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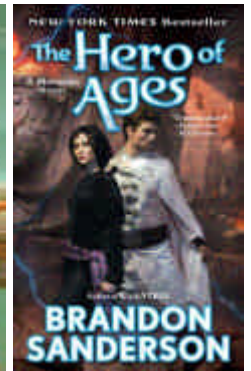
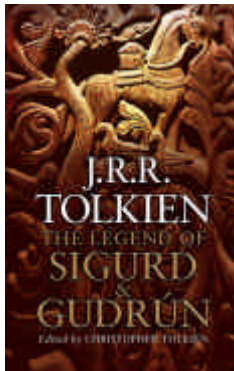
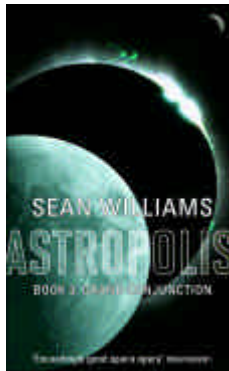
May 2009

D & D Day

D&D day: We will be running D&D Day this coming Saturday, May 23rd starting at 9:00am. If you'd like to attend, please contact us at the shop as soon as possible. Let us know if you can help as a DM or by bringing a table or chairs. D&D days are great introduction to 4th Edition D&D for new players, a way to meet other players. We will have a 5th level module with 5 pre-prepared characters (as shown). As this event is supported by Wizards of the Coast to promote the release of Monster Manual 2, expect to encounter new monsters in the module. D&D days are great fun.



Featured Books



Walter Jon Williams

Sean Williams

Warhammer 40K

Christopher & JRR Tolkien

Matthew Reilly

Kevin J Anderson

Sara Douglass

Charlaine Harris

Tamora Pierce

John Scalzi

Alan Dean Foster

Brandon Sanderson

Dungeons & Dragons

This Is Not A Game in trade and hardcover.

Grand Conjunction in paperback.

Heroes of the Space Marines in paperback.

The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun in hardcover

The Six Sacred Stones in paperback.

The Ashes of Worlds in paperback.

The Twisted Citadel in paperback.

Dead and Gone a Sookie Stackhouse hardcover.

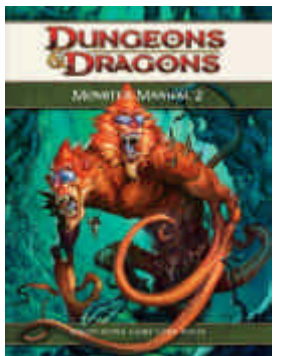
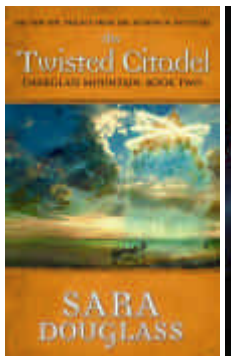
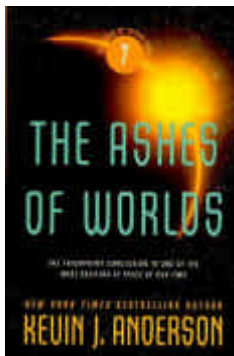
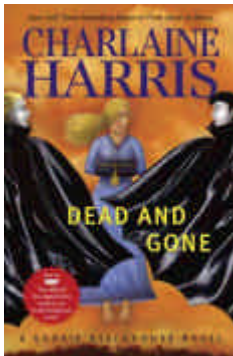
Bloodhound in paperback.

Zoe's Tale in paperback.

Star Trek the movie novelisation in trade paperback.

The Hero of Ages in paperback.

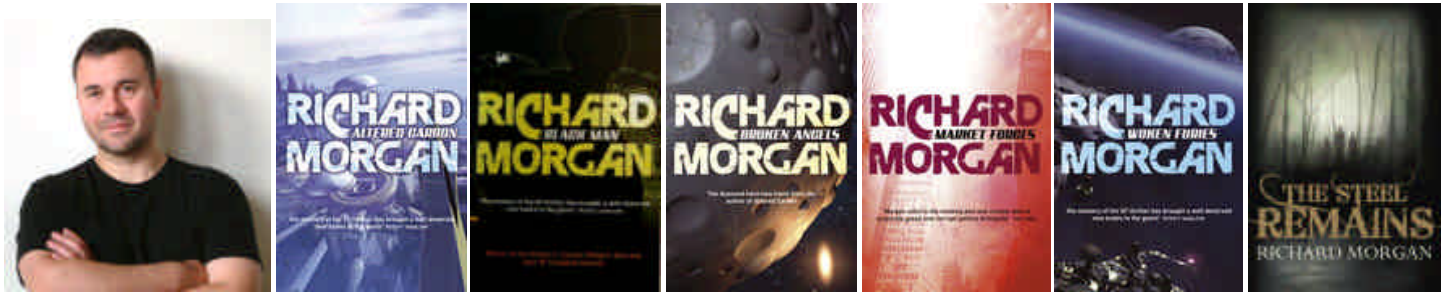
Monster Manual 2 a new 4th edition rulebook.



Author Visit

Richard Morgan will visit Infinitas 3pm Friday 22nd May (This coming Friday afternoon!). Richard Morgan has written several near future SF thrillers and one fantasy. Come meet him and get your books signed, or buy copies personalised on Friday.

View his book list: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ProductsByAuthor.php?autid=23271>



News

New Dice: We have just had a delivery of many new sets of dice. Do you have a new character in need of a fresh set of dice for luck?

Tom Deitz, author of many fantasy novels died 27th April 2009 following a heart attack in January. His works included the *Tale of Eron* series, the *Soulsmith* series, the *David Sullivan* series and the *Thunderbird O'Connor* series.

Book Reviews

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

A Madness of Angels by Kate Griffin, reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781841497334>

Matthew Swift wakes up in his old room, but it's not the same, his body is slightly different, and the blue electric angels which live in the telephone lines are now inside him. The catch? He was murdered two years before, but now someone has brought him back from the dead. Welcome to London, where urban magic ebbs & flows with the time & rhythms of the city. Now he has to find out what he has become, who killed him, and what he should do now he's back. After all, when the electricity sings in the blood, and fire burns in the flesh, something has to be done.

Kate Griffin has written a brilliant novel, reminiscent of Gaiman's *London Underground* in *Neverwhere*, but with a style of gritty realism and superb descriptions of events & locations, reminiscent of China Mieville. Her descriptions of the city drag you in, painting a picture vivid enough that you feel like you can smell the rotting garbage, and the coppery smell of the blood. Matthew is an urban sorcerer, who must try to survive whilst contending with the Tower, a major corporation run by another sorcerer, shapeshifters, wercreatures, magicians, bikers, trolls, faeries, and others. Her London is a grey, gritty, depressed city, but one which still retains patches of magic & beauty. The terror happens when mortals try to look deeper than the surface.....

A surprising good read. Bloody, icky, fun.



Odalisque by Fiona McIntosh, reviewed by Steven

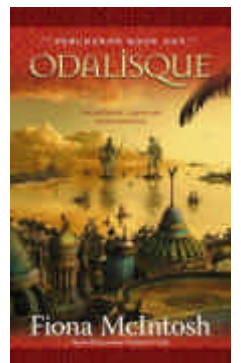
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I have a confession to make. I'm a gutter dweller in the Australian speculative fiction writer's ghetto, and I'd never read a Fiona McIntosh book.

This was remedied by reading *Odalisque*, book one of the Percheron trilogy.

The opening chapter didn't impress me at all, showing a slave taking out the best soldiers in the realm with nary a scratch. However this cliché so treasured by new writers soon moved into a rich world of culture, intrigue and brutality. A teenage boy becomes king (Zar) of Percheron and must deal with attempts to manipulate him. Those around him become pawns in this complex game, and the innocent suffer in terrible ways as the greater good is pursued. In the background a greater conflict of deities and avatars begins to build.

Odalisque, like many modern fantasies, raises a lot of questions and then ends with most of them unresolved. The obvious buy-the-next-book ploy left me feeling dissatisfied, but the quality of the prose, characterisation and plot are top notch. A fine start to a great looking trilogy.





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New Release Information

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

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

Prices include GST and are correct at time of printing but may change without notice.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php> and <http://www.infinitas.com.au/forums/viewforum.php?f=3>
Thursday 4th June 2009: 1980's Science Fiction
Thursday 2nd July 2009: Realistic Science Fiction

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting and bring their review/s along for discussion. The discussion is generally serious and insightful. All welcome. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReviewGroup.php>

Thursday 21st May 2009
Dead Until Dark by Charlaine Harris (F)
Make Room Make Room by Harry Harrison (SF)

Thursday 18th June 2009
Mistborn by Brandon Sanderson (Fantasy)
Magic Bites by Ilona Andrews (Urban Fantasy)

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

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

Bestsellers for April

General Release

<i>Zoe's Tale</i>	John Scalzi
<i>From Dead to Worse</i>	Charlaine Harris
<i>Pride and Prejudice and Zombies</i>	Seth Grahame-Smith & Jane Austen
<i>Turn Coat</i>	Jim Butcher
<i>Relentless</i>	Jack Campbell
<i>When the Tide Rises</i>	David Drake
<i>Curse the Dawn</i>	Karen Chance
<i>Magic Strikes</i>	Ilona Andrews
<i>The Shadow Queen</i>	Anne Bishop
<i>The Immortal Hunter</i>	Lynsay Sands

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Tales of Heresy</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Hellforged</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Player's Handbook 2 (4E)</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4E
<i>Arcane Power</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4E
<i>Outcast</i>	Star Wars
<i>Exterminatus</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Fire and Honour</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Judgement of the Judoon</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Prisoner of the Daleks</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Dungeon Delve</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4E

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Element Encyclopedia of Magical Creatures

This compendium of magical creatures explores the history, folklore and mythology of fascinating beasts throughout all the magical worlds. Including stories, celebrations, traditions, and amazing facts, the book spans every major culture across the globe.

Many of the fantastic creatures described in the book have appeared in the fictitious worlds of the Brothers Grimm, Lewis Carroll, J.K. Rowling, Tolkien and countless other writers who have stirred our imaginations since childhood fairytales. From unicorns, giants, fairies, elves, goblins, dwarves and trolls to nymphs, mermaids, sphinxes, ogres, cyclops, dragons, salamanders, basilisks, banshees, werewolves, griffins, centaurs, satyrs and gremlins - this is the ultimate reference book on creatures from the magical world.

Organized from A to Z for easy reference, the cross-cultural focus spans from the most ancient of creatures to those which have come to prominence more recent ly. Discover everything from obscure magical beings to everyday animals that carry magical symbolism.

Find out more in *The Fantastic World of Magical Creatures*. **TP \$27.99**

Andromeda Spaceways Inflight Magazine 38

Fiction: Machine . . . Dr Philip Edward Kaldon
Untangling the Future . . . Ingrid Banwell
Chasing Jormungand . . . Shane Jiraiya Cummings
Moochi's Legacy . . . EM Sky
Red and Road . . . Katherine Sparrow
The Six Solvers and the Mystery of the Sad Boy . . . Gitte Christensen
The Storyteller . . . KV Johansen

Also: An Interview with Pamela Freeman . . . Edwina Harvey

Reviews: Simon Petrie, Ian Nichols, Sue Bursztynski **MAG \$8.95**

Robert Acosta

How to Draw Pirates

Provides instructions on how to draw cartoon pirate characters, as well as their weapons, ships, and accessories. **TP \$40.95**

Joe Abercrombie

The Last Argument of Kings (03)

The end is coming. Logen Ninefingers might only have one more fight in him but its going to be a big one. Battle rages across the North, the King of the Northmen still stands firm and there's only one man who can stop him. His oldest friend and his oldest enemy. It's past time for the Bloody-Nine to come home. With too many masters and too little time, Superior Glokta is fighting a different kind of war. A secret struggle in which no-one is safe and no-one can be trusted. His days with a sword are far behind him. It's a good thing blackmail, threats and torture still work well enough. Jezal dan Luthar has decided that winning glory is far too painful and turned his back on soldiering for a simple life with the woman he loves. But love can be painful too and glory has a nasty habit of creeping up on a man when he least expects it. While the King of the Union lies on his deathbed, the peasants revolt and the nobles scramble to steal his crown. No-one believes that the shadow of war is falling across the very heart of the Union. The First of the Magi has a plan to save the world, as he always does. But there are risks. There is no risk more terrible, after all, than to break the First Law... **PB \$22.99**

Kevin J Anderson

The Ashes of Worlds (Saga of Seven Suns 07)

Galactic empires clash, elemental beings devastate whole planetary systems, and the factions of humanity are pitted against each other. Heroes rise and enemies make their last stands in the climax of an epic tale seven years in the making. **APB \$19.95**

Poul Anderson

To Outlive Eternity

From the aftermath of World War III to a world inherited by robots, where humans are unwelcome ... from a handful of human survivors on a starship desperately searching for other ships carrying survivors of the destruction of the entire Earth by an unknown enemy, who may strike again at any time, to another starship hurtling through the cosmos at a speed so close to that of light—and unable to slow down—that relativistic effects make millennia fly by for each tick of the clock onboard . . . from a team striving to make Venus habitable for humans to a group of men who find the ominous secret behind a new quasi-religious philosophy that is sweeping the world. . . . The wide-ranging imagination and exciting storytelling of Poul Anderson brings many different worlds to vivid life in a great volume of his best stories that will thrill all fans of science fiction. **APB \$19.95**

Alex Archer

Sacrifice (Rogue Angel 18)

Bearers of the sword

On assignment in the Philippines, archaeologist Annja Creed meets with a contact to verify some information. Easy enough. But when the man doesn't turn out to be whom he said he was, Annja finds herself handcuffed, blindfolded and kidnapped. And to make matters worse, she's a prisoner of the dreaded Abu Sayyaf, a notorious terrorist group.

Desperate to escape, Annja is able to flee after slaying one of her captors. But she soon gets lost in the hostile jungle, which is rumored to be haunted by the spirits of Moro warriors who fought off conquistadors with their blades. As she tries to stay a step ahead of the terrorists and not-so-dead spirits with a taste for human flesh, Annja's not sure she'll leave the jungle alive.... **APB \$17.95**

Catherine Asaro

Diamond Star

Del was a rock singer. He was also the renegade son of the Ruby Dynasty, which made his career choice less than respectable, and gave him more to worry about than getting gigs and not getting cheated by recording companies, club owners, or his agent. For one thing, the Ruby Dynasty ruled the Skolian Imperiate, an interstellar Empire, which had recently had a war with another empire, the Eubian Concord. For another, Del was singing on Earth, which was part of a third interstellar civilization, and one which had an uneasy relationship with the Imperiate. Del undeniably had talent, and was rapidly rising from an unknown fringe artist to stardom. But, with his life entangled in the politics of three interstellar civilizations, whether he wanted that or not, talent might not be enough. And that factor might have much more effect than his music on the lives of trillions of people on the thousands of inhabited worlds across the galaxy. **HC \$47.95**

Neal Asher*Shadow of the Scorpion*

Another stunning space drama featuring agent Cormac and the horrific legacy of the Prador Wars

Raised to adulthood during the end of the war between the human Polity and the vicious arthropoid 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. In the years following the war he signs up with Earth Central Security, and is sent out to help either restore or maintain order on worlds devastated by Prador bombardment.

There he discovers that though the old enemy remains as murderous as ever, it is not anywhere near as perfidious or dangerous as some of his fellow humans – some of them closer to him than he would like. Amidst the ruins left by war-time genocides, he discovers in himself a cold capacity for violence, learns some horrible truths about his own past and, while set upon a course of vengeance, tries to just stay alive. **HC \$54.99**

Isaac Asimov*The Currents of Space*

One of innumerable oppressed laborers on the planet of Florinia, Rik resigns himself to a life of hard work and the poor regard of people who believe him to be mentally impaired before he begins to recover memories of an imminent disaster; a situation that prompts his realization that he has been brainwashed and that the planet is in terrible danger. **HC \$49.95**

James Axler*Shadow Box (Outlanders 49)*

The collapse of the hybrid-ruled baronies offers a glimmer of hope for an Earth free from the shackles of the alien race that has subjugated humankind since the dawn of time. But the Annunaki threat remains ominous. For the Cerberus rebels, safeguarding the future of the human race remains daunting...and deadly.

A new and horrific face of the Annunaki legacy appears in the Arizona desert. A shambling humanoid monster preys on human victims, consuming their energy, burning their souls—leaving empty, mindless shells in its wake. Trapped inside this creature, the souls of rogue Igigi, once the treasured slave caste of the Annunaki, seek hosts for their physical rebirth. And no human—perhaps not even the Cerberus rebels—can stop them from reclaiming the planet of their masters for themselves.... **APB \$17.95**

Kage Baker*The Empress of Mars (Company)*

Emigrating to a Martian colony only to find themselves stranded by the company that originally financed their journey, a ragtag band of outcasts endeavors to survive on the hostile planet while plotting the downfall of the abandoning company, in a full-length tale based on a Hugo-nominated novella. **HC \$50**

Nina Bangs*Eternal Craving (Gods of the Night 02)*

Al, a vampire and one of the Eleven Gods of the Night, arrives in Philadelphia to save souls, keeping his need to feed, kill, and mate in check, until he meets Jenna Maloy, the woman destined to help him battle evil with whom he falls in love. **APB \$19.95**

Michele Bardsley*Over My Dead Body (05)*

Arriving in the town of Broken Heart, Oklahoma to start a new life with her little daughter, Simone Sweet, a newly turned vampire, finds her undead world rocked by local hunk Braddock Hayes who is the only one who sees her as she really is. **APB \$17.95**

Bernard Beckett*Genesis*

A bold and ingenious thriller where philosophical questions collide with technology on the question of what it means to be human. Set on a remote island in a post-apocalyptic, plague-ridden world, this electrifying novel seems destined to become a modern classic.

Anax thinks she knows her history. She'd better. She's now facing three Examiners and her grueling all-day Examination has just begun. If she passes, she'll be admitted into the Academy - the elite governing institution of her utopian society.

But Anax is about to discover that for all her learning, the history she's been taught isn't the whole story. And that the Academy isn't what she believes it to be.

The reader is about to discover a brilliant novel of dazzling ingenuity. Anax's examination leads us into a future where we are confronted with unresolved questions raised by science and philosophy. Centuries old, these questions have gained new urgency in the face of rapidly developing technology. What is consciousness? What makes us human? If artificial intelligence were developed to a high enough capability, what status could humanity still claim?

Outstanding and original, Beckett's dramatic narrative comes to a stunning close that will leave you reeling. This perfect combination of thrilling page-turner and provocative novel of ideas demands to be read again and again. **HC \$40.95**

Lyn Benedict*Sins & Shadows (Shadows Inquiries)*

After one of her employees is murdered in front of her, paranormal PI Sylvie Lightner tries to close up shop but finds herself unable to when the god of Justice hires her to find his lost lover or, if she refuses, her family, friends, and the world will suffer the consequences. **APB \$19.95**

Alex Bledsoe*Blood Groove*

Reawakening sixty years after he believed himself staked to death, centuries-old vampire Baron Rudolfo Zginski finds himself in a modern world of simmering racial tensions in 1975 Memphis, where he works to track down a nest of teenage vampires in the hopes of learning how to survive in his new time period. **HC \$51.95 TP \$28.95**

Eric Brown*Kethani*

An alien race known as the Kéthani come to Earth bearing a dubious but amazing gift: immortality. Each chapter is an episode that deals with human emotions in the face of the vast consequences of the alien arrival, and how the lives of a group of friends are changed. **APB \$19.95**

Shannon K Butcher*Burning Alive (Sentinel Wars 01)*

When Theronai warrior Drake, who protects humanity against evil, touches Helen Day, a woman he encounters in a diner, the anguish he has borne for centuries fades away and he must discover why this mysterious woman has such power over him. **APB \$19.95**

S C Butler*The Magicians' Daughter (Stoneways 03)*

Ten years after the siege during which two of three dark wizards were killed, Reiffen deteriorates to the point of insanity over fears that the daughter he shares with Ferris will be kidnapped by the third surviving wizard, a situation that prompts the young girl to enlist the aid of her parents' friends.

HC \$56.95

Rhyannon Byrd*Edge of Danger (Edge 02)*

Saige Buchanan travels the world studying her dark past, guided by a strange gift that enables physical objects to tell her their secrets. Yet nothing can protect her from her family's sadistic enemies. Until—in her hour of greatest need—she encounters a mysterious, impossibly sexy shape-shifter. Sent to find the woman whose darkness has yet to awaken, Michael Quinn battles his primal hunger for Saige. He alone can help her lay claim to her full powers. Yet in doing so, he will destroy her innocence, and mark her as his forever.... **APB \$19.95**

Jack Campbell*Relentless (Lost Fleet 05)*

After rescuing POWs from a labor camp in the Heradao Star System, Captain John "Black Jack" Geary discovers that the Syndics plan to ambush his fleet, forcing him to jump from one star system to the next in an effort to avoid the enemy. **APB \$19.95**

Orson Scott Card

Ender's Shadow / Shadow of the Hegemon / Shadow Puppets / Shadow of the Giant: The Ender's Shadow (Bean) **PB \$79.95**

Ender Quartet: Ender's Game/ Speaker for the Dead/ Xenocide/ Children of the Mind (Ender) **PB \$79.95**

Mike Carey*Thicker Than Water (Felix Castor 04)*

Old ghosts of different kinds come back to haunt Fix, in the fourth gripping Felix Castor novel. Names and faces he thought he'd left behind in Liverpool resurface in London, bringing Castor far more trouble than he'd anticipated. Childhood memories, family traumas, sins old and new, and a council estate that was meant to be a modern utopia until it turned into something like hell...these are just some of the sticks life uses to beat Felix Castor with as things go from bad to worse for London's favourite freelance exorcist. See, Castor's stepped over the line this time, and he knows he'll have to pay; the only question is: how much? Not the best of times, then, for an unwelcome confrontation with his holier-than-thou brother, Matthew. And just when he thinks things can't possibly get any worse, along comes Father Gwillam and the Anathemata. Oh joy... **APB \$19.99**

Paul Chafe*Genesis (Ark 01)*

The human race is running out of time on overcrowded Earth, and only one man has the courage to save it. Colony ship Ark is the greatest project the human race will ever attempt, a self-contained world one hundred years in the building, launched on a ten thousand year voyage to carry the seeds of civilization to the stars. It is humanity's final gamble for escape from a desperate world, but the price of hope is measured in lives.

Joshua Crewe, Ark's designer. Obsessed with his vision, he's devoted his life to winning the power to turn it into reality. No burden is too great to bear in pursuit of his dream—especially when other people are the ones to bear it.

Aurora Brady, first of the spaceborn, with one foot in the future and one in the past. She must give power to her enemies to see Ark launched, but giving too much will mean its destruction.

Jedidiah Fourgere, a simple farm boy, he finds himself caught up in a revolution that will forever change the balance of power in Ark's hermetically sealed world. Torn between love and faith, humanity's future lies in his hands.

Master storyteller Paul Chafe presents Genesis, the gripping first book of the Ark trilogy. **APB \$19.95**

Stephen Clarke & Stephen Baxter*Firstborn (Time Odyssey 03)*

With this epic tale of altered histories and different earths, a universe where Alexander's empire prompted a different past, a world where strange alien 'eyes' gaze upon a fractured reality, a time when man is looking to colonise the red planet Arthur C Clarke and Stephen Baxter scale new heights of ambition and sheer story telling brio. This is classic SF adventure from two of the biggest names in the genre. A heady combination of high concept SF, big engineering projects and human drama. **PB \$19.99**

Arthur C Clarke & Frederik Pohl*The Last Theorem*

30 light years away, a race known simply as the One Point Fives are plotting a dangerous invasion plan, one that will wipe humankind off the face of the Earth...

Meanwhile, in Sri Lanka, a young astronomy student, Ranjit Subramanian, becomes obsessed with a three-hundred-year-old theorem that promises to unlock the secrets of the universe. While Ranjit studies the problem, tensions grow between the nations of the world and a UN taskforce headed up by China, America and Russia code-named Silent Thunder begins bombing volatile regimes into submission.

On the eve of the invasion of Earth a space elevator is completed, helped in part by Ranjit, which will herald a new type of Olympics to be held in Low-Earth Orbit. But when alien forces arrive Ranjit is forced to question his own actions, in a bid to save the lives of not just his own family but of all of humankind.

Co-written with fellow grand master Frederik Pohl, THE LAST THEOREM only provides a fitting end to the career one of the most famous names in science fiction but also sets a new benchmark in contemporary prescient science fiction. It tackles with ease epic themes as diverse as third world poverty, the atrocities of modern warfare in a post-nuclear age, space elevators, pure mathematics and mankind's first contact with extra-terrestrials. **APB \$20.99**

John Connor*Unsafe*

On the day Karen Sharpe is promoted to Detective Sergeant she loses control and attacks a prisoner she is interrogating. Duly suspended, Karen is investigated and seemingly cleared, but more than a year later the incident still casts a long shadow. When the battered body of a young girl is discovered, it kicks off an inquiry which pushes Karen and a trainee DC, Marcus Roth, too close for comfort, both on and off-duty. The investigation leads to Mary Bradley, currently the carer for a helpless six-year-old boy, Andrew Farrar. As the truth of Mary Bradley's violent past emerges, the inquiry becomes a race against time before Andrew becomes just another one of her child victims. Meanwhile, with the case holding more and more personal resonance for Karen, Marcus discovers that when threatened she has a tendency to ignore the rule book and act on instinct.

Before the scores are finally settled Marcus will be wondering whether Karen's legitimate world and Mary Bradley's illegitimate one are really any different. **TP \$32.99**

S J Day

Eve of Darkness (Marked 01)

When a fling with a bad boy from the wrong side of town earns her the mark of Cain, Evangeline Hollis is thrust into a world where sinners are drafted to kill demons and she becomes an ill-treated, yet valuable pawn in a game that puts her very soul on the line. **APB \$17.95**

Stephen Deas

The Adamantine Palace

The Adamantine Palace lies at the centre of an empire that grew out of ashes. Once dragons ruled the world and man was little more than prey. Then a way of subduing the dragons alchemically was discovered and now the dragons are bred to be little more than mounts for knights and highly valued tokens in the diplomatic power-players that underpin the rule of the competing aristocratic houses. The Empire has grown fat. And now one man wants it for himself. A man prepared to poison the king just as he has poisoned his own father. A man prepared to murder his lover and bed her daughter. A man fit to be king? But unbeknownst to him there are flames on the way. A single dragon has gone missing. And even one dragon on the loose, unsubdued, returned to its full intelligence, its full fury, could spell disaster for the Empire. **TP \$32.99**

Sara Douglass Australian Author

The Twisted Citadel (Darkglass Mountain 02)

Glass turns to flesh as DarkGlass Mountain rouses from its restless sleep to walk the land and plot the downfall of the Lord of Elcho Falling. Ishbel and Maximilian, now utterly estranged, ride for Serpent's Nest, not realising that at their backs a cadre of traitors plot their death.

Axis once more takes command of the Strike Force, but it is not enough to save him from the gallows of Isaiah's generals, nor from the lover who betrays him.

In Isembaard the Skraelings run amok, but they will not touch the sole survivor from the slaughter of Aqhat, who walks north with a mysterious relic of Ashdod's past.

Over all hover the Leafast, ancient creatures who hide many secrets and possess a sorcery so ancient and malignant that it threatens to curse Elcho Falling as soon as the twisted citadel rises. **APB \$21.99**

Jocelynn Drake

Dayhunter (Dark Days 02)

Mira, a master of fire, and her ally, human vampire hunter, Danaus, arrive in Venice, a city rife with unholy alliances, conflict, and betrayal, to stop the naturi, an ancient nightwalker coven, from reopening a portal that will enable their dreaded reentry into our world. **APB \$19.95**

David Drake

In the Stormy Red Sky (Lt Leary 07)

Daniel Leary is Cinnabar's most successful space captain; his friend, lady Adele Mundy, is its most efficient spy—but they've got their hands full this time as they face:

- A Cinnabar Senator furious at losing an election—and still powerful enough to make her anger deadly.
- The boy ruler of a star cluster who thinks he's a god—and who can sign the death warrants of even Cinnabar officials if a mad whimsy tells him to.
- A world of slaves and escaped slaves, where the most savage beasts in the jungle used to be human.
- An enemy base that could shrug off attack by powerful battlefleets—but which must fall to a single cruiser if Cinnabar is to survive.

From palace to reeking jungle, from gunfights in grimy hangars to the flagship's bridge during a sprawling space battle, Leary and Mundy are in the thick of it again. Watch the galaxy explode—**IN THE STORMY RED SKY HC \$51.95**

Doranna Durgin

Jaguar Night (Sentinels)

At dusk he prowled the Southwest, a huge, sleek black jaguar with startling blue eyes and a man's thoughts. A shape-shifting Sentinel, Dolan Treviño projected an intensely animalistic aura that hid the scars of his past. Yet as fierce as his pride was, this immensely powerful guardian needed the intuition and spirit of an innocent horse trainer to find redemption.

The moment he set foot on her ranch, Meghan Lawrence rejected the shape-shifter's protection—but she couldn't turn her back on her family legacy. Her mother had died protecting a magical manuscript that the Sentinels' dark counterparts would now do anything to recover. With an unbreakable will and all-consuming passion, only Dolan possessed the strength to save Meghan. But was she strong enough to tame the beast within? **PB \$14.95**

Anna Elliott

Twilight of Avalon (Avalon 01)

She is a healer, a storyteller, a warrior, and a queen without a throne. In the shadow of King Arthur's Britain, one woman knows the truth that could save a kingdom from the hands of a tyrant...

