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The Prodigal Mage in paperback

The Ghost King a new Drizzt hardcover

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On the Edge in paperback

Fire trade paperback

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A Touch of Dead a Sookie Stackhouse anthology

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Blood Promise in paperback

Imager's Challenge in hardcover

Shamanslayer a Gotrek and Felix paperback

The Tuloriad a new Posleen hardcover



News

D&D Day ran at the shop on Saturday 26th September. There was a smaller turnout than some previous events, but the table of gamers enjoyed their D&D game.

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

Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson's Wheel of Time book 12 is out at the end of the month, please pre-order your copy now. Hardcover and trade paperback editions available.

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

The Glenbrook Players are performing Terry Pratchett's Wyrd Sisters in November. See www.glenbrookplayers.com.au or call 02 4739 1110 for more information and to book seats.

Book Reviews

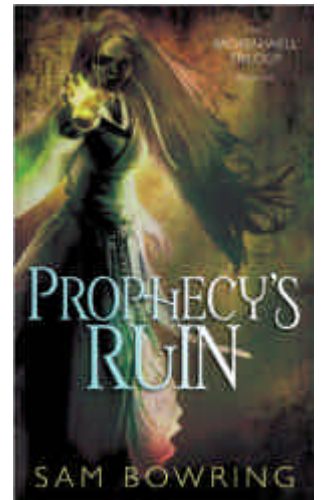
Feel welcome to submit a book review for us to publish here. If you have read a book and have an opinion on it share it with the other readers in our community. Also, in the shop we have several books for which we are seeking reviewers, and would exchange for a review.

Prophecy's Ruin by Sam Bowring reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780733624339>

This is the first book, in what promises to be an intriguing series, set in a world filled with violence, betrayal, treachery and chaos. The forces of Light & Shadow are entwined in a constant battle for superiority, forever opposed & unable to compromise. Both are evenly matched, until the prophets foresee the birth of a child destined to end the war. The news of this goes forth to all, to seek out the blue haired child and bring them back to one side or the other in order to swing the balance permanently. When the child is born, the two sides learn of it, and send troops to retrieve the child, but when they meet, things go terribly wrong, and the child's soul is literally ripped in two. Each side takes one part, and retreats, to bring the child up according to their beliefs. Bel, taken by the Light, is raised as a warrior & leader, whilst Losara is raised by the Shadow & trained as a magician. Both have power & extraordinary skills, yet both know that they are incomplete, and wonder what the other has that they didn't. The start of the saga detailing their lives and destinies, this promises to be a fascinating series if the author maintains the writing level.

To be honest, when I started this book, I was concerned that it would be just another saga type novel, good meets evil, things happen, good wins. Having read the first book, I am happy to say that it actually has a lot more depth, character development & philosophy than my first impressions. The characters feel real, with life histories, quirks, prejudices and beliefs that the reader can empathise with & understand. The style reminds me somewhat of Modesitt & Louise Cooper, especially as regards the in depth exploration of Good versus Evil, or rather Light versus Shadow. The author also doesn't make the mistake of restricting character development to the main roles, but lets minor characters become part of the storyline, rather than stepping stones on a journey. He makes us think about what the characters do & why, trying to understand their motivations & beliefs, and how they apply to their actions. The battle scenes are also well written, with the battle between an old undead mage & a young, brave magess being a highlight. Summarising, a well written book, with great character development & story line, based in a world with a potential for a great deal of further work to follow. My only warning would be that the author has a gift for describing reality, both good and bad. Heroes are flawed, and know that they have done regrettable things, villains feel real, not just stereotypes or ideals. If this appeals to you, as a reader, I definitely recommend this book, and will be watching out for the next in the series. 'Rosemary and Rue' is a good, solid novel and a fantastic debut. I look forward to reading more about Toby and her world. It really did almost make me believe again in Faeries.



Prophecy's Ruin by Sam Bowring reviewed by Len Newland

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This is Book 1 of a trilogy, and it doesn't stand alone. Consequently, I can't give a complete review. According to the publisher's notes to reviewers in the uncorrected proof I read, Bowring's writing is fresh, the story is intriguing, and the characters are engaging. I concur with that: the volume is quite readable and generally holds attention. It's incomplete though. Rather than a resolution, the volume ends by merely, and rather hurriedly, dispensing with one possible solution to the story problem. The reading needs to start with the expectation of reading all three volume, the last two of which aren't due until 2010.

