hapless victim--who would target a penniless man who posed no physical threat? Focusing his incisive mind and his usual unhurried inquiry on a group of wealthy guests who dined at a nearby mansion on the rainy night of the murder, Espinosa interrogates his way into the lives of his suspects, exposing lies, cover-ups--and another murder. **TP \$30.95**

Lisa Gardner

The Neighbour

It was a case guaranteed to spark a media feeding frenzy - a young mother, blonde and pretty, disappears without trace from her South Boston home, leaving behind her four-year-old daughter as the only witness and her handsome, secretive husband as the prime suspect. But from the moment Detective Sergeant D.D Warren arrives at the Jones' snug little bungalow, she senses something off about the picture of wholesome normality the couple worked so hard to create. On the surface, Jason and Sandra Jones are like any other hardworking young couple raising a child. But just under the surface things grow murkier. With the clock ticking on the life of a missing woman and the media firestorm building, Jason Jones seems more intent on destroying evidence and isolating his daughter than on searching for his beloved wife. Is the perfect husband trying to hide his guilt - or just trying to hide? And will the only witness to the crime be the killer's next victim? **TP \$32.99**

Kip Gayden

Miscarraige of Justice

Annie Dotson and her husband, Dr. Walter Dotson, are the pillars of Nashville society. Their reputation is irreproachable, until Walter discovers his wife has been having an affair with Charlie Cobb, a married man. The situation escalates into a cold-blooded, mid-afternoon murder at the barber shop where Cobb works. A fatal shot is fired in front of numerous witnesses and the murderer is taken into custody. But who killed who? Did Annie's husband shoot her lover, or the other way around? Was it her over-protective brother who took the law into his own hands? Or maybe it was Annie herself. The murderer refuses to speak a word, until a reporter from the Tennessean arrives at the police station and takes a full confession that is published on the front page. The trial will reveal more than a few dark secrets and the verdict is shocking - ripped from the headlines of the Tennessean, March 16, 1913. **BPB \$22.99**

Leah Giarratano *Australian Author*

Black Ice

Detective Sergeant Jill Jackson is working undercover in Sydney's murky drug world. Living in a run down flat and making unlikely friends Jill sees first hand what devastation the illegal drugs scene can wreak.

Jill's sister Cassie has a new boyfriend Christian Worthington. Like her, he is one of the beautiful people of Sydney, rich, good looking, great job, great car and seen in all the right places. He is a high flying lawyer doing pro bono work to keep a drug dealer out of gaol. He is also Cassie's supplier, keeping her supplied with cocaine and ice. When Cassie overdoses and is dumped at the hospital her life begins to spiral out of control.

Seren Templeton is just out of Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre. Two years in gaol away from her son for something she didn't do. And now she is ready to get her revenge on the man responsible. Things start to go awry when these worlds collide and Jill and Cassie meet on opposite sides of the law.

As with her previous two Jill Jackson novels, psychologist Leah Giarratano writes with disturbing insight into the criminal mind. A taut and suspenseful read from one of Australia's new breed of crime writers. **TP \$32.95**

Vodka Doesn't Freeze

When a middle-aged man is brutally murdered in the dunes overlooking a children's pool, it's immediately clear to Sergeant Jill Jackson that this was no ordinary victim: someone has stopped a dangerous paedophile in his tracks. Knowing first-hand the impact of such men on their prey, Jill is ambivalent about pursuing the killer, but when more men die - all known to police as child sex offenders - she is forced to face the fact that a serial killer is on the loose.

As the investigation deepens, Jill unearths a long-established Sydney paedophile ring - a club of wealthy men who have thought until now that that they are untouchable. Despite the deaths of some of its members, the club is still operating and until Jill can shut it down, children are still in grave danger. As she faces predators and their victims, a psychotherapist losing her mind, and her own nightmares come to life, Jill is forced to decide whether or not she really wants to catch this killer. **BPB \$24.95**

Voodoo Doll **BPB \$24.95**

John Gilstrap

No Mercy

When the rescue mission of an abducted college student goes horribly wrong, resulting in a deadly shooting spree, Jonathan Grave, a freelance specialist in covert rescues, goes up against a faceless enemy who will stop at nothing--not even killing the people Jonathan loves most--to hide the truth. **PB \$17.95**

Robert Gleason, Gary Jennings & Junius Podrug

Aztec Fire

Juan Rios comes from a long line of Aztec warriors. Slave to a Spanish gun-maker, he becomes the finest gunsmith and sharpshooter in colonial Mexico. But Juan has a secret life as the revolucion's #1 gun-runner.

Juan falls for the beautiful Maria, a beautiful writer and fearless revolucionaria whose dream of freedom is a liability for them both. The hHard-drinking, womanizing, con-man Luis becomes their last hope against the rack, the stake, and the blood-stained torture dungeons of the Inquisition.

Aztec Fire sweeps readers on a perilous journey from the fabled ruins of ancient Tula to the slave-labor galleons of "the Manila Run" to a South Seas jungle island teeming with crocodiles, snakes, and blood-crazed cannibals. When Juan and his friends finally reach home, they find their country in flames, struggling against its hated Spanish oppressors. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Goddard

Name to A Face

A centuries old mystery is about to unravel...

When Tim Harding is sent by his employer to buy an antique ring at auction, little does he realize that he is about to restart a chain of events which began many years before. The ring was first lost in a sinking off the isles of Scilly in 1707. When centuries later it is rediscovered in 1999, once again its appearance coincides with a terrible tragedy.

But before it can be sold, the ring is stolen and looks set to disappear forever. Until a shocking murder draws attention to a sequence of events designed to conceal crucial facts about its origins. At the heart of the mystery is a young woman whom Harding is certain he recognizes, even though they have never met before. As he goes in search of her identity, his life begins to unravel around him. Somewhere, a perilous truth about the ring awaits him, coupled with a dreadful realization: those who uncover the truth are not allowed to live... **TP \$24.95**

Lee Goldberg

Mr Monk and the Dirty Cop (Monk)

When obsessive-compulsive detective Adrian Monk is let go after the latest round of budget cuts, he will not stop investigating, even without pay, especially when Captain Leland Stottlemeyer is framed for the murder of another cop. **HC \$47.95**

Lawrence Goldstone

The Anatomy of Deception

Philadelphia, 1889

In the morgue of the city hospital, physicians uncover the corpse of a beautiful young woman. What they see takes their breath away.

Within days, one of the surgeons, Ephraim Carroll, strongly suspects that he knows the woman's identity. His investigations take him from the bloody and brutal medical world in which he practices and into the drawing rooms of Philadelphia's high society where he soon learns that nothing - and no one - is what they seem.

Plunged into a maze of deception and deadly secrets, Carroll is forced to choose between exposing a killer, undoing a terrible wrong, and, quite possibly, protecting the future of medicine itself. Set in a world in which aspirin had not been invented, abortion was illegal, and pregnancy could result in agonising death, *The Anatomy of Deception* is an intriguing and richly atmospheric blend of history, early forensic science and knife-edge suspense. **BPB \$24.95**

Ed Gorman

The Midnight Room

A burglar plays a dangerous game when he decides to blackmail Dr. Olson, a serial killer who is good with a scalpel, after seeing Olson's private movies in which he abducted and brutally murdered several girls. From an International Horror Guild award winner and nominee of the Edgar and Stoker awards. **PB \$19.95**

Chris Grabenstein

Mind Scrambler (John Ceepak Mystery)

John Ceepak and Danny Boyle are making the rounds in Atlantic City when Danny runs into his former crush, Katie. She's working for a magician named Rock, and her life seems to be in better order than Boyle could have hoped for. But Ceepak and Boyle soon find themselves on another case when Katie is found strangled to death. It is up to Ceepak and Boyle to find out who killed her and lives depend on it. **HC \$51.95**

Samantha Graves

The Legend of the Crystal Lens

Tomb raider Simon Bonner wants out of the looting game...until a mysterious crystal lens lands on his doorstep. Legend has it that this lens holds the key to the archives of man - a Mexican tomb that explains the root of all knowledge. There s just one problem - he doesn't know how to use it. Museum curator Jillian Talbot's ability to see an object's history is her secret, so when Simon approaches her, she finds it hard to believe that she's the seer of legend - that only she can unlock the mystery behind the crystal lens. Journeying into the jungles of Mexico, with evil crooks hot on their tail and a growing passion between them, every move for Jillian and Simon becomes a terrifying dance with danger. **APB \$19.99**

George Dawes Green

Ravens

The Boatwrights just won 318 million dollars in the Georgia State lottery. It's going to be the worst day of their lives.

When Shaw McBride and Romeo Zderko pull up at a convenience store off I-95 in Georgia, their only thought is to fix a leaky tire and be on their way again to Florida-away from their dull Ohio tech-support jobs. But this happens to be the store from which a 318,000,000 million dollar Jackpot ticket has just been sold -- and when a pretty clerk accidentally reveals to Shaw the identity of the winning family, he hatches a ferociously audacious scheme: He and Romeo will squeeze the family for half their prize.

That night, he visits the Boatwright home and takes the family hostage, while Romeo patrols the streets nearby, prepared to murder the Boatwrights' loved ones at any sign of resistance. At first, the family offers none. But Shaw's plot depends on maintaining constant fear-merciless, unfaltering terror-and soon, under the pressure, everyone's sanity begins to unravel . . . At once frightening, comic, and suspenseful, **RAVENS** is a wholly original and utterly compelling novel from one of our most talented writers. **HC \$51.95**

Carolyn Haines

Greedy Bones (Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery)

Sarah Booth Delaney, a Southern belle known for abiding by tradition only when it suits her, is no stranger to drama. A talented actress and a P.I., she's chosen to pursue a career in Hollywood when she hears that her best friend's husband is suddenly on his deathbed back home in Mississippi--and he's not the only one. The vicious illness begins with burning fevers and delirium, quickly plunging its victims into a coma. The Centers for Disease Control is on the scene, but they can't find a cure for it or the boll weevils that are decimating Sunflower County's cotton crop. With patients in quarantine and the whole town in crisis, Sarah drops everything to stop the outbreak and save the only place she's ever been able to call home.

From feuding scientists to ailing locals, there is no shortage of bad blood coursing through the little town of Zinnia, Mississippi, as Carolyn Haines's often steamy and always charming series turns equally intense in **Greedy Bones**. **HC \$51.95**

Thomas Harris

Hannibal (Hannibal Lector)

Seven years have passed since Dr Hannibal Lecter escaped from custody, seven years since FBI Special Agent Clarice Starling interviewed him in a maximum security hospital for the criminally insane. The doctor is still at large, but Starling has never forgotten her encounters with Dr Lecter, and the metallic rasp of his seldom-used voice still sounds in her dreams. **BPB \$24.95**

Hannibal Rising (Hannibal Lector)

Hannibal Lecter emerges from the nightmare of the Eastern Front, a boy in the snow, mute, with a chain around his neck. He seems utterly alone, but he has brought his demons with him.

Hannibal's uncle, a noted painter, finds him in a Soviet orphanage and brings him to France, where Hannibal will live with his uncle and his uncle's beautiful and exotic wife, Lady Murasaki.

Lady Murasaki helps Hannibal to heal. With her help he flourishes, becoming the youngest person ever admitted to medical school in France. But Hannibal's demons visit him and torment him. When he is old enough, he visits them in turn. He discovers he has gifts beyond the academic, and in that epiphany, Hannibal Lecter becomes death's prodigy. **BPB \$24.95**

Red Dragon (Hannibal Lector)

Sexual hunger; demonic violence; sinister logic - the lethal components of a deadly formula driving a psychopath in the grip of an unimaginable delusion; a boastful killer who sends the police tormenting notes; a tortured, torturing monster who finds ultimate pleasure in viciously murdering happy families, and calls himself. . . The Red Dragon.

Special agent Will Graham has been assigned to similar cases before, cases where he was able to see and feel WITH the madmen, anticipate their moves and, most terrifying of all, be vulnerable to their horrifying brutality. Now Graham is reluctantly lured out of retirement, to find an opening to the evil mind of the Red Dragon. Red Dragon is quite probably the most suspenseful, utterly compelling thriller ever written. **BPB \$24.95**

The Silence of the Lambs (Hannibal Lector)

An FBI trainee

A psychopath locked up for unspeakable crimes

And a serial killer getting ever closer to his latest victim -

FBI rookie Clarice Starling turns to Dr. Hannibal Lecter, monster cannibal held in a hospital for the criminally insane, for insight into the deadly madman she must find. As Dr. Lecter invites her into the darkest chambers of his mind, he forces her to confront her own childhood demons as the price of understanding, an unspeakable tuition he exacts to teach her how the monster thinks. And time is running out . . . **BPB \$24.95**

Michael Harvey

The Fifth Floor

Private detective Michael Kelly returns in a lightning-paced, intricately woven mystery that links a political cover up in contemporary Chicago to the great Chicago Fire of 1871.