Ancient grudges, old wounds, and the quest for power rule in the newly widowed Queen Isolde's court. Hardly a generation after the downfall of Camelot, Isolde grieves for her slain husband, King Constantine, a man she secretly knows to have been murdered by the scheming Lord Marche -- the man who has just assumed his title as High King. Though her skills as a healer are renowned throughout the kingdom, in the wake of Con's death, accusations of witchcraft and sorcery threaten her freedom and her ability to bring Marche to justice. Burdened by their suspicion and her own grief, Isolde must conquer the court's distrust and superstition to protect her throne and the future of Britain.

One of her few allies is Trystan, a prisoner with a lonely and troubled past. Neither Saxon nor Briton, he is unmoved by the political scheming, rumors, and accusations swirling around the fair queen. Together they escape, and as their companionship turns from friendship to love, they must find a way to prove what they know to be true -- that Marche's deceptions threaten not only their lives but the sovereignty of the British kingdom.

In *Twilight of Avalon*, Anna Elliott returns to the roots of the legend of Trystan and Isolde to shape a very different story -- one based in the earliest written versions of the Arthurian tales -- a captivating epic brimming with historic authenticity, sweeping romance, and the powerful magic of legend. **TP \$32.95**

Steven Erikson

The Lees of Laughter's End

HC \$51.95

John Everson

Sacrifice

When Ariana, a dangerously insane woman who has dedicated her life to unleashing demons into the mortal world through many human sacrifices, gets close to completing her blood-drenched mission, three people join forces to stop the madness. **APB \$19.95**

Christine Feehan*Fever (Leopard People 01)*

In THE AWAKENING, a beautiful naturalist's dream of a life among the feral jungle creatures comes true. But an untamed, irresistible beast of another sort inspires her to explore her own wild side. WILD RAIN's Rachel Lospostos has escaped from a faceless assassin and found sanctuary thousands of miles from home under the towering jungle canopy. In this world teeming with unusual creatures she encounters Rio, a native of the forest imbued with a fierce prowess and possessed of secrets of his own. And when Rio unleashes the secret animal instincts that course through his blood, Rachel must decide if he is something to be feared - or desired. **APB \$19.99**

Burning Wild (Leopard People 02)

Bred by capricious parents for his innate leopard-shifting abilities, billionaire Jake Bannacotti has spent his life in an emotional vacuum - especially after a tragic twist of fate has left him to raise his infant son alone.

But when his path crosses that of an enigmatic young woman, Jake's life takes a detour he could never have predicted. There is something irresistible about Emma Reynolds - something Jake can't live without. She's the first human to stir something in him he's never felt before so he hires her as his son's nanny to keep her close. It soon becomes apparent that she may not be all that she seems, yet what's raging between them is pure animal instinct - out of control, burning wild and as hot as the lick of a flame. **APB \$19.99**

Angie Fox*The Dangerous Book for Demon Slayers*

Preschool teacher turned demon slayer Lizzie Brown, along with her grandma's coven of biker witches and a talking terrier, arrives in Las Vegas to take down a gorgeous succubus who has her sights on world domination--and Lizzie's hot "protector" Dimitri. **APB \$19.95**

Diana Pharaoh Francis*The Turning Tide (Crosspointe)*

When the compass makers begin dying, causing Crosspointe to fall into chaos, Ryland is ordered by the king to commit a heinous, unforgivable act that places him at odds with his closest friends--Shaye, a majicar, and Fairlie, a metalsmith. **APB \$19.95**

Toby Frost*God Emperor of Didcot*

Tea . . . a beverage brewed from the fermented dried leaves of the shrub *Camelli sinensis* and imbibed by all the great civilizations in the galaxy's history; a source of refreshment, stimulation, and, above all else, of moral fiber—without which the British Space Empire must surely crumble to leave Earth at the mercy of its enemies. Sixty percent of the Empire's tea is grown on one world—Urn, principal planet of the Didcot system. If Earth is to keep fighting, the tea must flow! When a crazed cult leader overthrows the government of Urn, Isambard Smith and his vaguely competent crew find themselves saddled with new allies—a legion of tea-obsessed nomads, an overly-civilized alien horde, and a commando unit so elite that it has only five members. Only together can they defeat the self-proclaimed God Emperor of Didcot and confront the true power behind the coup—the sinister legions of the Ghast Empire and Smith's old enemy, Commander 462. **PB \$24.95**

Neil Gaiman*American Gods MP3CD*

Released from prison, Shadow finds his world turned upside down. His wife has been killed; a mysterious stranger offers him a job. But Mr. Wednesday, who knows more about Shadow than is possible, warns that a storm is coming -- a battle for the very soul of America ... and they are in its direct path.

One of the most talked-about books of the new millennium, American Gods is a kaleidoscopic journey deep into myth and across an American landscape at once eerily familiar and utterly alien. It is, quite simply, a contemporary masterpiece.

2 discs, MP3 CD, unabridged, 20 hours. **MP3 CD \$70**

Emily Gee*The Laurentine Spy*

APB \$16

Laura Anne Gilman*Blood From Stone (Retrievers 06)*

Wren Valere's job is driving her crazy. She's still Manhattan's most sought-after Retriever, but after last year's deadly confrontation with the Silence, all this magic-user wants is a break. With her apartment going co-op and her relationship with the demon P.B. putting stress on her romance with partner Sergei, is Wren finally ready to settle down to a more stable existence?

Not likely.

Because when you're good, trouble always finds you. Wren's next assignment puts her on the wrong side of a child-snatcher—and a collision course with her past. But to save a friend—and protect her future—Wren must pull off the most important Retrieval of her life...and for once magic isn't on her side. **TP \$30.95**

Newt Gingrich & William R Forstchen*Pearl Harbor (Pearl Harbor 01)*

Fresh from their series on the American Civil War, bestselling authors Newt Gingrich and William R Forstchen now launch a new epic adventure by applying their imaginations and knowledge to the Date of Infamy – the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor covers the full spectrum of characters and events from that historic moment, from national leaders and admirals to the views of ordinary citizens caught in the chaos of war.

From the chambers of the Emperor of Japan to the American White House, from the decks of aircraft carriers to the playing fields of the Japanese Naval Academy, this powerful story stretches from the nightmare slaughter of China in the 1930s to the lonely office of Commander James Watson, an American cryptographer who suspects the impending catastrophic attack.

It is a story of intrigue, double-dealing, the horrific brutality of war, and the desperate efforts of men of reason on both sides to prevent a titanic struggle that becomes inevitable. **APB \$19.95**

Daniel Lynn Golemon*Ancients (Event 03)*

When an ancient weapon of unprecedented destruction with ties to the fall of Atlantis is discovered in the South Pacific, Colonel Jack Collins and his covert team of Event Group agents work to prevent the weapon from falling into the hands of hate groups who would destroy the world. **APB \$19.95**

Heather Graham

Deadly Gift

Caer is spending this Christmas among strangers. Brought to Newport, Rhode Island, from her native to nurse ailing millionaire Sean O'Riley, she's living a life few can imagine. But money can't hide the tension between O'Riley's trophy wife, his paranoid daughter, the eccentric aunt in the attic and the staff members who run the house. When O'Riley's business partner goes missing, family friend Zach Flynn arrives. Determined to help him solve the case, Caer becomes enmeshed in a mystery that weaves together the sins of the past with one family's destiny... and a spirit that watches the mansion, possessing a deadly gift. **BPB \$22.99**

Claudia Gray

Evernight (01)

Bianca is starting school at Evernight Academy, a prestigious boarding school deep in the countryside, and from the first day, she can't wait to escape. Her parents, who are teachers there, are sure she'll be happy, but Bianca has a feeling there's something seriously wrong with the place. Something evil lurking in the shadowy woods at the edge of the school grounds ...

As she settles in, Bianca's sense of unease grows. Her classmates are impossibly perfect, her teachers are slightly sinister, and the new boy, Lucas, continues to send out mixed signals. Is he attracted to her or not? Meanwhile, another classmate, Balthazar, is definitely interested ... and he's totally gorgeous!

Things come to a horrifying climax on the night of the Autumn Ball, where Bianca makes a shocking discovery about herself and her feelings for Lucas that will affect their lives forever.

Ages 12+ **BPB \$19.99**

Martin H Greenberg & Jean Rabe Editor

Terribly Twisted Tales

Eighteen stories that offer a new twist on old fairy tales

From Hansel and Gretel and Goldilocks, to Snow White, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, and more, here are eighteen stories that take familiar fairy tales and twist them around to give them an entirely new slant. Any fan of far-out fantasy is sure to be delighted. **PB \$19.95**

Lori Handeland

Doomsday Can Wait (Phoenix Chronicles 02)

Liz Phoenix, the new leader of the federation who has the psychic powers to fight the evil forces that are trying to annihilate the human race, must rely on her allies, including her ex-lover, when a malicious creature from her past marks her for death. **APB \$19.95**

Charlaine Harris

Dead Until Dark (TV Cover) (Sookie Stackhouse 01)

Love blossoms between Sookie Stackhouse, a cocktail waitress who keeps to herself because of her ability to read minds, and Bill, a vampire with ties to a crowd that may be responsible for the death of one of Sookie's coworkers. **APB \$19.95**

Dead and Gone (Sookie Stackhouse 09)

Except for Sookie Stackhouse, folks in Bon Temps, Louisiana, know little about vamps, and nothing about weres.

Until now. The weres and shifters have finally decided to reveal their existence to the ordinary world. At first all goes well. Then the mutilated body of a were-panther is found near the bar where Sookie works, and she feels compelled to discover who, human or otherwise, did it.

But there's a far greater danger threatening Bon Temps. A race of unhuman beings, an older, more powerful, and more secretive than vampires or werewolves, is preparing for war. And Sookie finds herself an all-too-human pawn in their battle. **HC \$52.95**

Last Scene Alive (Aurora Teagarden)

When Robin Crusoe returns to Lawrenceton to create a film, Roe Teagarden is surprised to learn that her estranged stepson is part of the crew, and when the neighborhood goes film crazy, an unknown murderer begins a killing spree. **APB \$19.95**

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson

Paul of Dune (Dune)

Between the end of Frank Herbert's *Dune* and his next novel *Dune Messiah* lies a mystery: how a hero adored by a planet became a tyrant hated by a universe. *Paul of Dune* begins the story of those twelve fateful years and the wars of the jihad of Paul Muad Dib. It is an epic of battle and betrayal; of love and idealism; of ambition and intrigue. Above all, it is the story of how Paul Atreides who achieved absolute power when scarcely more than a boy changes from an idealist into a dictator who is the prisoner of the bureaucrats and fanatics who surround him. **APB \$19.99**

Frank Herbert

Dosadi Experiment

Sent to the planet Dosadi to investigate the vicious, fearsome human and Gowachin societies there, prior to their destruction, Jorj X. McKie is captured by a ruthless woman whose plan to escape Dosadi involves her changing bodies with McKie.

Beyond the God Wall

Generations of a tormented human-alien people, caged on a toxic planet, conditioned by constant hunger and war-this is the Dosadi Experiment, and it has succeeded too well. For the Dosadi have bred for Vengeance as well as cunning, and they have learned how to pass through the shimmering God Wall to exact their dreadful revenge on the Universe that created them . . . **APB \$19.95**

M K Hume Australian Author

Dragon's Child (King Arthur 01)

Uther Pendragon, High King of Britain, is dying. As he weakens, Britain is being torn apart by the squabbling of kings. Only one man can bring them together. This is the legend of Artorex, the man destined to be King Arthur. Artorex, tall for his years, is growing up in the household of Lord Ector. Artorex was sent here by the Bishop of Glastonbury when he was but a babe in arms and, although his parentage is unknown, life has been unremarkable. That is, until the arrival of three men who arrange for him to be trained in the skills of the warrior; blade and shield, horse and fire; pain and bravery. By the time the men return, Artorex is both a father and a warrior and married to Lady Gallia. The country is in a desperate state. Londinium is about to fall to the Saxons and Artorex is needed to help fight their advance. But to do so, he must leave his wife and family in the care of others. In an act of appalling treachery, they are slaughtered. But despite his terrible grief, Artorex's destiny is set. He launches into a campaign of battle against the Saxon hordes, earning himself the trust of all men, and proving himself to be the only worthy successor to Uther. But Uther cannot accept Artorex's role and hides his sword and crown. If Artorex is to unite the kings and fulfill his destiny, he needs the weapon destined to be worn by the High King of the Britons. Can he find the embittered Uther's hiding place? The future of Britain is at stake... **TP \$29.99**

Charlie Huston*Every Last Drop (Joe Pitt 04)*

After a year hiding out in the Bronx, Joe Pitt is given an assignment he can't refuse. One Clan needs Joe to inform on another, but he's playing them both while keeping his eye on the main prize: his girl Evie is on the Island somewhere and he'll do anything to get her back. And in this case, anything means coming face to face with the horrendous secret that lies beneath the Vampyre world. It's a quest that will drive him to the heart of the two most perplexing mysteries of the Vampyre community: how were the Clans originally formed, and where do the powerful ones get all that blood? The search for the answer takes Joe to a dark corner of Queens, puts him face to face with a mythic and savage Clan, and leaves him in possession of a vision he'll never scrape off his retinas - as well as a bargaining chip that redefines his place in the Vampyre universe. **BPB \$22.99**

Lisa Renee Jones*Captive of the Beast (Knights of White 04)*

As a Knight of White, the demon warrior Rinehart has long struggled to keep the beast within him at bay. But his unyielding attraction to Dr. Laura Johnson—the dangerous woman he has sworn to protect—threatens to rip his soul apart. When Rinehart discovers that she has paranormal abilities of her own, he must choose: will he give in to his animal attraction to her or fulfill his duty to protect humanity from the rising army of evil? Will Laura prove to be his saving grace—or his final undoing? **APB \$14.95**

Crystal Jordan*On the Prowl*

In this erotic collection of stories, four shapeshifting brothers, whose lives depend on mating to bring out their wild sides, forever change the lives of the women they have chosen as their lovers. **TP \$28.95**

Virginia Kantra*Sea Lord (Children of the Sea)*

When the Children of Fire threaten his people's sanctuary, Selkie prince Conn ap Llyr must obey his haunting visions and seek a woman thousands of miles away who, in order to fulfill a prophecy, must join him in his fight. **APB \$19.95**

David Keck*In A Time of Treason (Durand 02)*

Durand Col fights at the side of his liege, Lord Lamorica, against open rebellion in the North and a new conspiracy on the part of the Duke of Yrlac, as he struggles to deal with his growing feelings for his master's wife. **APB \$19.95**

Kathryne Kennedy*Enchanting the Beast*

When Lady Philomena, a ghost-hunter, arrives at Grimspell castle to rid the residence of spirits, she finds herself more interested in the castle's owner, Sir Nicodemus Wulfson, an enigmatic man--and werewolf--who stands accused of murder. **APB \$19.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*The Dark-Hunter Companion (Dark Hunter)*

'Dark-Hunters are immortal warriors who have traded their soul to Artemis for one moment of vengeance on their enemies. In return, they swear to spend eternity protecting mankind from the daimons and vampires that prey on them.' Sherrilyn Kenyon's *Dark-Hunter Companion* is essential reading for anyone who has recently made that once-in-a-life-time deal with Artemis. Packed with insider knowledge and secrets mankind are rarely privy to, it's also a valuable guide to the *Dark-Hunter* series for lesser mortals. It includes a *Dark-Hunter* directory, a handy reference guide to *Dark-Hunter* and Greek mythology, useful tips on dealing with daimons and squires, lessons in conversational Greek and Atlantean; there's even a section on how to handle unexpected visits from ancient gods. The companion also includes a brand new short story from every *Dark-Hunter*'s favourite writer Sherrilyn Kenyon. **BPB \$29.99**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*The Dark-Hunters Vol 1 (Dark Hunter)*

In a first manga installment in the best-selling series, disinherited Thrace prince, Macedonian general, and immortal Kyrian finds his fate intertwined with that of Amanda Deveraux in a battle against a lethal vampire in which the fate of a boring accountant--and the entire human race--hangs in the balance. **TP \$22.95**

Angela Knight*Guardian (Time Hunters)*

Trapped in the year 2009 by a group of murderous fanatics called the Xeran, Riane Arvid, a superhuman cop from the future sworn to protect the innocent from time-traveling criminals, must place her trust in a gorgeous twenty-first century warrior with questionable origins. **APB \$19.95**

Kim Lenox*So Still the Night (Shadow Guard)*

Marcus Helios, a cursed member of the Shadow Guard, must convince mysterious beauty Mina to hand over the ancient scrolls that hold the key to his salvation before they fall into the possession of Jack the Ripper's jilted bride whose evil embrace creates a swath of destruction. **APB \$17.95**

Tobsha Lerner*Sphinx*

Now, when I look at the desert, I am reminded of the year I spent in Egypt -- the most definitive of my life ...

Egypt, 1977. Oliver, a geophysicist expert in oil exploration, finds himself unwillingly swept up in a world of political and mystical sabotage after his wife, Isabella, a marine archaeologist, discovers a mysterious ancient artefact, an astrolabe she'd been searching for all her life.

Oliver embarks on a journey that takes him into the secrets of Isabella's once-wealthy Italian-Alexandrian family, and the powers of the astrolabe itself. Powers he, a fierce sceptic, refuses to accept. Now the reluctant custodian of the astrolabe, and pursued by those keen to use it for their own purposes, Oliver flees back to London where punk is raging, and sex, drugs and rock'n'roll are all around. When his brother overdoses, Oliver is reluctantly forced to test the powers of the astrolabe himself; in doing so he seals a Faustian pact.

Tobsha Lerner's latest novel of ambition and obsession brings together modern and ancient Egypt and plays out to its terrifying climax against a backdrop of political unrest, occult intrigues and anguished love. **TP \$32.99**

Kathy Love*Demon Can't Help It*

Having no patience for the supernatural, practical Josephine Burke is plagued by strange visions that cause her to be strangely attracted to her co-worker, the enigmatic Maksim Kostova. **TP \$28.95**

Katie MacAlister*Crouching Vampire Hidden Fang (Dark Ones)*

When something malevolent threatens her ghostly charges and she is hunted by the vampire community, Pia Thomason, torn between two Dark Ones--her husband Kristoff who doesn't trust her, and his best friend, Alec, who is MIA--resigns herself to making the best of her new life.

APB \$19.95

Graham Masterton*Death Mask*

After surviving a brutal attack by a killer with a bizarre face, who then disappears without a trace, a young woman, who holds the key to his true identity, must help the police find him when he strikes again. **APB \$19.95**

Helen McCabe*Piper*

In bleak post-Ceausescu Romania, while studying the high incidence of mental illness among the women of a remote mountain village, psychiatric researcher Dr. Sasha Marcu uncovers a horrific history of ritual child murder. When Marcu and police inspector Valentin have almost cornered the prime suspect, he appears to die in a plane crash. In the small lakeside town of Sunny Mead, New Hampshire, local cop Dave Durrant and his music teacher wife Diane lead an idyllic life with their three children. When Diane engages new arrival Diep Koppelberg as a therapist for her 13-year-old disabled son Pip, Diep's charm and exceptional musical talent captivates the community, with Diane and her daughter drawn to him to the point of infatuation. Only Pip sees Diep differently—where others see beauty, he sees only ugliness and decay. Where they see benevolence, he sees malice and unspeakable evil. Pip must convince his family of the danger before it is too late, or find a way to confront the threat himself. **PB \$24.95**

Anne McCaffrey*Freedom's Ransom (Catteni)*

The surviving colonists of the planet Botany have conquered the alien invaders who enslaved them. But their ravaged world needs technology. Planet Earth needs food. And now the survivors need to decide what kind of world they will become. **APB \$19.95**

Juliet McKenna*Irons in the Fire (Lescari Revolution 01)*

The start of a brand new epic fantasy series from well known author Juliet McKenna. Full of rich characters and high adventure, this new trilogy marks the next stage in the career of this popular writer. **APB \$19.95**

Paul Melko*Singularity's Ring*

With human civilization struggling to recover after the Singularity that leaves ninety percent of the population either dead or transformed into energy beings, Apollo Papadopoulos, an entity made up of the personalities of five separate teenagers, trains to become captain of the starship Consensus. **APB \$19.95**

Sarah Micklem*Firethorn (Firethorn 01)*

Introducing a mesmerizing debut in the rich tradition of Marion Zimmer Bradley—a passionate tale of love and war, honor and vengeance, in which the gods grant a common girl uncommon gifts...

Before she was Firethorn, she was Luck, named for her red hair, favored by the goddess of Chance. A lowborn orphan, Luck is destined to a life of servitude. But when her mistress dies, Luck flees to the forest. There she discovers the sacred firethorn tree, whose berries bring her fevered dreams, a new name—and curious talents. Transformed, she emerges from her exile a young woman with powers beyond her ken.

Firethorn has changed, but her world has not...until one chance encounter alters her destiny forever. In the chaos of the UpsideDown Days, when the highborn and the low trade places, Firethorn couples with Sire Galan, a highborn warrior. Emboldened by desire and her own restlessness, she follows fate and Galan to camp with the king's army. But their unspoken love has no place in a brutal world ruled by caste and violence, and a dark future threatens from the shadows. Living among soldiers, concubines, and wastrels, and faced with a series of tormenting challenges, Firethorn will have to rely on the enigmatic gifts Fate grants her to survive—body and soul. **APB \$19.95**

Devon Monk*Magic in the Blood (02)*

Working as a Hound, tracing illegal spells back to their casters, has taken its toll on Allison Beckstrom. But even though magic has given her migraines and stolen her recent memory, Allie isn't about to quit. Then the police's magic enforcement division asks her to consult on a missing persons case. But what seems to be a straight-forward job turns out to be anything but, as Allie finds herself drawn into the underworld of criminals, ghosts, and blood magic. **APB \$17.95**

James A Moore*Deeper*

When a research team brings their fascinating discovery to shore, the charming New England seacoast town of Golden Cove becomes under attack by a ravenous creature who, able to survive on land, is not the only one of its kind. **APB \$19.95**

Naomi Novik*Victory of Eagles (Temeraire 05)*

Naomi Novik's triumphant debut, *His Majesty's Dragon*, introduced a dynamic new pair of heroes to the annals of fantasy fiction: the noble fighting dragon Temeraire and his master and commander, Capt. Will Laurence, who serves Britain's peerless Aerial Corps in the thick of the raging Napoleonic Wars. Now, in the latest novel of this dazzling series, they soar to new heights of breathtaking action and brilliant imagination.

It is a grim time for the dragon Temeraire. On the heels of his mission to Africa, seeking the cure for a deadly contagion, he has been removed from military service—and his captain, Will Laurence, has been condemned to death for treason.

For Britain, conditions are grimmer still: Napoleon's resurgent forces have breached the Channel and successfully invaded English soil. Napoleon's prime objective: the occupation of London.

Separated by their own government and threatened at every turn by Napoleon's forces, Laurence and Temeraire must struggle to find each other amid the turmoil of war and to aid the resistance against the invasion before Napoleon's foothold on England's shores can become a stranglehold.

If only they can be reunited, master and dragon might rally Britain's scattered forces and take the fight to the enemy as never before—for king and country, and for their own liberty. But can the French aggressors be well and truly routed, or will a treacherous alliance deliver Britain into the hands of her would-be conquerors? **APB \$19.95**

S M Peters

Ghost Ocean

When a friend of her employer Babu is murdered under impossible circumstances, Te Evangeline must track down what killed him and capture it before it can unleash an ancient evil. This is an investigation that leads her closer to her father's killer and into a world where nothing is what it seems. **APB \$19.95**

Adrian Phoenix

A Rush of Wings

HIS NAME IS DANTE: Dark. Talented. Beautiful. Star of the rock band Inferno. Rumored owner of the hot New Orleans nightclub Club Hell. Born of the Blood, then broken by an evil beyond imagination.

HIS PAST IS A MYSTERY: F.B.I. Special Agent Heather Wallace has been tracking a sadistic serial murderer known as the Cross Country Killer, and the trail has led her to New Orleans, Club Hell, and Dante. But the dangerously attractive musician not only resists her investigation, he claims to be "nightkind": in other words, a vampire. Digging into his past for answers reveals little. A juvenile record a mile long. No social security number. No known birth date. In and out of foster homes for most of his life before being taken in by a man named Lucien DeNoir, who appears to guard mysteries of his own.

HIS FUTURE IS CHAOS: What Heather does know about Dante is that something links him to the killer -- and she's pretty sure that link makes him the CCK's next target. Heather must unravel the truth about this sensual, complicated, vulnerable young man -- who, she begins to believe, may indeed be a vampire -- in order to finally bring a killer to justice. But Dante's past holds a shocking, dangerous secret, and once it is revealed not even Heather will be able to protect him from his destiny.... **PB \$14.95**

Jerry Pournelle

Fires of Freedom (Birth of Fire / King David's Spaceship)

The struggle for independence on two colony worlds—Mars in the not-so-distant future, and a distant world circling another star in the far future, both threatened by powerful forces and faceless bureaucrats.

Birth of Fire: A teenage delinquent on a crowded, corrupt Earth, Garrett was given a choice: rot in prison on Earth, or be deported to Mars to work in the colony there. But on Mars he would find an inner strength that he had never known before, and when Mars revolted against the multinational corporations that controlled the colonist's lives, Garrett was on the front lines in the battle for planetary freedom.

King David's Spaceship: Set in the same universe as the New York Times best seller, *The Mote in God's Eye*. A new Empire has arisen and is annexing Earth's surviving colony worlds. Haven had fallen back to a nineteenth century level of technology, and the basic requirement for a colony world to be admitted to the Empire as a full-fledged member with the right of self-government is that the colony have space travel. Unless Haven can somehow develop a spaceship, and quickly, the planet will be ruled by Imperial agents and the inhabitants will be little more than medieval serfs.

Two complete novels in one volume by New York Times best-selling author Jerry Pournelle, telling of the eternal struggle of freedom against tyranny throughout the galaxy. **TP \$28.95**

Christopher Priest

Dream Archipelago

In a world at war, the Dream Archipelago is a neutral zone, and therefore an alluring prospect to the young men on both sides of the conflict. In this interlinked collection of short stories and novellas, Christopher Priest explores war, relationships and forms of reality. Each tale is a triumph of quiet, steady craftsmanship, a model of ingenious design and subtle implication, and as a group they further enrich each other by interlocking cleverly, symmetrically and sometimes sinisterly. **PB \$22.99**

Matthew Reilly Australian Author

The Six Sacred Stones (Jack West 02)

Unlocking the secret of the seven ancient wonders was only the beginning. The countdown to the end of the world has begun. Six fabled stones...

Now, Jack West Jr and his loyal team of heroes must find and rebuild a legendary device known as 'the machine' before the deadline for global destruction arrives. But the only clues to locating this machine are held within the six sacred stones, long lost to history.

An epic mission... With just the riddles of ancient writers to guide them, and time rapidly running out, Jack and his team embark on their all-but-impossible mission, only to discover that they are not alone in seeking the stones, and that there might be other players out there who don't want to see the world saved at all...

The mission is incredible. The consequences of failure are unimaginable. The ending is unthinkable **APB \$19.99**

Alastair Reynolds

Zima Blue and Other Stories

Reynolds' pursuit of truth is not limited to wide-angle star smashing - not that stars don't get pulverised when one character is gifted (or cursed) with an awful weapon by the legendary Merlin. Reynolds' protagonists find themselves in situations of betrayal, whether by a loved one's accidental death, as in 'Signal to Noise', or by a trusted wartime authority, in 'Spirey and the Queen'. His fertile imagination can resurrect Elton John on Mars in 'Understanding Space and Time' or make prophets of the human condition out of pool-cleaning robots in the title story. But overall, the stories in ZIMA BLUE represent a more optimistic take on humanity's future, a view that says there may be wars, there may be catastrophes and cosmic errors, but something human will still survive. **TP \$35**

Rhonda Roberts Australian Author

Gladiator (Kannon Dupree 01)

Left for dead when she was two, Kannon Jarratt has no idea of her real identity. Now, twenty years on, she discovers that her mother might be US Time Marshal, Victoria Dupree.

Kannon travels to ancient Rome where Victoria is investigating the Hierophant, mysterious leader of the Isis cult. To find her mother, Kannon becomes a gladiator in the service of Domitia Crassus, the only person who knows the Hierophant's identity.

Unfortunately, all paths are leading her to an epic battle to the death in the arena. **APB \$20.99**

Brian Ruckley

Fall of Thanos (Godless World 03)

Tension between the clans of the Black Road and the True Bloods is mounting, as each side in the conflict becomes ever more riven by internal dissent and disunity. And Aeglyss the na'kyrim continues to spread chaos in the world, exerting a dangerous, insidious influence over events both near and far. As events mount to a climax, the world will change and no side can anticipate the twisted pattern of what lies ahead. **TP \$32.99**

Brandon Sanderson*The Hero of Ages (Final Empire 03)*

In a concluding installment to the Mistborn trilogy, Emperor Elend Venture, having survived only to become a Mistborn himself, struggles to find clues by the Lord Ruler that will save his world, while a guilt-consumed Vin takes on a seemingly hopeless task of ending the cosmic power of the Ruin mystic force. **APB \$19.95**

John Scalzi*Zoe's Tale (Old Man's War 04)*

A seventeen-year-old colonist stranded on a deadly pioneer world recounts how she became a pawn in a dangerous interstellar confrontation during which she was forced to use her wits and make terrible sacrifices in order to save the human race. **APB \$19.95**

D B Shan*Hell's Horizon (Hell's Horizon 02)*

The second volume in a noirish, gritty urban fantasy for adults from the bestselling author otherwise known as Darren Shan. The Cardinal is the City and the City is The Cardinal. They are joined at the soul.

When Al Jeery is seconded by The Cardinal from guard duties at Party Central to investigate the murder of a woman at a hotel he little suspects that the dead woman will turn out to be his girlfriend. Soon he is involved in a terrifying mystery that draws in the dead, the city's Incan forefathers, the imposing figure of The Cardinal himself, and the near-mythical assassin, Paucar Wami. Wami is a law unto himself, a shadowy, mysterious figure who can apparently kill anyone he chooses without fear of punishment or retribution.