The story world is one I think is fairly standard: a fantasy planet populated by three varieties of humans, three of goblins, two of birdmen, two of lizardmen and so forth with mages throwing energy bolts around and major characters holding occasional two-way discussions with the gods. I don't see any unpolitical-isms in it; for example, the dark lord's predecessors include respected non-humans of both sexes. The present leading characters, however, are all male, which may bother some modern readers, or it may not. The publisher (female; the male cast obviously doesn't bother her) claims "a brilliantly original approach to the traditional theme of good and evil", apparently equating it to light and dark. To my mind, pleasingly, good and evil aren't strictly involved: the light has its bad points and the dark has its good features. This strikes me as more satisfying than simple good versus evil, and I hope the later volumes won't deteriorate into that.

My main reservation with the book is that Part 1 (of three Parts in Book 1; a full third of this volume) is really only a prologue. While an introduction of this length may be reasonable for a three-volume set, I thought this one was too long for nothing actually happening (there's action, notably and early mage battle that excited the publisher, but it's setup, not story). Character No.1 (the golden child) is present, but only as a passive three-week-old baby. The story doesn't move for me until he comes of age in Part 2. I thought two chapters, or three at most, would have covered what was required.

I assume many, although probably not all, of the proof's errors will be corrected in the production version. I thought the character Corlas accepts his pact too easily; it's necessary, but I would have been more pleased had he been more unwilling about it. These minor objections aside, I have no others, and I found Prophecy's Ruin a good, easy, well-paced and absorbing read. I'm sure readers of this genre will enjoy it.

Futures from Nature edited by **Henry Gee**, reviewed by Michael Wilson

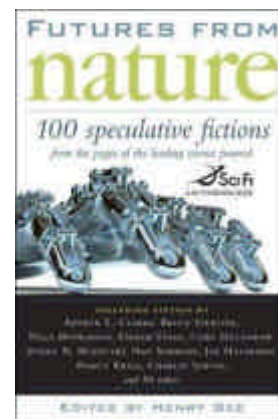
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The science magazine *Nature* ran a series of very short science fiction stories in its pages over the last ten years and this anthology collects one hundred of these stories. Individually the stories typically run to about three pages and the author has to communicate his ideas and story in that short frame. The result is one of the best science fiction anthologies to come out recently.

It has been said that science fiction is a literature of ideas and in this short format the authors have been able to create some gems. And what authors! Greg Egan, Charles Stross, Nancy Kress and other well know science fiction authors mix with stories by scientists and researchers (most of who hold up pretty well in the company of writing professionals). Few of the stories are average and most are excellent reads.

The book does not read well in large doses and the editor has arranged the stories alphabetically by author which sometimes means that adjacent stories do not read well together (for example two stories with very similar themes). I found the best way to read this book was as a bathroom reader; that is, a book for the discerning science fiction reader who can slip in a few minutes reading here and there in his or her busy life.

Our good friends at Infinitas will have to order the book in; it is not kept in stock in Australia. If you are at all a fan of the science fiction short story then I recommend you order the book and wait (as I did) in eager anticipation for you will not be disappointed.



Singularity's Ring by **Paul Melko**, reviewed by Len Newland

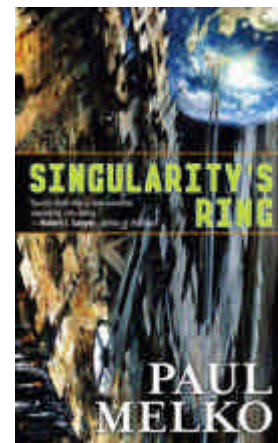
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This novel is good hard science fiction, the SF story in question being the Ring. The Ring is an artificial construct in equatorial geostationary orbit slightly below geosynchronous with capacity to contain Earth's entire population and enough armament to kill everything on Earth., held in position by supporting towers that contain elevators, which are also in the spines that reach out to geosynchronous orbit for (unexplained) physics reasons. Economics also matter: such a device can only be constructed by an Earth-wide society of total fanatics, here named The Community, an extreme Big Brother tied together via neural interface jacks that plug into the Ring AI (Mark I). Before it vanishes, the AI creates "pods": humans genetically altered to form multi-individual "persons" with up to five individuals, the Community's demise has halted development at this incomplete stage of separate small pods.