When an old girlfriend hires Kelly to tail her abusive husband, Mike expects trouble of a domestic rather than a historical nature. Life, however, is not so simple. The trail leads to a dead body in an abandoned house on Chicago's North Side and then to places Kelly would rather not go: including City Hall's fabled fifth floor, where the mayor is feeling the heat. Kelly becomes embroiled in a scam that stretches from today's politics back to the night Chicago burned. Along the way, Kelly is framed for murder, before finally facing a killer bent on rewriting history. **TP \$30.95**

James Hayman*The Cutting*

Detective Sergeant Michael McCabe moved from New York City to Portland, Maine, to escape a dark past: both the ex-wife who'd left him for an investment banker, and the tragic death of his brother, a hero cop gone bad. He sought to raise his young daughter away from the violence of the big city . . . so he's unprepared for the horrific killer he discovers, whose bloody trail may lead to Portland's social elite.

Early on a September evening, the mutilated body of a pretty teenaged girl, a high school soccer star, is found dumped in a scrap-metal yard. She had been viciously assaulted, but her heart had been cut out of her chest with surgical precision. The very same day a young businesswoman, also a blonde and an athlete, was abducted as she jogged through the streets of the city's west end. McCabe suspects both crimes are the work of the same man--a killer who's targeting the young--who is clearly well-versed in complex surgical procedures, and who may have struck before. Just as the investigation is beginning, McCabe's ex-wife reemerges, suddenly determined to reclaim the daughter she heedlessly abandoned years earlier.

With the help of his straight-talking (and, at times, alluring) partner, Maggie Savage, McCabe begins a race against time to rescue the missing woman and unmask a sadistic killer--before more lives are lost. **HC \$51.95**

Jack Higgins*Rough Justice*

Sent to Kosovo on a mission, agent Blake Johnson joins forces with British operative Harry Miller to stop a Russian officer in the act of torching a mosque, a lethal action that will have profound repercussions for both agents. **PB \$21.95**

Touch the Devil

If there's such a thing as a grade A terrorist then his name is Frank Barry. His ideology is money and his track record is flawless.

When the Russians want review copies of the latest NATO missile system, Barry's the man to deliver them.

Stopping him will be near enough impossible, but one man knows all the moves. Martin Brosnan is a poet, scholar and trained killer. A graduate of Vietnam and polished in the ranks of the IRA he could be the key to ending Barry's reign.

There's one problem, Brosnan is languishing in a French prison, and only the powerfully persuasive Liam Devlin can get him out and working for British intelligence. **APB \$19.99**

Vicki Hinze*Kill Zone*

Dr. Morgan Cabot—the intuitive psychologist head of a new Secret Assignment Security Specialist corps—moves her unit front and center to combat the latest attack by terrorist and black market intelligence broker Thomas Kunz in this latest captivating thriller. Kunz's target is United States Air Force Captain Jackson Stern, or so Morgan thinks. Could it also be Bruce Stern, Jackson's brother who was recently arrested for murdering his wife Laura? Double-crossing, misinformation, and astonishing plot twists pile up as Morgan tries to determine if Jackson is on the level or working for Thomas, whether Bruce is a murderer or a victim, and exactly what Laura has to do with all of this. **PB \$19.95**

Steve Hockensmith*A Crack in the Line (Holmes on the Range Mystery)*

In 1893, Otto "Big Red" Amlingmeyer and his brother Gustav, "Old Red" find themselves in a situation that they never expected. They have a bit of money and time to do something other than scramble. It's enough to confound even that most unconfoundable of men, their mutual inspiration, Sherlock Holmes.

So Old Red decides that it's time for the for the two of them to head off to the Texas hill country, to San Marcos, and deal with the greatest tragedy of Old Red's life. Five years ago, when Old Red was a cowpoke in San Marcos, he had a sweetheart—a fallen woman at the local house of ill repute. They had made plans but before they made their big move, his fiancée was murdered and the case swept under the rug by the local authorities. Now, Old Red is determined to find out what really happened and to finally find a measure of justice for his beloved. But Big Red and Old Red find themselves facing a wall of silence and in some of the worst situations of their lives: ensnared in a riot at the local cathouse, on the wrong end of a lynching party and perhaps worst of all—having to do the one thing you never want to do in the state of Texas: steal horses. **HC \$51.95**

Linda Howard*Burn*

A work of romantic suspense features psychologically compelling themes that culminate in an unexpected conclusion. **HC \$52.95**

Dorothy Howell*Purses and Poison (Haley Randolph Mystery)*

While subbing for a sick server at a Holt's Department Store luncheon, fashionista Haley Randolph, who can spot a fake Louis Vuitton at fifty paces, is accused of murdering beauty queen Claudia Gray, the ex-girlfriend of her boyfriend and store owner Ty Cameron. **HC \$45.95**

Declan Hughes*All the Dead Voices*

Moving to Dublin to escape his painful past, Private Investigator Ed Loy takes on a new client in Ann Fogarty, who believes a suspect in custody for murdering her father years earlier is the wrong man, a case that is complicated by the death of a rising soccer star **HC \$51.95**

Gregg Hurwitz*Trust No One*

Over the past two decades, Nick Horrigan has built a quiet, safe life for himself, living as much under the radar as possible. But all of that shatters when, in the middle of the night, a SWAT team bursts into his apartment, grabs him and drags him to a waiting helicopter. A terrorist— someone Nick has never heard of—has seized control of a nuclear reactor, threatening to blow it up. And the only person he'll talk to is Nick, promising to tell Nick the truth behind the events that shattered his life twenty years ago.

At seventeen years old, Nick Horrigan made a deadly mistake—one that cost his stepfather his life, endangered his mother, and sent him into hiding for years. Now, what Nick discovers in that nuclear plant leaves him with only two choices—to start running again, or to fight and finally uncover the secrets that have held him hostage all these years. As Nick peels back layer after layer of lies and deception, buffeted between the buried horrors of the past and the deadly intrigues of the present, he finds his own life—and the lives of nearly everyone he loves—at risk. And the only thing guiding him through this deadly labyrinth are his stepfather's dying words: TRUST NO ONE. Acclaimed for years by both critics and his peers as one of the finest thriller writers today, Gregg Hurwitz has lived up to all the accolades and expectations with Trust No One, an electrifying and compelling novel that will be remembered for years to come. **HC \$51.95**

Arnaldur Indridason

Jar City

A man is found murdered in his Reykjavik flat. There are no obvious clues apart from a cryptic note left on the body and a photograph of a young girl's grave. Detective Erlendur is forced to use all the forensic resources available to find any leads at all. Delving into the dead man's life he discovers that forty years ago he was accused of an appalling crime. Did his past come back to haunt him? Finally, Erlendur's search leads him to Iceland's Genetic Research Centre in order to find the disturbing answers to the mystery. This prizewinning international bestseller is the first in a new series of crime novels set in Iceland. **BPB \$24.95**

J A Jance

Damage Control

Feeling overwhelmed by paperwork and the responsibilities of caring for a newborn, Arizona sheriff Joanna Brady struggles with a case involving a woman who shot the wrong man while defending herself from a stalker. **PB \$21.95**

Hand of Evil

APB \$19.99

Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen

Storm Cycle

Rachel Kirby is a computer genius whose personal life is hell. While she continues to climb the corporate ranks, her beloved twin sister is plagued by a chronic illness that will eventually kill her, leaving Rachel all alone.

Serendipity in the form of a mysterious email lands in Rachel's lap one day, but not without a price. Thousands of miles away, archeologist John Tanek sits trapped inside a collapsed Egyptian tomb with a functioning laptop. He knows that Rachel is the only person who can help him, but time is quickly running out. It turns out the collapse was no accident. John has discovered something very valuable in that tomb, something that humankind has been searching for throughout history, something that Rachel could use as it may hold the key to her sister's cure. While Rachel orchestrates his rescue, she soon finds herself trapped in a dangerous web of deceit and murder. Can she put her trust in John Tanek? She'd do anything to save her sister. Will they both live long enough to unravel the ancient mystery they've found inside the tomb? **HC \$54.95**

William W Johnstone & J A Johnstone

Revenge of the Dog Team (Dog Team 03)

In this conclusion to the "Dog Team" trilogy, mysterious operative "Colonel Kilroy" works with American Apache trackers to neutralize Iranian agents coming over the Mexican border, while Captain Steve Ireland finds himself on a train loaded with nerve gas bound for hell. **APB \$17.95**

Daniel Judson

The Water's Edge

Two men have been hanged from the Shinnecock Bridge, their hands severed. Now Jake "Payday" Bechet knows that trouble is coming—for him, and for everyone in this otherwise idyllic Hamptons community...

Murder in Bechet's town can only mean one thing: Someone has betrayed the Castello crime family. Whether it's someone trying to move in on their operation or the cops making their own statement, he cannot say. All he knows is that he wants no part of it. Years ago, Bechet walked away from the Castellos with enough inside information to hold over their heads. To keep safe—and stay alive—he went underground. But today, the crime boss himself know just where to find him.

Jorge Castello makes Bechet an offer he can not refuse: If he can just do this one "favor" for the family, Bechet's betrayal will be forgiven. Now, all Bechet must do is keep his friends close and his enemies closer as he tries to solve the Shinnecock Bridge murder case—before the end of twenty-four hours. Or else all bets are off... **PB \$19.95**

Faye Kellerman

Cold Case

The savage murder of beloved teacher Bennett Little shocked a community and baffled police. That his killer was never caught has haunted one of his pupils in particular, the gifted but shy Genoa Greeves.

Eighteen years later, software billionaire Genoa reads of a similar carjacking and murder in Hollywood. Now able to wield enormous influence, she pressures the LAPD to direct Lieutenant Peter Decker to re-open the case and solve the homicides.

With Decker facing nothing but cold trails and dead leads, he enlists the help of his daughter, Hollywood detective Cindy, as well as Rina, his wife. It's a decision he may come to regret as the line between cops and robbers gets dangerously blurred. Now Decker's cold case is re-awakening treacherous secrets in a city where the price of fame has no limits... **APB \$19.99**

Jack Kerley

Blood Brother

The heat-soaked madness of Alabama's steamy nights are the lifeblood of homicide detective Carson Ryder. His grim past carries a murderous burden that only his laid-back partner Harry Nautilus understands.

They are all that stands between the citizens of the city of Mobile and the deranged killers who breed in the swampy heartlands of the Deep South.

Now a homegrown killer has escaped to the big city - a man who just happens to be Carson Ryder's criminally insane brother. And with a prolific killer now stalking New York City, Ryder finds himself up against it like never before, in his most personal case yet... **APB \$19.99**

Natsuo Kirino

Real World

In a crowded Tokyo suburb, four teenage girls wade indifferently through a hot, smoggy summer. When one of them, Toshi, discovers that her next-door neighbor has been brutally murdered, the girls suspect the neighbor's son. And when he flees, taking Toshi's bike and cell phone with him, the four girls get caught up in a tempest of dangers that rise from within as well as from the world around them. Psychologically intricate, Real World is a searing, eye-opening portrait of teenage life in Japan unlike any we have seen before. **TP \$28.95**

Andrew Klavan

Empire of Lies

Sustained by a deep religious faith, Jason Harrow has built a stable family and become a pillar of principle and patriotism in the Midwest. Then the phone rings, and his past is on the other end of the line. A woman with whom he once shared a life of violence and desire claims her daughter is missing — and Jason is the one man who can find her. Returning to New York City, Jason finds himself entangled in a murderous conspiracy only he can see and only he can stop — a plot that bizarrely links his private passions to the turmoil of a world at war. Hunted by terrorists and by the police, Jason has mere hours to unravel an ex-lover's lies and face the unbearable truth: in order to prevent a savage attack on his country, he's going to have to risk his decency, his sanity, and his life. **TP \$28.95**

J A Konrath*Fuzzy Navel*

Hoping for a break in light of her fiance's recuperation from botulism poisoning and a deadly criminal's suicide, Chicago Police Department lieutenant Jacqueline Daniels finds her life thrown back into turmoil by the activities of a band of murderous vigilantes. **PB \$19.99**

Michael Koryta*Tonight I Said Goodbye (02)*

Crusty old John Weston hires partners Lincoln Perry and Joe Pritchard to investigate both the death of his son, Wayne and the disappearance of Wayne's wife and young daughter. Perry and Pritchard soon determine that Wayne - a PI like themselves - was doing surveillance jobs for Jeremiah Hubbard - 'Cleveland's answer to Donald Trump', - that brought him into contact with Russian mobsters.