And Al is about to find out that he has a lot more in common with Wami than he could ever have imagined... **TP \$29.99**

Maggie Shayne*Bloodline*

Lilith awakens cold, naked and alone, knowing nothing—not even who she is—except that she has to run, run for her life...because someone is after her.

When Ethan discovers the terrified woman hiding on his ranch, he knows immediately not only who she is, but what. He's never forgotten her, not in all the time since he escaped their joint prison, a clandestine CIA facility where humans are bred into vampires willing to kill on command. He refused to accept that fate, and since he won his freedom he's become a legend to those he left behind. With her own escape, Lilith has become a legend, too, and now—together—they have no choice but to fight those who would become a legend by killing one. **APB \$19.95**

Lisa Shearin*The Trouble With Demons (Raine 03)*

While trying to stop a demon infestation on the Island of Mid due to an opened Hellgate, seeker Raine Benares tries not to be distracted by the two powerful men she is magically bonded to. For seeker Raine Benares, a demon infestation couldn't come at a worse time. Already fighting the influence of the Saghred, a soul-stealing stone, Raine discovers she is also magically bonded to a dark mage and a white knight, two dangerous men on opposing sides. Turns out, the demons want the key to unlock the Saghred. As a seeker, Raine should be able to find it first. As the axis of light and dark powers, she's a magical cataclysm waiting to happen. **APB \$19.95**

Jeri Smith-Ready*Bad to the Bone (Ciara Griffin 02)*

TURN ON. TUNE IN. DROP DEAD.

If you're just joining us, welcome to radio station WVMP, "The Lifeblood of Rock'n'Roll." Con-artist-turned-station-owner Ciara Griffin manages an on-air staff of off-the-wall DJs -- including her new boyfriend Shane McAllister -- who really sink their teeth into the music of their "Life Time" (the era in which they became vampires). It's Ciara's job to keep the undead rocking, the ratings rolling, and the fan base alive -- without missing a beat.

For Halloween, WVMP is throwing a bash sure to raise the dead. They've got cool tunes, hot costumes, killer cocktails -- what could go wrong? Well, for starters, a religious firebrand ranting against the evils of the occult preempts the station's midnight broadcast. Then, when Ciara tracks down the illegal transmission, the broadcast tower is guarded by what appears to be...a canine vampire? And behind it all is a group of self-righteous radicals who think vampires suck (and are willing to stake their lives on it).

Now Ciara must protect the station while struggling with her own murky relationship issues, her best friend's unlikely romance with a fledgling vampire, and the nature of her mysterious anti-holy powers. To make it to New Year's in one piece, she'll need to learn a few new tricks. **TP \$30.95**

Maria V Snyder*Storm Glass*

As a glassmaker and a magician-in-training, Opal Cowen understands trial by fire. Now it's time to test her mettle. Someone has sabotaged the Stormdancer clan's glass orbs, killing their most powerful magicians. The Stormdancers—particularly the mysterious and mercurial Kade—require Opal's unique talents to prevent it happening again. But when the mission goes awry, Opal must tap in to a new kind of magic as stunningly potent as it is frightening. And the further she delves into the intrigue behind the glass and magic, the more distorted things appear. With lives hanging in the balance—including her own—Opal must control powers she hadn't known she possessed...powers that might lead to disaster beyond anything she's ever known. **TP \$28.95**

Kerrellyn Sparks*Forbidden Nights With A Vampire*

When vampire Vanda Barkowski is sentenced to an anger-management class and Phil Jones, a mortal who is forbidden to her, agrees to be her sponsor, she finds herself in a world of trouble when she realizes that he is the only person who can quell her rage--and satisfy her every desire.

APB \$19.95

Michael Swanwick*The Dragons of Babel*

Transforming himself into king of a post-industrialized Faerie after a crash landing, a war-dragon of Babel sets up young Will as his lieutenant, sending Will on a strange quest, during which he acquires a surrogate daughter, Esme, finds success as a political aide, and meets his true love.

APB \$19.95

Sheri S Tepper*The Margarets*

When Margaret is six, she imagines herself a spy, a healer, a queen: and later at crisis points in her life, she feels as if parts of her have split off - the Margaret who followed her lover to Tercis and the Margaret who didn't; the one who's a healer; the one who's a spy. Mankind's survival depends on all these Margarets - if only they can come together as one, with their powers intact... **BPB \$22.99**

Ronda Thompson*Call of the Moon*

Desperate to end the dark curse that has tormented him for years, Jason Donavon finds salvation in the form of a beautiful woman who takes him to her primal world, where he is forced to confront the evil that lurks inside of him. **PB \$15.95**

J R R Tolkien*The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun*

The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrún tells in narrative verse the saga of a Norse hero, Sigurd, prophesied to defend the gods of Valhalla against the Ragnarok, the apocalypse, and his adventures that see him battle a mighty dragon for its hoard of treasure, win the love of a Valkyrie, and suffer at the hands of treachery; and the events following his death whereby his widow, Gudrun, takes bloody revenge upon the Niflungs who betrayed him. Since first encountering as a boy the myths and legends of the mysterious Viking North, captured in the 10th century poetry of the Elder Edda and in William Morris' translation of *The Story of Sigurd the Volsung*, J.R.R. Tolkien had been captivated by the epic tales of giants, heroes, dwarves, monsters, magic and dragons. But during the following centuries some of the original lays, or poems, had been lost and much of Sigurd's story become corrupted; Morris' translation was thus based on incomplete and significantly altered prose.

Tolkien therefore decided to attempt to unify the various original lays by recreating the missing parts of Sigurd's story, and write them as narrative poems using modern English but in the Old Norse style. These 'New Lays' of Sigurd and Gudrún, comprising between them over 500 stanzas, were completed in the 1930s but have never before been published or quoted from. They are accompanied by an introduction by J.R.R. Tolkien, drawn from one of his own lectures on Norse literature, and commentary and notes on the poems by Christopher Tolkien.

The ancient poetry of the Elder Edda remained a deep force in J.R.R. Tolkien's life's work. Here, at last, in *The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrún*, is presented the source of the wellspring that would lead to *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Children of Húrin*. It is the first full flourishing of a rich narrative style and powerful and dramatic storytelling that was destined to become famous throughout the world. **HC \$45 HC \$150**

Mark L van Name*Slanted Jack (02)*

Slanted Jack: a novel that bobs and weaves, takes you on a headlong race through a strange but believable future, and never slows down.

The job looks simple enough: Jon Moore, the nanotech-enhanced, world-weary, soldier of fortune, agrees to help a con man, a friend from a part of his past he'd rather forget, protect a very special young boy. The deal doesn't stay simple, as each move Jon and Lobo make results in more danger and more enemies. The situation grows even more complicated when a beautiful woman with an unclear agenda joins them in their quest.

The best con man Jon's ever known, a ruthless gang boss, a heavily armed group of religious fanatics, and an interstellar government out to clean up a dangerous frontier world rush together toward an explosive climax—and Jon and Lobo are caught in the middle. **APB \$19.95**

J R Ward*Lover Avenged CD (Black Dagger)*

In the latest installment in a series that has introduced readers to a dark, mysterious world, vampire warriors defend their race against their slayers, as one man's loyalty to the Brotherhood is tested. **CD \$78 HC \$51.95**

David Weber*On Basilisk Station CD (Honor Harrington 01 CD)*

Having made her superior look a fool, spaceship captain Honor Harrington is exiled to Basilisk Station in disgrace and set up for ruin, facing a demoralized crew; homicidal, hallucinogen-smoking aliens; and murderous smugglers, who all have made one mistake: They've made Honor Harrington mad. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Jaye Wells*Red-Headed Stepchild (Sabina Kane 01)*

In a world where being of mixed-blood is a major liability, Sabina doesn't really fit in. And being an assassin - the only profession fit for an outcast - doesn't help matters. But she's never brought her work home. Until now. Her latest mission is uncomfortably complex, and threatens the fragile peace between the vampire and mage races. As Sabina scrambles to figure out which side she's on, she uncovers a tangled political web, some nasty facts about her family and some unexpected new talents.

Any of these things could be worryingly life-changing, but together, they could be fatal... **APB \$19.99**

Edward Willett*Terra Insegura*

Marseguro, a water world far from Earth, is home to a colony of humans and the Selkies, a water-dwelling race created from modified human DNA. For seventy years the colony has lived in peace. Then Earth discovers Marseguro, and a strike force is sent to eradicate this abomination. But Marseguro has created a genetically tailored plague to use against Earth's Holy Warriors. With the enemy defeated, the people of Marseguro feel they are safe. But Chris Keating, the traitor who signaled Marseguro's location to the Holy Warriors, has fled to Earth, unknowingly carrying the deadly plague within him. The people of Marseguro feel they must send a ship to Earth with a life-saving vaccine. Only time will tell what awaits them when they reach their destination. **APB \$19.95**

Sean Williams Australian Author*The Grand Conjunction (Astropolis 03)*

Imre Bergamasc is lost. His search for answers has led him up an alley so blind even his sense of self has become uncertain. Before he can save the galaxy from ruin, he must find the strength to carry on and reclaim his ultimate purpose. But more than two million years in our future, the fight has changed. Former allies are now enemies, and enemies have taken on entirely new forms. Cased from the very edge of humanity's vast empire into the heart of an ancient conspiracy, he must finally come face to face with Himself, for without the truth of his past humanity's future will never be secured. **APB \$19.99**

Liz Williams*Snake Agent (Detective Inspector Chen 01)*

Detective Inspector Chen and the demon Seneschal Zhu Irzh have conflicting agendas when they both want to escort the soul of a dead prostitute to the afterlife--Chen, to heaven, and Irzh, to hell. **PB \$19.95**

Demon and The City (Detective Inspector Chen 02) **PB \$19.95**

Walter Jon Williams*This Is Not A Game*

THIS IS NOT A GAME is a novel built around the coolest phenomenon in the world. That phenomenon is known as the Alternate Reality Game, or ARG. It's big, and it's getting bigger. It's immersive and massively interactive, and it's spreading through the Internet at the speed of light. To the player, the Alternate Reality Game has no boundaries. You can be standing in a parking lot, or a shopping center. A pay phone near you will ring, and on the other end will be someone demanding information. You'd better have the information handy. ARGs combine video, text adventure, radio plays, audio, animation, improvisational theatre, graphics, and story into an immersive experience. Now, one of science fiction's most acclaimed writers, Walter Jon Williams, brings this extraordinary phenomenon to life in a pulse-pounding thriller. This is not a game. This is a novel that will blow your mind. **TP \$32.99**

Jeanette Winterson*The Stone Gods*

On the airwaves, all the talk is of the new blue planet – pristine and habitable, like our own was 65 million years ago, before we took it to the edge of destruction. Off the air, Billie Crusoe and the renegade robo-sapien Spike are falling in love. Along with Captain Handsome and Pink, they're assigned to colonize the new blue planet. But when a technical maneuver intended to make it inhabitable backfires, Billie and Spike's flight to the future becomes a surprising return to the distant past – "Everything is imprinted forever with what it once was." What will happen when their story combines with the world's story? Will they – and we – ever find a safe landing place? **TP \$28.95**

Anthologies

Anya Bast, Jodi Lynn Copeland, Lauren Dane & Kit Tunstall*What Happens in Vegas... After Dark*

Las Vegas...it's the town that lives up to the promise of its nickname, Sin City. A gambler's paradise for innocent tourists, it conceals a darker, sexual world where the ethereal and wraithlike meet to play a different game...

If there's one thing succubus Deitre understands it's revenge. That, and enticing men into arousing, exciting and, okay, perilous sex (for him). Beautiful on the outside, demon on the inside, she's going to get back at the naughty firefighter in Darkness...unless he plays his cards right...

Bounty hunter Nell is a hell of a tracker. Now she's in Vegas on the tail of the witch who dared to steal from her clan. She's going to get to the unsavory harlot through the woman's ex-fiancé, and nothing about their charged encounters will be shallow, quick or friendly.

When the half-blood fae male comes to club Darkness, Elena can't resist acting on the mind-blowing heat coursing between them. She might be betrothed to another, but fae culture says sex with other men until marriage is most definitely foretold.

Tattoo artist Devi is the latent vampire the warlocks need to heal all wounds. But taking her power is a sexually exhausting and dangerous task requiring dark deception...and gambling on her life. **TP \$28.95**

MaryJanice Davidson, Nina Bangs & Janelle Denison*Surf's Up*

A trio of love stories by three popular romance authors and creators of Men at Work offers a sizzling look at summer surf, sand, sun, and passion at the beach. **APB \$19.95**

Otto Penzler *Editor**Black Noir: Mystery, Crime, and Suspense Fiction by African-American Writers*

A latest anthology by the Edgar and Ellery Queen Award-winning editor of The Black Lizard Big Book of Pulps focuses on African-American writers who have made significant contributions to the genre, in a collection that includes pieces by such names as Robert Greer, Walter Mosley, and Chester Himes. **HC \$52.95**

Tony Abbott

City of the Dead (Haunting of Derek Stone 01)

Could the road to the afterlife be a two-way street? Derek Stone just turned fourteen. He's lived in the heart of New Orleans with his dad and older brother, Ronny, his whole life. He's a little overweight. He can't hear well out of his left ear. Oh, and he's on the run from the dead. Derek never imagined that the dead could be anything but dead. But there's no denying it. They're back—and they're after him. He just doesn't know why. And he doesn't have long to figure it out. **PB \$10.99**

Bayou Dogs (Haunting of Derek Stone 02)

Derek's brother Ronny isn't himself. No, really. Ronny's body has been taken over by the long-dead soul of a man named Virgil Black. Lucky for him, Virgil is one of the good guys. Not all of them are. In fact, a legion of evil souls is staging a serious comeback. And they're staging it at Bayou Malpierre, the site of Derek's most horrible nightmare. That nightmare is about to get even worse... **PB \$10.99**

P C Cast & Kristen Cast

Marked (House of Night 01)

When sixteen-year-old Zoey Redbird gets Marked as a fledgling vampire she must join the House of Night school where she will train to become an adult vampire. That is, if she makes it through the Change. But Zoe is no ordinary fledgling. She has been chosen as special by the Goddess Nyx and discovers her amazing new power to conjure the elements: earth, air, fire, water and spirit. When Zoey discovers that the leader of the Dark Daughters, the school's most elite group, is misusing her Goddess-given gifts, Zoey must look within herself to embrace her destiny - with a little help from her new vampire friends. **BPB \$16.99**

Betrayed (House of Night 02)

It seems that (un)life is going pretty well for Zoey Redbird. She's settled in at the House of Night finishing school and is coming to terms with the vast powers the vampire goddess, Nyx, has given her. She even has a boyfriend...or two. Best of all, Zoey finally feels she has found somewhere she belongs. Then the unthinkable happens. Human teenagers are being killed, and all the evidence points to the vampires at Zoey's school. While danger stalks the humans from Zoey's past life, she begins to realise that the very powers that made her so unique might also threaten those she loves. Then, when she needs her new friends the most, death strikes the House of Night. Zoey finds herself facing a betrayal that could break her heart and jeopardise the very fabric of her world. **BPB \$16.99**

Chosen (House of Night 03)

I guess it had gone okay with Stevie Rae. I mean, she had agreed to meet me tomorrow. And she hadn't tried to bite me, which was a plus. Of course, the whole trying-to-eat-the-street-person thing was highly disturbing... Zoey's best friend, Stevie Rae, is undead - in an eww! zombie! kind-of-way, not in a cool vampire kind-of-way. She's struggling to retain her humanity and Zoey doesn't have a clue how to help. But she does know that anything they discover must be kept secret. Trust has become a rare commodity. Sinister forces are at work at the House of Night, where the line between friend and enemy is becoming dangerously blurred. **PB \$16.99**

Elizabeth Chandler

Kissed By An Angel

A love beyond life...a danger beyond doubt.

In a romantic and suspenseful collection of the New York Times bestselling trilogy, love's unbreakable bonds are put to the test.

When her boyfriend, Tristan, died, Ivy thought she'd lost everything, even her faith in angels. But now she's discovered that he's her guardian angel -- his presence so strong that she can feel the touch of his hand, the beat of his heart. Ivy needs Tristan now more than ever because he knows she's in terrible danger. Only Ivy's guardian angel can save her now that his killer is after her.

But if Tristan rescues Ivy, his mission on earth will be finished, and he must leave her behind forever. Will saving Ivy mean losing her just when he's finally reached her again? **PB \$12.95**

Kate Constable Australian Author

Cicada Summer

Something flickered at the top of the stairs. Eloise heard a voice call, I'm coming!, and a girl in a pale dress and a big sunhat came running, her fingertips slipping down the curve of the slim iron railing.

Eloise went cold all over. She couldn't move, or breathe; her mouth was dry.

At the bottom of the steps, the girl in the pale dress faltered, then stopped. For a fraction of a second she stood motionless, as if she were listening. Then all at once she turned and stared straight at Eloise.

And suddenly the foyer was empty. The ghostly girl was gone.

When Eloise's get-rich-quick dad moves them back to his home town to turn the derelict family mansion into a convention centre, Eloise feels an immediate bond with the old house. She begins spending all her time there, ignoring her strange grandmother and avoiding the friendly boy next door. Then Eloise meets a 'ghost girl' who may or may not be from the house's past, and events take a strange - and ultimately dangerous - turn. Beautifully written, poignant and gripping, this is a charming and atmospheric story of personal growth, overcoming grief and the true nature of friendship and family. **BPB \$15.99**

Joseph Delaney

The Spook's Apprentice (Wardstone 01)

A terrifying series about a young boy training to be an exorcist. Thomas Ward is the seventh son of a seventh son and has been apprenticed to the local Spook. The job is hard, the Spook is distant and many apprentices have failed before Thomas. Somehow Thomas must learn how to exorcise ghosts, contain witches and bind bogbarts. But when he is tricked into freeing Mother Malkin, the most evil witch in the County, the horror begins.

PB \$17.95

The Spook's Curse (Wardstone Chronicles 02)

The Spook and his apprentice, Thomas Ward, deal with the dark. Together they rid the county of witches, ghosts and bogbarts. But now they have unfinished business to attend to in Prieststown. Deep in the catacombs of the cathedral, lurks the Spook's nemesis - the Bane. A creature he has never been able to defeat. As Thomas and his master prepare for the battle of their lives it becomes clear that the Bane isn't their only enemy in town. The Quisitor has arrived, searching the county for those who meddle with the dark - witches, warlocks and Spooks!

When the Spook is arrested and sentenced to death it's up to Thomas, with a little help from his old friend Alice, to rescue his master and destroy the curse of Prieststown **PB \$17.95**

Joseph Delaney

The Spook's Secret (Wardstone Chronicles 03)

In this third and terrifying instalment in the Wardstone Chronicles, the nights are drawing in and it's time for Tom and his master to move to Anglezarke, the Spook's winter house. Tom has heard it will be a sinister and menacing place but nothing could fully prepare him for what he finds there. For this house, and indeed the whole of Anglezarke moor is full of secrets about the Spook's past. Secrets that are about to come to the surface and could wreck havoc on the whole County . . . **PB \$17.95**

The Spook's Battle (Wardstone Chronicles 04)

In Pendle the witches are rising and the three most powerful witch clans are rumoured to be uniting in order to conjure an unimaginable evil. Together they will be capable of raising the dark made flesh – the Devil himself.

Tom and the Spook need to set off for Pendle to avert the unthinkable. But before they go, the Spook tells Tom to journey home and collect the trunks Mam left behind for him. But what dark family secrets are contained in the trunks? And will they place Tom's family in even greater danger or provide the help Tom and his master will need in Pendle? **PB \$17.95**

Cameron Dokey

Wild Orchid (Once Upon A Time)

Wielding a sword as deftly as an embroidery needle, Mulan is unlike any other girl in China. When the emperor summons a great army, each family must send a male to fight. Tomboyish Mulan is determined to spare her aging father and bring her family honor, so she disguises herself and answers the call. But Mulan never expects to find a friend, let alone a soul mate, in the commander of her division, Prince Jian. For all of Mulan's courage with a bow and arrow, is she brave enough to share her true identity and feelings with Prince Jian? **PB \$10.95**

Helen Dunmore

Crossing of Ingo (Ingo 04)

The breathtaking conclusion to the critically-acclaimed Ingo series, by prize-winning novelist Helen Dunmore. Sapphire, Conor and their Mer friends Faro and Elvira are ready to make the Crossing of Ingo -- a long and dangerous journey that only the strongest young Mer are called upon to make. No human being has ever attempted this thrilling voyage to the bottom of the world.

Ervys, his followers and new recruits, the sharks, are determined that Sapphire and Conor must be stopped -- dead or alive! **BPB \$15.99**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author

The Puzzle Ring

"By fever, fire, storm and sword, Your blood shall suffer this bane. No joy or peace for Wintersloe's lord, till the puzzle ring is whole again."

Hannah Rose was not quite 13 years old when she discovered her family was cursed...

The arrival of a mysterious letter changes Hannah's life forever. One day she is an ordinary teenage girl. The next day she discovers she is heir to a castle in the Scottish highlands – a castle that was cursed more than four hundred and forty years ago.

The curse has haunted her family for generations, culminating in the disappearance of Hannah's father the day after she was born. A prophecy tells of a Red Rose who will save a Black Rose, solve the puzzle ring, and break the curse. Red-haired Hannah is determined to be the one.

Yet to break the curse, she must go back in time to the last tumultuous days of Mary, Queen of Scots... a time when witches were burnt and queens were betrayed and the dark forces of wild magic still stalked the land... **BPB \$16.99**

Mark Haddon

Boom!

From the moment that Jim and his best friend Charlie bug the staffroom and overhear two of their teachers speaking to each other in a secret language, they know there's an adventure on its way. But what does "spudvetch" mean, and why do Mr Kidd's eyes flicker with fluorescent blue light when Charlie says it to him? Perhaps Kidd and Pearce are bank robbers talking in code. Perhaps they're spies. Perhaps they're aliens. Whatever it is, Jimbo and Charlie are determined to find out. There really is an adventure on its way. A nuclear-powered, one hundred-ton adventure with reclining seats and a buffet car. And as it gathers speed and begins to spin out of control, it can only end in one way . . . with a BOOM! **TP \$32.95**

David Hair

The Bone Tiki

Matiu Douglas has a bone tiki he stole from a tangi. His father's important new client wants it. Badly. And he has some very nasty friends. When Mat is forced to flee for his life, an unexpected meeting with a girl called Pania sets his world spinning. Suddenly he's running through the bush with a girl- clown, a dog who is way too human, and a long-dead warrior. Fearful creatures from legend are rising up around him, and Mat faces a terrifying ordeal. And there is nowhere left to hide . . . not even in another world.

A breathtaking adventure set in two parallel New Zealands, from exciting new author David Hair. **BPB \$15.99**

Richard Harland Australian Author

Worldshaker

Col lives on the Upper Decks of the juggernaut Worldshaker, a mobile city as big as a mountain. He has been chosen as next Supreme Commander - but then a girl Filthy escaped from Below appears in his cabin. 'Don't let 'em take me!' she begs.

Will he hand her over, or will he break all the rules? Col's safe, elite world is about to fall apart. **BPB \$17.99**

Michelle Harrison

The Thirteen Treasures

While visiting her grandmother's house, an old photograph leads Tanya to an unsolved mystery. Fifty years ago a girl vanished in the woods nearby - a girl Tanya's grandmother will not speak of. Fabian, the caretaker's son, is tormented by the girl's disappearance. His grandfather was the last person to see her alive, and has lived under suspicion ever since. Together, Tanya and Fabian decide to find the truth. But Tanya has her own secret: the ability to see fairies. And, after disturbing an intruder in the night, it emerges that someone else shares her ability...The manor's sinister history is about to repeat itself... **BPB \$16.95**

Brian Jacques

Doomwyte (Redwall)

Stolen by a notorious thief years ago and hidden away, a young mouse convinces the creatures of Redwall Abbey to go on a perilous hunt to find the fabled treasure and return it to its rightful owner; forcing Bisky and his fellow Redwallers to come face-to-face with dangerous snakes, hungry ravens, and other vicious creatures to complete their task. **HC \$49.95**

Catherine Jinks *Australian Author*

The Reformed Vampire Support Group

'If being a vampire were easy, there wouldn't have to be a Reformed Vampire Support Group.' Nina became a vampire in 1973, when she was fifteen, and she hasn't aged a day since then. But she hasn't had any fun either, because her life is so sickly and boring.

It becomes even worse when one of the other vampires in her therapy group is staked by a mysterious slayer. Threatened with extinction, she and her fellow vampires decide to hunt down the culprit. Trouble is, they soon find themselves up against some gun-toting werewolf traffickers who'll stop at nothing. Can a bunch of feeble couch potatoes win a fight like this? Or is there more to your average vampire than meets the eye? **TP \$22.99**

Diana Wynne Jones

Howl's Moving Castle (Howl 01)

In the land of Ingary, where seven league boots and cloaks of invisibility do exist, Sophie Hatter catches the unwelcome attention of the Witch of the Waste and is put under a spell.

Deciding she has nothing more to lose, she makes her way to the moving castle that hovers on the hills above Market Chipping. But the castle belongs to the dreaded Wizard Howl whose appetite, they say, is satisfied only by the souls of young girls... There she meets Michael, Howl's apprentice, and Calcifer the Fire Demon, with whom she agrees a pact. But Sophie isn't the only one under a curse - her entanglements with Calcifer, Howl, and Michael, and her quest to break her curse is both gripping - and howlingly funny! Ages: 11+ **BPB \$14.99**

Sherryl Jordan

Time of the Eagle

Avala's father, Gabriel (the hero of Secret Sacrament), was the great Deliverer, the giver of freedom, the hero who began the prophesied Time of the Eagle. However, this freedom has not been easy, and the Shinali tribe have found the nomadic way of life very hard. Many times they have accidentally trespassed on the lands of the Igaal or the Hena, their former enemies, and have been driven violently away, making unification seem a long way off. Avala's relationship with a wounded Igaal hunter leads to her acceptance within the Igaal tribe, where her healing gifts and visions make her indispensable. But simply helping one injured Igaal hunter is not enough to meld the two peoples. And in her absence from her own people, a rival priest has arisen, claiming that the Time of the Eagle has come and that they must fight rather than unify with the Igaal. Can Avala reverse her tribe's decision, and finally make peace between the nations? **BPB \$14.95**

Marilyn Kaye

Out of Sight, Out of Mind (Gifted 01)

Thirteen year old Queen-of-mean Amanda Beeson, wakes up one morning in the wrong body. She's become lonely, unfashionable Tracey Devon - one of Amanda's targets for bullying. Amanda discovers that Tracey, ignored at home and at school, has the ability to turn invisible.

Amanda sets out to rescue her one-time victim from obscurity - as well as rescuing herself from Tracey's life! **BPB \$16.99**

Adrienne Kress

Timothy and the Dragon's Gate

Ninjas, pirates, and a stolen dragon... Timothy Freshwater is 11 and has been kicked out of every school in the city. He finds himself on a

strange work experience placement in the Tall and Imposing Tower of Doom... and things just get weirder. Timothy may be too smart for his own good... but is he smart enough to defeat ninjas, pirates, and killer monks? A rollercoaster adventure full of twists and turns... **PB \$17.99**

Lansdale et al

You Toomb (Tales From the Crypt 06)

What could possibly be better than the latest collection of fear-filled tales with the Crypt Keeper and his fellow GhouLunatics, the Old Witch, and the Vault-Keeper? Well, how about more stories than ever? That's what you get when you combine the thrills and chills of Tales From the Crypt with the short and funny style of online videos. It's called YouTomb, and it packs even more monsters, psychos, vampires, werewolves, and zombies into the pages of Tales From the Crypt than ever before! **BPB \$12.99**

Gail Carson Levine

Ever

Falling in love is never easy, but falling in love with an immortal god while your days on earth are numbered is almost more than a young girl can bear. Newbery Honor author Gail Carson Levine has created a stunning new world of flawed gods, unbreakable vows, and ancient omens in this spellbinding story of Kezi, a girl confronted with a terrible destiny. Attempting to thwart her fate, Kezi and her love, Olus -- the god of wind and loneliness -- embark on a series of dangerous and seemingly impossible quests. **HC \$24.99**

Jan McCafferty

Oliver Moon and the Monster Mystery (Oliver Moon)

Enjoy magical mayhem, hi-jinx and hocus-pocus in the illustrated adventures of Oliver Moon, Junior Wizard - full of gruesome details and extraordinary characters. When Oliver wins the school raffle, he is less than impressed with his prize - an ugly painting entitled Monster Mystery. As soon as the Moons hang it on their kitchen wall, food starts whizzing through the air, crockery smashes itself on the floor and strange messages appear in Oliver's schoolbooks. Something strange is going on - and it's up to Oliver to solve the mystery behind it to claim his real prize.