The highlight of the novel is the characterisation of the protagonist, Apollo, a five-man pod. I've seen multi-individual persons in SF before, but the characterisation of Apollo here is outstanding. There is a slight problem with pronouns: Apollo gets "he" although majority are female, other pods are "he" or "she" with minor attention to their constituents, and all pods vary between "I" and "we". There might have been a case here for new pronouns. The writing is otherwise clear. The background world is also excellent.

I didn't catch how and why Ring AI Mark II is created. Although Mark II is in basic machine level maintenance mode pending conjoining with humans, it displays a highly developed moral sense, with morals rather different from those of Mark I and The Community. I would have liked Mark II better explained. Also, there are two antagonists, apparently unrelated: Bad Guy 1 does use Bad Guy 2 once for Bad Guy 1's badness, but otherwise Bad Guy 2 does his thing only in the climax after Bad Guy 1 has been eliminated. That might be realistic, but it gave me a feeling of disjointedness in the novel, as did Chapers 1 and 2 both being stand alone short stories looking like it and separately published as such.

Singularity's Ring is the 2009 Locus award winner for best first novel, and deservedly so. I would give it four stars of a possible five in my personal oddball system. I hope to gosh there won't be any sequels, but I wait with bated breath for Paul Melko's second novel. His first is one of the best I've read this year.



Bestsellers for September 2009

<u>General Release</u>		<u>Media and Games Related Titles</u>	
<i>The Last Centurion</i>	John Ringo	<i>Salamander</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Hunting Ground</i>	Patricia Briggs	<i>Abyss</i>	Star Wars Fate of the Jedi
<i>Quofum</i>	Alan Dean Foster	<i>Empire</i>	Warhammer
<i>The Scourge of God</i>	S M Stirling	<i>Dungeon Master's Guide 2</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4ed
<i>Unbound</i>	Kim Harrison <i>et al</i>	<i>Adventurer's Vault 2</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4ed
<i>Deluge</i>	Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough	<i>Autonomy</i>	Doctor Who
<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Neil Gaiman	<i>Krillitane Storm</i>	Doctor Who
<i>On The Edge</i>	Ilona Andrews	<i>Taking of Chelsea 426</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Retribution Falls</i>	Chris Wooding	<i>Cadian Blood</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Nice Girls Don't Date Dead Men</i>	Molly Harper	<i>Shamanslayer</i>	Warhammer

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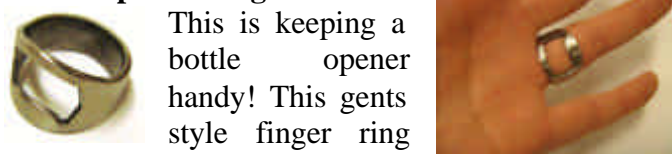
New Supplier – better price! Digital alarm clock with generous sized LCD display, but when the alarm goes off, the helicopter blades are spun up then released. Expect it to rattle around your ceiling or maybe clear a shelf of your old sporting trophies. Disturb even the most recalcitrant teenager from their slumber. Of course, it does squawk its klaxon sound as well. The base features a demo button, so you can spin and launch at will. \$29.95

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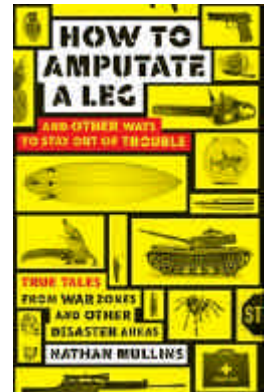


This pocket knife will split apart into two handles with fold out utensils. Blades (utensils) are stainless steel. Just the gadget for camping. Knife, Fork,