The case heats up considerably when the detectives locate a Marine buddy of Wayne's, only for him to be shot by a sniper, dying in front of them. The action quickly shifts to South Carolina, as Perry follows a lead in his search for Wayne's daughter and wife.

When Lincoln finds Julie Weston, she shows him a videotape her husband made of the Russian mobsters committing a murder, and soon they're both in danger when the very same mobsters come looking for the tap . . . **PB \$14.99**

Michael Koryta*Sorrow's Anthem*

Cleveland PI and former police officer Lincoln Perry has always been passionate about his work. But professional devotion becomes obsession when his childhood friend, Ed Gradduk, is accused of killing a woman then setting fire to the house where her body was found.

Still haunted by the circumstances that led to his estrangement from Gradduk, Perry is determined to get to the truth. But Gradduk is murdered before Perry gets anywhere. With the help of his partner, retired cop Joe Pritchard, Perry combs his old neighbourhood for answers, following a winding trail of dirty cops and suspicious fires toward the truth.

Michael Koryta's plot percolates with crisp dialogue that would impress Chandler himself. He demonstrates a gift for creating both sympathetic characters and a fast-moving, twisty plot. **PB \$14.99**

Harley Jane Kozak*Dead Ex*

Wollie Shelley—the endearing, idiosyncratic heroine of the award-winning *Dating Dead Men*, *Dating Is Murder*, and *A Date You Can't Refuse*—returns in a funny murder mystery set in the world of television soaps.

When David Zetrakis, the producer of a popular soap opera, is found shot to death the day after Christmas, Wollie Shelley finds herself caught up in the murder investigation. Zetrakis was one of the many Mr. Wrongs in Wollie's career as a serial dater, and her friend Joey has emerged as the media's prime suspect. A hot-tempered celebrity who had dated Zetrakis and was fired from his show some years ago, Joey has inherited a million-dollar Klimt from him. But Joey is not the only potential suspect. Zetrakis left lots of nice bequests to the cast and crew of the show. And as the dating correspondent on a talk show called *SoapDirt*, Wollie, who's required to dine and dish with the stars, quickly discovers that the behind-the-scenes intrigues of television soaps are as highly charged as the on-screen shenanigans.

When Wollie is not trying to protect Joey from an onslaught of predatory reporters, she's helping her brother make the transition from a mental hospital to a halfway house and negotiating her relationship with Simon, her FBI-agent boyfriend. *Dead Ex* is another full-out romp of a mystery sure to please Kozak's many fans—and win her many new ones, too. **TP \$28.95**

Julie Kramer*Stalking Susan (Riley Spartz)*

Introducing Riley Spartz, a spunky, clever, and endearing investigative reporter on the trail of a serial killer targeting women named Susan, murdering one on the same day each year.

Riley Spartz, TV news reporter for Channel 3 in Minneapolis, is recovering from a heartbreaking, headline-making catastrophe of her own when a longtime police source drops two homicide files in her lap. Both cold cases involve women named Susan strangled on the same day, one year apart. Riley senses a pattern between those murders and others pulled from old death records. She must broadcast a warning soon, especially to viewers named Susan, because the deadly anniversary is fast approaching. **PB \$19.95**

Missing Mark (Stalking Susan sequel)

When Riley Spartz sees a want ad reading "Wedding Dress for Sale: Never Worn," her news instincts tell her the backstory might make an intriguing television sweeps piece.

The groom, Mark, last seen at the rehearsal dinner, never showed up for the wedding, humiliating his bride, Madeline—and her high-strung, high-society mother—in front of 300 guests. His own mother, eager to spare him further embarrassment, waited weeks before filing a missing-person report, and then learned how difficult it is to get police, or the media, interested in missing men.

Now Riley is up against a boss who thinks finding a famed missing fish will net the station higher ratings, a meth cartel trying to assassinate a K-9 dog because of his powerful nose for drugs, and a neighbor who holds perpetual garage sales that attract traffic at odd hours.

When her missing-person case leads to a murder investigation, Riley discovers a startling motive for Mark's disappearance—and a TV exclusive guaranteed to win the ratings...if she lives to report it. **HC \$51.95**

Roberta Kray*Strong Women*

Jo Strong is the youngest widow in the East End. Running her late husband's jewellery shop, mercilessly bullied by her evil mother-in-law, she is trying to get her life back together again. But then the 14-year-old daughter of one of the East End's most notorious gangsters is kidnapped, and Jo finds herself in a deadly race against time to rescue the girl before it is too late. And to get her back, she'll have to join forces with damaged but handsome bad boy Gabe Miller, a man who has a dark past of his own. **TP \$32.99**

Chris Kuzneski*The Lost Throne*

In 1890, a man collapses near the Piazza della Santa Carita in Naples, Italy. Strangers manage to revive him, but he is unable to speak. Police carry him to the nearest hospital, where he is not admitted because he has no money or identification. Frantically trying to communicate, he scribbles notes in ancient Greek and German that would have told the world about a discovery of immense importance - if anyone had read them. . . .

Reaching from the wonders of ancient Greece to a harrowing quest in modern-day Europe, *The Lost Throne* features Jonathon Payne and D. J. Jones, former members of a top secret, very special unit of the armed forces. Now as private citizens they still get recruited from time to time for the most delicate - and dangerous - missions. Payne and Jones must race to recover the lost treasure that could rewrite history, before it is destroyed by a group of men who will stop at nothing to conceal the secret. **HC \$52.95**

Chris Kuzneski*The Plantation*

When people start being abducted, including his girlfriend, Jonathan Payne, with the help of his best friend David Jones, tries to piece together the clues, which leads him to New Orleans where he stumbles upon one of the South's most violent and shocking secrets. **PB \$19.95**

Lynda la Plante*Deadly Intent (Anna Travis Mystery)*

Anna Travis is back in a new gripping mystery from Lynda La Plante, featuring the female detective every bit as intelligent, ambitious, and flawed as Prime Suspect's Jane Tennison.

Ruthless drug trafficker Alexander Fitzpatrick is one of the most wanted men in the Western Hemisphere. But for ten years, there's been no sign of him. Is he dead, or just trying to appear that way? When an ex-colleague from the murder squad is found shot in a dank drug den, Anna Travis is pulled into the case. She's grateful for the distraction after her breakup with DCI Langton and soon finds herself involved with someone new. But as the bodies pile up and the mystery deepens, Travis and Langton must put aside their personal history and work together to track down one of the canniest criminals they've ever encountered. **HC \$51.95**

Richard Lange*This Wicked World*

Encountering unexpected trouble when he agrees to help a friend by looking into a young man's suspicious death, former marine and ex-con Jimmy Boone becomes increasingly determined to solve the case, which involves a homesick drug dealer, a beautiful ex-cop, and a vicious crime boss. A first novel. **HC \$49.95**

Stieg Larsson*The Girl Who Played With Fire*

A well-known and highly placed members of Swedish society, business, and government.

On the eve of publication, the two reporters responsible for the story are brutally murdered. But perhaps more shocking for Blomkvist: the fingerprints found on the murder weapon belong to Lisbeth Salander.

Now, as Blomkvist—alone in his belief in her innocence—plunges into his own investigation of the slayings, Salander is drawn into a murderous hunt in which she is the prey, and which compels her to revisit her dark past in an effort to settle with it once and for all. **HC \$52.95**

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Harriet Vanger, scion of one of Sweden's wealthiest families, disappeared over forty years ago. All these years later, her aged uncle continues to seek the truth. He hires Mikael Blomkvist, a crusading journalist recently trapped by a libel conviction, to investigate. He is aided by the pierced and tattooed punk prodigy Lisbeth Salander. Together they tap into a vein of unfathomable iniquity and astonishing corruption. **TP \$30.95 PB \$19.95**

Mike Lawson*House Rules (Joe DeMarco)*

In the wake of a narrowly avoided terrorist bombing of the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and the shooting down of a plane aimed at the White House, a senator aims to deport all non-citizen Muslims, unless Speaker of the House John Mahoney can get investigator Joe DeMarco to uncover the truth. **PB \$19.95**

House Secrets

After Joe DeMarco is asked by the speaker of the House to probe the apparent accidental death of a reporter who was trailing presidential hopeful Senator Paul Morelli, his investigation spirals out of control as dirty secrets and divided loyalties threaten and freelance operatives, a sinister chief of staff, and characters from Joe's New York past come out of the woodwork. **HC \$45.95**

John le Carre*Most Wanted Man*

A half-starved young Russian man in a long black overcoat is smuggled into Hamburg at dead of night. He has an improbable amount of cash secreted in a purse round his neck. He is a devout Muslim. Or is he? He says his name is Issa. Annabel, an idealistic young German civil rights lawyer, determines to save Issa from deportation. Soon her client's survival becomes more important to her than her own career. In pursuit of Issa's mysterious past, she confronts the incongruous Tommy Brue, the sixty-year-old scion of Brue Freres, a failing British bank based in Hamburg. A triangle of impossible loves is born. Meanwhile, scenting a sure kill in the so-called War on Terror, the spies of three nations converge upon the innocents. Poignant, compassionate, peopled with characters the reader never wants to let go, *A Most Wanted Man* is alive with humour, yet prickles with tension until the last heart-stopping page. It is also a work of deep humanity, and uncommon relevance to our times. **BPB \$24.99**

Bill Leofelm*Fresh Kills*

When John Sanders, Jr., learns that his father has been murdered, his only regret is that he didn't pull the trigger himself. Yet despite his rage at his father for a lifetime of abuse, he becomes obsessed with finding the killer.

But as a string of dead ends and violent encounters leave Junior no closer to any answers, his relationship with his beloved sister crumbles, while his affair with an old high school sweetheart wreaks havoc on his fracturing psyche. Only when a chance for revenge finally arrives must Junior decide whether he will continue the chain of violence or accept the challenge of a new beginning. **TP \$30.95**

Elmore Leonard*Riding the Rap*

Palm Beach playboy Chip Ganz needs money - fast. He has spiralling debts and his mother's gravy-train has just derailed. So he has a plan: he's going to find somebody rich and take them hostage. With the help of an ex-con, a psycho gardener and the beautiful psychic Reverend Dawn, he chooses bookmaker Harry Arno as the lucky victim. The trouble is, Harry can scam with the best of them. And that's not the only problem. US Marshal Raylan Givens is sleeping with Harry's ex girlfriend, Joyce and she wants Harry found. And when everyone's got a gun, someone is going to get hurt... **BPB \$22.99**

The Big Bounce

'But the whole deal, staying and going along with her idea, both, depended really on how much nerve he had. Which she would have to find out...' Nancy Hayes has plenty of feminine charm - and the instincts of a shark. Jack Ryan is handy with his fists and has all the cunning of an ex-con. Now, in a Michigan resort town, a rich man wants Jack gone and Nancy for himself. For Jack, the choice is clear: Nancy's promises of pleasure, her crazy, thrill-seeking schemes of breaking into homes, shooting guns and maybe stealing a whole lot of money is driving him mad. But there is one thing Jack doesn't know yet. Nancy is planning the deadliest thrill of all... **BPB \$22.99**

John Lescroart*A Plague of Secrets*

Dismas Hardy finds himself on the case as Maya Townshend, a beautiful San Francisco socialite and niece to the mayor, becomes embroiled in conspiracy, cover-ups, and tabloid-fueled controversy after the murder of two acquaintances. **HC \$54.95**

Barry Maitland *Australian Author**Dark Mirror*

When Marion Summers - red-haired, beautiful and mysterious - collapses and dies in the rarefied surrounds of the London Library, DI Kathy Kolla and DCI David Brock are sent to head the investigation. Kathy finds a reluctant kinship with the feisty Marion, who had, like Kathy, left a difficult home life when young and struck out to London for independence.