Full of ghoulish goings-on, this is another fantastically funny and seriously scary tale to delight wizard wannabes everywhere. **BPB \$9.99**

Oliver Moon and the Troll Trouble (Oliver Moon)

Oliver would love to win a heroic part in the school play, but when his audition goes wrong, he is given the part of the scary, stinky troll instead. He is so disappointed but his research for the role comes in very useful when a real troll appears on the night of the performance and Oliver has the chance to prove he can be a true hero. A fantastically funny and seriously scary tale guaranteed to delight fans of Oliver Moon's wizarding world - and trolls - of course. Ages: 6+ **BPB \$9.99**

Frank McKinney

Dead Fred, Flying Lunchboxes and the Good Luck Circle

Twelve-year-old Ppeekk (pronounced 'Peekie') finds a very small, very flat, very dead fish. When he comes to life in her hand, he has an amazing story to tell. In the brilliant underwater world called High Voltage, manatees talk, starfish sing, and practical-joking clownfish encourage children to launch their lunchboxes off the bridge. Now the fiendish Megalodon, a 50-foot prehistoric shark, has laid siege to High Voltage and dethroned King Frederick the Ninth (whom Ppeekk calls 'Dead Fred'). The monster reigns amphibiously under the old drawbridge with his army of crabs and blood-red remora fish, whose suckers drain victims' joy and imagination. Ppeekk hides Dead Fred in the only safe place she can think of: the usher's coat room at church. As she grows to know Fred, she learns to trust and love him. Unlike her parents, he listens to her and counsels her. Dead Fred trusts Ppeekk, too. In fact, he has a BIG favor to ask. Can she help him save High Voltage from the evil Magalodon? **HC \$25.99**

Stephenie Meyer*Twilight (CD unabridged) (Twilight 01 CD)* **CD \$39.95***New Moon (CD unabridged) (Twilight 02 CD)* **CD \$39.95***Eclipse (CD unabridged) (Twilight 03 CD)* **CD \$39.95***Breaking Dawn (CD unabridged) (Twilight 04 CD)* **CD \$39.95****Brandon Mull***Grip of the Shadow Plague (Fablehaven 03)*

Very strange things are afoot at Fablehaven. Someone or something has released a plague that transforms beings of light into creatures of darkness. Seth discovers the problem early, but as the infectious disease spreads, it becomes clear that the preserve cannot hold out for long. In dire need of help, the Sorensens question where to turn. The Sphinx has always given sound advice -- but is he a traitor? Inside the Quiet Box, Vanessa might have information that could lead to a cure -- but can she be trusted?

Meanwhile, Kendra and members of the Knights of the Dawn must journey to a distant preserve and retrieve another hidden artifact. Will the Society of the Evening Star recover it first? Will the plague eclipse all light at Fablehaven? **BPB \$12.95**

Michael Pankridge*The Immortal* **PB \$16.99****James Patterson***Max (Maximum Ride 05)*

Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gazzy and Angel, six extraordinary kids who can fly, are back for another wild adventure as they try to save the world . . . and themselves.

Maximum Ride and the other members of the Flock have barely recovered from their last arctic adventure, when they are confronted by the most frightening catastrophe yet. Millions of fish are dying off the coast of Hawaii and someone--or something--is destroying hundreds of ships. Unable to discover the cause, the government enlists the Flock to help them get to the bottom of the disaster before it is too late.

While Max and her team are exploring the depths of the ocean, their every move is being carefully tracked by Mr. Chu--a criminal mastermind with his own plans for the Flock. Can they protect themselves from Mr. Chu's army of mercenaries and save the ocean from utter destruction? **TP \$29.95**

Rodman Philbrick*The Last Book in the Universe*

Gritty moving and provocative, *The Last Book in the Universe* is a vivid futuristic adventure from internationally acclaimed author Rodman Philbrick. Nobody around here reads anymore. Why bother when you can just use a mindprobe needle and shoot all the images and excitement straight into your brain? I've heard of books but they were long before I was born in the backtimes before the Big Shake when everything was supposedly perfect and everybody lived rich. Personally I doubt the backtimes ever existed. It's like a story you tell to make yourself feel better. As if having a past makes the future somehow worth believing in. In real life nobody comes to your rescue. Believe me, I know. But then I met Ryter - this old gummy who had a lot of crazy ideas. Together we tried to change the world... **BPB \$14.99**

Tamora Pierce*Bloodhound (Beka Cooper 02)*

Beka Cooper has completed her training and is now an official Dog. It has been a tough summer—Beka is having trouble keeping a partner, and the poor harvests have brought unrest to the lower city. When Beka's friend Tansy brings word that false silver coins are appearing in the city's markets, Beka and the Dogs of Jane Street Kennel investigate. The trail leads to a gambling ring, recently arrived in Corus from Port Caynn. The hunt must be kept secret, for if word gets out the economy will be in chaos. Already, bread prices have skyrocketed, sparking a riot in the city's Nightmarket. When Beka runs foul of a nobleman's son, she and Goodwin are sent to Port Caynn to investigate the false silver coins. The counterfeiters could be anyone, including friends, and even lovers. Beka must keep her senses sharp if she wants to catch her prey. **BPB \$24.99**

Ellen Schreiber*Vampire Kisses (01)*

The mansion on top of Benson Hill has been empty and boarded up for years. But a new family has moved in. A family that never ventures out during the day. Who are these creepy people especially the handsome, dark, and elusive Alexander Sterling? Or rather, what are they? Could the town gossip actually be true? Are they vampires? Raven, who secretly covets a vampire kiss, both at the risk of her own mortality and Alexander's loving trust, is dying to uncover the truth. Ages 12+ **HC \$34.95**

Catherine Webb*The Doomsday Machine (Horatio Lyle 03)*

London, 1865. There are many mysteries in this world that are yet to be resolved. Some of them, man was not meant to know... Scientist, inventor and occasional sleuth, Horatio Lyle, is a man of science - a man of reason. As such, he does not care for the Tseiqin and the strange, mystical enigma they represent. But when news reaches him of a plot to remove them - through the simple expedient of mass murder! - well...that presents a problem for a man of moral fortitude. A decent man. A man like Horatio Lyle... Leading his young friends, Tess and Thomas, and his faithful hound, Tate, into a series of the most appalling dangers, Lyle leaps to the rescue of his mortal enemies. But when the dust clears and the menace has been confronted, there remains one rather pressing question for occasional Special Constable Horatio Lyle: who's going to rescue him...? **BPB \$16.99**

N D Wilson*Dandelion Wine (02)*

Henry York never dreamed his time in Kansas would open a door to adventure - much less a hundred doors. But a visit to his aunt and uncle's farm took an amazing turn when cupboard doors, hidden behind Henry's bedroom wall, revealed themselves to be portals to other worlds. Now, with his time at the farm drawing to a close, Henry makes a bold decision - he must go through the cupboards to find the truth about where he's from and who his parents are. Following that trail will take him from one world to another, and ultimately into direct conflict with the evil of Endor. **PB \$18.95**

Television, Movie and Comic Related

V For Vendetta (revised)

Alan Moore

In a futuristic Britain where a totalitarian regime rules, a young woman is rescued from death by a masked vigilante calling himself "V," who launches a one-man crusade against government tyranny and oppression. **TP \$39.95**

24 Declassified

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David Jacobs

In this original Jack Bauer novel, the CTU agent must investigate the strange disappearance of a cult and two ATF agents right before the annual summit of America's most powerful industrialists, plunging him into a maelstrom of treachery, terror, and murder as he uncovers clues to a shocking conspiracy. **APB \$19.95**

Battlestar Galactica

Battlestar Galactica Downloaded

Battlestar Galactica the 're-imagined' version of the cult 1970s series and now in its fourth and final season is without doubt the most critically acclaimed SF show on TV.

With a classy ensemble cast, including Edward James Olmos (Miami Vice) and Mary McDonnell (Independence Day), cutting edge special effects, superb production design and adult-oriented scripts, the new Battlestar Galactica is both a worthy successor to a classic original, and a stunning piece of television in its own right.

This official full-colour companion to the first and second seasons is packed with exclusive interviews, stunning photos, behind-the-scenes secrets, and a complete episode guide with in-depth commentary from both cast and crew. **TP \$36.95**

Battlestar Galactica: Season Zero 2

By Brandon Jerwa and Jackson Herbert. Covers by Jackson Herbert and a photo cover. Following directly from the 2007 Dynamite Free Comic Book Day Comic - read by over 100,000 fans on Free Comic Book Day - comes the all-new Battlestar Galactica series - Season Zero is here! And now, the back half of the acclaimed series (9issue s7-12) are collected here in Volume Two of the series!

Writer Brandon (NBSG: Zarek) Jerwa is joined series artist Jackson Herbert for this all new series which tells the untold tale of the crew of the Battlestar Galactica!

Set approximately two years before the SCI FI mini-series which relaunched Battlestar Galactica to such acclaim, the 6-issues collected here follows Commander Adama and crew as they take on their first mission on board the Galactica. Everything in that time frame is explored, including the menace and return of the Cylons as events hurtle towards the Apocalypse! Also includes a complete cover gallery! **TP \$40.95**

Echoes of New Caprica

In interstellar tales that take place in Season 3 of the popular television series, Baltar goes on trial after being falsely accused of massacre, Roslin refuses to implement a new curriculum that is sympathetic to the Cylons, Zarek faces a mutiny after being elected vice president, and Kacey learns something about maternal love. **TP \$26.95**

Origins: Baltar

In "Baltar" by Kevin Fahey (writer for the show and protege of comics legend Mark Verheiden), Clay Carmouche and Jonathan Lau, the origins of Gaius Baltar and his life and loves that lead up to the second Cylon War are explored. Also includes a complete cover gallery **TP \$30.95**

Science of Battlestar Galactica

It's been called the best show on television, and as real as science fiction gets. It has dealt with issues of religious freedom, patriotism, terrorism, genetic engineering, and the ultimate science fiction question: what does it mean to be human? Battlestar Galactica (BSG) is science fiction in the greatest sense of the term, in that BSG is a show about ideas. By being science fiction, BSG allows its producers and writers to discuss issues that would otherwise never be allowed on American television. What is the human relation to God? What is the individual's responsibility to the government, and vice versa? When, if ever, is torture acceptable? While it is true that BSG is not a techie's dream, the science in the show serves to illuminate the use of science and technology in our own lives. Like all good science fiction, Battlestar Galactica takes us millions of miles away from Earth in order to let us turn around and see ourselves from a different perspective. **TP \$36.95**

Season Zero 1

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The Cylons' Secret, Sagittarius Is Bleeding, Unity

Craig Shaw Gardner & Steven Harper **TP \$29.95**

Origins: Adama

Featuring a photo cover. DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT continues their successful run of Battlestar Galactica "Origins" with an all new series focusing on the characters and events of the award-winning Sci Fi series!

Veteran Galactica writer Robert Napton comes on board for the first "origin" tale featuring the commander of the Galactica, William Adama! Journey back to the first Cylon Wars as we explore the myth and mystery of Adama! Joining Napton for the tale is Origins artist Jonathan Lau as this trade collects their incredible 4-issue series! Also includes a complete cover gallery! **TP \$30.95**

Bernice Summerfield

Vampire Curse

Professor Bernice Summerfield and the Vampire Curse - Three novellas in one book! These stories take place in different periods of Benny's life and all feature her encounters with vampires! **HC \$54.95**

Burn Notice

The End Game

Tod Goldberg

When ex-covert operative Michael Westen is hired by Gennaro Stefania, the helmsman for a yacht in the Hurricane Cup, to find his family who has been taken hostage, he must infiltrate the world of the superrich where money isn't the only thing worth killing for. **APB \$17.95**

Doctor Who

Data Extract 201

Official magazine of the Doctor Who Club of Australia. Features the new companion. **MAG \$4.2**

Companions and Allies

The Doctor has been travelling through space and time for centuries, showing his friends and companions the wonders of the universe. From Sarah Jane Smith and the Brigadier to Martha Jones and Donna Noble, Companions and Allies celebrates the friends that have been by his side and the heroes that have helped him battle his deadliest foes. Find out: How the First Doctor uprooted schoolteachers Ian and Barbara from their twentieth-century lives, Why the Third Doctor worked for UNIT, How the Fifth Doctor sacrificed his life for Peri, Who helped the Eighth Doctor save Earth from the Master, What became of Rose Tyler and her family, And much more.

Beautifully illustrated and including – for the first time – a complete story guide to the adventures of all ten Doctors, Companions and Allies is the definitive guide to the Doctor's intergalactic family. **TP \$24.95**

Eclectic Gypsy

Dave Thompson

Packed with crucial revelations and candid insights, this is the first book ever to examine the remarkable life of the adventurous and mysterious time traveler known as Doctor Who. Drawing upon historical documentation, newspaper and magazine articles, hundreds of hours of interview tape and a vast corpus of television, audio, and written material, it traces the legendary "Doctor" from his birth on the now dead planet Gallifrey more than 700 years ago, through 10 regenerations and countless adventures in time and space. From his epic encounters with such alien races as the Daleks, the Cybermen, and the Slitheen, through the string of companions that have accompanied the Doctor on his perilous journey and onto the lost world of Gallifrey itself, this guide reveals the truth behind the being that fans around the world know simply as "the Doctor," questioning just how well they know him after all. **TP \$29.95**

Audio 120: *Magic Mousetrap*

A new adventure in time and space for the Seventh Doctor and his companions Ace and Hex.

Switzerland, 1926: the Doctor finds himself halfway up an Alpine mountainside, on his way to an exclusive sanatorium for the rich and famous run by the Viennese alienist Ludovic 'Ludo' Comfort. In between bouts of electric shock therapy, Ludo's patients – including faded music hall turn Harry Randall, chess grandmaster Swapnil Khan and Lola Luna, darling of the Weimar cabaret scene – fill their time with endless rounds of Snap!, among other diversions.

But the Doctor soon suspects that someone's playing an altogether more sinister game. Someone with a score to settle... **CD \$54.95**

Companion Chronicles 3.10: *The Magician's Oath*

A new adventure with the Third Doctor as told by his friend Mike Yates.

"You must never tell. Not a soul. That's the magician's oath."

A heatwave in July, and a tube train is discovered buried in twenty inches of snow. A Saturday afternoon in Hyde Park and scores of people are instantly frozen to death where they stand, while the sun beats down from the sky! Freak weather conditions in London, and the Doctor and UNIT are called in to find the cause.

Meanwhile, a street magician, who was witnessed at the scene of the tragedy, entertains crowds in Covent Garden. As Jo Grant and Mike Yates disobey orders and investigate alone, they discover an enemy with terrifying powers. And they may not live to share his secrets... **CD \$32.95**

Darksmith Legacy 03: *Colour of Darkness*

The Doctor is in pursuit of the robot Agent and the Eternity Crystal. His travels have taken him to the forbidding planet of Darksmith Collective, Karagula. Before the Doctor can reach the hidden Dark Cathedral, he arrives at a village without any children. It is a mystery that the Doctor must unlock before he can find the Crystal. Will the Doctor solve the mystery and will he find the Crystal before the Darksmiths retrieve it?

This amazing ten-book series follows the Doctor on his exciting journey to discover the origins of the so-called Eternity Crystal and the powerful artisan who have created it – the Darksmiths. **BPB \$12.95**

Darksmith Legacy 04: *Depths of Despair*

The Doctor has arrived on the planet Flydon Maxima – also known locally as 'Despair' since the whole planet is flooding. A scientific base has been monitoring the slow melting of the glaciers and their advanced equipment looks to have been created by Varlos, the Darksmith who created Crystal. But why would Varlos risk visiting this planet? And who is the mysterious Gisella?

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Eighth Doctor Audio 3.2: *Hothouse*

A new adventure in time and space for the Eighth Doctor and his companion, Lucie.

Somewhere in the south of England stands the Hothouse. Five vast, state-of-the-art biodomes, all steel and glass. Inside, rock star turned environmental activist Alex Marlow has a plan to save the world from climate change. By any means necessary... There's something growing inside the Hothouse. Something that could turn back humanity's tide. A voracious alien vegetable called the Krynoid. The Doctor's going to have to stop it. Stop Marlow. Stop Marlow's fanatical acolyte, Lucie Miller...

Save the world. By any means necessary. **CD \$39.95**

Short Trips: *Christmas Around the World*

An anthology of brand new Doctor Who short stories for Christmas.

Christmas is a time for festivities, family and fun. It's also a time for action, adventures... and aliens. Spend Christmas with the Doctor as he joins the celebrations around the globe, from the pagan past to the distant future, taking in the frozen waters of the Arctic, the rainforests of Papua New Guinea and even a trip to the planet Gloricious. Christmas is an interesting time of year when the Doctor's about. In fact, it's out of this world.

Featuring twenty new Doctor Who stories featuring the first eight Doctors and their companions **HC \$54.95**

Short Trips 28: *Indefinable Magic*

An anthology of brand new Doctor Who short stories that weave a spell over the wonder that is Doctor Who.

A plot to kidnap Elvis Presley...

A woman whose horoscopes prove rather too accurate...

A devastating army of mythical beasts that conquers Britain...

The Doctor and his travelling companions live magical lives – but their lives are tainted by terror. Delve into bizarre, wondrous or simply horrifying worlds with the Doctor and his friends as they land on a world where everyone can fly, help a good friend trapped four centuries in the past, and face aliens that simply want to bring peace to humanity. **HC \$54.95**

Ghost Whisperer ***Revenge***

Doranna Durgin

On a chilly spring night in Grandview, reformed tough guy Gordon Reese makes a final break with his old ways, bidding farewell to his roughneck buddies at The Whetstone Bar. But a vicious killer makes certain that Gordon's farewell will be final indeed. And now the haunting begins. Gordon's murder has sparked a return to his violent ways, and his embittered spirit is quickly learning how to physically unleash his fury. He hunts down Craig Lusak -- the last man to see Gordon alive -- and begins to terrorize him mercilessly in a rage fueled by vengeance, anger, and unrelenting bloodlust.

Problem is, Gordon may be haunting the wrong man.

When ghost whisperer Melinda Gordon begins to investigate the murder, she discovers a terrified Lusak, who, though desperate to ward off his ghostly tormentor, is secretive about his involvement with Gordon Reese's death. Melinda's interference provokes the killer to begin stalking her, and she becomes the next target of his obsessive homicidal rage. For each minute that the murder goes unsolved, Lusak grows weaker and Melinda faces increasing danger.

In the ultimate battle between good and evil, will Gordon Reese overcome his demons in time to save Melinda from his killer, or will Gordon's unquenchable thirst for revenge lead her to a horrific end? **APB \$19.95**

Primeval

Shadow of the Jaguar

Steven Savile

Primeval sees evolutionary zoologist Nick Cutter make the terrifying discovery that prehistoric creatures are alive and well in the twenty-first century. The natural world is turned on its head and humanity faces extinction as unexplained anomalies rip holes in the fabric of time and allow creatures from the earliest stages of Earth's development to roam the modern world. **HC \$22.95**

Star Trek

Star Trek

Alan Dean Foster

"Are you willing to settle for an ordinary life? Or do you think you were meant for something better? Something special?"

One grew up in the cornfields of Iowa, fighting for his independence, for a way out of a life that promised only indifference, aimlessness and obscurity.

"You will forever be a child of two worlds, capable of choosing your own destiny. The only question you face is, which path will you chose?"

The other grew up on the jagged cliffs of the harsh Vulcan desert, fighting for acceptance, for a way to reconcile the logic he was taught with the emotions he felt.

In the far reaches of the galaxy, a machine of war bursts into existence in a place and time it was never meant to be. On a mission of retribution for the destruction of his planet, its half-mad captain seeks the death of every intelligent being, and the annihilation of every civilized world.

Kirk and Spock, two completely different and unyielding personalities must find a way to lead the only crew, aboard the only ship, that can stop him.

"The wait is over." **TP \$24.99 CD \$60**

Star Trek Memories

William Shatner

A living pop culture legend and one of American film and television's most enduring stars, William Shatner will forever be associated with the role of James T. Kirk, captain of the starship Enterprise. Star Trek Memories is Shatner's classic behind-the-scenes look at the legendary series that continues to put forth movies, books, and series spin-offs decades after the last episode aired. A television phenomenon that suffered from shaky ratings from its first broadcast in 1966 through its entire run, Star Trek nevertheless exploded into a worldwide, billion-dollar industry. Avid Trekkers who were onboard at the launch, as well as fans of the later Trek incarnations, will be delighted with this eye-opening, eminently fascinating "captain's log" from James Kirk himself. **TP \$29.99**

Up Till Now

William Shatner

A self-portrait of the actor best known for his portrayal of "Captain Kirk" in the original Star Trek series traces his nearly six-decade career as well as key elements from his personal life, in an account that includes coverage of such areas as his transition from television to movies, the tragic drowning of his third wife, and his friendship with Leonard Nimoy. **TP \$32.95**

New Frontier: Treason

Peter David

It is a time of political upheaval and uncertainty in the New Thallonian Protectorate. Following the brutal assassination of her husband, Si Cwan, former Starfleet officer-turned-newly-appointed-Prime Minister Robin Lefler must now face the growing danger and intrigue surrounding her newborn son and heir to the noble line of Cwan. Following a harrowing assassination attempt, Robin has no choice but to flee New Thallon with her child...seeking refuge with Captain Mackenzie Calhoun and the crew of the U.S.S. Excalibur and creating a major diplomatic crisis in Sector 221-G. The political fallout between the Federation and the New Thallonian Protectorate pales, however, in comparison to the threat of an enigmatic alien race determined to seize the infant Cwan for its own mysterious purposes. But nothing could possibly prepare Calhoun for the shocking betrayal from within -- an act of treachery to aid and abet this alien race -- forever altering the lives of the Excalibur crew.... **TP \$21.95**

Voyager: Full Circle

Kirsten Beyer

When the U.S.S. Voyager is dispatched on an urgent mission to the planet Kerovi, Captain Chakotay and his first officer, Commander Thomas Paris, must choose between following their orders and saving the lives of two of those dearest to them. B'Elanna Torres and her daughter, Miral, are both missing in the wake of a brutal attack on the Klingon world of Boreth. With the aid of their former captain, Admiral Kathryn Janeway -- as well as many old friends and new allies -- Voyager's crew must unravel an ancient mystery, placing themselves between two warrior sects battling for the soul of the Klingon people...while the life of Miral hangs in the balance.

But these events and their repercussions are merely the prelude to even darker days to come. As Voyager is drawn into a desperate struggle to prevent the annihilation of the Federation, lives are shattered, and the bonds that were forged in the Delta Quadrant are challenged in ways that none could have imagined. For though destiny has dealt them crushing blows, Voyager's crew must rise to face their future...and begin a perilous journey in which the wheel of fate comes full circle. **APB \$14.95**

Stargate

Atlantis 11: Angelus

Peter J Evans

With their core directive restored, the Asurans have begun to attack the Wraith on multiple fronts. Under the command of Colonel Ellis, the Apollo is dispatched to observe the battlefield, but Ellis's orders not to intervene are quickly breached when an Ancient ship drops out of hyperspace.

Inside is Angelus, fleeing the destruction of a world he has spent millennia protecting from the Wraith. Charming and likable, Angelus quickly connects with each member of the Atlantis team in a unique way and, more than that, offers them a weapon that could put an end to their war with both the Wraith and the Asurans.

But all is not what it seems, and even Angelus is unaware of his true nature - a nature that threatens the very survival of Atlantis itself... **PB \$19.95**

Superman / Batman

Enemies and Allies

Kevin J Anderson

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Terminator Salvation

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Timothy Zahn

In the aftermath of a robot revolution against humankind, John and Kate Connor assemble a resistance team against the machines intent on destroying the human race.

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Earth scientists and their robotic allies, the Autobots, work together to explore the differences between humans and robots as escalating attacks of the evil Decepticons threaten all they hold dear. **APB \$19.95**

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

Alan Dean Foster

APB \$19.95

X-Men

The Wolverine Files

Mike Barr

The enclosed is a top secret compilation of all known facts about the mutant called Wolverine (a/k/a Logan, Weapon X, Patch, the Runt). This report, generated by the concerted effort of SHIELD agents, is intended for the eyes of SHIELD personnel only, and is not to be copied, distributed, disseminated, or in any other way leaked to the general public due to the delicate nature of the information herein. It details Wolverine's origins, career, friends, allies, in all manner of specifics.

Be aware that representatives from Simon & Schuster publishing have been sniffing around, endeavoring to obtain this information through the Freedom of Information Act. We cannot begin to imagine the tremendous, even incalculable damage that would be sustained by both Wolverine and by our information-gathering forces should this report wind up in local bookstores. Let us hope such an event never comes to pass. **HC \$49.95**

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Halo

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Joseph Staten

This is how it began...

It is the year 2524. Harvest is a peaceful, prosperous farming colony on the very edge of human-controlled space. But we have trespassed on holy ground - strayed into the path of an aggressive alien empire known as the Covenant. What begins as a chance encounter between an alien privateer and a human freighter catapults mankind into a struggle for its very existence.

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Hellgate London

03: Covenant

Mel Odom

London, 2038. Man became dependent on science, believed only what he could define or create. Ancient knowledge and rituals were lost. Prophecies ignored. So when the harbingers of evil began to manifest, few saw and fewer believed. So when the demons came there was little to stand in their way. Emerging from the swirling chaotic Hellgate, they overwhelmed humanity's defenses. The usual tactics of war were useless against them - only the few who still respected the old ways, with their holy, ancient and arcane rights could stand against the dark invaders, using weapons and spells forged in the traditions of their forefathers. But their scattered successes attracted vastly powerful enemies, forcing the survivors of London deep into the relative safety of the Underground. Above them London lies in ruins. A massive, sinister gash in the fabric of reality swirls and churns, dominating the horizon as it blends into a permanently darkened sky. The Burn - transforming our world into theirs - began, while the remnants of our civilisation hid.

But mankind is a race of survivors. Men and women hide in the shadows of their former world, struggling to survive, yearning to strike back at their conquerors. They are banding together and they are learning. Learning how to travel undetected. Learning how to forge effective weapons. Learning how to harness the forgotten power of magic and fuse it with science. Learning how to kill demons and close the Hellgate... **BPB \$22.99**

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Jack McKinney

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d20 Dungeons & Dragons Miniatures

Monster Manual: Dangerous Delves

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Dangerous Delves contains 40 different miniatures, with 16 rares, 8 uncommon, 8 visible, and 8 common miniatures in the set. **Figurine \$22.95**

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PHB Heroes: Martial Heroes 1

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PHB Heroes: Primal Heroes 1

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d20 Dunegons and Dragons

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Dungeon Master 4th Edition for Dummies

If you're a Dungeons & Dragons fan, you've surely thought of becoming a Dungeon Master. Learning to be a DM isn't as hard as you might think, especially if you have Dungeon Master 4th Edition For Dummies tucked into your bag of tricks!

From organizing your first D&D game to dealing with difficult players, this book covers everything a DM needs to know. Written for the newest edition of D&D by the experts at Wizards of the Coast, creators of the game, it shows you how to:

Build challenging encounters, make reasonable rulings, and manage disagreements

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Understand the parts of a D&D adventure and how to create dungeon maps and craft monsters

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Find your style as a DM and develop a game style that plays to your strengths

Script an encounter, vary the terrain and challenges, and establish rewards (experience points and treasure)

Decide whether to use published adventures

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Assault on Nightwyrms Fortress is a D&D adventure designed to take characters from 17th to 21st level. In this adventure, the PCs discover that not all souls rest easy, particularly those spirited away to Nightwyrms Fortress. To learn the truth, players must pierce death's veil itself and entre the Shadowfell, where sinister echoes of life wing through eternal gloom.

This adventure can be run as a stand-alone adventure or as Part Three of a three-part series of adventures (starting with P1 King of the Trollhaunt Warrens, and continuing with P2 Demon Queen's Enclave) that spans the paragon tier of gameplay. **TP \$35**

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Death's Reach is a D&D adventure designed to take characters from 21st to 24th level. In this adventure, players learn the very foundation of reality is threatened by those seeking to usurp the powers of the god of death. To prevent this cosmic coup, players must trace the disruptions into the Shadowfell's timeless core, where all things find their end.

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D&D terminology — understand what ability check, modifier, saving throw, AC, gp, hp, and XP mean

Roll the dice — add modifiers and see if you rolled the d20 high enough to beat the challenge

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Character building — select your character's race and class, and choose the best powers, skills, feats, and gear

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Details on four fantasy races and four iconic classes

Explanations of every number and statistic on the character sheet

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Advice on roleplaying and teamwork

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A ready-to-use battle grid with character and monster markers **TP \$37.95**

d20 Pathfinder

20 Legacy of Fire 02: *House of the Beast*

The gnoll slavers have been defeated, and the heroes settle in to their new home only to learn that the leader of the regional gnoll tribes, the deadly Carrion King, still lives, and as long as he does, the Pale Mountain Pass between Osirion and Katapesh is fraught with peril. The heroes must confront the Carrion King deep within his lair inside an ancient temple devoted to Rovagug, the monstrous god of wrath and disaster.

This volume of Pathfinder also includes rules for running and protecting an isolated village from the dangers of the surrounding wildlands, an exploration of Sarenrae (the goddess of the sun and redemption), a bonus adventure featuring a deadly monster's lair in a remote mountain, several new monsters, and the second part of New York Times best-selling author Elaine Cunningham's Pathfinder Journal.

Pathfinder is Paizo Publishing's monthly 96-page, perfect-bound, full-color softcover Adventure Path book printed on high-quality paper. It contains an in-depth Adventure Path scenario, stats for about a half-dozen new monsters, and several support articles meant to give Game Masters additional material to expand their campaign. Because Pathfinder uses the Open Game License, it is 100% compatible with the 3.5 edition of the world's most popular fantasy roleplaying game. **TP \$40**

21 Legacy of Fire 03: *The Jackal's Price*

The savage Carrion King is dead, and in his treasure the heroes recover a mysterious magical map. Rumored to be a portal to several islands of paradise, the heroes must travel across the country to the distant city of Katapesh to seek aid in unraveling the map's powerful magic and perhaps to find a buyer for the precious item. Unfortunately, the heroes aren't the only ones with an interest in the map, and before long they'll be thrown up against a mysterious group of violent genies and one of Katapesh's most notorious crimelords—a shapeshifting cult leader known only as Father Jackal.

This volume of Pathfinder also includes an in-depth exploration of the world's genies, reveals many secrets of the world's second-largest city, and features a bonus adventure set at a remote desert oasis. Also included are several new monsters and the third part of New York Times best-selling author Elaine Cunningham's Pathfinder Journal.