Spoon, Bottle Opener, Can Opener, Corkscrew, Keyring / Lanyard Loop. \$14.95

How to Amputate a Leg And Other Ways to Stay Out of Trouble

Nathan Mullins is an ex-cop, ex-soldier, ex-security consultant and an Australian Aid International volunteer, so he's experienced all sorts of dangerous stuff involving guns, explosions, surgical procedures, combat, sword-play, rioting and other potentially life-threatening behaviours all over the world. He has been lucky to survive some of his assignments and hijinks so he decided to share a few cautionary tales so everyone else can learn from his near misses. \$24.99



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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>
Thursday 5th November 2009: Espionage and SF
Thursday 3rd December 2009: Noir and SF
No January meeting.
Thursday 4th February 2010: Best and Worst of 2009

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

Thursday 15th October 2009

The Wounded Guardian by Duncan Lay (fantasy)
Singularity's Ring by Paul Melko (SF)

Thursday 19th November 2009

A Shadow in Summer by Daniel Abraham (Fantasy)
Storm Born by Richelle Mead (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>

Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

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



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

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

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

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Calendar 2010: Buffy the Vampire Slayer 2010 Calendar

Balancing homework and vampire slaying can be so tiring. Take heart from Buffy, the baddest, blondest vampire slayer there ever was. First a popular movie cult classic, then an even more popular and successful television show on the WB, Buffy the Vampire Slayer continues to outlive the undead. Relive the Buffy years with this calendar packed with the greatest and most ghoulish images from the eternally popular TV show! **\$28.95**

Terry Pratchett

Calendar 2010: Discworld Collector's Edition (Discworld Calendar 2010) **\$35**

Calendar 2010: Doctor Who

Doctor Who is a national treasure which gets better with age. Re-live some of David Tennant's finest moments with our 2010 calendar celebrating his reign. With his lamented departure, this calendar will at least help with the withdrawal symptoms. **\$28.95**

Calendar 2010: Star Wars (Star Wars)

Featuring all the usual suspects, the 2010 calendar allows you to share a whole year of galactical battles and alien mayhem; Here's to 2010. **\$28.95**

Calendar 2010: Stargate Atlantis

Pictures from the hit sci-fi TV series. **\$35.95**

Calendar 2010: Stargate SG1

Pictures from the hit sci-fi TV series. **\$35.95**

Calendar 2010: Torchwood

Hot on the heels of Dr Who, Torchwood is hot property, with the BBC dedicating a week long story line for it's growing army of fans. Si-Fi for grown ups, plan an alien free year ahead with a Danilo calendar & a little help from the Cardiff crusaders. **\$28.95**

Diary 2010: Doctor Who (Doctor Who Diary)

The 2010 Dr Who diary takes the Doctor's Series 4 travels with Donna Noble as its theme. After saving the human race from being turned into millions of Adipose, the office temp takes her place alongside the Doctor for adventures through time and space. Donna's human wits and the Doctor's Time Lord skills are tested to the limits on the planet of the Ood, during the last days of Ancient Pompeii, in an abandoned library and a holiday on planet Midnight. Every step of the way, danger is lurking. The duo is pitted against foes from the Sontaran Battle Fleet to the molten Pyroviles. There is nowhere to hide, and definitely not in the shadows. However, many new allies come to their aid – from newly generated relatives to old friends from the far future, not to mention the formidable Agatha Christie. **HC \$30**

Sunny

Lucinda, Dangerously (Demon Princess Chronicles 02)

Soon after returning to the world of the living with her two bondmates, demon princess Lucinda is kidnapped and imprisoned by her enemy, Derek. He brings her back to a hidden outland in Hell, a bleak and desolate landscape riddled with disfigured rejects. At first enraged by Lucinda's new abilities, Derek soon realizes that he may have just stumbled upon a way to regain his power—and Lucinda's new life is the sacrifice. **PB \$19.95**

Dan Abnett

Triumff: Her Majesty's Hero

Sir Rupert Triumff. Adventurer. Fighter. Drinker. Saviour? Go swashbuckling in the hotly anticipated original fiction debut of the multi-million selling Warhammer star. Triumff is a ribald historical fantasy set in a warped clockwork-powered version of our present day ... a new Elizabethan age, not of Elizabeth II but in the style of the original Virgin Queen. Throughout its rollicking pages, Sir Rupert Triumff drinks, dines and duels his way into a new Brass Age of Exploration and Adventure. **APB \$20.99**