Marion's research on the intriguing, adulterous circle of artists, wives, lovers and muses around Victorian artist Dante Gabriel Rossetti seems irrelevant until the use of arsenic arises. As Brock and Kolla get closer to the truth, another victim dies an excruciating death by poison in a library, and it looks like a serial poisoner is on the loose. **TP \$32.99**

Henning Mankell*Before the Frost*

In woodland outside Ystad, the police make a horrific discovery: a severed head, and hands locked together in an attitude of prayer. A Bible lies at the victim's side, the pages marked with scribbled corrections. A string of macabre incidents, including attacks on domestic animals, have been taking place, and Inspector Wallander fears that these disturbances could be the prelude to attacks on humans on an even more alarming scale. Linda Wallander, in preparation to join the police force, arrives at Ystad. Exhibiting the hallmarks of her father - the maverick approach, the flaring temper - she becomes entangled in a case involving a group of religious extremists who are bent on punishing the world's sinners. **BPB \$24.95**

The Eye of the Leopard

Hans Olofson is the son of a Swedish lumberjack. His early life is isolated and difficult, overshadowed by the disappearance of his mother. When he loses both his best friend, and then his girlfriend in tragic circumstances, his only remaining desire is to fulfil her dream of visiting the grave of a legendary missionary, deep in the remote hills of Northern Zambia.

On reaching Africa, Olofson is struck by its beauty and mystery. After fulfilling his initial quest, an opportunity of employment in the region tempts him to stay, and before long he takes sole responsibility for the farm he manages. Despite his early optimism, he is shocked by the attitude of the local white population to their adopted country, as well as their pitiful vulnerability to alcohol and malaria. As relationships splinter and fray, Hans is soon to discover that his African dream is rapidly turning to a nightmare.

The Eye of the Leopard is a first-rate psychological thriller from the bestselling author of the Wallander Mysteries, delving deep into the mind of a man lost in an unknown world. **BPB \$24.95**

The Pyramid

When Kurt Wallander first appeared in Faceless Killers back in 1990, he was a senior police officer, just turned forty, with his life in a mess. His wife had left him, his father barely acknowledged him; he ate badly and drank alone at night.

The Pyramid chronicles the events that led him to such a place. We see him in the early years, doing hours on the beat whilst trying to solve a murder off-duty; witness the beginnings of his fragile relationship with Mona, the woman he has his heart set on marrying; and learn the reason behind his difficulties with his father. These thrilling tales provide a fascinating insight into Wallander's character, and demand to be read in one sitting. From the stabbing of a neighbour in 1969 to a light aircraft accident in 1989, every story is a vital piece of the Wallander series, showing Mankell at the top of his game. Featuring an introduction from the author, The Pyramid is an essential read for all fans of Kurt Wallander. **BPB \$24.95**

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

Unchecked urbanization has begun to eclipse the North Carolina countryside. As farms give way to shoddy mansions, farmers struggle to slow the rampant growth. In the shadows, corrupt county commissioners use their political leverage to make profitable deals with new developers. A murder will pull Judge Deborah Knott and Sheriff's Deputy Dwight Bryant into the middle of this bitter dispute and force them to confront some dark realities. **APB \$19.95**

P D Martin *Australian Author**Fan Mail*

Getting into a killer's mind is both a blessing and a curse for FBI profiler Sophie Anderson. The agent suffers through brutal premonitions in order to save lives. Now a resident of Los Angeles, Sophie is working on a case where fiction has become fatal. A popular crime writer is sexually mutilated, strangled and marked with an eerie lipstick kiss...just like the crime scene in the dead author's last book.

As more writers are punished for their dark imaginations, there is a recurring theme—a chilling fan letter that arrives before each murder. In order to stop the slaughter, Sophie must delve into the writings of the dead authors. But the sinister mind behind the crimes is linked to an unsolved case from Sophie's past. And that person is determined to create a killer ending. **PB \$19.95**

Guillermo Martinez*The Book of Murder*

Art imitates life. Or does it? One sleepy Sunday morning in Buenos Aires, the protagonist of Martinez's brilliant new mystery finds himself unexpectedly tangled up in the story of Luciana, a former author's assistant whom he has not seen for at least ten years, and Kloster, a rival writer - only far more successful; bestselling, in fact. What he discovers will make him question everything he had always believed - taken for granted - about chance and calculation, cause and effect. Luciana is desperate. In the decade since she last had anything to do with either of the writers, nearly all her close family have died, in highly unusual circumstances. And Luciana or her sister could be next. Luciana is convinced that her one-time employer Kloster is behind the deaths, punishing her for her part in the break-up of his marriage in a murderous frenzy of revenge worthy of one of his own prodigiously successful crime novels. But which comes first, murder or novel? Clever and gripping, THE BOOK OF MURDER is a chilling crime story in which the line between fact and fiction suddenly seems blurred. **PB \$22.99**

The Oxford Murders

On a balmy summer's day in Oxford an old lady who once helped decipher the Enigma Code is killed. After receiving a cryptic anonymous note containing only the address and the symbol of a circle, Arthur Seldom, a leading mathematician, arrives to find the body. Then follow more murders - an elderly man on a life-support machine is found dead with needle marks in his throat; the percussionist of an orchestra at a concert at Blenheim Palace dies before the audience's very eyes - seemingly unconnected except for notes appearing in the maths department, for the attention of Seldom. Why is he being targeted as the recipient of these coded messages? All he can conjecture is that it might relate to his latest book, an unexpected bestseller about serial killers and the parallels between investigations into their crimes and certain mathematical theorems. It is left to Seldom and a postgraduate mathematics student to work out the key to the series of symbols before the killer strikes again. **PB \$22.99**

Steve Martini*Guardian of Lies*

Paul Madriani investigates the case of a woman accused of murder and a million-dollar heist, a trial that will unravel a conspiracy involving rare coins, an ex-CIA agent, a former Soviet scientist, and a missing nuclear device being prepared for a trip to the U.S. **HC \$54.95**

Ava McCarthy*The Insider*

Henrietta 'Harry' Martinez lost her investment banker father, Sal, at a young age. He taught her everything he knew - about taking risks and calculating odds. But Sal made a bad gamble when he went into business with 'The Prophet', an anonymous trader who claims Harry owes him now her father's jailed for fraud.

It's twelve million euros. Or her life.

With no money and little time, Harry must track down Sal's crooked partners and escape the people on her trail - journalists, police and hired killers. But Harry has her own skills, honed by her father, skills her enemies haven't anticipated. Now, from the London Stock Exchange to the casinos of the Bahamas, the chase is on. The stakes are high. And the bets are off... **TP \$19.99**

Nigel McCrery*Still Waters*

Razor-sharp and mesmerizingly eerie—with one of the most clever and ruthless villains to appear in ages—Still Waters is a stunning start to an exciting new crime series.

DCI Mark Lapslie is called in when the decayed body of an elderly woman is unearthed. The body provides few clues, beyond the fact that the murderer had a deadly knowledge of household plants. The dearth of evidence is not Lapslie's only problem. He's just returned to the force after a year trying to overcome the worst symptoms of his synesthesia, a neurological condition that causes him to "taste" sound. The murder appears to be the work of a serial killer who could strike again at any moment, so Lapslie has to find a way to make his synesthesia work for him, not against him. Otherwise the next life taken could be his own. **TP \$30.95**

Cody McFadyen*Darker Side*

Imagine a serial killer who has already struck a horrific number of times. A killer who discovers people's secrets the deepest, darkest secrets we keep even from ourselves and uses them to target and destroy his victims. The case begins with a shock, and the twists keep coming, when FBI Special Agent Smoky Barrett and her team investigate a murder brazenly committed on a flight from Texas to Virginia. Who will the next victim be? Everyone in the world has secrets. Even Smoky. **APB \$19.99**

Brad Meltzer*Book of Lies*

Cain kills Abel in Chapter Four of the Bible. It is the world's most famous murder. But the Bible is silent about one key detail: the weapon Cain used to kill his brother. That weapon is still lost to history. In 1932, Mitchell Siegel was killed by three gunshots to his chest. While mourning, his son dreamed of a bulletproof man and created the world's greatest hero: Superman. And like Cain's murder weapon, the gun used in this unsolved murder has never been found. Until now. Today in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Cal Harper comes face-to-face with his family's greatest secret: his long-lost father, who's been shot with a gun that traces back to Mitchell Siegel's 1932 murder. But before Cal can ask a single question, he and his father are attacked by a ruthless killer tattooed with the ancient markings of Cain. And so begins the chase for the world's first murder weapon. **APB \$19.99**

Mark Mills*The Information Officer*

In war-torn Malta in 1941, Max, the Information Officer, has a crucial role. Under constant threat of German invasion, it is his job to ensure the news and statistics he receives inspire the islanders in their fight.

When Max hears a shocking report that suggests a British officer has been killing Maltese women, he launches a secret investigation, desperate to find the truth before anyone else. For with the morale of both the British and Maltese at stake, Max realizes this is one piece of information he must do anything to protect... **TP \$32.99**

Richard Montanari*Play dead*

In each soul, a secret...

Philadelphia homicide detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano's first assignment from the Cold Case files is the brutal murder of a young runaway. The lifeless body of Caitlin O'Riordan was found carefully posed in a glass display case in the desolate Philadelphia Badlands but, as Byrne and Balzano rapidly discover, she was just the first pawn in the killer's twisted game...

A mysterious phone call leads them on a scavenger hunt for a second victim. This time a young girl has been dismembered, her body parts left in three boxes in the basement of a deserted house. More clues lead to other victims and, as the body count rises, it becomes clear that there is a serial killer on the loose, hell-bent on completing the 'performance' of a lifetime.

As more runaways vanish, Byrne and Balzano come to realize that the homicidal mastermind plans to complete seven depraved tricks in his dark and dangerous magic act. With Balzano increasingly obsessed by a case that haunts her, and Byrne struggling with a loss of his own, the stakes are mounting. But this is one game they can't afford to lose. **BPB \$24.95**

Selena Montgomery*Deception*

Always on the run . . .

Playing the odds has always been Fin Borders' forte. She knows when to get out to keep from losing everything. But an innocent woman has been accused of murder, and to help, Fin will have to go back to the small southern town of her birth. It's a place she's been running from her entire life, a place of violence, where she got by with nothing more than her wits. Returning to Hallden, Georgia, means facing the ghosts of a brutal crime that Fin will never forget-and risking her own life.

But Fin isn't the only one in Hallden hunting for a killer. FBI Special Agent Caleb Matthews is deep undercover, hiding his true identity and his own desperate history. Working alone is far too dangerous, so he and Fin must learn to trust each other. But as they grow closer, they are unprepared for the passion that takes hold . . . and the shocking deception that could destroy everything they hold dear. **APB \$19.99**

David Morrell*The Brotherhood of the Rose*

They were orphans, Chris and Saul—raised in a Philadelphia school for boys, bonded by friendship, and devoted to a mysterious man called Eliot. He visited them. Treated them like sons. He trained them to be assassins. Now he is trying desperately to have them killed. With action spanning the globe, *The Brotherhood of the Rose* is an astonishing novel of fierce loyalty and violent betrayal, of murders planned and coolly executed, of revenge bitterly, urgently desired. **TP \$30.95**

The Shimmer

When a high-speed chase goes terribly wrong, Santa Fe police officer Dan Page watches in horror as a car and gas tanker explode into flames. Torn with guilt that he may be responsible, Page returns home to discover that his wife, Tori, has disappeared.

Frantic, Page follows her trail to Rostov, a remote town in Texas famous for a massive astronomical observatory, a long-abandoned military base, and unexplained nighttime phenomena that draw onlookers from every corner of the globe. Many of these gawkers—Tori among them—are compelled to visit this tiny community to witness the mysterious Rostov Lights.

Without warning, a gunman begins firing on the lights, screaming “Go back to hell where you came from,” then turns his rifle on the bystanders. A bloodbath ensues, and events quickly spiral out of control, setting the stage for even greater violence and death.