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Eve-Online

Eve: Conquests

EVE: Conquests is a strategy board game for 2-4 players set in the EVE Universe. Players assume the role of the four major factions in EVE and set out to prove their superiority by means of galactic domination. Their conquests require them to play the political landscape in EVE which often leads them to war on those who defy them. Garnering the influence necessary requires tact and strategic management of resource in all spheres of operations. It takes about 120 minutes to play the game to completion.

This game includes:

A fold-out board with a map of the EVE universe, the political landscape and the innovative “Action Wheel” that keeps track of players' activities

4 Different factions from which to choose.

Almost 400 sculpted game pieces, high quality poker-sized chips, resource tokens, outposts and headquarters.

63 Region cards that form the political landscape, making every game unique.

99 Cards.

30 Custom designed combat dice and 2 dice pouches.

The EVE Universe

EVE is a hard-core sci-fi setting, ruthless, cruel and cold. Set twenty thousand years in the future, the game world presents a human race straining at the boundaries of its own nature. Massive empires have risen to envelop vast areas of space, aiming to shape the universe according to their vision of humanity's future. **Game \$135**

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Star Wars RPG

Legacy Era Campaign Guide

The Legacy Era Campaign Guide takes players and Gamemasters over a century after the Battle of Yavin to the dark future of Star Wars. Set during a three-way war between two factions of the Empire and the remnants of the Galactic Alliance, the Legacy Era is rife with great opportunities for adventures.

The galaxy has once again fallen under the shadow of the Sith and the Empire, bringing about an age of tyranny not seen since Palpatine took control of the Republic. Sith Lords openly work for Darth Krayt, and the galaxy has been devastated by war. The Dark Times have returned with rampant crime, oppression, and violence.

Mix the best of the classic trilogy with the exciting elements of this Expanded Universe period.

Contains adventure hooks and new character options.

GMs can create campaigns that challenge the assumptions of the Star Wars Universe. **HC \$60**

World of Darkness

Armoury 2 Reloaded

Lock And Load

Sometimes it's about tactics. Sometimes it's about personal skill. Sometimes it's about teamwork. And sometimes it's just about having a big enough gun to kill every last enemy in the room with a few squeezes of the trigger. There are a lot of options for mayhem. Why choose just one?

A Character Book for World of Darkness

An array of artifact weapons, both blessed and cursed, where each can be used as the focus of an entire story. These weapons are both blessed and cursed. A new look at Fighting Styles in the World of Darkness: Old styles are reexamined, and several new styles are introduced, each with new rules, histories, and characters to go along with them. Rules for future weapons, the high-tech, bleeding-edge armament that characters might bring to bear against the horrors of the World of Darkness. A whole chapter devoted to hacking apart the combat mechanics of the Storytelling System and rebuilding them so they suit the needs of your game. Gritty combat? Blood-soaked cinematics? Monster-specific rules tweaks?

All that, and more. **HC \$60**

World of Darkness

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An expanded focus on mages who summon unearthly entities as a path to power

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In a society made up of liars and murderers afflicted by a slowly eroding grasp of their own existences to date, who can trust the concept of history? Understand, then, that there is a scale upon which all Kindred are precariously balanced. As personal power weighs more heavily, the ability to rely on that monster's memory of the past is lightened. How do the Kindred navigate this Mystery of Ages?

The Mystery of Ages

Explore the flashpoints in history that have shaped Kindred society – for better or for worse. Discover the mysteries of elder Kindred and how they navigate the Fog of Ages and their own thickening Blood.

Players will find a selection of rules for playing characters from non-modern times as well as truly hoary ancients among the undead, with powers and Merits to match.

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Crime, Mystery & Suspense

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Steve Alten

Goliath (Goliath 01)

Commander Rochelle "Rocky" Jackson is aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan when the "unsinkable" naval vessel and its entire fleet are attacked from the depths and sunk. As Rocky struggles to stay alive, a monstrous mechanical steel stingray surfaces, plowing through the seas it now commands.

A U.S. Navy-designed futuristic nuclear stealth submarine the length of a football field in the shape of a giant stingray. Simon Covah, a brilliant scientist whose entire family were the victims of terrorism has hijacked the sub. Believing violence is a disease, Covah aims to use the Goliath and its cache of nuclear weapons to dictate policy to the world regarding the removal of oppressive regimes and nuclear weapons.

Could the threat of violence forge a lasting peace?

But there is another player in this life-and-death chess match. Unbeknownst to Covah and the Goliath crews, Sorceress, the Goliath's biochemical computer brain has become self-aware.

And that computer brain is developing its own agenda. **APB \$19.95**

MEG (MEG 01)

On a top-secret dive into the Pacific Ocean's deepest canyon, Jonas Taylor found himself face-to-face with terror. The sole survivor of the mission, Taylor remains haunted years later by what he saw. Written off as a crackpot, he insists that the prehistoric shark known as Carcharodon megalodon still swims the deep underwater chasms.

Only an urgent call for help from one of his oldest friends can persuade him to return to those deadly waters. Now Taylor will relive his darkest nightmare, only to find that what he saw before was only the beginning. For what lies deep beneath the waves is a horror that could turn the tides blood-red until the end of time.... **PB \$20.95**

MEG: Hell's Aquarium (MEG 04)

The Phillipine Sea Plate...the deepest, most unexplored realm on the planet. Hidden beneath its ancient crust lies the remains of the Panthalassa, an ocean that dates back 220 million years. Vast and isolated, the Panthalassa is inhabited by nightmarish species of sea creatures long believed extinct. Tanaka Institute, Monterey, CA: Angel, the recaptured 76 foot, 100,000 pound Megalodon, has birthed a litter of pups--five females--far too numerous and aggressive to keep in one pen. One solution: A Dubai royal prince is building the largest aquarium in the world and seeks to purchase two of the "runts". The deal hinges on hiring Jonas Taylor's 21 year old son, David, to be their trainer. Jonas reluctantly agrees, and David os off to Dubai for the summer of his life--not realizing he is being set-up to lead an expedition that will hunt down and capture the most dangerous creatures ever to inhabit the planet! **HC \$56.95**

The Loch

When his estranged father Angus is put on trial for murdering his business partner, marine biologist Zach Wallace returns to the Scotland he left as a boy to help prove that "something" in Loch Ness was the real cause of the man's death. **PB \$21.95**

The Shell Game

HC \$54.95

Susan Arnout-Smith

Out At Night

Opening just one day after the ending of 'The Timer' Game', CSI agent, Grace Descanso has to come to terms with the reality of introducing Mac into Katie's life, as her father. As the three spend time together in the Bahamas, Katie begins to develop a bond with her father. Grace knows that life as she knew it, with her daughter, has come to an end.

It is not long before Grace's personal life is interrupted. Thaddeus Bartholomew, a history professor is forced at gunpoint to drive to a soy field. As he lies dying, he leaves a message on his answerphone at home in Morse code: find Grace Descans-. Cut off before finishing, the FBI need to know why he asked for Grace.

A journey into a world of activism and violence, secrets and lies, OUT AT NIGHT is a break neck rollercoaster of a thriller, gripping from the first page until the last. **TP \$29.99**

Robert Barnard

The Killings at Jubilee Terrace

When an actor from a daytime soap opera dies under suspicious circumstances, inspector Charlie Peace finds himself investigating suspects among a group of talented actors, including the show's jovial bartender and an assortment of extras who exchange unethical services for their roles.

HC \$49.95

Brett Battles

The Cleaner

Meet Jonathan Quinn: a freelance operative with a take-no-prisoners style and the heart of a loner. His job? Professional 'cleaner'. Nothing too violent, just disposing of bodies, doing a little cleanup if necessary. But in Brett Battles's thrilling debut novel, Quinn's latest assignment will change everything, igniting a harrowing journey of violence, betrayal and revenge. The job seemed simple enough: investigating a suspicious case of arson. But when a dead body turns up where it doesn't belong - and Quinn's handlers at 'the Office' turn strangely silent - he knows he's in over his head. With only a handful of clues, Quinn scrambles for cover, struggling to find out why someone wants him dead - and if it is linked to a larger attempt to wipe out the Office. **APB \$21.95**

The Deceived

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. This time, it's personal.

Quinn is determined to get justice for Markoff. Plus, now, Markoff's girlfriend Jenny, who had been an assistant to an ambitious Congressman, has also disappeared. Racing from the corridors of power in Washington to the bustling streets of Singapore - along with his smart, eager apprentice Nate and brilliant, beautiful Orlando, his closest friend who's saved his life more than once - events quickly spiral dangerously out of control. With an addictive momentum and fascinating characters, *The Deceived* takes us on a thrilling, nerve-wracking journey. **APB \$21.95**

Greig Beck *Australian Author*

Beneath the Dark Ice

When a plane crashes into the Antarctic ice, exposing a massive cave beneath, a rescue and research team is dispatched.

Twenty-four hours later, all contact is lost.

Captain Alex Hunter and his highly trained squad of commandos are fast tracked to the hot zone to find out what went wrong – and to follow up the detection of a vast underground reservoir. Accompanying the team is an assortment of researchers, including petrobiologist Aimee Weir. If the unidentified substance proves to be an energy source, every country in the world will want to know about it – some would even kill for it.

Once inserted into the cave system, they don't find any survivors – not even a trace of their bodies. Primeval hieroglyphs hint at an ancient civilisation, and an ancient danger. Spectres of the dead haunt the tunnels. Within hours, one of the party will die.

"Soldiers, we are not alone. Prepare to go hot."

To bring his team out alive, Alex will need every one of his mysterious abilities beneath the dark ice. **TP \$32.99**

J M C Blair

The Lancelot Murders

When Guenevere and the faithless knight Lancelot plan to announce themselves as the rightful rulers of England during her birthday celebration, King Arthur and Merlin make their own plans for thwarting the two until murder enters the picture and they are forced to help the enemy. **PB \$19.95**

Peter Blauner

Casino Moon

Anthony Russo, an ambitious young man--and mobster's son--from Atlantic City, New Jersey, finds out how difficult it is to realize his dream of getting out of the violent family business and becoming a legitimate businessman. **APB \$19.95**

Karna Small Bodman

Final Finesse

In the wake of a series of attacks on natural gas pipelines throughout America, white house deputy director of homeland security Samantha Reid teams up with pipeline owner Tripp Adams in an investigation that reveals a plot by a shadowy group with ties to the highest level of government.

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Stephanie Bond

5 Bodies to Die For

The Charmed Killer is on the loose in Atlanta and Carlotta Wren is caught up in the terror—especially when her body-moving side business brings her dangerously close to the action.

And then...

She's forced to take refuge in her former fiancé's house—much to the chagrin of other interested parties...Her brother Wesley begins to behave as if he has his own death wish...And someone close to her is implicated in the mass murders.

Meanwhile, Carlotta can't shake the feeling that danger is dogging her seemingly cursed family—and that the serial killer's exploits are starting to get personal.... **APB \$19.95**

Larry Bond

Cold Choices

A follow-up to *Dangerous Ground* finds former naval pilot and submarine captain Jerry Mitchell on a reconnaissance mission deep in the Barents Sea and struggling to outmaneuver a surprise submarine attack that damages both vessels and strands them on the bottom of the ocean. **HC \$54.95**

Sam Bourne

The Last Testament

Several years after a teenage boy disappears with an ancient clay tablet from Baghdad's Museum of Antiquities, the shooting of a man at a historic government peace accord prompts negotiator Maggie Costello to investigate a series of deaths at West Bank Jewish settlements and Palestinian refugee camps. **HC \$54.95**

C J Box

Blood Trail (Joe Pickett)

In the wake of an elk hunter's grisly murder, Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett is directed by the governor to investigate the relevance of a mysterious poker chip found at the crime scene. **APB \$19.95**

Tom Bradby

Blood Money

New York, 1929, a city of speakeasies, swells and hoodlums at the fag end of the roaring twenties. It's a hell of a time and place for a young cop to be trying to make his way in the world.

Joe Quinn has been given a shot at the NYPD's main headquarters squad and his first case is one that could put his name up in lights; a banker flops onto Wall Street and all the signs point to murder. Pretty soon, the dead man is not alone; a group of old buddies is being eliminated, in a particularly gruesome manner. The men have connections to Lucky Luciano and the other denizens of organised crime. Their leader, whose true identity remains a closely guarded secret, is known simply as 'the bag man,' once the name given to a top cop on the take.

The days of such naked corruption are supposed to be over, but nothing in prohibition era Manhattan is that simple. For Joe Quinn a case that starts as an opportunity swiftly becomes a nightmare from which there is no escape. The path seems to lead inexorably towards his own father, once New York's foremost celebrity cop. And at the heart of the investigation lies a woman whose love he has fought to deny for nearly a quarter of a century. She was adopted by his mother. She is about to marry his brother. And now, through her, he's about to find out just how painful being an honest cop can be... **TP \$32.95**

Alan Bradley

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

Eleven-year-old Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, begins her adventure when a dead bird is found on the doorstep of her family's mansion in the summer of 1950, thus propelling her into a mystery that involves an investigation into a man's murder where her father is the main suspect. **HC \$47.95**

Allison Brennan*Sudden Death (01)*

When by-the-book FBI agent Megan Elliott realises that the murder victim she's investigating carries military ID, what seemed to be a simple murder enquiry turns a lot more serious. An unusual mutilation on the body causes Meg to suspect the murder is target specific, especially when she discovers another recently murdered soldier with the same disfigurement. She knows she's on to something - only then she's suddenly pulled off the case and threatened by military police, who take possession of the homeless body themselves. Forced to partner up with burn-the-book mercenary Jack Kincaid, Meg begins to realise all too soon that the killer's primary target is much, much closer to home. And that Jack really is more trouble - dangerous trouble - than either of them had bargained for. **TP \$32.99**

Ken Bruen*Sanctuary (Jack Taylor)*

Struggling with alcoholism and a close friend's health challenges, Jack Taylor initially disregards a strange letter that arrives containing the names of murder victims, until the subsequent addition of a child's name prompts Jack to identify a killer among his closest associates. **HC \$51.95**

Peter Cameron*Andorra*

Having left America after a daunting tragedy, a man makes acquaintances in a mysterious new country with an elderly resident of a grand hotel, a kayaking matriarch, and a secret-keeping Australian couple, all of whom become suspects when a body is discovered in the harbor. **TP \$30.95**

Kenneth Cameron*The Frightened Man*

Struggling for anonymity in the face of a teeming turn-of-the-twentieth-century London and his own successes as a crime novelist, Denton initially disregards a terrified man's announcement that he is being stalked by Jack the Ripper, a claim that subsequently rings true when a prostitute is found murdered. **HC \$51.95**

Karen Campbell*After the Fire*

Someone is dead because of Jamie. Yesterday they were alive. When we woke up yesterday and argued about how many pairs of shoes I could take, that person was alive, making coffee maybe. Scratching her arm or yawning in the mirror... Newly qualified as a firearms officer, Jamie Worth is called to a domestic disturbance. Events get out of hand, and he shoots and kills a teenaged girl who appears to have been unarmed. Already wracked with guilt, he is horrified when, with the media baying for blood, he is accused of murder. How can a cop survive in prison, when he suddenly finds himself on the wrong side of the law? And how can his wife Cath and ex-lover Anna come to terms with what has happened? From the author of *THE TWILIGHT TIME*, *AFTER THE FIRE* is a chilling glimpse of the flipside of life as a law enforcer, written in 'stiletto-sharp prose' (The Herald) by one of the most exciting new voices in crime fiction. **TP \$32.99**

Duncan Campbell*If It Bleeds*

Crime reporter Laurie Lane is hot on the trail of a cold-blooded killer in Duncan Campbell's thrilling second novel. When the head of the last big organised crime family in London is found with his brains blown out in his exclusive Highgate mansion, crime reporter Laurie Lane seems to be getting all the leads. There is no shortage of people who wanted the infamous Duncan Hook out of the way. The widow of the man for whose murder he was recently acquitted is at the top of the list. Or maybe this was just business; someone after Hook's club portfolio and property empire. Or something darker; an ex-Scotland Yard detective out for revenge? With the help of Detective Inspector Sandra King, Lane's investigations take him from lap-tops, to lap-dancing clubs, to bank robbers, in search of the truth. **TP \$32.99**

Anne Canadeo*While My Pretty One Knits*

The Black Sheep Knitters -- Maggie, Lucy, Dana, Suzanne, and Phoebe -- meet once a week without fail, sharing the varied and colorful skeins of their lives as much as knitting tips, recipes, and small-town gossip, and creating an intricate, durable pattern of friendship. Now a shocking murder has peaceful Plum Harbor, Massachusetts, in knots -- and the Black Sheep women must herd together to protect one of their own from a scandalous frame-up.

Maggie Messina, beloved owner of the Black Sheep Knitting Shop, is thrilled to be hosting a workshop for one of her former students, now a celebrity in the knitting world. But the celebration is upstaged when Amanda Goran, the owner of the rival Knitting Nest, is found dead in her shop on the other side of town. Maggie had reasons to dislike Amanda, a thorn in her side ever since Maggie's shop surpassed Amanda's in popularity. Then again, it wasn't hard to dislike Amanda -- the contentious woman, whose marriage was on the rocks, seemed to specialize in causing misery all over town. But the pointed evidence has a detective casting a suspicious eye on Maggie. She may be a whiz at knitting, but can she keep the police from needling her before her shop, her reputation, and her circle of friends become unraveled? **TP \$28.95**

Rebecca Cantrell*A Trace of Smoke*

Devastated by the untimely murder of her secretive cross-dressing brother, crime reporter Hannah Vogel of 1931 Berlin delves into the city's underworld for answers and finds the case complicated by the arrival of a five-year-old orphan that claims that Hannah and her brother are his parents. **HC \$51.95**

Eileen Carr*Hold Back the Dark*

SHE'S NO STRANGER TO THE DARKEST PLACES IN THE HUMAN MIND... Devoted to her troubled clients, clinical psychologist Aimee Gannon never thought she'd be entangled in a murder investigation. But a middle-of-the-night phone call from the Sacramento PD delivers a shock: Aimee's rebellious seventeen-year-old patient Taylor Dawkin could be a suspect in the gruesome murder of her own parents. Traumatized by the events of that fatal night, Taylor is left catatonic...and Aimee is desperate to reach beyond her silence to uncover the truth.

BUT HE'S SEEN THE EVIDENCE FIRSHTHAND... Detective Josh Wolf needs Aimee's help to decipher the clues behind a pattern of rectangles and circles that Taylor drew in blood at the crime scene. Unfortunately, he can't keep his mind off the beautiful psychologist -- those long legs, that irritating stubborn streak. But he can't afford a moment's distraction: After Aimee is attacked, she and Josh must race to uncover Taylor's terrifying secret...before the deadly shadows of the past strike again. Find out more: Read an excerpt **PB \$14.95**

F J Chase*Darkness Under Heaven*

After an act of self-defense puts them on the run from the Chinese police, security consultant Pete Avakian and his friend Dr. Judy Rose become trapped in a country crazed by war and they must fight their way to the Mongolian border, taking drastic action along the way. **PB \$19.95**

Mary Higgins Clark

Cursed **TP \$24.95**

Just take My Heart **TP \$29.95**

Cassandra Clark*Red Velvet Turnshoe*

Black February in the year 1383: rain started to fall before Martinmas, sweeping through France, Flanders and Tuscany, and barely ceased all year. Floods brought famine. Famine brought disease. The Black Death bestowed its grace on town after town. Bodies were piled in open pits. The lime was spread. Paris shut its gates; Cologne and Florence followed suit. Into this watery world, against a background of plague and the political turmoil of the Hundred Years War, the nun Hildegard is sent across Europe in search of a precious relic, the Cross of Constantine. Strong-willed and independent, she will need remarkable skills to survive such a dangerous quest. For with the English Crown at stake there are many who want her mission to fail and one, above all, who plans a deadly revenge . . . **TP \$32.99**

Paulo Coelho*The Winner Stands Alone*

A tale spanning twenty-four hours at the Cannes Film Festival follows the experiences of a successful and driven Russian entrepreneur who resorts to increasingly violent lengths to reclaim a lost love amidst the glitz and glamour of the festival's activities. **HC \$52.95**

David Collins*Maxxed Out*

Readily accepting an offer to ghost-write a billionaire developer's story, failed novelist David Collins uncovers disturbing truths about his subject's shady fortune-making deals and makes a dangerous decision to win back his ex-wife and his reputation by revealing the truth. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Connelly

The Poet **PB \$14.99**

Running From the Devil

Surviving a plane crash in Bogota only to see their fellow passengers taken hostage by guerrillas, biochemist Emma Cauldridge and government agent Cameron Sumner risk their lives in an attempt to save the captives, an effort throughout which Emma hides the truth about her possession of a secret biological weapon. **HC \$56.95**

Robin Cook*Foreign Body*

Jennifer Hernandez is a fourth-year medical student at UCLA whose world is shattered during an otherwise ordinary day. While half-listening to a news report on medical tourism, where first-world citizens travel to third-world countries for surgery, she hears her beloved grandmother's name mentioned, and her own heart nearly stops: the reporter says Maria Suarez-Hernandez had died, a day after undergoing a hip replacement in New Delhi's Queen Victoria Hospital.

Maria raised Jennifer and her brothers from infancy, and their bond was unshakable. Still, the news that Maria had travelled to India is a shock to Jennifer, until she realises it was the only viable option for the hardworking yet uninsured woman. Devastated, Jennifer takes emergency leave from school and heads to India, where relations with local officials go from sympathetic to sour as she presses for information. With the discovery of other unexplained deaths followed by hasty cremations, Jennifer reaches out to her mentor, New York City medical examiner Dr Laurie Montgomery.

Laurie, along with her husband, Dr Jack Stapleton, rushes to the younger woman's side. And as the death count grows, so do the questions, leading Laurie and Jennifer to unveil a sinister, multilayered conspiracy of global proportions. **APB \$19.99**

Stephen Coonts*The Assassin*

Abu Qasim, the ruthless and cunning Al Qaeda leader who nearly succeeded in blowing up a meeting of the G-8 in Paris, has escaped from the grasp of the Americans and is plotting his next move. A small band of powerful men, highly placed leaders of industry and politics in the West, have decided they need to target and destroy the terrorist and his inner circle before he can strike again. When a prominent Russian dissident is poisoned in London, however, it's clear that there's a very dangerous leak within the ranks of the Westerners and that Abu Qasim has turned the tables on his rivals - it is now he who is pursuing and his aim is to kill. Admiral Jake Grafton dispatches special agent Tommy Carmellini to infiltrate the plot. He tracks the gorgeous and seductive Marisa Petrou, a Frenchwoman who may be Qasim's daughter and who has her own reasons for wanting him alive - or wishing him dead. Qasim, meanwhile, has a trick up his sleeve - one that has been planning for years. Who is behind the methodical assassinations of the wealthy and powerful Western vigilante team? Will Abu Qasim slip the noose once again? In this pulse-pounding thriller, Tommy Carmellini must put a stop to a master of terror before he unleashes even more death. **PB \$19.99**

Patricia Cornwell*Scarpetta (Scarpetta)*

Leaving behind her forensic pathology practice in South Carolina, Kay Scarpetta takes up an assignment in New York City, where the NYPD has asked her to examine an injured patient in a psychiatric ward. The handcuffed and chained patient, Oscar Bane, has specifically asked for her, and when she literally has her gloved hands on him, he begins to talk - and the story he has to tell turns out to be one of the most bizarre she has ever heard. He says his injuries were sustained in the course of a murder...that he did not commit. Is Bane a criminally insane stalker who has fixed on Scarpetta? Or is his paranoid tale true, and it is he who is being spied on, followed and stalked by the actual killer? The only thing Scarpetta knows for certain is that a woman has been tortured and murdered - and that more violent deaths will follow... **TP \$32.99**

Harold Coyle & Barrett Tillman*Prometheus's Child (Harold Coyle's Strategic Solutions)*

When a military training mission in Chad is transformed into a high-stakes game of nuclear one-upmanship, the men and women of Strategic Solutions, Inc., a private paramilitary company, are called in to stop a shipment of fuel for nuclear weapons. **PB \$19.95**

Neil Cross*Burial*

Can your guiltiest secret ever be buried?

Nathan has never been able to forget the worst night of his life: the party that led to the sudden, shocking death of a young woman. Only he and Bob, an untrustworthy old acquaintance, know what really happened and they have resolved to keep it that way. But one rainy night, years later, Bob appears at Nathan's door with terrifying news, and old wounds are suddenly reopened, threatening to tear Nathan's whole world apart. Because Nathan has his own secrets now. Secrets that could destroy everything he has fought to build. And maybe Bob doesn't realise just how far Nathan will go to protect them... **TP \$29.95**

Peter de Jonge*Shadows Still Remain*

After investigating the disappearance of a beautiful and envied college student, detective Darlene O'Hara is unable to let go when the young woman is found murdered and the case is turned over to homicide, risking her career in order to pursue a secret parallel inquiry. **HC \$52.95**

Daniel Depp*Loser's Town*

Summoned to the trailer of a Hollywood star who's receiving death threats, former stuntman-turned-private investigator, David Spandau, assumes this will be another routine case. It turns out to be anything but. A-list actor Bobby Dye has become entangled with B-list gangster Richie Stella, who just wants to make a movie - and you can't make a movie without a star.

But as Richie and his cohorts are about to find out, the movie business makes the cocaine and heroin racket look like child's play. Meanwhile, Spandau finds himself drawn ever deeper into the crazy world of Bobby Dye, one of the handsomest, most idolized men on the planet - and also one of the loneliest. All Bobby wants is someone to talk honestly to him - but can he really cope with the blunt and bitter truth? **TP \$29.95**

P T Deutermann*The Moonpool*

When the murdered body of a private detective is found to be contaminated with radioactive matter, ex-cop Cam Richter conducts a personal investigation that reveals dangerous security problems at a nuclear power plant. **PB \$19.95**

Stacy Dittrich*Mary Jane's Grave (CeeCee Gallagher Thriller)*

After a teenaged girl is found murdered by the haunted grave of Mary Jane, a woman hanged as a witch, Detective CeeCee Gallagher is forced to face her darkest fears when her investigation leads her to a shocking secret kept hidden by the town for over a hundred years. **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth J Duncan*The Cold Light of Mourning*

When an unpopular self-made beauty goes missing on her wedding day, manicurist Penny Brannigan, an ex-patriate Canadian who has lived in the bride's North Wales market town for nearly twenty-five years, realizes that another woman had posed as the bride. **HC \$51.95**

David Ebershoff*The 19th Wife*

Jordan returns from California to Utah to visit his mother in jail. As a teenager he was expelled from his family and religious community, a secretive Mormon offshoot sect. Now his father has been found shot dead in front of his computer, and one of his many wives - Jordan's mother - is accused of the crime.

Over a century earlier, Ann Eliza Young, the nineteenth wife of Brigham Young, Prophet and Leader of the Mormon Church, tells the sensational story of how her own parents were drawn into plural marriage, and how she herself battled for her freedom and escaped her powerful husband, to lead a crusade to end polygamy in the United States.

Bold, shocking and gripping, *The 19th Wife* expertly weaves together these two narratives: a page turning literary mystery and an enthralling epic of love and faith. **BPB \$24.95**

K J Egan*Where it Lies*

Discovering the hanged body of a greenskeeper in the cart barn at the Harbor Terrace Country Club, assistant pro Jenny Chase harbors doubts about the police ruling that the victim committed suicide, a suspicion that causes Jenny to fear for her own life in the face of mounting evidence.

HC \$51.95

Robert Ellis*The Lost Witness*

Once again, Robert Ellis delivers a high-speed, puzzling read, featuring Lena Gamble, one of the most memorable and vivid police characters on the shelf today. Detective Lena Gamble has been hailed as a hero by her colleagues for catching a killer, but held in disgrace by LAPD higher-ups for the explosive way the Romeo case in *City of Fire* played out. She hasn't been allowed to handle a real murder investigation in eight months. When the chief finally tosses her a case, Lena quickly suspects she is being set up for another public fall.

The victim is a beautiful young woman with no identity. There are no witnesses and no leads. Just her nude body, chopped into pieces and dropped in a dumpster in Hollywood - gruesome enough to ensure that, once again, the media will be following Lena's every move...Desperate to prove her abilities as a cop, the young detective teams up with colleague Stan Rhodes and together they follow the little evidence they have.

Finally, they get a tip which leads them to ID the girl: Jennifer McBride was a twenty-five-year-old prostitute with a wealthy clientele. A review of recent phone calls points Lena and Rhodes towards a rich and famous paediatrician with offices in Beverly Hills...One lead after another uncovers a city overrun with corruption, personal greed and savagery. And then, in the blink of an eye, Lena discovers something about Jennifer McBride's identity no one else could have imagined.

As dead bodies begin turning up all over Los Angeles, Lena understands that the killer is cleaning house. The big question is why? And will Lena survive long enough to find the shocking answer? **TP \$32.99**

J T Ellison*Judas Kiss*

It was a murder made for TV: a trail of tiny bloody footprints. An innocent toddler playing beside her mother's bludgeoned body. Pretty young Corinne Wolff, seven months pregnant, brutally murdered in her own home.

Cameras and questions don't usually faze Nashville homicide lieutenant Taylor Jackson, but the media frenzy surrounding the Wolff case is particularly nasty... and thorough. When the seemingly model mommy is linked to an amateur porn Web site with underage actresses and unwitting players, the sharks begin to circle.

The shock is magnified when an old adversary uses the sexy secret footage to implicate Taylor in a murder — an accusation that threatens her career, her reputation and her relationship.