Ann Aguirre

Doubleblind (Jax 03)

Chosen as an ambassador of peace, notorious troublemaker Sirantha Jax, a "jumper" who navigates ships through grimspace, must negotiate an alliance with the Ithtorians to save humanity, while dealing with the raiders, flesh-eating aliens, and pirates who stand in her way **APB \$19.95**

Tim Akers

Heart of Veridon (01)

When an old friend gives him a strange artifact, Jacob Burn--pilot, criminal, and the disgraced son of one of the founding families of the ancient city of Veridon--goes up against a dark entity that forces him to question everything he knows about himself.

Veridon, City of Cog, is about to be rocked by a conspiracy taking in the highest levels of the Council, the Church and its founding families. Heart of Veridon marks the start of a superb new trilogy **PB \$19.95**

Ilona Andrews

On The Edge (Edge 01)

Living on the Edge--a place between two worlds, the Broken and the Weird--Rose Drayton, an Edger who can easily travel between the worlds but belongs in neither, must battle against magic-hungry creatures with the help of a blueblood noble who wants to possess her and her power.

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Piers Anthony

Jumper Cable (Xanth 33)

In the thirty-third thrilling escapade in Piers Anthony's rousing Xanth fantasy series, an adventurous arachnid named Jumper must assume human form to save the enchanted realm from a cosmic peril.

A cataclysmic battle between two all-powerful Demons has severed a mystical connection that joins Xanth to our own world. The key to restoring it is hidden within a cryptic prophecy that Jumper discovers when he is suddenly transformed from spider to man. As he sets out to discern the prophecy's meaning, he gathers about him a half dozen alluring damsels who do their best to help him solve the riddle while vying for his attentions. But a seductive siren and her demonic consort have determined to use their wiles to lure Jumper and his lovely companions away from their urgent mission. In a madcap adventure that is alternately harrowing and hilarious, they soon discover that danger, deception, and even true love may be found where they least expect it.

In Jumper Cable, master storyteller Piers Anthony spins a wild and witty web of wonder that is sure to captivate fans of fantastic adventure everywhere! **HC \$51.95**

Jennifer Armintrout

Queene of Light (Lightworld / Darkworld 01)

In a time not long from now, the veil between fantasy and reality is ripped asunder—creatures of myth and fairy tale spill into the mortal world. Enchanted yet horrified, humans force the magical beings Underground, to colonize the sewers and abandoned subway tunnels beneath their glittering cities. But even magic folk cannot dwell in harmony, and soon two Worlds emerge: the Lightworld, home to faeries, dragons and dwarves; and the Darkworld, where vampires, werewolves, angels and demons lurk. Now, in the dank and shadowy place between Lightworld and Darkworld, a transformation is about to begin.... Ayla, a half faery, half human assassin, is stalked by Malachi, a Death Angel tasked with harvesting mortal souls. They clash. Immortality evaporates, forging a bond neither may survive. And in the face of unbridled ambitions and untested loyalties, an ominous prophecy is revealed that will shake the Worlds. **PB \$19.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Frostbitten (Otherworld 10)

Investigating fatal wolf attacks on humans near Anchorage, werewolf and new mom Elena Michaels and her husband, Clay, encounter more than they expect in a savage force that awakens their animal natures. **HC \$52.95**

Neal Asher

Orbus

This is a follow-up to *The Voyage of the Sable Keech* tracing the journey of an Old Captain, Orbus – a sadist in charge of a crew of masochists – to a planetary wasteland called The Graveyard, lying between the Polity and the Prador Kingdom. An ancient war drone by the name of Sniper has stowed away aboard his spaceship, and the purpose of the journey is not entirely what the captain expected.

Also heading in the same direction is the Prador king and the Prador Vrell. Vrell, having been mutated by the Spatterjay virus into something powerful and dangerous, has seized control of a Prador dreadnought, killing much of its crew, and is intent on heading back to the Prador Third Kingdom to exact vengeance on the King of the Prador, who tried to have him killed.