Page must solve the mystery of the Rostov Lights to save his wife. In the process, he learns that the decaying military base may not be abandoned at all, and that the government may have known about the lights for decades. Could these phenomena be more dangerous than anyone could have possibly imagined? **HC \$52.95**

Walter Mosley*The Long Fall*

We follow former rule-breaker Leonard McGill as he's buffeted between the overlords of New York's underbelly, desperate to turn straight, but unable to say no to a nicely paid job. When we're introduced, he's calling in old favours and greasing NYPD palms to uncover seemingly harmless information for a high-paying client. But when the former schoolmates on his list are bludgeoned to death one by one, McGill realises that a friendly reunion wasn't quite what his taskmaster had in mind. And the awkward questions that follow seem almost welcome in comparison to a visit from Willie Sanderson, a trained killer and 'modern-day Frankenstein', now primed to ensure that McGill breathes his last.

THE LONG FALL shows Walter Mosley at the height of his powers, breathing new life into American crime writing with sassy dialogue and unflinching social truths. Vividly capturing a city not nearly as cleaned up as its politicians would have us believe, this is new Mosley - and it's just as good as the vintage kind. **TP \$32.99**

Sharan Newman*The Outcast Dove*

Catherine Le Vendeur's curiosity and passion for justice have sometimes led her to solve grisly murders and brave horrors... but this time the threat is to those she loves.

Catherine's family business relies on her cousin Solomon to negotiate the treacherous path to riches. The fact that Solomon is her cousin is secret, however, because he's Jewish--and if their family connections were discovered, it could mean ruin or death. When Solomon's father, who rejected Judaism for the more socially acceptable Christianity, asks for his help, Solomon must come to a decision about who he is, and where he really belongs. **TP \$32.95**

T Lynn Ocean*Southern Peril (Jersey Barnes Mystery)*

Why is it so hard for Jersey Barnes to retire? When a state supreme judge calls in a favor, she tells herself (again) that this is her last case. She must investigate the judge's brother, Morgan, and his newly-inherited business. When Jersey realizes the DEA is checking on Morgan, too, she finds herself in the middle of a twentyyear- old mystery and a drug ring investigation. Still checking up on her geriatric father and his trouble-making friends, negotiating the steamy friendship/relationship with her bartender Ox, and dodging the flirtacious sparks flying back and forth with the cute DEA agent, Jersey begins to wonder if retirement is ever in her future. On the heels of the lauded *Southern Poison*, readers will welcome another hilarious, suspenseful, and sun-soaked adventure from the unforgettable Jersey Barnes. **HC \$51.95**

Alex Palmer Australian Author*The Labyrinth of Drowning*

Two years have passed since top cop Paul Harrigan walked away from the New South Wales Police Force to be his own man. Since then his life has been a gift and his home with his partner Agent Grace Riordan and their daughter a sanctuary.

When a trafficked sex-worker is found brutally murdered in Sydney bushland, it should be just work for Grace. But the murder is too savage. And someone is watching them -- perhaps Harrigan's old enemies, who want their pound of flesh. When Grace's boss pushes her into a sting to catch the sex-worker's murderer, it becomes a question of who is being hunted. Who, in the end, is going to be left looking into the eyes of a killer with no place to hide?

Suspenseful, smart and chilling; two of Australian crime's most memorable characters are in a race to save themselves from evil that even they have never faced before. **TP \$32.99**

Robert B Parker*Passport to Peril*

When he buys a passport on the black market to gain entry into post-war Budapest, an American is mistaken for the murdered man the passport belonged to and on the run with the dead man's beautiful assistant. **APB \$17.95**

T Jefferson Parker*Storm Runners*

Once Matt Stromsoe was best friends with brilliant, unpredictable Mike Tavarez. That was before Stromsoe joined the San Diego P.D. and Mike left Harvard to run La Eme, the brutal Mexican Mafia; before a vengeance-obsessed Tavarez blew away everything Stromsoe loved, leaving him physically and emotionally broken.

Years later, Mike Tavarez is in prison for life, controlling his vast criminal empire from within a maximum security facility. Matt Stromsoe has rebounded from rock bottom to become a private investigator—and he's starting to feel something for Frankie Hatfield, the beautiful local TV weather forecaster he's been hired to protect from a stalker. But powerful, dangerous people are becoming too interested in Frankie's remarkable experiments with rain. And bars alone won't keep Tavarez from his ultimate goal: to make Matt Stromsoe suffer the unendurable torment of losing everything . . . again. **APB \$19.95**

James Patterson*Swimsuit*

Syd, a breathtakingly beautiful supermodel on a photo shoot in Hawaii, disappears. Fearing the worst, her parents travel to Hawaii to investigate for themselves, never expecting the horror that awaits them.

LA Times reporter Ben Hawkins is conducting his own research into the case, hoping to help the victim and get an idea for his next bestseller. With no leads and no closer to uncovering the kidnapper's identity than when he stepped off the plane, Ben gets a shocking visit that pushes him into an impossible-to-resist deal with the devil.

A heart-pounding story of fear and desire, SWIMSUIT transports readers to a chilling new territory where the collision of beauty and murder transforms paradise into a hell of unspeakable horrors. **HC \$56.95**

Ridley Pearson*Killer Summer*

Overseeing an annual wine auction that attracts high-competition connoisseurs from all over the country, Blaine County Sheriff Walt Fleming provides security for a trio of invaluable bottles that have been targeted by thieves, an assignment that turns deadly when a bomb is detonated at the auction's start. **HC \$51.95**

Killer View

Tackling treacherous elements to rescue a missing skier on Sun Valley's Galena Summit, Sheriff Walt Fleming and his crack team are shocked by a sniper attack that leaves one of their number dead and results in Walt's best friend's disappearance. **PB \$21.95**

Don Pendleton*Crisis Nation (Executioner 368)*

After American military personnel are found decapitated in the swamps of Puerto Rico, Mack Bolan finds himself in the middle of a political revolution that places his own team in danger, forcing him to bring down his own version of the apocalypse on the enemy. **APB \$13.95**

Cold War Reprise (SuperBolan 127)

While avenging the death of two Russian friends, Mack Bolan, who once single-handedly shook the KGB to its core, must face old enemies when a secret consortium tries to restore the terror tactics of the former Soviet Union. **APB \$17.95**

Thomas Perry*Silence*

Six years ago, Jack Till helped Wendy Harper disappear. But now her ex boyfriend and former business partner, Eric Fuller, is being framed for her presumed murder in an effort to smoke her out, and Till must find her before tango-dancing assassins Paul and Sylvie Turner do.

The Turners are merely hired to do a job, though, and prefer to remain anonymous. When they find that a middleman has let the true employer know their identities, finishing the job is no longer enough. Their fee just went up. And now they must double-cross the man who wants Wendy dead before he can double-cross them—if their jealousy and cold-blooded calculations don't result in a fatal lovers' quarrel first.

With masterful plotting and unnerving psychological insight, Perry delivers another mesmerizing thrill ride. **PB \$19.95**

Rhonda Pollera*Knock 'em Dead (Finley Anderson Tanner Mystery)*

When her best friend Jane wakes up with a dead man in her bed, paralegal Finley Anderson Tanner enlists her mother and dangerously attractive private investigator Liam McGarrity to help solve the case. **APB \$17.95**

Kwei Quartey*Wife of the Gods*

Detective Inspector Darko Dawson, a good family man and a remarkably intuitive sleuth, is sent to the village of Ketanu—the site of his mother's disappearance many years ago—to solve the murder of an accomplished young AIDS worker.

While battling his own anger issues and concerns for his ailing son, Darko explores the motivations and secrets of the residents of Ketanu. It soon becomes clear that in addition to solving a recent murder, he is about to unravel the shocking truth about his mother's disappearance.

Kwei Quartey's sparkling debut novel introduces readers to a rich cast of characters, including the Trokosi—young women called Wives of the Gods—who, in order to bring good fortune to their families, are sent to live with fetish priests. Set in Ghana, with the action moving back and forth between the capital city of Accra and a small village in the Volta Region, *Wife of the Gods* brings the culture and beauty of its setting brilliantly to life. **HC \$49.95**

Ruth Rendell*Portobello*

The Portobello area of West London has a rich personality - vibrant, brilliant in colour, noisy, with graffiti that approach art, bizarre and splendid. An indefinable edge to it adds a spice of danger. There is nothing safe about Portobello...

Eugene Wren inherited an art gallery from his father near an arcade that now sells cashmere, handmade soaps and children's clothes. But he decided to move to a more upmarket site in Kensington Church Street. Eugene was fifty, with prematurely white hair. He was, perhaps, too secretive for his own good. He also had an addictive personality. But he had cut back radically on his alcohol consumption and had given up cigarettes. Which was just as well, considering he was going out with a doctor. For all his good intentions, though, there was something he didn't want her to know about...

On a shopping trip one day, Eugene, quite by chance, came across an envelope containing money. He picked it up. For some reason, rather than report the matter to the police, he wrote a note and stuck it up on lamppost near his house:

'Found in Chepstow Villas, a sum of money between eighty and a hundred and sixty pounds. Anyone who has lost such a sum should apply to the phone number below.'

This note would link the lives of a number of very different people - each with their obsessions, problems and dreams and despairs. And through it all the hectic life of Portobello would bustle on. **APB \$21.95**

Steven Rigolosi*Androgynous Murder House Party***TP \$56.95**

Nora Roberts*Black Hills*

Childhood sweethearts Cooper Sullivan and Lil Chance are reunited when Coop leaves New York to assist his aging grandparents on their South Dakota ranch, but Coop must come to Lil's aid when the unsolved killing of a hiker is linked to vandalism at Lil's wildlife refuge.

His dreaded summer visits to his grandparents' South Dakota ranch improved by a maturing friendship with neighbor Lil Chance, Cooper Sullivan enters adulthood haunted by his and Lil's discovery of a hiker's body and is unexpectedly called upon to assist his grandparents and Lil years later when the unsolved killing is linked to vandalism at Lil's wildlife refuge. **HC \$54.95**

Michael Robertson*The Baker Street Letters*

First in a spectacular new series about two brother lawyers who lease offices on London's Baker Street--and begin receiving mail addressed to Sherlock Holmes

In Los Angeles, a geological surveyor maps out a proposed subway route--and then goes missing. His eight-year-old daughter, in her desperation, turns to the one person she thinks might help--she writes a letter to Sherlock Holmes.

That letter creates an uproar at 221b Baker Street, which now houses the law offices of attorney and man about town Reggie Heath and his hapless brother, Nigel. Instead of filing the letter like he's supposed to, Nigel decides to investigate. Soon he's flying off to Los Angeles, inconsiderately leaving a very dead body on the floor in his office. Big brother Reggie follows Nigel to California, as does Reggie's sometime lover, Laura---a quick-witted stage actress who's captured the hearts of both brothers.

When Nigel is arrested, Reggie must use all his wits to solve a case that Sherlock Holmes would have savored and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle fans will adore. **HC \$51.95**

James Rollins*The Doomsday Key (Sigma Force)*

At Princeton University, a famed geneticist dies inside a biohazard lab. In Rome, a Vatican archaeologist is found dead in the heart of St. Peter's Basilica. In Africa, a US Senator's son is slain within a Red Cross camp in Ghana. These three murders on three continents bear a horrifying tie: all the victims are marked by a Druidic pagan cross burned into their flesh. The bizarre murders thrust Commander Gray Pierce and Sigma Force into a global hunt for a powerful group of industrialists who have a stranglehold on the world's food supply. Aided by two women from his past, Gray flees a trio of high-tech assassins as he pieces together the clues. But saving the world comes at a high price: Pierce must sacrifice one of the women. Yet even that price might not be enough, for, as he soon discovers, the only true path to salvation lies with the Doomsday Key. **TP \$32.99 HC \$56.95**

Excavation

High in the Andes, Dr Henry Conklin discovers a 500-year-old mummy that should not be there. While deep in the South American jungle, Conklin's nephew, Sam, stumbles upon a remarkable site nestled between two towering peaks, a place hidden from human eyes for thousands of years. Ingenious traps have been laid to ensnare the careless and unsuspecting and wealth beyond imagining could be the reward for those with the courage to face the terrible unknown. But where the perilous journey inward ends - in the cold, shrouded heart of a breathtaking necropolis - something else is waiting for Sam Conklin and his exploratory party. A thing created by Man, yet not humanly possible. Something wondrous...something terrifying. **APB \$19.99**

Stephanie Rowe*Ice*

When she receives a strange call in the middle of the night, which leads her to believe that her mother might still be alive, Kaylie Fletcher, who lost her whole family in a disastrous Alaskan climbing expedition, finds herself trapped in a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with a killer. **PB \$19.95**

Hank Phillippi Ryan*Prime Time*

In the cutthroat world of television journalism, seasoned reporter Charlotte McNally knows that she'd better pull out all the stops or kiss her job goodbye. But it's her life that might be on the line when she learns that an innocent-looking e-mail offer resulted in murder, mayhem and a multimillion-dollar fraud ring.