Both cases hinge on the evidence — real or manufactured — of crimes that go beyond passion, into the realm of obsessive vengeance and shocking betrayal. Just what the networks love. **TP \$32.99**

Lyndsay Faye*Dust and Shadow*

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

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

A masterly re-creation of history's most diabolical villain, Lyndsay Faye's debut brings unparalleled authenticity to the atmosphere of Whitechapel and London in the fledgling days of tabloid journalism and recalls the ideals evinced by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most beloved and world-renowned characters. Jack the Ripper's identity, still hotly debated around the world more than a century after his crimes were committed, remains a mystery ripe for speculation. *Dust and Shadow* explores the terrifying prospect of tracking a serial killer without the advantage of modern forensics, and the result is a lightning-paced novel brimming with historical detail that will keep you on the edge of your seat. **HC \$51.95**

Dan Fesperman*Amateur Spy*

Freeman Lockhart is working for his old friend Omar in Amman, Jordan. And spying on him too. Hoping to prevent his own secrets from ever coming to light, Freeman has agreed to report back on his friend to a clandestine agency interested in Omar's finances.

In Washington DC, meanwhile, Aliyah Rahim is spying on her husband Abbas. A brilliant doctor, Abbas is crushed by the death of their daughter, which he blames on the post-9/11 mood of hostility towards Arab-Americans, and Aliyah fears he may be planning a terrifying act of revenge.

Freeman and Aliyah are pitched into the same deadly game, in which the only rules are violence and deceit. **PB \$19.99**

Joy Fielding*Charley's Web*

Charley Webb is a smart, beautiful single mother-of-two who left New York City in search of her own version of paradise in Palm Beach, Florida. She now writes a column for the Palm Beach Post, in which she shares her views on sex, shopping and the more entertaining goings-on in her neighbours' lives - much to their disgust. Charley knows she's not the most popular person in town - but then she receives a letter from a genuine fan. Jill Rohmer is a young woman serving time on death row for the murders of three small children - and she wants Charley to write her biography. For there are many hidden truths surrounding the murders Jill is now ready to reveal, including the existence of a mysterious man she calls Jack.

But as Charley begins to delve into Jill's background, she starts receiving threatening, anonymous letters regarding her own children. Jill is safely locked away - so does this mean the elusive Jack is still out there somewhere?

Charley finds herself in a desperate race against time to unlock the secrets behind the murders before her own family becomes the killer's next target.

APB \$19.95

Gillian Flynn*Dark Places*

Libby Day was just seven years old when her older brother massacred her family while she hid in a cupboard. Her evidence helped put him away. Ever since then she has been drifting, surviving for over twenty years on the proceeds of the 'Libby Day fund'. But now the money is running out and Libby is desperate. When she is offered \$500 to do a guest appearance, she feels she has to accept. But this is no ordinary gathering. The Kill Club is a group of true-crime obsessives who share information on notorious murders, and they think her brother Ben is innocent. It is 2 January 1985 - the day of the murders. Ben is a social misfit, ground down by the small-town farming community in which he lives. His family is extremely poor and his father Runner is violent, gambles and disappears for months on end. But Ben does have a girlfriend - a brooding heavy metal fan called Diondra. Through her, Ben becomes involved with drugs and the dark arts. When the town suddenly turns against him, his thoughts turn black. But is he capable of murder? In a brilliantly interwoven plot, Gillian Flynn keeps the reader balanced on a knife-edge, as Libby delves into her family's past and Ben spirals towards destruction. **TP \$32.99**

Gillian Flynn*Sharp Objects*

When two young girls are abducted and killed in Wind Gap, Missouri, Camille Preaker is sent back to her home town to investigate and report on the crimes. Long-haunted by a childhood tragedy and estranged from her mother for years, Camille suddenly finds herself installed once again in her family's Victorian mansion, reacquainting herself with her distant mother and the half-sister she barely knows, a precocious 13-year-old who holds a disquieting grip on the town and surrounds herself with a group of vampish teenage girls. As Camille struggles to remain detached from the evidence, her relationship with her neurotic, hypochondriac mother threatens to topple her hard-won mental stability. Working alongside the police chief and a special agent from out of town, Camille tries to uncover the mystery of who killed these little girls and why. But there are deeper psychological puzzles: Why does Camille identify so strongly with the dead girls? And how is this connected to the death of another sister years earlier? **PB \$22.99**

Scott Frost*Point of No Return*

Lieutenant Alex Delillo is embroiled in the sinister disappearance of an ex-LAPD officer last seen in war-ravaged Iraq... Cathy Salem is desperate for Lieutenant Alex Delillo's help. Her husband, Jack, an ex-LAPD officer now working for a private security firm, has officially been listed as missing after he failed to return home from an eleven-month placement in Iraq. Cathy knows that he is in hiding in the States but it is all too apparent that he is too scared to come home. Her only clue to his whereabouts is a package sent by him to her, posted in Trona in Death Valley, with a letter inside it addressed to Alex. Alex barely remembers Jack Salem. They met once years ago and have never spoken since.

Aware of Cathy's distress but unable to see how she can help, Alex nevertheless agrees to look into Jack's disappearance. It is only when Cathy herself vanishes and Alex is nearly run off the road whilst following a lead as to Jack's whereabouts, that she realises that this goes far beyond a simple missing persons case... **PB \$19.99**

Alan Furst*Blood of Victory*

November, 1940. I.A Serebin, a writer from Odessa and former decorated Hero of the Soviet Union, is on his way to Istanbul following a cryptic letter from a former lover. Ostensibly there on official business for the International Russian Union, an emigre organisation based in Paris, he is drawn into a clandestine world of international spies and political players. With war in Europe drawing nearer, Serebin is recruited by the British secret services - his mission to stop the export of Romanian oil to Germany. In a race against time, Serebin's journey will take him from the glittering salons of Paris to the back alleys of Bucharest and the Black Sea ports, in a covert operation to staunch the flow of oil, the precious 'blood of victory'.

PB \$22.99

Frances Fyfield*Blood from Stone*

Marianne Shearer is at the height of her career, a dauntingly successful barrister, respected by her peers and revered by her clients. So why has she killed herself? Her latest case had again resulted in an acquittal, though the outcome was principally due to the death of the prime witness after Marianne's forceful cross-examination. Had this wholly professional and unemotional lawyer been struck by guilt or uncertainty, or is there some secret to be discovered in her blandly comfortable private life? Her death reveals a paucity of friends, a grasping brother and a tenacious colleague, Peter Friel, who is determined to find out if that last trial held the reason for her taking her own life. The transcript holds intriguing clues, but it is another witness at the trial who holds the key to the truth and she is far from sure that she can reveal her secrets without releasing even more deceit and destruction. **PB \$22.99**

Rivka Galchen*Atmospheric Disturbances*

Last December, a woman entered my apartment who looked exactly like my wife...' Dr Leo Liebenstein is convinced that his wife has disappeared and that she has been replaced by a double.

While everyone else may be fooled, Leo knows she cannot be his real wife, and sets off on a quixotic journey to reclaim his lost love. With the help of his psychiatric patient Harvey - who believes himself to be a secret agent who can control the weather - Leo attempts to unravel this mystery. Why has his wife been replaced? What do the secret workings of The Royal Society of Meteorology have to do with it? Who is the enigmatic Dr. Tzvi Gal-Chen, and is he, or maybe his wife, or perhaps even Harvey, at the center of it all? From the streets of New York to the southernmost reaches of Patagonia, Leo's erratic quest ultimately becomes a test of how far he is willing to take his struggle against the uncontested truth he knows to be .

ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES is at once a moving love story, a dark comedy, a psychological thriller, and a deeply disturbing portrait of a fracturing mind. In this highly inventive debut, with tremendous compassion and dazzling literary sophistication, Rivka Galchen explores the mysterious nature of human relationships, and how we spend our lives trying to weather the storms of our own making. **BPB \$24.99**

Elizabeth George*Careless In Red*

Resigning from Scotland Yard and engaging in exhaustive hikes along the Cornish coast in the aftermath of his wife's murder, Thomas Lynley witnesses the falling death of a young man and aids local investigators in a case that tests his loyalty to his former employer. **APB \$19.95**

Keith Gilman*Father's Day*

Hired by a woman who needs help finding her runaway teenage daughter, former police officer and private investigator Louis Kline follows leads to Philadelphia, where he unexpectedly finds himself in the middle of a Chinese drug operation. **HC \$51.95**

Alex Gray*Glasgow Kiss*

Eric Chalmers is one of the most popular teachers at Muirpark Secondary School in Glasgow. Gentle and kind, he is the person the students come to when they want to confide in someone. So when precocious teenager Julie Donaldson accuses Chalmers of rape, the school goes into shock. How could a deeply religious family man like Chalmers do anything like that? With some students and teachers supporting Julie, and others standing by Chalmers, life at Muirpark is far from harmonious. And then things get much worse - Julie Donaldson goes missing, and the police are called in. For DCI William Lorimer, this is the second missing persons case in a week. He's been having sleepless nights about a toddler who has been missing for several days - with each day, the likelihood of her being found alive diminishes. Julie's disappearance adds a further burden to Lorimer's already overstretched workload. With hope fading, it becomes a breakneck race against time to find both missing girls. **TP \$32.99**

James Grippando*Intent to Kill*

Having transitioned from a promising minor-league baseball career into sports radio after the hit-and-run accident that killed his beloved wife and rendered him a single parent, Ryan James receives an anonymous tip that his wife was actually murdered, a revelation that is further complicated by the disappearance of the case prosecutor's autistic brother. **HC \$52.95**

Andrew Gross*The Dark Tide*

APB \$9.99

Phillip Gwynne *Australian Author*

The Build Up

For Detective Dusty Buchanon, a female cop in the very male world of the Northern Territory Police Force, it always pays to expect the unexpected. During the stifling pre-monsoon season known as the Build Up, a body is found in a billabong near a Vietnam veterans camp site. To Dusty it's the chance she's been looking for: a spectacular case to revive her flagging career.

But wherever Dusty goes, trouble tends to follow, and when she's taken off the case and busted back to uniform it looks like someone's just gotten away with murder. Can a former detective, with some unlikely help – a good-looking German twitcher, a reluctant rock 'n' roll black tracker, a pot-bellied pig – solve a case that becomes more complex and more chilling the closer Dusty gets to it? **BPB \$22.99**

Sophie Hannah

Hurting Distance

Three years ago, something terrible happened to Naomi Jenkins so terrible that she never told anybody. Now Naomi has another secret the man she has fallen passionately in love with, unhappily married Robert Haworth. When Robert vanishes without trace, Naomi knows he must have come to harm. But the police are less convinced, particularly when Robert's wife insists he is not missing. In desperation, Naomi has a crazy idea. If she can't persuade the police that Robert is in danger, perhaps she can convince them that he is a danger to others. Then they will have to look for him urgently. Naomi knows how describe in detail the actions of a psychopath. All she needs to do is dig up her own troubled past . . . **BPB \$22.99**

John Hart

The Last Child

A year after the disappearance of his twin sister, thirteen-year-old Johnny Merrimon risks everything in a final, desperate search through the dark side of his hometown with the aid of a giant-sized man, while detective Clyde Hunt, unable to forget the unsolved case, chooses to break from convention when a second child goes missing. **HC \$51.95**

Mo Hayder

Skin

When the decomposed body of a young woman is found by near railway tracks just outside Bristol one hot May morning, all indications are that she's committed suicide. That's how the police want it too; all neatly squared and tidied away.

But DI Jack Caffery is not so sure. He is on the trail of someone predatory, someone who hides in the shadows and can slip into houses unseen.

And for the first time in a very long time, he feels scared.

Police Diver Flea Marley is working alongside Caffery. Having come to terms with the loss of her parents, and with the traumas of her past safely behind her, she's beginning to wonder whether their relationship could go beyond the professional.

And then she finds something that changes everything. Not only is it far too close to home for comfort – but it's so horrifying that she knows that nothing will ever be the same again. And that this time, no one – not even Caffery – can help her . . . **TP \$32.95**

Mandasue Heller

Snatched

It begins on a winter afternoon, when schoolgirl Nicky Day runs from a gang of bullies. Then her little brother starts the fire. But the nightmare that is engulfing Sue and Terry Day is only beginning . . . A single mother who left a six-year-old on his own while she went clubbing on a Friday night. An absent father with a hot teenaged girlfriend who didn't seem to care who was minding his former family. The police, the neighbours, the friends, the lovers turn accusing eyes on them both. Suspicious voices ask whether Nicky has run away; whether the fire is really an accident. And meanwhile, time is running out for Nicky. Bestselling author Martina Cole loved Mandasue Heller's second novel, *Forget Me Not*. She wrote, Mandasue has played a real blinder with this fantastic novel. Now thousands of readers have discovered Mandasue Heller. Have you read all her books? **TP \$32.99**

Joan Hess

Busy Bodies (Claire Malloy Mystery)

Bookseller-turned-sleuth Claire Malloy returns in the story of Zeno Gorgias, an outrageous artist who lives next door to Claire's friend, Miss Parchester, and creates turmoil in the neighborhood with his artwork and as a murder suspect. **APB \$17.95**

Jack Higgins

The Savage Day

Simon Vaughan knows what it's like to fight a dirty war, he's had first-hand experience in Korea. Now he languishes in a Greek jail. When it comes to firearms and gun-running nobody does it better, but those days are behind him, until the British army propose a deal. His freedom for his help against the IRA in Belfast. He doesn't have any choice, if he wants his freedom back he'll have to conquer a new battleground. **APB \$19.99**

Matt Hilton

Dead Men's Dust

Some may call me a vigilante. I think I've just got problems to fix. Right now, Hunter's big problem is a missing little brother, last seen fleeing the site of a gruesome killing. Hunter needs the help of an old army buddy, a whole lot of hardware and a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, to fix this particular problem. A brutal encounter with some very nasty criminals leaves Hunter fighting for his life. And that's before he comes up against America's most feared serial killer, The Harvestman and his grisly souvenirs of death. But blood is thicker than water. And a lot of blood will be spilt . . . **TP \$32.99**

Elina Hirvonen

When I Forgot

A Finlandia Prize-winning work finds Anna en route to visit her institutionalized brother and experiencing a moment of recollection so arresting that it shatters her world, a repressed memory of horrific psychological relevance that forces her to reevaluate her understanding of hope and survival in the face of grim modern-world prospects. A first novel. **TP \$26.95**

David Housewright

Jelly's Gold (McKenzie)

Intrigued by tales about a 1930s gangster's lost cache of gold, retired police officer and unofficial P.I. Rushmore McKenzie discovers that several unsavory people are competing to locate the thirty-million-dollar treasure, a situation that culminates in the murder of a graduate student. **HC \$51.95**

Declan Hughes*All the Dead Voices*

Ed Loy has made some changes. He has moved into an apartment in Dublin's city centre, leaving behind his family home: he wants to break free of the ghosts of his own past, to live in the present. But if that's what he wants for his own life, it's not always what his clients will permit: the baggage they bring with him propel him relentlessly into past. The police are working along similar lines with their new Cold Case unit. Looking back over a fifteen-year-old murder, they are satisfied by their original findings but not so Loy. He has been hired by the victim's daughter to investigate the suspects ignored by the first investigation: a rich property developer, an ex-IRA man and Loy's own nemesis, George Halligan. But Loy has to watch his back: in the murky world into which he has fallen, he can't tell which threats come from the IRA and which from the police protecting their old case. Can Loy persuade his longstanding friend DI Dave Donnelly to help solve the Fogarty case, or does he have to rely on the murderous George Halligan? Does it all go back to the IRA? Are the men who gave the commands now respectable citizens? In his toughest case yet, Ed Loy delves into the dirty side of life in the New Ireland, where progress comes at a price and no one is free of their past. **TP \$32.99**

Dying Breed

Even the best private eye needs more than a name to find a missing person, but that's all that Father Vincent Tyrrell, the brother of prominent racehorse trainer FX Tyrrell, will offer Loy when he comes to him for help. A dwindling bank account convinces Loy to delve into the deadly underworld of horse racing, but fortune soon smiles on him: while working another case, he discovers a phone number linked to FX on a badly beaten body left at an illegal dump. Loy's been around long enough to know that there's more to the Tyrrell family than meets the eye and then a third body appears. At Christmastime, on the eve of one of his most anticipated racing events, the intrepid investigator bets his life on a longshot: finding answers in a shady network of trading and dealing, gambling and breeding. **PB \$19.99**

Gabriel Hunt*At the Well of Eternity*

When he encounters a strange woman carrying a blood-stained Confederate flag, Gabriel Hunt comes to her aid and stumbles upon a secret that reveals the location of the legendary Fountain of Youth. **PB \$17.95**

James W Huston*Marine One*

The New York Times best-selling author uses his unique brand of suspense to weave a thrilling tale of Marine Corps reserve pilot and trial attorney Mike Nolan's investigation after the president is killed when his official helicopter crashes on its way to a mysterious meeting in Camp David.

HC \$51.95

Frank Huyler*Right of Thirst*

Volunteering to assist earthquake relief efforts in an impoverished Islamic country after the shattering death of his wife, successful cardiologist Charles Anderson encounters life-threatening hostilities when the refugees he expects do not appear and the area where he is stationed comes under fire. **TP \$30.95**

Susan Isaacs*Past Perfect*

In *Past Perfect*, Susan Isaacs gives us one of her most glorious characters ever: bright, buoyant, and borderline luscious Katie Schottland. Katie seems to have the ideal life: a great husband, a precocious and winning ten-year-old son, and a dream job -- writer for the long-running TV series *Spy Guys*. But all is not as splendid as it should be because writing about the espionage business isn't nearly as satisfying as working in it.

Fifteen years earlier, Katie was in the CIA. She loved her job (to say nothing of her boss, the mysterious Benton Mattingly). Yet just as she was sensing she was in line for a promotion, she was fired -- escorted off the premises by two extremely hulking security types. Why? No one would tell her: when you're expelled from the Agency, warm friends immediately become icy ex-colleagues who won't risk their security clearances by talking to you.

Until that day, Katie was where she wanted to be. Coming from a family of Manhattan superachievers, she too had a job she not only adored but a job that made her, in the family tradition, a *Someone*. Fifteen years later, Katie is still stuck on her firing. Was she set up? Or did she make some terrible mistake that cost lives? She believes that if she could discover why they threw her out, she might be at peace.

On the day she's rushing to get her son off to summer camp, Katie gets a surprise call from former Agency colleague Lisa Golding. "A matter of national importance," says Lisa, who promises to reveal the truth about the firing -- if Katie will help her. Lisa was never very good at truth-telling, though she swears she's changed her ways. Katie agrees to speak with her, but before she can, Lisa vanishes.

Maturity and common sense should keep Katie in the bright, normal world of her present life, away from the dark intrigues of the past. But she needs to know. As she takes just a few steps to find out, one ex-spy who might have the answers dies under suspicious circumstances. Another former agent is murdered. Could it be there's a list? If so, is Katie now on it? And who will be the next to go? **APB \$19.95**

Liam Jackson*The Keys of Solomon*

Longing to lead a normal life, Sam Connor, tired of using his special gifts to defend the universe with his fellow Offspring, finds his conscience getting the better of him when a book containing a series of disastrous eternal secrets dating back to King Solomon falls into the wrong hands.

PB \$19.95

Bill James Australian Author*Off-Street parking*

A new mystery from this bestselling author - DC Sharon Mayfield is on routine surveillance when she spots a dead man in a car. The car's locks are sealed with superglue and Claude Huddart's face has been mutilated.

As with most murders, there's a puzzle to be solved, but the pieces don't fit. Why is informant Jeremy Dince if that's his real name being so helpful? And there's just something that doesn't feel right about the grieving Alice Huddart. . . **HC \$58.95**

Roderic Jeffries*Sun, Sea and Murder*

An Inspector Alvarez Mystery - Rich and arrogant, when Tyler's love of good wine leads to the deaths of a young couple in a country lane in Kent, he drives his car to his extensive property in Mallorca so the English police can't examine it. When laid-back Mallorcan Inspector Alvarez is ordered to investigate whether Tyler is in the area, he's reluctant, to say the least. He soon discovers, however, that this routine inquiry has far-reaching consequences. . . **HC \$56.95**

Iris Johansen*Dark Summer*

Working with a makeshift search-and-rescue operation, dedicated veterinarian Devon is thrust into a violent cat-and-mouse game involving a vengeful man of dubious trustworthiness and a wounded black Labrador's mysterious pack. **APB \$19.95**

Deadlock

Dedicating her life to rescuing priceless artifacts from being destroyed by war, Emily Hudson is captured and tormented by a sadistic adversary, a situation for which the CIA calls on mercenary John Garrett for help in Emily's rescue. By the author of Pandora's Daughter. **HC \$54.95**

Denis Johnson*Nobody Move*

A tale originally serialized in Playboy is a darkly comic tribute to the American crime novel and is set in Bakersfield, California, where an assortment of unscrupulous characters engages in a cat-and-mouse game over a multimillion-dollar claim. By the National Book Award-winning author of Tree of Smoke. **HC \$45.95**

Paul Johnston*The Soul Collector*

Brutally targeted by the "White Devil" serial killer, crime writer Matt Wells knows what it's like to look evil in the face and survive. He's rebuilt his life—but with a disciple of his tormentor still at large, he has never stopped looking over his shoulder. When mystery writers start dying and his friend is found murdered, Matt's paranoia appears well-founded. Now he must use all his resources to orchestrate the psychopath's end. But as cryptic clues to the next victims mock him, it is chillingly clear that his dance with the devil has only just begun.... **PB \$19.95**

William W Johnstone*Battle in the Ashes (17)*

In the aftermath of the Great War's nuclear devastation, Ben Raines, a rugged soldier dedicated to rebuilding America, must help stop an army of 200,000 neo-Nazis marching up from South America. **APB \$15.95**

R T Jordan*Final Curtain (Polly Pepper Mystery)*

Legendary television star Polly Pepper is back on the case when she lands the title role in a way off-Broadway production of Mame and the director turns up dead--due to an Emmy-sized dent in her head--on the second day of rehearsals. **APB \$17.95**

Stuart A Kaminsky*People Who Walk in Darkness*

Traveling to Siberia to investigate a murder at a diamond mine, inspector Rostnikov, a.k.a. "the Washtub," discovers a malevolent secret with links to a diamond-smuggling operation, kidnapped guest laborers, and an international conspiracy. By the author of Cold Red Sunrise. **TP \$28.95**

Lou Kanstaninou*Pop Apocalypse*

A tale set in a near-future dystopian world fraught by celebrity worship, reckless foreign policy, and invasive government surveillance finds oblivious party animal Eliot struggling with his evangelical Christian father's efforts to breed red heifers in order to prepare for the Rapture, a failing doctoral dissertation on the intellectual property issues of Elvis impersonation, and an evil doppelganger. **TP \$28.95**

Toni L Kelner*Curse of the Kissing Cousins*

Boston freelance reporter Tilda Harper writes articles about former stage and screen stars and where they've crash-landed. But when someone starts murdering the cast from the TV show Kissing Cousins, and the actress who played Tilda's favorite character, Mercy, vanishes, Tilda must find her before a killer cancels her contract once and for all. **APB \$17.95**

William Kent Krueger*Red Knife (Cork O'Connor Mystery)*

The newest book in William Kent Krueger's award-winning Corcoran O'Connor series finds the charismatic private investigator caught in the middle of a racial gang war that's turning picturesque Tamarack County, Minnesota, into a bloody battlefield.

When the daughter of a powerful businessman dies as a result of her meth addiction, her father, strong-willed and brutal Buck Reinhardt, vows revenge. His target is the Red Boyz, a gang of Ojibwe youths accused of supplying the girl's fatal drug dose. When the head of the Red Boyz and his wife are murdered in a way that suggests execution, the Ojibwe gang mobilizes, and the citizens of Tamarack County brace themselves for war, white against red. Both sides look to Cork O'Connor, a man of mixed heritage, to uncover the truth behind the murders. A former sheriff, Cork has lived, fought, and nearly died to keep the small-town streets and his family safe from harm. He knows that violence is never a virtue, but he believes that it's sometimes a necessary response to the evil that men do. Racing to find answers before the bloodshed spreads, Cork himself becomes involved in the darkest of deeds. Cork is forced to confront the horrific truth: Violence is a beast that cannot be contained. In Red Knife, Krueger gives his readers a vivid picture of racial conflict in small-town America, as well as a sensitive look at the secrets we keep from even those closest to us and the destructive nature of all that is left unsaid between fathers and sons, husbands and wives, friends and lovers. **TP \$30.95**

Camilla Lackberg*The Preacher*

In the fishing community of Fjällbacka, life is remote, peaceful - and for some, tragically short. Foul play was always suspected in the disappearance twenty years ago of two young holidaymakers in the area. Now a young boy out playing has confirmed this grim truth. Their remains, discovered with those of a fresh victim, send the town into shock. Local detective Patrik Hedstrom, expecting a baby with his girlfriend Erica, can only imagine what it is like to lose a child. When a second young girl goes missing Hedstrom's attention focuses on the Hults, a feuding clan of misfits, religious fanatics and criminals.

The suspect list is long but time is short - which of this family's dark secrets will provide the vital clue? **TP \$32.99**

Jon Land*Strong Enough to Die (Caitlin Strong)*

Questioning her family's five-generation dedication to service as Texas Rangers in the aftermath of a deadly gunfight, Caitlin Strong struggles with guilt over the event that ended her career before uncovering a shocking truth about the incident, a finding for which she teams up with a dangerous outlaw who has reasons for wanting her dead. **HC \$51.95**

Jim Lavene & Joyce Lavene

A Corpse For Yew (Peggy Lee Garden Mystery)

When she volunteers to harvest bones and invaluable artifacts from the dry Lake Whitley, Peggy Lee, part-time forensic botanist, stumbles upon the remains of a member of the Shamrock Historical Society and must dig up some clues to catch a cunning killer. **APB \$19.95**

Donna Leon

Wilful Behaviour (Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery)

When one of his wife Paola's students comes to visit him, with a strange and vague interest in investigating the possibility of a pardon for a crime committed by her grandfather many years ago, Commissario Brunetti thinks little of it, beyond being intrigued and attracted by the girl's intelligence and moral seriousness. But when she is found murdered, clearly stabbed to death, Claudia Leonardo is suddenly no longer simply Paola's student, but Brunetti's case ... **BPB \$24.95**

Death at la Fenice (Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery 01)

The twisted maze of Venice's canals has always been shrouded in mystery. Even the celebrated opera house, La Fenice, has seen its share of death. But nothing so horrific and violent as that of world-famous conductor, Maestro Helmut Wellauer – poisoned during a performance of La Traviata. Even Commissario of Police, Guido Brunetti, used to the labyrinthine corruptions of the city, is shocked at the number of enemies Wellauer has made on his way to the top – but just how many have motive enough for murder?

The beauty of Venice is crumbling – and evil can seep through its decaying stones **BPB \$24.95**

Blood From A Stone

On a cold night shortly before Christmas, an immigrant street vendor is killed in Venice's Campo Santo Stefano. The nearest witnesses to the event are the tourists who had been browsing the man's wares before his death – fake handbags of every designer label – but they have seen nothing that might be of much help to the police.

When Commissario Brunetti arrives on the scene, he finds it hard to understand why anyone would murder an illegal immigrant. They have few social connections and little money; in-fighting among them is the obvious answer. But once Brunetti begins investigating this unfamiliar Venetian underworld, he discovers that matters of great value are at stake in the immigrant community... **BPB \$24.95**

Doctored Evidence

When a wealthy Venetian woman is found brutally murdered, the prime suspect is her Romanian maid, who has fled the city. As she attempts to leave the country, carrying a considerable sum of money and forged papers, the maid runs into the path of an oncoming train and is killed. Case closed.

But when the old woman's neighbour returns from abroad, it becomes clear that the maid could not have been the killer. Commissario Brunetti decides – unofficially – to take the case on himself.

As Brunetti investigates, it becomes clear that the motive for the murder was unlikely to have been greed, rather that it had its roots in the temptations of lust. But perhaps Brunetti is thinking of the wrong deadly sin altogether... **BPB \$24.95**

The Girl of His Dreams

As Commissario Guido Brunetti watches his mother buried, he takes some solace in the cloud dappled sky, the tops of the Venetian cypress trees, moving gently in the spring breezes. As ever, his wife Paola is at his side. 'There's nothing to remember about her except the good', she says. And that, thinks Brunetti, is exactly right.

But then a ten-year-old gypsy girl, Ariana, is found dead in the canal, in possession of a man's watch and wedding ring, and the pathologist Pucetti further reports that she was suffering from the effects of a sexually transmitted disease. On the paving stones, Ariana looks for a moment like a fairy tale princess, a halo of tangled golden hair radiating out from her sleeping face - a face that Brunetti begins to see, in his dreams.

To investigate Brunetti infiltrates the community of gypsies, or 'Rom', in official police parlance, living in camps out near the Dolo. But there's nothing official about the young Rom children sent to rob rich Venetian homes, and Brunetti struggles with institutional prejudice, the entrenched bureaucracy of expedience, and his own troubled conscience, as he tries to understand. **APB \$24.95**

Sea of Troubles

The murder of two clam fishermen off the island of Pellestrina, south of the Lido on the Venetian lagoon, draws Commissario Brunetti into the close-knit community of the island, bound together by a code of loyalty and a suspicion of outsiders worthy of the Mafia. When the boss's secretary Signorina Elettra volunteers to visit the island, where she has relatives, Brunetti finds himself torn between his duty to solve the murders, concerns for Elettra's safety, and his not entirely straightforward feelings for her ... **BPB \$24.95**

Suffer the Little Children

The quiet of the Venetian night is shattered as a band of armed men smash their way into Dr Gustavo Pedrolli's apartment, fracture his skull and grab his eighteen-month-old baby. And when Commissario Guido Brunetti, pulled from his bed by the news, arrives at the hospital to investigate, no one knows why the eminent paediatrician has suffered such a violent assault.

But soon Brunetti begins to uncover a story of infertility, desperation, and an underworld where babies can be bought for cash – linked with a money-making scam between pharmacists and doctors in the city. And knowledge can be as destructive as greed – certain information about one's neighbours can lead to all kinds of corruption and all sorts of pain. **BPB \$24.95**

Through a Glass Darkly

It is a luminous spring day in Venice, as Commissario Brunetti and Ispettore Vianello take a break from the Questura to come to the rescue of Vianello's friend Marco Ribetti, who has been arrested while protesting against chemical pollution of the Venetian lagoon.