All three ships are heading towards a climatic confrontation to The Graveyard, where underlying truths about the virus are revealed and an ancient menace to civilisation reappears... **TP \$34.99**

Amanda Ashley

Immortal Sins

Trapped within a painting for all eternity--or until someone breaks the curse, centuries-old vampire Jason Rourke is finally freed by a beautiful mortal woman and must choose between love and revenge. **APB \$17.95**

Margaret Atwood

The Year of the Flood

Margaret Atwood's eagerly-awaited new novel *The Year of the Flood* is a dystopic masterpiece and a testament to her visionary power.

Adam One, the kindly leader of the God's Gardeners - a religion devoted to the melding of science and religion, the preservation of all species, the tending of the Earth, and the cultivation of bees and organic crops on flat rooftops - has long predicted the Waterless Flood. Now it has occurred, obliterating most human life. Two women have avoided it: the young trapeze-dancer, Ren, locked into the high-end sex club, Scales and Tails; and former SecretBurgers meat-slinger turned gardener, Toby, barricaded into the luxurious AnooYoo Spa, where many of the treatments are edible.

Have others survived? Ren's bioartist friend Amanda, or the MaddAddam eco-fighters? Ren's one-time teenage lover, Jimmy? Or the murderous Painballers, survivors of the mutual-elimination Painball prison? Not to mention the CorpSeCorps, the shadowy and corrupt policing force of the ruling powers ... Meanwhile, in the natural world, gene-spliced life forms are proliferating: the lion/lamb blends, the Mo'hair sheep with human hair, the pigs with human brain tissue. As Adam One and his intrepid hemp-clad band make their way through a ruined world, singing their devotional hymns and faithful to their creed and to their Saints - Saint Francis Assisi, Saint Rachel Carson and Saint Al Gore among them - what odds for Ren and Toby, and for the human race?

By turns dark, tender, violent, thoughtful and uneasily hilarious, *The Year of the Flood* is Atwood at her most effective. **HC \$45**

J G Ballard

Complete Stories of J G Ballard

Collects all ninety-two of the late Empire of the Sun author's stories--including "Prima Belladonna," "Dead Time," and "The Index"-- which span five decades and explore everything from musical orchids to human cannibalism to the secret history of World War III. **HC \$70**

Nina Bangs

My Wicked Vampire

While at the Castle of Dark Dreams, an adult theme park where people go to play out their wildest erotic fantasies, botanist Cinn Airmid comes to the rescue of a vampire who returns the favor by taking her to new heights of ecstasy due to his six hundred years of experience. **APB \$19.95**

L A Banks

Cursed to Death (Crimson Moon 04)

Secret government operative Sasha Trudeau arrives at the scene of a murder, only to discover that a Fae creature has been killed—in a whole new kind of way. What is the meaning behind this mysterious ritualistic killing? What did the victim do to deserve it? Sasha fears that the Vampires and Unseelies have formed an unholy alliance...and they're ready to unleash their darkest arsenal of magick yet.

Teaming up with her mate and fellow Shadow Wolf, Max Hunter, Sasha tries to penetrate the paranormal community for clues. Meanwhile, members of the Wolf Clan are turning against one another as they race to uncover the meaning behind an ancient Unseelie curse. Even Sasha is not immune to this powerful magick, and soon finds herself drawn to a sensual, dangerous dance—one that could cost her own life... **PB \$19.95**

Iain M Banks

Transition

There is a world that hangs suspended between triumph and catastrophe, between the dismantling of the Wall and the fall of the Twin Towers, frozen in the shadow of suicide terrorism and global financial collapse. Such a world requires a firm hand and a guiding light. But does it need the Concern: an all-powerful organization with a malevolent presiding genius, pervasive influence and numberless invisible operatives in possession of extraordinary powers? Among those operatives are Temudjin Oh, of mysterious Mongolian origins, an un-killable assassin who journeys between the peaks of Nepal, a version of Victorian London and the dark palaces of Venice under snow; Adrian Cubbish, a restlessly greedy City trader; and a nameless, faceless state-sponsored torturer known only as the Philosopher, who moves between time zones with sinister ease. Then there are those

who question the Concern: the bandit queen Mrs. Mulverhill, roaming the worlds recruiting rebels to her side; and Patient 8262, under sedation and feigning madness in a forgotten hospital ward, in hiding from a dirty past.