All too soon her investigation leads her straight to Josh Gelston, who is a little too helpful and a lot too handsome. Charlie might have a nose for news, but men are a whole other matter. Now she has to decide whether she can trust Josh...before she ends up as the next lead story. **PB \$19.95**

Andie Ryan*Shakedown*

SHAKEDOWN couldn't be more topical given current headlines of financial industry scandal and corruption. At the heart of a massive insider trading scheme, public relations executive Tom Hollister discovers a murder conspiracy. Estranged from his family, he falls for an aging call girl, unaware of her connection to the company's crimes. Against the backdrop of a corporate meltdown, Hollister struggles to expose the fraud and bring the killers to justice, even though the truth could cost him his life and everything he has come to love. **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95**

John Sandford*Phantom Prey (Lucan Davenport 18)*

A wealthy widow returns to her large home in an exclusive Minneapolis suburb to find blood everywhere, no body - and her student daughter missing. Instantly, she suspects the involvement of the weird Goth crowd her daughter was hanging around with. With no sign of the widow's daughter, dead or alive, a second Goth is found slashed to death - but it's only when a third dead Goth turns up that Lucas Davenport gets involved. But the clues don't seem to add up. And then there's the young Goth who keeps appearing and disappearing. Who is she? Where does she come from and, more importantly, where does she vanish to? And why does Davenport get the sneaking suspicion that there is something else going on here - something very, very bad indeed? **PB \$19.99**

Ian Sansom*The Bad Book Affair (Mobile Library Mystery)*

Hapless mobile librarian Israel Armstrong investigates the disappearance of a local politician's daughter who went missing after borrowing two classics from the special "Unshelved" category. **TP \$28.95**

Theresa Schwegel

Last Known Address

Detective Sloane Pearson is new to the Sex Crimes Division but no stranger to being treated like an incompetent blonde by her hardened male co-workers. She's also no stranger to hard-to-crack cases, and her latest is as tough as they come: A rapist is on the prowl, dragging women to deserted building sites or vacant apartment buildings peppered all over downtown Chicago, and forcing them to fight--knowing, of course, that he'll win.

When a real estate agent Sloane knows is attacked by the violent predator, Sloane finds herself taking a case that threatens her secret plans to leave her long-time lover. Her personal bond with the victim and a would-be relationship with a man she interviews along the way lead Sloane down a dangerous path--one that poisons the investigation as well as her personal life.

Sloane's balancing act topples when her father falls ill. Between coping with his weak heart and following the few weak leads she has, her case begins to go the way that many rape cases go: The victims fall away, one by one, suddenly unsure of what they saw or unwilling to relive the horrifying moments again and again.

When Sloane helps a hungry young Sun-Times reporter declare the case serial, she loses support: Her bosses demand she get a suspect or move on. Sloane stays on the case, though---no matter how much it strains her personal relationships. Even her partner claims she's in too deep: He doesn't believe there's an arrest on the planet worth a cop's life. Sloane disagrees: Someone's got to take up the fight.

From the worst slums of Chicago's west side to the glittering Loop skyscrapers, Sloane finds no shortage of suspects. As she loses everything she'd called home, she can only hope to find the rapist before she also becomes a victim. **HC \$51.95**

Daniel Silva

Moscow Rules

Investigating the suspicious death of a journalist in Moscow, Gabriel Allon learns of the machinations of a former KGB colonel whose covert arms dealing business is part of a larger plot to challenge the global dominance of the United States. **PB \$21.95**

Chris Simms

The Edge (03)

It's the phone call DI Jon Spicer has long feared - his wild younger brother has been found dead. He has been murdered and horribly mutilated. Aware Dave was involved in drugs, Jon had hoped to steer him away from his doomed and self-destructive fate. Full of anger, he heads to the town where Dave's body was discovered, bent on finding the killer. Meanwhile, Dave's young girlfriend, Zoe, is trapped in an inner-city hell. Vulnerable, destitute and now alone, she is being hunted by the vicious criminal Dave owed money to. Arriving in the Peak District, Jon finds a community with plenty to hide. With time running out and his distraught family cracking under the strain, Jon realises the truth of his brother's death lies in two places: with a frightened girl trapped somewhere among Manchester's tower-blocks and out on the bleak heights overlooking the secretive rural town. **TP \$32.99**

Elizabeth Sims

The Extra (Rita Farmer Mystery)

Rita Farmer knows what it's like to be flat broke. Even now, when studying to be a lawyer, Rita is so far in debt that she has to scrounge for acting jobs to keep herself and her son afloat. Decked out in police uniform as an extra on a low-budget movie shoot, she wanders into a rough part of town and is pulled into a vicious assault. Rita chases off the two men but doesn't escape unscathed, and the boy they attacked isn't out of danger yet. His injuries could last the rest of his life.

Rita's heart goes out to him and his grandmother, Amaryllis B. Cubitt, the director of an urban mission that Rita had turned to for help years ago. But the mission has changed from its unassuming past and is now flush with secret donations and gruff guards posted at the doors. Rita can't help but wonder if now Amaryllis is too proud to ask for the help she needs.

Smart and charming, Rita Farmer is back in the spotlight in *The Extra*, a second act that is as dazzling and delightful as the first. **HC \$51.95**

Karin Slaughter

Undone

Fleeing to Atlanta to seek refuge in the aftermath of a violent act, Sarah Linton becomes unwittingly enmeshed in a case involving a tortured young ER patient, a situation that is investigated by special agents Will Trent and Faith Mitchell. **HC \$54.95**

Alexander McCall Smith

The Comforts of a Muddy Saturday (Isabel Dalhousie 05)

When Isabel is asked to help a doctor who has been "disgraced" by allegations of scientific fraud, our ever curious moral philosopher finds her interest piqued. Would a doctor with a stellar reputation make such a simple but grave mistake? If not, what explains the tragic accident that resulted in the death of a patient? Clearly, an investigation is in order, and investigations have a tendency to surprise us. Meanwhile Isabel is engaged in an ongoing struggle with Grace over the care of Isabel's infant son, Charlie. But as we've come to know, whatever the case, whatever the solution, Isabel's combination of spirit, smarts, curiosity, empathy, and unabashed nosiness guarantees a delightful adventure. **TP \$28.95**

Annie Solomon

One Deadly Sin

Edie Swann returns to her childhood hometown to exact vengeance on the people who hounded her father to death years ago. Secretly, she delivers prominent townspeople a miniature black angel - a replica of the infamous one that guards her father's grave. But one by one, the recipients start dying mysteriously. Is she murdering them? Marking them for death? Or has the black angel truly come to aid her quest for revenge? When County Sheriff, Holt Drennen, discovers Edie's connection to the black angels, the town assumes he's found his perpetrator. Holt's not so certain. But does he believe in her innocence because the evidence is circumstantial or because of his growing feelings for her? And if Edie didn't commit the murders, who did? As Holt rushes to answer that question, the town's noose tightens around Edie. Meanwhile, a longtime resident is plotting to make sure the past stays buried, no matter who is buried with it. And a clever maniac wants to make sure that someone is Edie. **PB \$14.99**

Sally Spencer

Blackstone and the new World

The new Inspector Sam Blackstone mystery - July 1900: Sam Blackstone has gone to New York to pick up a prisoner, but he soon finds himself drafted in to investigate the murder of Inspector OBrien who is famed for rooting out police corruption. Working with an enthusiastic young detective who worshipped OBrien, Blackstone scours the city in search of the killer. And the more he searches, the more he becomes convinced that the police department doesn't really want the murder to be solved. **HC \$54.95**

Mickey Spillane & Max Allan Collins

The Goliath Bone (Mike Hammer)

In the midst of a Manhattan snowstorm, Hammer halts the violent robbery of a pair of college sweethearts who have stumbled onto a remarkable archaeological find in the Valley of Elah: the perfectly preserved femur of what may have been the biblical giant Goliath. Hammer postpones his marriage to his faithful girl Friday, Velda, to fight a foe deadlier than the mobsters and KGB agents of his past — Islamic terrorists and Israeli extremists bent upon recovering the relic for their own agendas.

A week before his death, Mickey Spillane entrusted his nearly finished manuscript and extensive notes to his frequent collaborator, Max Allan Collins, to complete. **TP \$28.95**

Peter Steiner

L'Assassin

In this exceptional follow-up to the highly praised *Le Crime*, ex-spy Louis Morgon is in France living a quiet life of good food, good wine, and good friends. When his house is burglarized, he thinks nothing of it. But neither the burglar nor the motive for the burglary is as simple as it seems. And the consequences of the seemingly trivial break-in will lead Louis and his loved ones to the ends of the earth—and quite possibly to the ends of their lives. **TP \$28.95**

Mariah Stewart

Cry Mercy

When the ruthless, drug-dealing natural father of Ann Nolan's adopted daughter plots to take back his child, Ann flees across the country, changes her name and starts a new life - as an investigator for the Mercy Street Foundation, the billionaire-endowed organisation dedicated to finding missing persons. Now Emme Caldwell, she takes the lead in a case looking into the disappearance of nineteen-year-old Belinda Hudson, whose last steps took her to a fertility clinic and the mysterious Donor 1735. Belinda was close to discovering who her anonymous donor father is, but perhaps she was too close. Now, the deeper Emme digs, the more she wonders if she's escaped one dangerous man only to run head-on into the grasp of another, who's far more desperate and deadly... **PB \$19.99**

Jon Stock

Dead Spy Running

Daniel Marchant, a suspended MI6 officer, is running the London Marathon. He is also running out of time. A competitor is strapped with explosives. If he drops his pace, everyone around him will be killed, including the US ambassador to London. Marchant tries to thwart the attack, but is he secretly working for the terrorists?

There are those in America who already suspect Marchant of treachery. Just like they suspected his late father, the former head of MI6, who was removed from his job by the CIA. Marchant is treated like an enemy combatant - rendition, waterboarding - but he has friends who are disillusioned with America's war on terror. Friends like Leila, his beautiful MI6 colleague and lover, and Sir Marcus Fielding, the new Chief who resents the White House's growing influence in Whitehall.

On the run from the CIA, Marchant is determined to prove his father's innocence in a personal journey that takes him from Wiltshire, via Poland, to India. It was here that the former MI6 chief once met with one of the world's most wanted terrorists, and where the new President of America is shortly to visit. But was that meeting proof of a mole within MI6 or the best penetration of Al Qu'aeda the West has ever had? And was Marchant's father the keeper of another, darker secret?

In a compelling thriller that updates the spy novel for the 21st century - think John Le Carre meets Jason Bourne - Marchant discovers the shocking realities of personal betrayal and national loyalty, and that love can be the biggest risk of all. **TP \$32.99**

Vikas Swarup

Six Suspects

Vicky Rai, the son of a high-profile Minister, has been shot dead by one of the guests at his own party. They are a glitzy bunch, but among them the police find six strange, displaced characters with a gun in their possession. Each of them steaming with a secret motive.

India's wildest investigative journalist, Arun Advani, makes it his mission to nail the murderer. In doing so, the amazing, tender and touching, technical lives of six eccentric personalities unravel before our eyes. But can we trust Advani? Or does he have another agenda in mind...? **PB \$24.95**

Peter Telep

Critical Action (Special Forces Afghanistan)

When the Triple Nickel force is sent to investigate rumors of al-Qaeda fighters sneaking into Afghanistan from Pakistan, they hit the jackpot. Sheikh Abu Hassan, the new al-Qaeda leader in Afghanistan, is in a safe house and the men of ODA 555 have the opportunity to nail this top-priority target. But their daring will lead them into conflict with a rogue band of CIA officers - and put the Triple Nickel at the site of the first Iranian nuclear test.