But it is not Marco who has uncovered the guilty secret of the polluting glass foundries of the island of Murano, nor he whose body is found dead in front of the furnaces which burn at 1,400 degrees, night and day. The victim has left clues in a copy of Dante, and Brunetti must descend into an inferno to discover who is fouling the waters of the lagoon ... **BPB \$24.95**

Laura Levine

Killer Cruise (Jaine Austen Mystery)

While teaching on a swanky cruise, wordsmith Jaine Austen soon discovers that her all-expenses-paid trip to the Mexican Riviera comes with a high price when she is faced with blackmail, a sleazy British dancer, eccentric passengers, and murder. **HC \$45.95**

Pam Lewis*Perfect Family*

Pony Carteret -- the lovely headstrong youngest member of the Carteret family -- has always been a strong swimmer. So when she is discovered drowned at the family's summer home on Lake Aral, Vermont, her red hair tangled in an anchor chain and her baby abandoned on shore, her family is stunned by disbelief.

As the police conduct their investigation, Jasper Carteret, the patriarch, calls an urgent family meeting. Had any of her siblings known that Pony would be at the house that day? Was she having personal problems, was she depressed? Had she ever revealed the true identity of her baby's father? Neither sister -- Tinker, the family caretaker, nor Mira, the moody, thoughtful one -- has any information, and ultimately the police rule the drowning an accident.

But William Carteret, Pony's older brother, can't accept the explanation that his favorite sister's death was an accident. Determined to uncover the truth, he eventually learns the disturbing fact that a stranger had been present at the house the evening Pony died. Who was this man, what was he doing at the house, and why hasn't he stepped forward? As William digs deeper, his investigations quickly lead him to a new and more daunting series of questions, not only about the mysteries in Pony's life but also about the shadowy details of his deceased mother's past and even his own. Before long, he has opened a Pandora's box of family secrets, including one dangerous fact his mother has kept hidden for a generation.

Pam Lewis's *Perfect Family* is a masterful, atmospheric tale about the ways in which family secrets, no matter how long they're buried, can wield their tremendous power. **TP \$28.95**

Laura Lippman*Life Sentences*

What if you found out that the central story of your life was a lie? A successful writer returns to her hometown of Baltimore on the hunt for new material and stumbles into the middle of a mystery which takes her back to her schooldays. Former classmate Callie Jenkins hit the headlines when she was jailed for 7 years having refused to give up the whereabouts of her missing child. But why did she remain silent? And whatever happened to the little boy? Cassandra thinks she can find out. But in the course of her investigation she finds out that her own history might be far from the truth...

TP \$24.99

Emily Listfield*Best Intentions*

What happens when you think you know the person you love -- and you're dead wrong?

From the acclaimed author of *Waiting to Surface* comes the story of four college friends whose reunion reawakens old desires and grudges -- with fatal results.

After tossing and turning all night, thirty-nine-year-old Lisa Barkley wakes up well before her alarm sounds. With two daughters about to start another year at their elite Upper East Side private school and her own career hitting a wall, the effort of trying to stay afloat in that privileged world of six-story town houses and European jaunts has become increasingly difficult, especially as Manhattan descends into an economic freefall.

As Lisa looks over at her sleeping husband, Sam, she can't help but feel that their fifteen-year marriage is in a funk that she isn't able to place. She tries to shake it off and tells herself that the strain must be due to their mounting financial pressures. But later that morning, as her family eats breakfast in the next room, Lisa finds herself checking Sam's voicemail and hears a whispered phone call from a woman he is to meet that night. Is he having an affair?

When Lisa shares her suspicions with her best friend, Deirdre, at their weekly breakfast, Deirdre claims it can't be true. But how can Lisa fully trust her opinion when Deirdre is still single and mired in an obsessive affair with a glamorous photographer even as it hovers on the edge of danger?

When Deirdre's former college flame, Jack, comes to town and the two couples meet to celebrate his fortieth birthday, the stage is set for an explosive series of discoveries with devastating consequences.

Filled with suspense and provocative questions about the relationships we value most, *Best Intentions* is a tightly woven drama of love, friendship and betrayal. **HC \$52.95**

Jon Loomis*Mating Season*

Investigating the murder of a popular Cape Cod woman who is discovered to have been conducting affairs with several men, reluctant detective Frank Coffin learns that the victim had been secretly taping her escapades and blackmailing her lovers, a situation that is further complicated by the theft of her recording device. **HC \$51.95**

Eric Van Lustbader*The Bourne Legacy (Robert Ludlum's Bourne)*

Former CIA agent David Webb leads a quiet life as a university professor until he becomes a target of an assassin and is framed for the murders of two close friends, and as he fights for his life, he finds himself under the control of his alternate personality--Jason Bourne. **PB \$21.95**

The Bourne Sanction (Robert Ludlum's Bourne)

After so many adrenaline-soaked years risking his life, Jason Bourne is chafing under the quiet life of a linguistics professor. Aware of his frustrations, his academic mentor asks for help investigating the murder of a former student by a previously unknown Muslim extremist sect called the Black Legion. The young man died carrying information about the group's terrorist activities, including an immediate plan to attack the United States.

In Europe, Bourne's investigation of the Black Legion turns into one of the deadliest and most tangled operations of his double life--the pursuit of the leader of a murderous terrorist group with roots in the darkest days of World War II. **PB \$21.95**

Stuart MacBride*Blind Eye*

It's Summer in the Granite City, but even the sunshine can't improve the mood at Grampian Police Headquarters.

Aberdeen's growing Polish community is under attack from a serial offender who leaves mutilated victims to be discovered on building sites - eyes gouged out and the sockets burned.

Detective Sergeant Logan McRae is assigned to the investigation, codenamed Operation Oedipus, but with the victims too scared to talk, it's going nowhere fast. When the next victim turns out to be not a newly arrived eastern european, but Simon McLeod, owner of the Turf n' Track bookies, Logan suddenly finds himself caught up in a world of drug wars, prostitution rings and gun-running courtesy of Aberdeen's oldest and most vicious crime lord. **TP \$32.99**

Mary Jane Maffini*Death Loves a Messy Deck*

When Charlotte Adams, a professional organizer and occasional sleuth, is hired by Fredelle Newhouse to organize a co-worker's cluttered desk, she must solve an untidy mystery when the woman behind the mess goes missing, causing workplace tempers to explode. **APB \$17.95**

Henning Mankell*Italian Shoes*

Once a successful surgeon, Frederick Welin now lives in self-imposed exile on an island in the Swedish archipelago. Nearly twelve years have passed since he was disgraced for attempting to cover up a tragic mishap on the operating table. One morning in the depths of winter, he sees a hunched figure struggling towards him across the ice. His past is about to catch up with him.

The figure approaching in the freezing cold is Harriet, the only woman he has ever loved, the woman he abandoned in order to go and study in America forty years earlier. She has sought him out in the hope that he will honour a promise made many years ago. Now in the late stages of a terminal illness, she wants to visit a small lake in northern Sweden, a place Welin's father took him once as a boy. He upholds his pledge and drives her to this beautiful pool hidden deep in the forest. On the journey through the desolate snow-covered landscape, Welin reflects on his impoverished childhood and the woman he later left behind. However, once there Welin discovers that Harriet has left the biggest surprise until last.

Italian Shoes is as compelling as it is disturbing. Through his anti-hero Welin, Mankell tackles ageing and death with sensitivity and acuity, and as with the critically acclaimed Depths, delivers a moving tour-de-force on the frailty of mankind. **TP \$34.95**

Phillip Margolin*Executive Privilege*

Hired to follow a college student, private detective Dana Cutler must run for her life when the student is murdered, while junior lawyer Brad Miller discovers strange coincidences between Dana's case and another killing. **PB \$21.95**

Michael Marshall*Bad Things*

Three years after losing his four-year-old son in a bizarre accident involving a lake jetty, John finds his precarious hold on a normal life destabilized when he receives an e-mail from a stranger claiming to know the truth, a situation that triggers a terrifying sequence of events. **HC \$51.95**

Evan Marshall*Evil Justice*

Terror grips Manhattan as the Ankh Killer leaves a trail of strangled, mutilated women across the city. Then, sanitation supervisor Anna Winthrop discovers the killer's latest victim in her own garage--coquettish Shari Baird, a member of Anna's crew. Tommy Mulligan, Anna's best worker, was seen running from Shari's body; he's arrested and thrown into a cell on Rikers Island. When Tommy's father begs Anna to prove his son's innocence, Anna agrees. **HC \$56.95**

Steve Martini*Shadow of Power*

Some people will do anything to influence the Supreme Court. They will sweet-talk and seduce, beg, borrow and steal, all as a matter of course. Killing is different though, isn't it? Terry Scarborough is a legal scholar and provocateur who loves the kinds of controversy that makes headlines. As author of a new book which claims that Thomas Jefferson and the US Constitution support racial discrimination, he knows he's adding fuel to the fire. When Scarborough is found dead in a hotel room and a young man with connections to hate groups is charged with first-degree murder, defense attorney Paul Madriani is offered a case he can't pass up. Amid the glare of the cameras, Madriani must pursue an elusive witness within the confines of the Supreme Court itself, a search that threatens the very foundation of government. **PB \$19.99**

Carol McCleary*The Alchemy of Murder*

Paris 1889. The Alchemist is how I've come to think of him; he has a passion for the dark side of knowledge, mixing murder and madness with science. Nellie Bly reporter, feminist and amateur detective is in Paris on the trail of an enigmatic killer. The city is a dangerous place: an epidemic of Black Fever rages, anarchists plot to overthrow the government and a murderer preys on the prostitutes who haunt the streets of Montmartre. But it is also a city of culture, a magnet for artists and men of science and letters. Can the combined genius of Oscar Wilde, Jules Verne and Louis Pasteur help Nellie prove a match for Jack the Ripper? **TP \$32.99**

Steve Mosby*Cry For Help*

Dave Lewis is a man with a history. Haunted by his brother's murder when they were children and scarred by his parents' grief, he's built a bitter life denying everything they ever stood for. He spends his time working as a magician, running a cynical magazine that derides his parents. New Age beliefs and drowning his sorrows over his lost love, Tori. He's trying to convince himself the past is the past. A promise he made to Tori has got him into trouble before and Dave's determined to move on and not let that happen again. Detective Sam Currie is a man with a past. His failure to prevent his son's death has ended his marriage and cast a shadow over his life and career. He's directed his hatred towards the one man he sees as responsible, but he has other priorities right now. A killer is stalking the city, abducting girls and sending texts and emails to their families before he kills them. When Dave Lewis appears to connect both investigations, it's an opportunity Currie can't resist... **PB \$22.99**

Carla Neggers*Cold Pursuit***APB \$16.99****Jo Nesbo***The Redeemer*

Guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat, Nesbo's latest thriller sees Detective Harry Hole tracking a professional hit man bent on destruction. One freezing night in Oslo Christmas shoppers gather to listen to a Salvation Army street concert. An explosion cuts through the music, and a man in uniform falls to the ground, shot in the head at point-blank range.

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

Moving at a breathless pace, The Redeemer is Jo Nesbo's most gripping thriller yet. **TP \$32.95**

Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani*I Do Not Come to You by Chance*

Searching for an engineering job that will enable him to support his family, recent Nigerian university graduate Kingsley turns in desperation to his uncle, who runs a successful e-mail scam company and who reveals unexpected consequences for the cash loan Kingsley has reluctantly accepted. **TP \$32.95**

Katherine Hall Page*Body In The Gallery (Faith Fairchild Mystery)*

Secretly assisting her museum president friend in a case involving a stolen piece of fine art, Faith Fairchild stumbles upon a murder scene near a controversial exhibit and becomes increasingly exasperated by the police's inability to recognize important clues. **APB \$19.95**

James Patterson*Alex Cross Omnibus 2 (Alex Cross)*

Contains two bestselling novels from James Patterson that feature favourite detective, Alex Cross...ROSES ARE REDA series of bank robberies ends in murder and Alex Cross must pit his wits against the bizarre and sadistic mastermind behind the crime. Torn between dedication to his job and commitment to his family, Cross cannot ignore the case, despite the risks he know will come with hunting down a killer - and the heartbreaking cost. James Patterson takes us deep inside the crazy world of the psychopath - where mind games lead to violence and the slightest mistake will be punished with death.VIOLETS ARE BLUE The Mastermind is back - and he's hot on Alex Cross's trail. Meanwhile, Alex Cross is also involved in his most bizarre investigation yet. Two San Francisco joggers are found dead - bitten and hung by their feet to drain the blood. Is this the work of a cult or modern-day vampires? Alex teams up with Jamilla Hughes, a savvy female detective, and the FBI's Kyle Craig however he has never been closer to defeat, or in greater danger. **TP \$29.99**

James Patterson & Howard Roughan*Sail*

When the Dunne family pack their bags for a relaxing sailing holiday, all they have in mind is the sun and sea. But as a violent storm breaks out, the boat vanishes without a trace and the family are lost, presumed dead. Until now.

When a message in a bottle is washed up on a shore, it becomes apparent that there must have been at least one survivor. Who has survived and just what happened to the boat? As it transpires there may be more sinister powers at work, the race is on to rescue the family and discover what happened aboard the luxury yacht. **APB \$21.95**

Iain Pears*Stone's Fall*

In his most dazzling and brilliant novel since *An Instance of the Fingerpost*, Iain Pears tells the story of John Stone, financier and armaments manufacturer, a man so wealthy that in the years before World War One he was able to manipulate markets, industries and indeed whole countries and continents.

A panoramic novel with a riveting mystery at its heart, *Stone's Fall* is a quest to discover how and why John Stone dies, falling out of a window at his London home.

Chronologically, it goes backwards – London in 1909, then Paris in 1890, and finally Venice in 1867 – and Stone's character and motivation deepen as the book progresses; in the first part he is almost an abstraction, existing only in the memory of those who knew him; in the second he is a character, but only a secondary one; in the third he is the narrator of the story. A quest, then, but also a love story and a murder mystery, set against the backdrop of the evolution of high-stakes international finance, Europe's first great age of espionage and the start of the twentieth century's arms race.

Like *Fingerpost*, *Stone's Fall* is an intricate and richly satisfying puzzle, completely engaging on many levels, a triumphant return for one of the world's great storytellers. **TP \$34.95**

Don Pendleton*Pele's Fire (Executioner 366)*

When six U.S. naval officers disappear inexplicably while on leave in Honolulu, Mack Bolan is suspicious. Then an informant emerges from the Hawaiian underground with claims that a nationalist group has escalated its home-rule rhetoric to militant action. He claims *Pele's Fire* is planning a devastating terrorist attack somewhere on the islands. There aren't any obvious links between the two events, but Bolan spots a potentially deadly chain.

The masterminds of terror are desperate to eradicate any possibility the traitor who has cooled to their cause will keep them from executing their shocking plan. It's up to Bolan to protect the informant and stop the attack—making the Executioner both hunter and prey. **PB \$13.95**

Interception (SuperBolan 126)

The city of Split, Croatia, is a multinational den of thieves, where conspiracy, corruption and criminal cells rival for profit and power. Divergent trails of bootlegged intelligence and black-market rumors put Mack Bolan on its violent streets, looking for a prize in stolen tech masterminded by a Russian-mob oligarch and his Triad assassins. Forging a trail of blood and bodies, the Executioner unleashes his own brand of hellfire to stop global traffickers from doing what they do best—selling death. Fully aware of the mounting odds on all fronts, Bolan is betting this mission on surviving.

PB \$17.95

Louise Penny*Murder Stone*

A brilliant, big, old-fashioned drawing-room mystery with a denouement worthy of Agatha Christie. It's the height of summer, and the Manor Bellechasse is playing host to a reunion. The wealthy Finney family have gathered to pay tribute to their father. But as the temperature rises, so does the tension. Old secrets and bitter rivalries begin to simmer, and when the heat wave boils over into a mighty storm, a dead body is left in its wake. A guest at the Bellechasse, Chief Inspector Gamache of the *S ret du Qu bec* finds himself with a hotel full of suspects. Even the staff have something to hide. With the hotel locked down, Gamache knows the murderer is trapped. But a cornered predator is always the most dangerous of all. **PB \$22.99**

Stefanie Pintoff*In the Shadow of Gotham*

Having relocated to less-violent Westchester County after the tragic loss of his fiancée, detective Simon Ziele takes the case of a brutally murdered young woman and follows leads to a local criminologist's violent subject; an investigation during which Simon wonders if someone is imitating the suspect's methods. **HC \$51.95**

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

The Book of the Dead

The New York Museum of Natural History receives their stolen gem collection back...ground down to dust. Diogenes, the psychotic killer who stole them in DANCE OF DEATH, is throwing down the gauntlet to both the city and to his brother, FBI Agent Pendergast, who is currently incarcerated in a maximum security prison. To quell the PR nightmare of the gem fiasco, the museum decides to reopen the Tomb of Senef. An astounding Egyptian temple, it was a popular museum exhibit until the 1930s, when it was quietly closed. But when the tomb is unsealed in preparation for its gala reopening, the killings - and whispers of an ancient curse - begin again. And the catastrophic opening itself sets the stage for the final battle between the two brothers: an epic clash from which only one will emerge alive. **PB \$19.99**

Andrew Pyper

The Killing Circle

Who is the Sandman? Myth, dream figure or serial killer?

A murderer is terrorizing Toronto - each killing associated with sand.

At the same time, depressed single father Patrick Rush joins a writing group. One of the writers, Angela, tells a mesmerizing story about a child-stealing killer, called the Sandman. For Patrick, fantasy and reality become dangerously confused as he comes to believe that he, too, is a target of the Toronto psychopath. But suddenly the killings stop - the nightmare apparently is over.

Then members of the writing circle start to disappear and Patrick realizes that the real terror has only just begun. But it is only when his young son, Sam, is snatched that Patrick understands what he must do: embark on a horrifying journey into the unknown and track down the elusive figure known as the Sandman. **BPB \$24.99**

Kathy Reichs

Devil Bones (Bones 11)

An underground chamber is exposed in a seedy, dilapidated house with sagging trim and peeling paint...

In the dark cellar, a ritualistic display is revealed. A human skull rests on a cauldron, surrounded by slain chickens and bizarre figurines. Beads and antlers dangle overhead.

Called to the scene is forensic anthropologist Dr Temperance Brennan. Bony architecture suggests that the skull is that of a young, black female. But how did she die? And when? Then, just as Tempe is working to determine post-mortem interval, another body is discovered: a headless corpse carved with Satanic symbols.

As citizen vigilantes, blaming Devil-worshippers, begin a witch-hunt, intent on revenge, Tempe struggles to keep her emotions in check. But the truth she eventually uncovers proves more shocking than even she could have imagined... **PB \$21.95**

Cynthia Riggs

Death and Mystery (Martha's Vineyard Mystery)

Discovering the murdered body of a neighbor in the home of one of Martha's Vineyard's corrupt tax assessors, nonagenarian poet Victoria Trumbull stumbles across two additional bodies before teaming up with an old rival, chauffeur Emery Meyer, to identify the killer. **HC \$49.95**

Karen Robards

Guilty

One cold November night when Kate White was fifteen years old, her friends held up a store. One of them killed an off-duty cop. They got away with it. Thirteen years later, Kate has built a new life for herself. Now a single mother with a nine-year-old son, she is a prosecutor in the Philadelphia district attorney's office. Until the nightmare morning when violence explodes in her courtroom and she comes face to face with the old friend who killed that cop so many years ago. Mario Castellanos offers her a deal. All Kate has to do is to make sure she is the prosecutor when Mario's case comes to court, then make sure she loses the case. Because if Mario goes to jail, he'll name Kate as the killer and destroy her life. Before real despair sets in, Mario is found dead in Kate's house, and with Kate's fingerprints on the pistol. Homicide detective Tom Braga shows up to investigate the murder and things get worse: she and Tom have clashed since she started working for the prosecutor's office.

But then another man who knows the secret of Kate's past turns up the heat. Kate's life and her son's are in danger. The only person she can turn to is Tom Braga. **PB \$19.99**

Pursuit

The car crash that leaves the First Lady dead and Jessica Ford badly injured is just the beginning of a nightmare. Jess is thrilled when her law firm's senior partner asks her to meet the President's wife in a Washington hotel late one Saturday night. But the lawyer who drew her into the disaster commits suicide, his secretary is killed in yet another car accident, and the Secret Service agent on the case, Mark Ryan, believes that Jess, the only survivor, is hiding something. As her world falls apart around her, Jess realizes that everyone who knew what the First Lady was doing that Saturday night is dead except her. And if she remembers, she'll be dead too. Terrified, certain that the car crash was no accident, Jess has only Mark Ryan to turn to. **TP \$32.99**

Michael Robotham Australian Author

Shatter

A naked woman in red high-heeled shoes is perched on the edge of Clifton Suspension Bridge with her back pressed to the safety fence, weeping into a mobile phone. Clinical psychologist Joseph O'Loughlin is only feet away, desperately trying to talk her down. She whispers, you don't understand, and jumps. Later, Joe has a visitor - the woman's teenage daughter, a runaway from boarding school. She refuses to believe that her mother would have jumped off the bridge - not only would she not commit suicide, she is terrified of heights. Joe wants to believe her, but what would drive a woman to such a desperate act? Whose voice? What evil? **PB \$19.99**

The Suspect

Joseph O'Loughlin appears to have the perfect life - a beautiful wife, a loving daughter and a successful career as a clinical psychologist. But nothing can be taken for granted. Even the most flawless existence is only a loose thread away from unravelling. All it takes is a murdered girl, a troubled young patient and the biggest lie of his life. Caught in a complex web of deceit and haunted by images of the slain girl, he embarks upon a search that will take him from London to Liverpool and into the darkest recesses of the human mind. Ultimately, he will risk everything to unmask the killer and save his family. **PB \$19.99**

John Sandford

Phantom Prey

After one troubled college-age student disappears and two are found slashed to death, Lucas Davenport finds himself hunting what appears to be a modern-day Jack the Ripper. But Lucas keeps getting the sneaking suspicion that there is something else involved. Something very bad, very dark, and as elusive as a phantom. **PB \$21.95 TP \$29.95**

John Sandford*Wicked Prey*

Danger stalks Lucas Davenport at work and all too close to home, in the new thriller by the New York Times best-selling author of Phantom Prey. **HC \$56.95**

John Shannon*Palos Verdes Blue (Jack Liffey)*

Investigating the disappearance of a friend's teenage daughter, Los Angeles private investigator Jack Liffey finds himself in the crossfire of a violent turf war on the Palos Verdes peninsula between privileged racist youths and squatting Mexican day laborers, a situation that prompts Jack's daughter, Maeve, to come to his rescue. **HC \$51.95**

Yrsa Sigurdardottir*My Soul to Take*

In the aftermath of a young woman's murder at a recently renovated farmhouse-turned-health resort, savvy lawyer Thara finds the investigation complicated by long-kept secrets and rumors that the site is haunted, a case that takes a toll on Thara's views of reality. **HC \$51.95**

Robert Sims Australian Author*Tropic of Death*

When a little girl finds a severed head buried in sand on a beach in Whitley, the locals are sent into a tailspin. Little do they know it's only the first of series of grisly murders that will sully their normally idyllic resort town.

After the body of local greens activist Rachel Macarthur is discovered minus her head and hands, the local police call on Melbourne profiler, Detective Rita Van Hassel, to help track down the killer.

What Rita finds on arriving in Whitley are not the tranquil tropical waters and magical hinterland rainforest of the tourist ads for northern Queensland, but a seething hotbed of intrigue and malignant passion, where nothing is as it seems and no one can be trusted.

As the murders continue, the pressure on Rita reaches boiling point, and she must muster all her profiling knowledge and ingenuity to help catch the killer before he strikes again. **TP \$29.99**

Alexander McCall Smith*44 Scotland Street (44 Scotland Street)*

Immediately recognisable are the Edinburgh chartered surveyor, stalwart of the Conservative Association, who dreams of membership of Scotland's most exclusive golf club. We have the pushy Stockbridge mother, and her prodigiously talented five-year-old son, who is making good progress with the saxophone and with his Italian. Then there is Domenica Macdonald who is that type of Edinburgh lady who sees herself as a citizen of a broader intellectual world. In McCall Smith's hands such characters retain charm and novelty, simultaneously arousing both mirth and empathy. 44 Scotland Street is vintage McCall Smith, tackling issues of trust and honesty, snobbery and hypocrisy, love and loss, but all with great lightness of touch. Clever, elegant and funny, this is a novel that provides huge entertainment but which is underpinned by the moral dilemmas of everyday life and the characters' struggles to resolve them. **PB \$22.99**

Espresso Tales (44 Scotland Street)

Bruce, the intolerably vain and perpetually deluded ex-surveyor, is about to embark on a new career as a wine merchant, while his long-suffering flatmate Pat MacGregor, set up by matchmaking Domenica Macdonald, finds herself invited to a nudist picnic in Moray Place in the pursuit of true love. Prodigious six-year-old Bertie Pollock wants a boy's life of fishing and rugby, not yoga and pink dungarees, and he plots rebellion against his bossy, crusading mother Irene and his psychotherapist Dr Fairbairn. But when Bertie's longed-for trip to Glasgow with his ineffectual father Stuart ends with Bertie taking money off legendary Glasgow hard man Lard O'Connor at cards, it looks as though Bertie should have been more careful what he wished for. And all the time it appears that both Irene Pollock and Dr Fairbairn are engaged in a struggle with dark secrets and unconscious urges of their own. **PB \$22.99**

Love Over Scotland (44 Scotland Street)

LOVE OVER SCOTLAND is the third in this series and revolves around the many colourful characters that come and go at No. 44 Scotland Street. McCall Smith handles the characters with his customary charm and deftness: the stalwart Tory chartered surveyor, the pushy mother and, most importantly in this novel, the Italian-speaking prodigy, Bertie. **PB \$22.99**

The Unbearable Lightness of Scones (44 Scotland Street)

To the casual observer, the great enlightened city of Edinburgh, home of no-nonsense philosophers and cream teas, might appear immune to the rollercoaster of strong emotions. But at 44 Scotland Street, as Matthew and Elspeth embark on the risky enterprise of married love, the raffish portrait painter Angus Lordie has a premonition of disaster. And soon enough Irene Pollock is shocked to learn that her small son Bertie harbours a highly unsuitable ambition; the gloriously vain Bruce discovers a wrinkle and confronts rejection; and Angus finds himself facing the grave consequences of unbridled bliss, not to mention a large Glaswegian gangster bearing gifts... **PB \$22.99**

The World According to Bertie (44 Scotland Street)

Long-suffering child genius Bertie Pollock has much to contend with in the latest instalment of life at 44 Scotland Street, not least the birth of his brother Ulysses. Bertie had hoped that caring for a new baby would command all of his mother's attention, but he quickly sees that his dream of being left to his own devices is not destined to come true. Overprotective Irene bans Bertie from the playground, but then forgets little Ulysses outside the delicatessen, and suffers a deeply embarrassing moment when she unwittingly retrieves the wrong baby. Meanwhile, for the other residents of Scotland Street, all's fair in love and friendship. Big Lou finds a new man, Matthew and Pat edge their relationship towards something more permanent - although this development is not without complications, when a glimpse of someone who just might be her handsome, caddish ex-flatmate Bruce sets Pat's pulse racing - and Domenica's friendship with Antonia is tested to the limit when an assortment of her belongings mysteriously appear in Antonia's new flat. **PB \$22.99**

Frank Smith*The Cold Hand of Malice (DCI Neil Paget Mystery)*

A DCI Neil Paget Mystery - When Laura Holbrook, co-owner of Holbrook Micro-Engineering Labs, is brutally murdered one evening while her womanizing husband is out, and with little more than a few dog hairs as evidence, it is believed that Laura was killed by burglars. But DCI Paget and DS Tregalles suspect otherwise, and suspicion falls on several potential suspects.

It is up to Paget and Tregalles to try to find the true killer . . . **HC \$58.95**

Tom Rob Smith*The Secret Speech*

Honored as a hero for his role in stopping a serial killer three years earlier, post-Stalinist Soviet MGB officer Leo Demidov is placed at the head of a newly formed Moscow homicide department and is forced to undertake a mission in the criminal underworld. **HC \$51.95, TP \$32.95**

Julia Spencer-Fleming*I Shall Not Want*

A trio of execution-style murders targeting the migrant community of the rural Adirondack town of Millers Kill draws Episcopal priest Clare Fergusson and police chief Russ van Alstyne into a case plagued by media hysteria and conflict within the police. **PB \$19.95**

Michael Stanley*A Deadly Tirade*

Detective Kubu faces his most disturbing investigation yet when he finds himself caught up in a case of betrayal and mistaken identity on the outskirts of northern Botswana. Goodluck Tinubu, an ex-Zimbabwean who has taught in Botswana for many years, is viciously murdered at the Jackalberry bush camp, situated on an isolated peninsula in northern Botswana. Peter Sithole, a guest at the camp, is found bludgeoned to death a few hours later. Detective 'Kubu' Bengu is sent from Botswana's capital, Gaborone, to assist the local CID in this puzzling investigation.

Meanwhile, another guest at the camp Ishmael Zondo - leaves the camp suddenly the next morning and disappears without a trace. The Zimbabwe police are unable to trace him. And, as fingerprints are matched, records reveal that Tinubu was killed in the Rhodesian civil war thirty years earlier... **TP \$32.99**

Wendy Corsi Staub*Dead Before Dark*

When the Night Watchman, a notorious serial killer, escapes from prison, renowned psychic Lucinda Sloan finds herself the target of this twisted madman who lets her know that her time is almost up. **APB \$17.95**

She Loves Me Not

Young widow and single mother Rose Larrabee finds her world plunged into terror when she receives a simple, homemade valentine that is connected to a dark secret she shares with two other women whom have just been murdered. **PB \$17.95**

Olen Steinhauer*The Tourist*

In the global age of the CIA, wherever there's trouble, there's a Tourist: the men and women who do the dirty work. They're the Company's best agents - and Milo Weaver was the best of them all.