There is a world that needs help; but whether it needs the Concern is a different matter. **HC \$52.95**

James Barclay

Ravensoul (Raven 01)

What would you do if a stranger came to your door claiming to be your best friend. A best friend who you saw die ten years before? The Unknown Warrior has spent the last ten years mourning the dead of the legendary mercenary band The Raven. Reluctant ruler of Balaia he has also presided over the gradual recovery of the land after the devastation of the Demonstorm. The one other surviving member of The Raven, Denser has spent the years rebuilding Xetesk to be the dominant college of magic. But something is very wrong. There are rumours of the dead coming back to life. And the Elves are fleeing their homeland. Something unutterably awful is happening. Something that has spread across all the dimensions. Something that threatens the very essence of the world, that has terrified the spirits of the dead. Brought them back to Balaia. And amongst them The Raven. Desperate and facing a fight that cannot be won. **PB \$22.99**

Clive Barker

Everville

On a mountain peak high above the city of Everville a door stands open onto the shores of the dreamsea Quiddity. And there's not a soul below who'll not be changed by that fact... Phoebe Cobb once a doctor's receptionist is about to forget her old life and go looking for her lost lover Joe Flicker in the strange sensual wonderland on the other side of that door. Tesla Bombeck who knows what horrors lurk on the far side of Quiddity must solve the mysteries of the city's past if she is to keep those horrors from crossing the threshold. Harry D'Amour who has traced the ultimate evil across America will find it conjuring atrocities in the sunlit streets of Everville. **BPB \$19.99**

The Great and Secret Show

In this New York Times bestseller Barker unveils one of the most ambitious imaginative landscapes in modern fiction creating a new vocabulary for the age-old battle between good and evil. Carrying its readers from the first stirring of consciousness to a vision of the end of the world THE GREAT AND SECRET SHOW is a breathtaking journey in the company of a master storyteller. **APB \$19.99**

Stephen Baxter

Ark (Flood 02)

As the waters rose in FLOOD, high in the Colorado mountains the US government was building an ark. Not an ark to ride the waves but an ark that would take a select few hundred people out into space to start a new future for mankind. Sent out into deep space on an epic journey centuries, generations of crew members carry the hope of a new beginning on a new, incredibly distant, planet. But as the decades pass knowledge and purpose is lost and division and madness grows. And back on earth life and man, find a new way. This is the epic sequel to the acclaimed FLOOD; a stirring tale of what mankind will do to survive and the perfect introduction for new readers to one of SF's greatest tropes; the generation ship. Written by one of the most significant SF writers of the last 30 years, a man considered to be the heir of Arthur C Clarke as a writer with a unique ability to popularise science and science fiction for the largest possible audience. FLOOD and ARK together form a landmark in modern SF. **TP \$35**

K A Bedford Australian Author

Time Machines Repaired While U-Wait

It's 2027, suburban Malaga, Western Australia. Ex-cop Aloysius 'Spider' Webb is working as a time-machine repairman - and people are crazy about time travel. Spider is getting on okay (if you put to one side his failed marriage and dead-end career) until he discovers the mutilated body of a woman in a second-hand time machine. What starts out as just another repair job on a faulty time machine becomes a battle for what lies at the very End of Time. **APB \$22.95**

Jenna Black

Speak of the Devil (Morgan Kingsley 04)

Jenna Black has been establishing Morgan Kingsley as one of the premier female characters in the paranormal fantasy genre: a kick-ass exorcist who frees others of their demonic possessions while struggling - and embracing - her own. Black continues Morgan's dark, sexy adventures in the fourth book in the series, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL. Hosting the king of the demons is hard enough without becoming the target of a mysterious enemy with a deadly grudge. To make things worse, Morgan must also defend herself against a lawsuit that won't die and a private investigator determined to unearth her every secret. With anonymous death threats piling up and her enemy closing in, Morgan stands to lose everything she holds dear: her reputation, her boyfriend, her freedom - and maybe even her life. **APB \$19.99**

Shayla Black

Seduce Me In Shadow

When a villainous wizard escapes from exile, the devastatingly sexy Doomsday Brethren must defend all magickind in the spellbinding second book in bestselling author Shayla Black's seductive new paranormal series.