PB \$19.95

Aline Templeton

Dead in the Water

The young victim had been pregnant, her body washed up on the rocks. Twenty years on, the murder remains unsolved; her father is now dead, and her mother is still silent about what went on all those years ago. At least, that's the way it is when Detective Inspector Marjory Fleming is called in to reopen the case that her late policeman father was unable to put to rest. As Fleming digs deeper it becomes clear that her father had struggled to keep some of the shameful details around the young girl's death a secret. Can she handle the truth she will unearth, not just about her father but about herself? **TP \$32.99**

Steven M Thomas

Criminal Karma

Clean-hearted criminal Robert Rivers has the plan of his career: to sneak into the posh hotel room of socialite Evelyn Evermore and steal her quarter-million-dollar diamond necklace. But after he manages a sly entrance into her suite and gets his hands on the jewel itself, everything else goes wrong. The door bursts open to reveal the lumpy form of a thug and Rivers is immediately engaged in a life-and-death brawl. Thanks only to the sudden appearance of his scruffy partner Reggie, Rivers escapes with his organs intact. But the diamond is gone, and the hunt is on.

Rivers soon learns that Evelyn has become a follower of hugely popular spiritual guru Baba Raba—who may not be who he says he is. The result is a harrowing journey into the not-so-harmonious heart of a Southern California crime cabal, complete with safe-cracking heroes, gun-slinging goons, family drama, and even a touch of unconventional romance. **HC \$52.95**

Brad Thor*The Apostle*

One of al-Qaeda's top operatives, Mustafa Khan, is being held inside the Kabul prison, and the Taliban are willing to make a deal -- Susan Gallo in exchange for Khan. There's just one problem. The newly elected president campaigned on the refusal to negotiate with terrorists. If he goes back on his word, both America and his presidency will be gravely damaged. Enter, Scot Harvath.

With limited support, meager resources, and full knowledge that Washington will deny any knowledge of the operation if he is killed or captured, Harvath must enter the notorious Policharki prison to free one of the world's most brilliant terror masterminds. But from the moment he arrives in Afghanistan, Harvath realizes that things are not what they seem.

In a bid for global dominance, an enemy of the United States has baited a brilliant hook. Harvath is offered the opportunity to deliver a crippling blow to al-Qaeda, but in doing so he may very well give rise to an even greater threat to America. His only hope is to single-handedly outsmart one of the world's most ruthless intelligence organizations and beat their power-hungry paymasters at their own game. **HC \$54.95**

Nicola Upson*Angel With Two Faces*

Working on her second novel while spending the summer of 1935 at her friends' coastal Cornwall estate, Josephine Tey finds inspiration from local legends about a lake, her hosts' reluctant work on an amateur theater production, and an act of murder that pits Detective Inspector Archie Penrose against his friends. **HC \$51.95**

Fred Vargas*The Chalk Circle Man (01)*

When blue chalk circles begin to appear on the pavement in neighborhoods around Paris, Adamsberg is alone in thinking that they are far from amusing. As he studies each new circle and the increasingly bizarre objects they contain - empty beer cans, four trombones, a pigeon's foot, a doll's head - he senses the cruelty that lies within whoever is responsible. And when a circle is discovered with decidedly less banal contents - a woman with her throat slashed - Adamsberg knows that this is just the beginning. **TP \$28.95**

Robert Ward*Total Immunity*

Smart, tough Los Angeles FBI agents Jack Harper and Oscar Hidalgo meet their match in a diamond smuggler, Steinbach, who seems to have almost superhuman powers. Arrested during a clever sting operation, Steinbach tells the team of agents he will kill them, and sure enough, one by one, they start to die. Worse, Jack can't begin to pin it on Steinbach, who is, after all, in prison. Soon, however, Steinbach makes a deal with Homeland Security and is freed with total immunity.

Jack is pretty sure that he and Oscar could be next. But, as it turns out, Steinbach is not the only menace. Two of the agents who were killed turn out to be dirty. Jack and Oscar tour the seamy side of L.A. in hopes of finding clues, but they get way more than they bargained for. **HC \$52.95**

Debra Webb*Everywhere She Turns*

When Dr. CJ Patterson returns to her Southern hometown, she finds herself surrounded by a series of long-buried secrets—and a killer who seems to know her better than she knows herself...

Drugs, prostitution, robbery, homicide—these are four terms that Dr. CJ Patterson learned all too well growing up on the seamy, forgotten streets of inner-city Huntsville, Alabama. Fiercely determined, CJ worked hard to forget where she came from and become an emergency medicine resident at a prestigious Baltimore hospital. But when her younger sister—the only family she ever had—is murdered, CJ is drawn back into the painful past she thought she'd left behind. Her unrelenting investigation uncovers a highly sophisticated web of shocking family secrets, dark obsession, and brutal violence and a killer who will stop at nothing to keep her from learning the truth..... **PB \$19.95**

Donald E Westlake*Get Real*

In Donald E. Westlake's classic caper novels, the bad get better, the good slide a bit, and Lord help anyone caught between a thief named John Dortmunder and the current object of his attention.

However, being caught red-handed is inevitable in Dortmunder's next production, when a TV producer convinces this thief and his merry gang to do a reality show that captures their next score. The producer guarantees to find a way to keep the show from being used in evidence against them. They're dubious, but the pay is good, so they take him up on his offer.

A mock-up of the OJ bar is built in a warehouse down on Varick Street. The ground floor of that building is a big open space jumbled with vehicles used in TV world, everything from a news truck and a fire engine to a hansom cab (without the horse).

As the gang plans their next move with the cameras rolling, Dortmunder and Kelp sneak onto the roof of their new studio to organize a private enterprise. It will take an ingenious plan to outwit viewers glued to their television sets, but Dortmunder is nothing if not persistent, and he's determined to end this shoot with money in his pockets. **HC \$49.95**

Laura Wilson*The Innocent Spy*

London, June 1940. When the body of silent screen star Mabel Morgan is found impaled on a wrought-iron fence, the coroner rules her death as suicide. Detective Ted Stratton is not convinced and suspects that Morgan's fatal fall may have been the work of one of Soho's most notorious gangsters.

Meanwhile, MI5 agent Diana Calthrop is leading a covert operation when she discovers that her boss is involved in espionage. Only when Stratton's path crosses Diana's does the pair start to uncover the truth. And soon they also begin to realize they like each other a little too much. . . . **HC \$52.95**

Don Winslow*The Gentleman's Hour (Boone Daniels)*

When The Sundowner, an icon symbolic of the San Diego surf scene, is the location for a dispute between a twentyish surfer from Oahu's North Shore and a member of the Rockpile Crew - the harsh reality comes to light and the laid-back streets of Pacific Beach are no longer safe at night. So, when lawyer Petra Hall, who has a thing with Boone, asks him to take on the murder case and help the defence, he reluctantly agrees bringing with it an outrage from the rest of the Dawn Patrol.

Left to his own devices Boone needs to find out the truth, as both cases merge into one and close friends come into question. Will Boone hang up his wetsuit for a tailored one and a desk job or are there more waves to be caught? **TP \$34.95**

Other Books

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

Astridus **HC \$72.95**

How to be Comfy: Brilliant ways to make your house a home **\$19.95**

Rad Robots

A collection of robots from popular culture, fiction, films, TV, animation and toys. It includes such chapters as Robots Go Galactic, When Robots Go Bad, Spaced-Out Robots and Robots with Dangerous Curves. It is suitable for robot fans. **HC \$39.99**

Top Gear: Daft Car Concepts **HC \$29.95**

Max Arthur

Dambusters

On the night of 16-17 May 1943, nineteen Lancaster bombers from 617 Squadron headed for Germany. Their mission, for which they had been trained under a cloak of absolute secrecy, was to destroy the dams of the Ruhr Valley and in doing so cripple the Nazi industrial war effort. It was to become one of the most famous raids of WWII.

For the first time, acclaimed oral historian Max Arthur has gathered together the voices of the 'Dambusters', including Guy Gibson, commander of the mission and Barnes Wallis, who developed the iconic Bouncing Bomb. These voices tell of the hard training and sheer bravery that went into this legendary mission. We also hear from the German civilians who suffered the attack, who speak of the devastation that was wrought in their lives. This was a raid like no other, and in this extraordinary collection Max Arthur has created an enduring record of a unique event in British military history. **BPB \$24.95**

Matt Bagild

The Rite: Making of a Modern Day Exorcist

In 2005 a Vatican-run university opened its doors to priests from around the world, running a course for would-be exorcists. Looking for a story, Rome-based investigative journalist Matt Baglio attended the class, and there met Father Gary Thomas - a Californian priest who had been chosen to attend by his bishop. Father Gary was concerned that many of the 'possessed' were in reality suffering from psychological disorders best left to the care of doctors.

How and why his view changed is the subject of this book. We follow Father Gary's year-long training with a senior exorcist as he is transformed from a doubter into a believer. Baglio gained unprecedented access to this world, including participating in exorcisms and culminating with Fr. Gary's own fearsome confrontation with the Devil. Woven into his story is the fascinating history of exorcism, its rites and rituals, and the ways and reasons that people become possessed. Matt Baglio speaks to psychologists and detectives, as well as Vatican clergy, to wrinkle out the truth about this most Gothic of subjects.

THE RITE is proof that the truth about demonic possession is not only stranger than fiction, but far more chilling. **TP \$29.99**

John Boyne

Mutiny on the Bounty

December 23, 1787, Portsmouth. A 14-year-old boy, John Jacob Turnstile, has got into trouble with the police on one too many occasions and is on his way to prison when an offer is put to him - a ship has been refitted over the last few months and is about to set sail with an important mission. The boy who was expected to serve as the captain's personal valet has been injured and a replacement must be found immediately. The deal is struck and he finds himself onboard, just as the ship sets sail. The ship is HMS Bounty, the captain is William Bligh, and their destination is Tahiti.

Mutiny on the Bounty is the first novel to explore all the events relating to the Bounty's voyage, from their long journey across the ocean to their adventures on the island of Tahiti and the subsequent 48 day expedition towards Timor. A vivid recreation of the famous mutiny, the story is packed with humour, violence and historical detail, while presenting a very different portrait of Captain Bligh and Mr Christian than has ever been shown before. **BPB \$24.95**

Suzanne Brockmann

Dark of Night

Taking on the world's deadliest criminals is what the elite security force Troubleshooters Incorporated does best. But now they face a new and powerful threat from their most lethal enemy yet—a shadowy government outfit known only as The Agency.

For years, operative James Nash has performed ultra-covert "Black Ops" missions for The Agency, but when he decide to walk away from their dirty work, his corrupt bosses aren't about to let him go. After Nash is nearly assassinated, Troubleshooters team leader Lawrence Decker launches a skillful deception to neutralize the threat and protect his friend. With the FBI's help, Decker fakes Nash's death, then brings him to a safe house with his fiancée, Tess Bailey, to recover from his injuries and strategize their next move.

Only a handful of people know that Nash is still alive—and fellow Troubleshooters Dave Malkoff, Sophia Ghaffari, and receptionist Tracy Shapiro aren't among them. Believing that Nash is dead and that Decker has begun a romantic relationship with Tess, Sophia settles for second best and begins a love affair with Dave, who has adored her for years. But Tracy puts two and two together, discovering the truth about Nash—much to Decker's dismay.

As passions flare, Decker struggles to keep his scheme afloat, and to keep Nash alive. But when he finds himself targeted for death, the game turns even more perilous, and Sophia, Tracy, and Dave are swept into the deadly play. Under fire and racing to unmask their relentless adversary, the Troubleshooters know that the closer they get, the greater the risks. But sacrifices and consequences come with the territory. Forced to choose between love and loyalty, they are no longer just solving a crime—they're fighting for survival. **PB \$19.95**

John Drake

Flint and Silver (01)

John Silver had never killed a man. Until now, charisma, sheer size and, when all else failed, a powerful pair of fists, had been enough to see off his enemies. But on a smouldering deck off the coast of Madagascar, his shipmates dead or dying all around him, his cutlass has just claimed the lives of six pirates. With their comrades intent on revenge, Silver's promising career in the merchant navy looks set to come to an end... until the pirate captain makes him an offer he can't refuse.