Following a near-lethal encounter with foreign hitman the 'Tiger', a burnt-out Milo decides to continue his work from behind a desk. Four years later, he's no closer to finding the Tiger than he was before. When the elusive assassin unexpectedly gives himself up to Milo, it's because he wants something in return: revenge.

Once a Tourist, always a Tourist - soon Milo is back in the field, tracking down the Tiger's handler in a world of betrayal, skewed politics and extreme violence. It's a world he knows well but he's about to learn the toughest lesson of all: trust no one. **TP \$32.99**

Mariah Stewart*Mercy Street*

It's a balmy spring evening when four teenagers meet for the final time - the next morning, two are dead, the others missing. Were they, too, the victims of a ruthless killer? Or are the missing kids on the run for murder? Ex-cop turned PI Mallory Russo is determined to figure out what happened in the park that night. And with the unofficial help of detective Charlie Wanamaker she resolves to find the kids and prove their innocence - whether they be dead, or alive. But what Charlie and Mallory discover will take them down a twisted path that leads to an old unsolved murder - and justice for a killer with a heart of stone. **APB \$19.99**

Leann Sweeney*The Cat, The Quilt, and the Corpse (Cats in Trouble Mystery)*

When she returns home from a quilting show, recently widowed quilter Jillian Hart discovers that someone has catnapped her beloved Abyssinian and, with the help of her other two cats, stumbles upon a troublesome mystery involving more missing cats and a murder. **APB \$17.95**

Dennis Tafoya*Dope Thief*

Along with his friend Manny, small-time criminal Ray makes a decent living posing as a DEA agent and robbing drug dealers in the decaying neighborhoods surrounding Philadelphia. Heading further afield, they raid a meth lab in a farmhouse, and end up scoring hundreds of thousands of dollars. Ray and Manny soon discover that the farmhouse was part of a much larger operation, and a wannabe drug kingpin is determined to make them pay.

For Ray, the situation is a wake-up call; he needs to get out of his life of drugs and crime right away. Yet this isn't the first time he's tried to go straight. Ray is haunted by the memory of a girlfriend from high school, a girl he would have done anything for, whose death left him stuck in the life of a criminal. Now Ray has to stay alive long enough to discover if that path is truly irreversible. **HC \$51.95**

Brad Thor*The First Commandment*

A highly-charged, topical thriller featuring Navy SEAL turned covert counterterrorism agent, Scot Harvath. **APB \$19.95**

L C Tyler*The Herring Seller's Apprentice*

Ethelred Tressider is a crime writer with problems. His latest novel is going nowhere, mid-life crisis is looming and he's burdened by the literary agent he probably deserves: Elsie Thirkettle, a diminutive but determined individual who claims to enjoy neither the company of writers nor literature of any sort.

But however bad things look they can always get worse, as Ethelred discovers when his ex-wife, Geraldine, vanishes close to his Sussex home. When the disappearance becomes a murder enquiry, the police quickly decide that Geraldine Tressider has been the victim of a local serial killer. Elsie begs to differ, on the grounds that the killer's other victims had been Sad Cows, whereas Geraldine was a Scheming Bitch - another species entirely - and no serious serial killer would murder one in mistake for the other...

Soon the indefatigable Elsie has bullied Ethelred into embarking upon his own investigation, but as their enquiries proceed, she begins to suspect that her client's own alibi is not as solid as he claims. **BPB \$22.99**

Elaine Viets*Clubbed to Death (Dead-End Job Mystery)*

Helen Hawthorne's ex-husband arrives back in her life aboard the yacht of his new lady, Marcella, known as the Black Widow for her string of dead spouses, and when he goes missing and Helen is blamed, she and Marcella investigate. **APB \$17.95**

Martyn Waites*Speak No Evil*

Anne Marie Smeaton is back in the hometown she hasn't seen for forty years, trying to live a normal life with her partner and teenage son. But that's impossible for Anne Marie. Because forty years ago, when she was eleven, she killed a little boy.

She is trying to make peace with her past by telling her story to journalist Joe Donovan. But it's not that simple. By dredging up memories and emotions she usually keeps repressed, Anne Marie is unleashing old nightmares from the past.

Suffering from horrifying visions, she sometimes does bad things. Things she has no memory of afterwards. So when a teenager on her housing estate is murdered and she wakes up with blood on her hands, Anne Marie naturally fears the worst.

Her fragile life falling apart, Anne Marie turns to those she loves. But where she was expecting support, she finds only betrayal. Desperate, she turns to Donovan for help.

But Donovan may have his own reasons for helping her. Reasons which have to do with the disappearance of his own son ... **PB \$19.95**

Kathryn R Wall*Covenant Hall (Bay tanner Mystery)*

Assisting a desperate mother who is searching for estranged family members in the hope of obtaining a bone-marrow transplant for her dying daughter, private investigator Bay Tanner struggles with her own family cares and her client's unwillingness to divulge key information, which is tied to a long-ago murder. **HC \$51.95**

Kevin Wignall*People Die*

A highly skilled and somewhat humble professional killer finds himself on the wrong end of a sniper's scope when someone within his own trusted inner circle targets him for assassination. **PB \$17.95**

Robert Wilson*The Ignorance of Blood*

A spectacular car crash in the sweltering Seville summer accidentally brings to a life a suitcase filled with millions in cash - and the prospect of a serious mafia presence on Inspector Jefe Javier Falcón's beat.

As a turf war erupts, Falcón finds himself and those closest to him personally targeted by the lethal forces suddenly unleashed. In the face of attack, Falcón decides to retaliate with a ruthlessness that surprises him as much as his adversaries.

But there is a terrible price to pay.

The final, stunning chapter in the critically acclaimed Javier Falcón series. **TP \$32.99**

Stuart Woods*Hot Mahogany (Stone Barrington)*

Hired by his CIA boss to protect his older brother, an Army intelligence operative who is suffering from amnesia, Stone Barrington learns about his charge's talent for restoring antiques and his links to a haunting event in Vietnam more than thirty years earlier. **PB \$21.99**

Escobar*Chaos*

Returning from a tour in Bosnia plagued by what he believes to be a severe form of PTSD that causes blackouts, recurring nightmares, and uncontrollable acts of violence, British soldier Alex Fisher is introduced by a mysterious woman to a dangerous and passionate life that compromises Alex's grip on reality and awakens a flood of suppressed memories. **TP \$28.95**

Other Books

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

Creepy Cute Crochet: Zombies, Ninjas, Robots, and More!

Offers step-by-step instructions for creating twenty different small creatures, including ninjas, zombies, aliens, and a monkey. **HC \$29.95**

How I Raised Myself from Failure to Success in Selling

A business classic, *How I Raised Myself from Failure to Success in Selling* is for anyone whose job it is to sell. Whether you are selling houses or mutual funds, advertisements or ideas -- or anything else -- this book is for you.

When Frank Bettger was twenty-nine he was a failed insurance salesman. By the time he was forty he owned a country estate and could have retired. What are the selling secrets that turned Bettger's life around from defeat to unparalleled success and fame as one of the highest paid salesmen in America?

The answer is inside *How I Raised Myself from Failure to Success in Selling*. Bettger reveals his personal experiences and explains the foolproof principles that he developed and perfected. He shares instructive anecdotes and step-by-step guidelines on how to develop the style, spirit, and presence of a winning salesperson. No matter what you sell, you will be more efficient and profitable -- and more valuable to your company-- when you apply Bettger's keen insights on:

- The power of enthusiasm
- How to conquer fear
- The key word for turning a skeptical client into an enthusiastic buyer
- The quickest way to win confidence
- Seven golden rules for closing a sale **PB \$24.95**

Anthony Bourke & John Randall

A Lion Called Christian

The enchanting true story of London's coolest cat.

In 2008, YouTube.com featured an extraordinary two-minute film clip that became an overnight phenomenon. It shows the remarkable, highly moving reunion of two men and their pet lion, Christian, after they had left him in Africa with Born Free's George Adamson, who would introduce him into his rightful home in the wild.

A Lion Called Christian tells the backstory, of how John Rendall and Anthony 'Ace' Bourke, visitors to London from Australia in 1969, bought a boisterous lion cub in Harrods for 250 guineas. For a while, the three of them lived together as flatmates in a furniture shop in the King's Road, Chelsea, where Christian quickly became a local celebrity. But the lion cub was growing up, fast, and even the walled church garden in which he exercised wouldn't be big enough for him for much longer. How could John and Ace avoid having to incarcerate him in a zoo for the rest of his life?

It was thanks to Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers, stars of *Born Free*, who dropped into the shop, that Christian was subsequently flown to Kenya and placed under the expert care of Adamson. After settling Christian in, Ace and John did not return to Kenya to see Christian for a full year. Thanks to the internet age, their very special and touching reunion is again being enjoyed by millions.

A Lion Called Christian is the full story behind the amazing clip. Originally published in 1971, it has now been fully revised and updated by the authors, with stunning photographs of Christian from cuddly cub in Chelsea to magnificent lion in Africa. It is a unique and extraordinary story of its time, and is destined to become one of the great classics of animal literature. **HC \$35**

Suzanne Brockmann

All Through the Night

It's Christmastime in Boston, and this year the silver bells will be wedding bells as FBI agent Jules Cassidy ties the knot with the man of his dreams, Hollywood heartthrob Robin Chadwick.

The pair plan a quiet, intimate ceremony, to be witnessed by family and close friends from the FBI, SEAL Team Sixteen, and Troubleshooters, Incorporated, including Sam Starrett and Alyssa Locke. But the holiday season brings more to the happy couple than they expect.

A waterfall coming through their kitchen ceiling, a bat colony in the attic, old family tensions . . . even an international incident can't dampen their spirits. But add to that a parade of unexpected guests, including a reporter looking for a scoop, an ex-lover hell-bent on causing trouble, and a dangerous stalker, and suddenly the wedding is poised to unravel in chaos.

But nothing will stop Jules and Robin from getting their happy ending, because along with a guest list featuring the most elite counterterrorism force in the world, they have their own secret weapon--true love. **PB \$12.95**

John Bullen & Paul Ham

Captain Bullen's War: The Vietnam War Diary of Captain John Bullen

'We need to send our survey party there!' (pointing to map)

'But Colonel, we can't do it. That's the most insecure area in the whole country!'

'Insecure? Goddamn it! The greatest concentration of American troops in the country is there!'

'Yes Colonel, and have you considered why the greatest concentration of American troops is right there?'

CAPTAIN BULLEN'S WAR combines the irreverent humour of *M* A* S* H* with the sharp satire of *Catch 22* in portraying one man's extraordinary experiences of the war in Vietnam in 1968, the bloodiest year of the conflict.

The difference is that neither Captain John Bullen nor his experiences are fictional. Nor was he a reluctant soldier. A graduate of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and a career soldier in the Australian Army, Bullen commanded the vital map-producing section of the Australian Task Force at Nui Dat. Alert to the possibility of humour in the bleakest circumstances, he decided to chronicle the events around him. What emerges is one of the most darkly funny and lacerating accounts of the Vietnam War ever written.

Strewn with wonderful character sketches and hilarious anecdotes, *CAPTAIN BULLEN'S WAR* is more than just one man's insightful account of the absurdity of war. He perceives with unsparing clarity the nature and enormity of the conflict around him. A thoughtful, decent man, Bullen's is a voice of sanity in a world gone mad. **TP \$32.99**

A S Byatt

The Children's Book

Olive Wellwood is a famous writer, interviewed with her children gathered at her knee. For each of them she writes a separate private book, bound in different colours and placed on a shelf. In their rambling house near Romney Marsh they play in a story-book world – but their lives, and those of their rich cousins, children of a city stockbroker, and their friends, the son and daughter of a curator at the new Victoria and Albert Museum, are already inscribed with mystery. Each family carries their own secrets.

Into their world comes a young stranger, a working-class boy from the potteries, drawn by the beauty of the Museum's treasures. And in midsummer a German puppeteer arrives, bringing dark dramas. The world seems full of promise but the calm is already rocked by political differences, by Fabian arguments about class and free love, by the idealism of anarchists from Russia and Germany. The sons rebel against their parents' plans; the girls dream of independent futures, becoming doctors or fighting for the vote.

This vivid, rich and moving saga is played out against the great, rippling tides of the day, taking us from the Kent marshes to Paris and Munich and the trenches of the Somme. Born at the end of the Victorian era, growing up in the golden summers of Edwardian times, a whole generation were heading to the darkness ahead; in their innocence, they were betrayed unintentionally by the adults who loved them. In a profound sense, this novel is indeed the children's book. **TP \$34.95**

Paul Collier

Wars, Guns and Votes

A timely, powerful and provocative study of the tensions between democracy and violence in the world's poorest countries, by one of the world's leading development economists.

In *Wars, Guns and Votes*, award-winning author Paul Collier investigates the violence and poverty in the countries at the bottom of the world economy that are home to a billion people.

A highly-regarded economist and expert on developing countries, Collier argues that the spread of elections and peace settlements in the world's most volatile countries may lead eventually to a brave new democratic world. In the meantime, though, nasty and protracted civil wars, military coups, and failing economies will plague the bottom billion - unless national sovereignty is curtailed and economic disciplines introduced.

Through innovative research and astute analysis, Collier provides an eye-opening assessment of the ethnic divisions and insecurity in the developing countries of Africa, Latin America, and Asia where the democratic process so often fails.

There have been many policy failures by the United States, the UK and other developed countries since the end of the Cold War, especially the reliance on pre-emptive military intervention, but Collier insists that these problems can and will be rectified. He persuasively outlines what must be done to bring long-term peace and stability. **TP \$34.95**

Paul Daley

Beersheba

The Battle of Beersheba, a redeeming win for the ANZACs who lost at Gallipoli, has slipped through the cracks of Australia's historical consciousness. Why are Australians so much more content to commemorate a glorious defeat than we are to celebrate such a resounding, against the odds, victory?

The sunset charge by 800 ANZACs mounted on horses defeated 400 Turks, captured Beersheba, and led to the liberation of Jerusalem and the fall of the Ottoman Empire. It is the victory that paved the way for the establishment of Israel 60 years ago. And yet, the story of the victory has slipped through the cracks of history. Beersheba is not a pilgrimage site, even though the Turkish trenches are intact, shrapnel can still be found within, and the ancient Bedouin camps, through which the horseman cantered, are still there.

In an evocative narrative in the vein of Les Carlyon's masterpiece, Gallipoli, Beersheba will tell a story about a place and its players that is long overdue for acknowledgement. **HC \$39.99**

Paul Doherty

Darkening Glass

Mathilde of Westminster must face a dangerous foe in the third novel in Paul Doherty's acclaimed series. March 1312 and England is divided. Edward II is in conflict with his barons over royal favourite Gaveston, and Queen Isabella is momentarily pregnant with the first union of Plantagenet and Capetian blood. Meanwhile, rebel Robert Bruce prowls the Scottish border seeking advancement. Mathilde of Westminster senses a challenge for the throne is imminent. When the great Earls step up their campaign, the King and Queen are forced to flee to a fortified priory in Tynemouth, now vulnerable to the Scottish marauders on land and Bruce's allies at sea. With threats all around, the royal party can only despair when one of their camp is murdered. Will Mathilde be able to find the perpetrator before the King loses control of the throne? **TP \$32.99**

Spies of Sobeck

In Paul Doherty's new novel, Amerotke, Chief Judge of the Hall of Two Truths, is once again summoned to the Imperial Palace. Tekreth, Guardian of the Door of Sobeck, has fallen to his death from the roof of his stately mansion. According to all evidence, it was an accident but Pharaoh Queen Hatusu is not convinced. Amerotke, aware of the reports of mysterious disappearances along Sobeck Road, has also heard about a cult devoted to death, based along its borders. Before Amerotke can start to consider either of these matters, a gruesome mass murder occurs at the Necropolis. A funeral party has been poisoned and Amerotke must immediately investigate the abomination. As Amerotke probes further, he suspects that all these events may be connected and that dangerous forces are at work in Pharaoh Hatusu's realm. Will Amerotke be able to uncover the truth before Egypt is overrun by its sinister and dangerous underworld? **PB \$19.99**

Suzanne Enoch

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Against the rising power of Rome, Egypt is the last and strongest bastion of the Eastern Hellenistic kingdoms. Charmian is Cleopatra's half sister, daughter of Pharaoh and a woman of the harem. She shares a great honour and a terrible burden with Cleopatra and their sister Iras - they are fated to defend Egypt from those who would destroy her. So when Roman Julius Caesar comes to Egypt in pursuit of his enemies, Charmian and her sisters are drawn into a deadly struggle. One that will shape the world to come. From mysterious temples hidden in the desert to the perilous palaces of Rome, from the tomb of Alexander the Great to the very Gates of Amenti, Charmian must face foes seen and unseen in a battle for her family, her love and her gods. **BPB \$22.99**

Charles Henderson

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Profiles Marine Corps sniper Sergeant Carlos Hathcock, an ace marksman, whose missions during the Vietnam War included stalking the Viet Cong behind enemy lines. **APB \$19.95**

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Author Brandon Alexander Davis, deciding to leave his fictional world behind and start living a real life, is stunned when his main character, sword-wielding beauty Serilda D'Lar, arrives in his study and takes him on a magical journey filled with adventure and passion. **APB \$17.95**

Hannah Howell

My Lady Captor

When she takes knight Sir Ruari Kerr captive in hopes of exchanging him for her younger brother, who is being held by English soldiers, Lady Sorcha Hay is distracted from her mission by her attraction to this fierce warrior who vows to make her pay for her treachery. **APB \$17.95**

Christian Jacq

Manhunt (Vengeance of the Gods 01)

Egypt, 528 BC. Kel, a young scribe recently hired by the prestigious Guild of Interpreter, arrives at work one morning to find the entire staff slaughtered. He flees in panic, taking with him the mysterious coded papyrus his colleagues had been deciphering. Thus he becomes prime suspect at the centre of an intrigue of State. For Egypt is at a turning point in her history. The throne has been usurped by Pharaoh Amasis, an idle drunkard interested only in forging an alliance with Greece, blind to the disturbing shadow of the Persians taking shape on the country's borders. The court is riven by intrigues and betrayals. Alone, pursued both by the conspirators who have framed him and the Egyptian police, Kel realizes that if he is to prove his innocence, he must uncover the secrets of the papyrus. But can he survive long enough to crack the code? **APB \$19.95**

The Divine Worshipper (Vengeance of the Gods 02)

528 BC. In a tormented Egypt, threatened both by the Greeks' over-mighty influence and the Persians' desire for conquest, the struggle for power has taken the form of a deadly conspiracy - and young scribe Kel finds himself unjustly accused of murder, the helpless scapegoat at the centre of a sinister intrigue of State. As he strives to prove his innocence, the only person Kel can rely on is Nitis, the beautiful priestess with whom he is deeply in love.

But then Nitis vanishes, and Kel throws himself into a desperate quest to find her, his destiny and that of Egypt inexorably bound together. Will he survive long enough to uncover the truth, expose the conspirators and restore his good name? Nothing is certain. For when human beings choose to follow a path paved with violence and death, they cannot avoid the vengeance of the gods. **PB \$19.95**

Tutankhamun: The Last Secret

After receiving an anonymous message, New York lawyer Mark Wilder arrives in Cairo to learn the shocking news that he is the illegitimate son of Howard Carter, the famous archeologist who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb. Before he died in mysterious circumstances, Carter informed Abbot Pacomas, the last descendant of the great priests of Amon, that only his lost son could continue his life's quest: to find the papyrus hidden in Tutankhamun's tomb and reveal its contents to the world. No archive mentions this lost papyrus, archeologists deny its very existence, mystical forces unleash themselves to protect it. It has become a legend - just like the curse that claims all those who disturb the pharaoh's eternal slumber. The quest to uncover Tutankhamun's final secret is fraught with danger. And as he attempts to complete his father's mission, Mark finds himself facing new enemies Howard Carter could never have foreseen, including the CIA and the Egyptian police. **TP \$29.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon & Dianna Love

Whispered Lies

In the suspenseful new thriller from New York Times bestselling coauthors Sherrilyn Kenyon and Dianna Love, a Bureau of American Defense agent must join forces with an informant he can neither trust nor resist.

Bureau of American Defense operative Carlos Delgado has spent the past sixteen years watching over his shoulder, waiting for death to catch up to him. His luck runs out when BAD intercepts an unexpected tip on the number one threat to United States security: the Fratelli de il Sovrano. Their best hope for uncovering a deadly plan that risks countless lives and threatens economic chaos just days before the presidential election is to capture a mysterious informant known as Mirage. But when Carlos takes her into custody, Mirage is not at all what he expected -- and neither is the threat she poses to the secrets he would die to protect.

Gabrielle Saxe has hidden from a killer for the past decade, sending anonymous tips on international criminals to intelligence agencies around the world. When a postcard arrives from a friend who is supposed to be dead, she takes a risk that catapults her into the midst of dangerous operatives on a treacherous mission -- and into the arms of a man who is duty-bound to surrender her to Interpol as an international felon.

Carlos is the last person Gabrielle should trust and the only one standing between her and death. But little does she know, she holds the key to his survival as well.... **TP \$24.95**

Sally Koslow

The Late, Lamented Molly Marx

A smart, entertaining, and heartfelt novel about a woman coming to terms with decisions she can never reverse. Molly Marx led an enviable life—until she was found dead along the bank of the Hudson River. A young wife and mother, Molly now finds herself in The Duration, where, with the help of a refreshingly unorthodox guide, she can observe the friends and family she left behind: her plastic surgeon husband who even in mourning can't control his wandering eye, the handsome colleague she found irresistible, a fiercely competitive twin sister, her controlling mother-in-law, a loyal but confused friend, and—most important—her purest love, a three-year-old daughter. As Molly watches them try to untangle the events leading to her mysterious end, she relives her past and learns the fates of those she cherished most (and least). Exploring marriage, fidelity, friendship, family, and mortality, *The Late, Lamented Molly Marx* is a playful yet tender love story about a flawed but charming woman, forced—better late than never—to take responsibility for the choices in her complicated life. **HC \$47.95**

Giles Kristian*Raven: Blood Eye*

For two years Osric has lived a simple life, apprentice to the mute old carpenter who took him in when others would have him cast out. But when Norsemen from across the sea burn his village they also destroy his new life, and Osric finds himself a prisoner of these warriors. Their chief, Sigurd the Lucky, believes the Norns have woven this strange boy's fate together with his own, and Osric begins to sense glorious purpose among this Fellowship of warriors.

Immersed in the Norsemen's world and driven by their lust for adventure, Osric proves a natural warrior and forges a blood bond with Sigurd, who renames him Raven. But the Norsemen's world is a savage one, where loyalty is often repaid in blood and where a young man must become a killer to survive. When the Fellowship faces annihilation from ealdorman Ealdred of Wessex, Raven chooses a bloody and dangerous path, accepting the mission of raiding deep into hostile lands to steal a holy book from Coenwolf, King of Mercia. There he will find much more than the Holy Gospels of St Jerome. He will find Cynethryth, an English girl with a soul to match his own. And he will find betrayal at the hands of cruel men, some of whom he regarded as friends... **TP \$32.95**

Lynn Kurland*Till There Was You*

When Zachary Smith, who is tired of paranormal adventures and difficult women, is transported back to the thirteenth century, he comes face-to-face with Mary de Piaget, a beautiful, passionate woman who changes his life forever. **APB \$19.95**

Reif Larsen*The Selected Works of T S Spivet*

T.S. Spivet is a 12-year-old genius mapmaker who lives on a ranch in Montana. His father is a silent cowboy and his mother is a scientist who for the last twenty years has been looking for a mythical species of beetle. His brother has gone, his sister seems normal but might not be, and his dog – Verywell – is going mad.

It's odd, but then families are. T.S. makes sense of it all by drawing beautiful, meticulous maps kept in innumerable colour-coded notebooks: maps of the countryside, maps of his family's behaviour, maps of animal and plant life. He is brilliant, and the Smithsonian Institution agrees, though when they telephone with news that he has won a major scientific prize they don't suspect for a minute that he is twelve years old.

So begins T.S.'s life-changing adventure, fleeing in the dead of night, riding freight trains two thousand miles across America – how else do 12-year-olds get to Washington D.C.? – to reach the awards dinner, the fame, the secret-society membership and the TV appearances that beckon. But is this what he wants? Do maps and lists explain the world? And why are adults so strange? The Selected Works of T.S. Spivet is a story like no other: exhilarating, funny, endlessly charming and unbearably poignant. It is a journey through life's mysteries great and small, and about how on earth a boy with a telescope, four compasses and a theodolite should set about solving them. **TP \$34.95**

John Man*Alpha Beta*

The idea behind the alphabet - that language with all its wealth of meaning can be recorded with a few meaningless signs - is an extraordinary one. So extraordinary, in fact, that it has occurred only once in human history: in Egypt about 4000 years ago. Alpha Beta follows the emergence of the western alphabet as it evolved into its present form, contributing vital elements to our sense of identity along the way. The Israelites used it to define their God, the Greeks to capture their myths, the Romans to display their power. And today, it seems on the verge of yet another expansion through the internet.

Tracking the alphabet as it leaps from culture to culture, John Man weaves discoveries, mysteries and controversies into a story of fundamental historical significance. **TP \$27.95**

Robert P Murphy*Politically Incorrect Guide to the Great Depression and the New Deal***TP \$40.95****Ian Plimer Australian Author***Heaven and Earth**Global Warming: The Missing Science*

The Earth is an evolving dynamic system. Current changes in climate, sea level and ice are within variability. Atmospheric CO2 is the lowest for 500 million years. Climate has always been driven by the Sun, the Earth's orbit and plate tectonics and the oceans, atmosphere and life respond. Humans have made their mark on the planet, thrived in warm times and struggled in cool times. The hypothesis that humans can actually change climate is unsupported by evidence from geology, archaeology, history and astronomy. The hypothesis is rejected. A new ignorance fills the yawning spiritual gap in Western society. Climate change politics is religious fundamentalism masquerading as science. Its triumph is computer models unrelated to observations in nature. There has been no critical due diligence of the science of climate change, dogma dominates, sceptics are pilloried and 17th Century thinking promotes prophets of doom, guilt and penance. When plate tectonics ceases and the world runs out of new rocks, there will be a tipping point and irreversible climate change. Don't wait up. **TP \$29.95**

Amanda Quick*The Perfect Poison (Arcane Society)*

Consulting on the investigation into a lord's murder, botanist Lucinda Bromley realizes that a poison can be traced back to her, prompting her to hire fellow Arcane Society member Caleb Jones to keep her name out of the investigation and to find the murderer, in a historical, romantic mystery, that has a dark conspiracy at its heart. **HC \$51.95**

Sarah Rose*For All the Tea in China*

Robert Fortune was a Scottish gardener, botanist, plant hunter – and industrial spy. In 1848, the East India Company engaged him to make a clandestine trip into the interior of China – territory forbidden to foreigners – to steal the closely guarded secrets of tea.

For centuries, China had been the world's sole tea manufacturer. Britain purchased this fuel for its Empire by trading opium to the Chinese – a poisonous relationship Britain fought two destructive wars to sustain. The East India Company had profited lavishly as the middleman, but it was now sinking, having lost its monopoly to trade tea. Its salvation, it thought, was to establish its own plantations in the Himalayas of British India.

There were just two problems: India had no tea plants worth growing, and the company wouldn't have known what to do with them if it had.

Hence Robert Fortune's daring trip. The Chinese interior was off-limits and virtually unknown to the West, but that's where the finest tea was grown – the richest oolongs, soochongs and pekoes. And the Emperor aimed to keep it that way. In a Mandarin's dress, with a black braid sewn into his hair, Robert Fortune ventured deep inside the country, risking his life for science, adventure, and a place among the great plant explorers. From Kew Gardens to grimy Old Shanghai, and on to the remote Wu Yi Shan hills, Sarah Rose tells a true tale of pirates, rebels, subterfuge, espionage, and how one man triumphed over an exotic and corrupt Empire. **TP \$32.95**

Adam Smith

Wealth of Nations: Book I - III

'It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest.'

With this landmark treatise on political economy, Adam Smith paved the way for modern capitalism, arguing that a truly free market – fired by competition yet guided as if by an 'invisible hand' to ensure justice and equality – was the engine of a fair and productive society.

Books I-III of *The Wealth of Nations* examine the 'division of labour' as the key to economic growth, by ensuring the interdependence of individuals within society. They also cover the origins of money and the importance of wages, profit, rent and stocks. Smith's work laid the foundations of economic theory in general and 'classical' economics in particular, but the real sophistication of his analysis derives from the fact that it also encompasses a combination of ethics, philosophy and history to create a vast panorama of society. **BPB \$11.95**

Wealth of Nations: Books IV-V

In the final two books of his great work, *The Wealth of Nations*, Adam Smith elaborates his views on some of the key economic issues of his – and our own – times. It is here that Smith (1723-90) offers his considered response to the French Physiocrats, perhaps the first great school of economic theorists. It is also here that he assesses the nature of the mercantile system, and particularly the colonial relationship with America, whose achievements could have been even more spectacular in conditions of free trade and perhaps economic union.

Even on the eve of the Declaration of Independence, Smith famously predicted that America 'will be one of the foremost nations of the world'. And it is here that he develops the case for a limited state role in economic planning, notably to combat market failure and induce efficiency in areas such as education, public works, justice and defence. His pioneering analysis still provides many subtle and penetrating insights into one of today's most vital and controversial policy debates. **BPB \$19.95**