On the other side of the world Joseph Flint, a naval officer wronged by his superiors, plots a bloody mutiny. Strikingly handsome, brilliant, but prey to sadistic tendencies, the path Flint has chosen will ultimately lead him to Silver. Together these gentlemen of fortune forge a deadly and unstoppable partnership, steering a course through treachery and betrayal and amassing a vast fortune. But the arrival of Selina, a beautiful runaway slave with a murderous past, triggers sexual jealousy that will turn the best of friends into sworn enemies ... and so the legend of Treasure Island begins. **BPB \$19.99**

David Hill

1788

Never before or since has there been an experiment quite as bold as this. Set against the backdrop of Georgian England with its peculiar mix of elegance, prosperity, progress and squalor, the story of the First Fleet is one of courage, of short-sightedness, of tragedy but above all of extraordinary resilience. It is also, of course, the story of the very first European Australians, reluctant pioneers who travelled into the unknown - the vast majority against their will - in order to form a colony by order of the King's government. Separated from loved ones and travelling in cramped conditions for the months-long journey to Botany Bay, they suffered the most unbearable hardship on arrival on Australian land where a near-famine dictated that rations be cut to the bone. But why was the settlement of New South Wales proposed in the first place? Who were the main players in a story that changed the world and ultimately forged the Australian nation? How did the initial skirmishes with the indigenous population break out and how did the relationship turn sour so quickly?

Using diaries, letters and official records, DAVID HILL artfully reconstructs the experiences of these famous and infamous men and women of history, combining narrative skill with an eye for detail and an exceptional empathy with the people of the past. **BPB \$24.95**

Peter Hohnen & Richard Guilliat Australian Authors

The Wolf

July 1917: the First World War is about to enter its fourth horrendous year and ships are mysteriously disappearing off Australia and New Zealand as a young Australian woman named Mary Cameron sails with her husband and daughter across the Pacific Ocean from San Francisco to Sydney. Less than a thousand miles from Sydney, a black-hulled freighter appears out of the vast blue emptiness, and Mary and her daughter rush to the deck to greet her. Suddenly, two hinged iron sections of the freighter's bulwarks drop down to reveal she is bristling with guns. She is in fact the German warship the Wolf, and the Cameron family are about to find themselves captive on one of the century's most extraordinary wartime sea voyages.

Sent by Germany on a suicide mission to the far side of the world, the Wolf was a formidable and ingenious commerce-raider. Her task was to inflict maximum destruction on Allied shipping using all the latest technology of warfare - torpedoes, mines, cannons, smokescreens, wireless receivers, even a seaplane. It was an assignment so secret that she could never pull in to port or transmit any radio signal. In one continual 64,000-mile voyage, the ship caused havoc across three oceans, launched Germany's first direct attacks on Australia and New Zealand and captured over 400 men, women and children.

Surviving on fuel and food plundered from other ships, the Wolf became a world in miniature as her 350-strong crew and their prisoners crowded together in an improbable survival story. Drawn from eyewitness accounts, declassified government files and unpublished diaries and correspondence discovered during five years of research, this is the story of the Wolf's voyage, one of the most remarkable but little-known episodes of the First World War. An extraordinary adventure story, THE WOLF is also a portrait of a world undergoing profound transformation. **TP \$34.95**

John Langdon

Wordplay

If the name Langdon sounds familiar, it's because Dan Brown named the intrepid protagonist of *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels & Demons* after ambigram- and symbol-designer John Langdon. Widely recognized as a master of the art of the ambigram form, John Langdon does with words what M.C. Escher and Salvador Dali did with images. An ambigram is where language, science, philosophy and illusion come together in the design of a word which is manipulated to create a surprising illusion.

In this book John Langdon shows us how we can expand our understanding of terms and concepts by looking at ambigrams - words designed to be read upside down, back to front, or in a mirror as well as left to right.

He not only presents the reader with a number of strikingly beautiful and arresting ambigrams but also shows how the very shape of the letters can change our idea of the word itself and its meaning. He even disarmingly demonstrates how one goes about making an ambigram. But be warned: it's not as easy as it looks.

WORDPLAY is the ultimate collection, featuring a foreword by Dan Brown-for all those who just can't get enough of the intriguing symbols in his bestselling novels.. **TP \$39.95**

Steven Lukes

The Curious Enlightenment of Professor Caritat

Cut loose from the confines of his ivory tower, middle-aged Professor Caritat wanders naively through the neighboring countries of Utilitaria, Communitaria, and Libertaria, in a quest to find the best of all possible worlds; but he is soon made to confront the perplexed state of thinking in this dazzling comedy of ideas. **TP \$30.95**

Shannon Lush Australian Author

Save: Your money, your time, your planet

SAVE is full of clever ideas to help you get the most from everyday household items. In the process you'll save money, save time and save the planet! These days, once we've finished with something, we tend to throw it away rather than consider if it has another use. In SAVE you'll find out how to turn a lampshade into a wastepaper bin, create a mosaic from broken crockery, and make lip gloss from the last bit of your favourite lipstick. Learn how to revamp your tired-looking couch, how to tenderise meat using paw paw pips, and what to do with old ladders. There are tips on how to get the very last bit out of bottles and the many uses for old corks. Read advice on how to be a smart shopper, and find out how to make a leg of lamb last all week! You'll rediscover the lost arts of frugality and invention and have fun in the process. SAVE takes you through your house room-by-room with a raft of ideas for finding an uncommon use for things you commonly use. Remove the burden of living on a tight budget. Find out how to spend your time creating rather than consuming. And help the planet in the process. **PB \$19.95**

Kaku Michio

Physics of the Impossible: A Scientific Exploration of the World of Phasers, Force Fields, Teleportation and Time Travel

From cyborgs, starships, UFOs, aliens and antimatter to telepathy, invisibility, psychokinesis and precognition

According to Albert Einstein, 'If at first an idea does not sound absurd, there is not hope for it.' Physics of the Impossible shows how our most far-fetched ideas today are destined to become tomorrow's reality. Michio Kaku, bestselling author and one of the world's most acclaimed physicists, looks at the science of the future and explains what's just around the corner, what we might have to wait a few millennia to get our hands on and how surprisingly little of it is truly impossible. **BPB \$26.95**

Craig Nelson

Rocket Men

The Epic Story of the First Men on the Moon

On 20 July 1969, man set foot on the moon. Motivated by politics, faith, science and wonder, the Apollo 11 mission was the greatest technical achievement of all time. It was the culmination of over a decade's worth of money and effort from more than 400,000 staff and crew. *Rocket Men* follows the astounding story of the lunar project, beginning at its inception at the start of the Cold War and tracing it through to its finest hour with the first moon landing and the astronauts' safe return. Through extensive interviews with astronauts, NASA staff and their families and never-before-published documents, Craig Nelson presents an awe-inspiring human account of the voyage that changed the course of history. He takes us behind the scenes at Mission Control to describe every detail of the mission, from the astronauts' moon excursion suits, which had five hundred parts and weighed no less than fifty pounds, to terrifying revelations, such as how Armstrong and Aldrin could have been left stranded on the moon when a vital switch snapped on the landing craft. *Rocket Men* is the inside story of one of the most perilous and rewarding undertakings in history. **TP \$35**

Chuck Palahnuik

Pygmy

Agent Number 67, nicknamed Pygmy for his diminutive size, arrives in the United States from his totalitarian homeland (a mash-up of North Korea, Cuba, Communist-era China, and Nazi-era Germany), as an "exchange student" into the welcoming arms of his Simpsons-spinoff Midwestern host family. Host cow father (he works in the biological weapons complex outside of town), chicken neck mother, pig dog brother, and the disconcertingly self-possessed cat sister introduce Pygmy into the rituals of postmodern American life, which he views with utter contempt. Along with his fellow operatives, all indoctrinated into the mindset of the totalitarian state, he is planning something big, something truly, truly awful, that will bring this big dumb country and its fat, dumb inhabitants to their knees. **TP \$32.95**

Pamela Palmer

Desire Untamed (Feral Warriors)

When she is kidnapped by a powerful stranger who claims she is the chosen one to save his race, Kara MacAllister discovers her true destiny in the arms of this Feral Warrior who awakens a primal hunger within her. **PB \$17.95**

Dan Parry

Moonshot

It didn't matter that they were now three miles beyond their target site, that communications were dropping out and that they were running low on fuel. All that mattered to Neil as he searched for a safe spot to land was that boulders littered the surface below. 'Thirty seconds,' called mission control. In truth, the flight controllers were now no more than spectators, just like everybody else. No more needed to be said. It was down to Armstrong. Simultaneously connected and separated by television, millions of people around the world held their breath as a human being looked back at them from the surface of the Moon. Yet who were these men capable of such an achievement? How did the passionate Buzz Aldrin, inscrutable Michael Collins and enigmatic Neil Armstrong learn to depend on one another as they endured the most intense period of their lives? From the personal tragedies and triumphs they encountered along the way to the terrifying climax of a mission that redefined humanity, *Moonshot* draws on interviews with many of the leading participants and hundreds of hours of archive material to tell the compelling true story of an event that captured the imagination of generations, then and now. **TP \$34.95**

Robert Twigger

Real Men Eat Puffer Fish

Every man has faced that emergency where a car needs to be broken into and hot-wired; just as every man needs to be able to mix the perfect dry Martini. The world is a dangerous and unpredictable place; a man never knows when he might be called upon to start a fire with just a coke can, win at croquet or drive a T34 tank. Twigger has plenty of experience of facing down bears, building coracles, swimming with sharks - now he shows every man how to cook a hedgehog, commit hara-kiri and land a Boeing 747. **BPB \$24.99**

Sun Tzu

The Art of War

Compiled more than two thousand years ago by a mysterious warrior-philosopher, *The Art of War* is still perhaps the most prestigious and influential book of strategy in the world today, as eagerly studied in Asia by modern politicians and executives as it has been by military leaders since ancient times. As a study of the anatomy of organizations in conflict, *The Art of War* applies to competition and conflict in general, on every level from the interpersonal to the international. Its aim is invincibility, victory without battle, and unassailable strength through understanding of the physics, politics, and psychology of conflict. This translation presents the classic from the point of view of its background in the great spiritual tradition of Taoism, the origin of psychology, science, and technology in East Asia and the source of the insights into human nature that underlie this most revered of handbooks for success. Translated from a standard collection of commentaries on Sun Tzu's text by eleven interpreters, the work has been edited by Thomas Cleary to bring out the meaning of the principles of strategy. In addition, the translator provides an extensive introduction discussing the content and background of the book. **TP \$24.95**

Stewart Wilson

Almost Unknown

The story of Squadron Leader Tony Gaze OAM DFC*** Australian Spitfire Ace & Grand Prix Racing Car Driver. It reads like one of those 'Boy's Own' adventure stories of days gone by, but the story of this remarkable Australian is fact, not fiction. Tony Gaze has a litany of remarkable achievements to his credit resulting from his two careers: as a fighter pilot with the Royal Air Force during World War II and as a racing driver afterwards.

Tony Gaze flew Spitfires almost exclusively during the war and ended it with 12.5 confirmed combat victories to his credit and another four 'probables'; he flew with and was highly respected by luminaries such as Douglas Bader and Johnnie Johnson and was rated by them and others as an exceptional fighter pilot.

He has the rare distinction of being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross three times; he was the first Australian to fly jet aircraft operationally; he was the first Australian pilot to shoot down an enemy jet aircraft; he escaped from occupied France with the help of the French Resistance; and he was the first Allied pilot to land in France after D-Day.

Then there's Tony Gaze's motor racing career after the war: the first Australian to compete in World Championship Grand Prix motor racing; the driving force behind the establishment of the Goodwood motor racing circuit in England and a racing career that saw him competing in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa in open-wheelers and sports cars.

Tony Gaze also represented Australia in the 1960 World Gliding Championship in Germany and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2006 New Year's Honours List. By any measure, Tony Gaze's life has been an extraordinary one and his list of achievements remarkable. This book captures the drama and excitement of that life in detail and has been written with the full co-operation of Tony and his family. **HC \$65**

David T Zabecki

Chief of Staff Vol 1

The Principal Officers Behind History's Great Commanders, Napoleonic Wars to World War I

The two-volume Chief of Staff examines the history, development, and role of the military duty position of the Chief of Staff. Many books have studied history's great commanders and the art of command. None have focused exclusively on the chief of staff - that key staff officer responsible for translating the ideas of the commander into practical plans that common soldiers can execute successfully on the battlefield. In some cases, it's almost impossible to think of certain great commanders without also thinking of their chief of staff. Napoleon's chief of staff Berthier and Eisenhower's chief of staff Bedell Smith are two examples that are profiled in this work. Zabecki and his collaborators examine the history, development, and the role of chief of staff primarily through profiles of the most important practitioners of the art. **HC \$79.95**

Chief of Staff Vol 2

The Principal Officers Behind History's Great Commanders: World War II to Korea and Vietnam

14 essays of various chiefs of staff, detailing their relationships with other officers and their management styles. **HC \$79.95**