Ex-marine Caden MacTavish has shunned his magical heritage all his life, but he will do anything to heal his desperately ill brother, a Doomsday Brethren warrior in mourning for his missing mate. Posing as a photographer, Caden must convince firecracker tabloid reporter Sydney Blair to reveal the source of her recent exposé on a supernatural power clash. Unfortunately, keeping his hands off the sizzling redhead proves as hard as getting them onto the potent and mystical Doomsday Diary he discovers at her bedside. A bloody rebellion led by an evil, power-hungry wizard is imminent. If Sydney divulges the book's existence, she will jeopardize magickind's most deeply guarded secrets and become the ruthless wizard's number one target. Caden has never trusted magic's cruel and dangerous powers, but he will protect Sydney with his life and magic -- even if it means risking his heart. **PB \$19.95**

Holly Black

Tithe

A Modern Faerie Tale

Do you believe in faeries? Not the soft, gentle Tinkerbell kind, but the sinister, feral kind - that wreak havoc on everything in their path...

As a small child Kaye used to talk to faeries. Now at sixteen she is fierce and independent, travelling from city to city with her mother's rock band, until an ominous attack forces them to return to her childhood home and friends.

Once there, Kaye discovers that her childhood memories were real and she is drawn into a secret faerie world by an attraction that she is unable to fight. Finding herself an unwilling pawn in an ancient and violent power struggle between two rival faerie kingdoms, Kaye agrees to go along with a plan to disrupt the human sacrifice that binds her faerie friends to their unkind masters. But not everyone has been telling her the truth and she is in grave danger... **BPB \$22.99**

J L Bourne

Day by Day Armageddon

START INTERCEPT: SPORADIC NEW REPORTS INDICATE CHAOS AND VIOLENCE SPREADING THROUGH U.S. CITIES. AN UNKNOWN EVIL IS SWEEPING THE PLANET. THE DEAD ARE RISING TO CLAIM THE EARTH AS THE NEW DOMINANT SPECIES IN THE FOOD CHAIN. INTERCEPT COMPLETE.

In your hands is the handwritten journal depicting one man's struggle for survival. Trapped in the midst of global disaster, he must make decisions; choices that ultimately mean life, or the eternal curse to walk as one of them. Enter if you will into his world. The world of the undead. **TP \$30.95**

Sam Bowring Australian Author

Prophecy's Ruin (Broken Well Trilogy 01)

For a millennium the lands of Kainordas and Fenvarrow have been at war, ever since the gods of shadow and light broke the Great Well of Souls. In the absence of victory, they have settled into an uneasy stalemate until a prophecy foretells of a child of power who will finally break the balance. Each side races to find the child, and when they do, a battle ensues with unexpected consequences in a terrible accident, the child's very soul is ripped in two. Each side retreats with their own part of the child, uncertain as to whether they now possess the one capable of finally ending their age-old battle. PROPHECY'S RUIN tells the story of the two boys as they grow to be men. Bel becomes a charismatic though troubled warrior, Losara an enigmatic and thoughtful mage. Both are powerful young men, yet incomplete. As they struggle to discover their place in the world and the shape of their destinies, inevitably each has to ask the ultimate question: will he, one day, have to face himself? **APB \$19.99**

Ray Bradbury

Fahrenheit 451: Graphic Novel

The Authorized Graphic Novel

Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to burn books, which are forbidden, being the source of all discord and unhappiness. Even so, Montag is unhappy; there is discord in his marriage. Are books hidden in his house? The Mechanical Hound of the Fire Department, armed with a lethal hypodermic, escorted by helicopters, is ready to track down those dissidents who defy society to preserve and read books.

The classic novel of a post-literate future, 'Fahrenheit 451' stands alongside Orwell's '1984' and Huxley's 'Brave New World' as a prophetic account of Western civilization's enslavement by the media, drugs and conformity.

Now newly reimagined by gifted artist Tim Hamilton who has previously worked on illustrations for several high profile publications including The New York Times and Puffin's graphic novelization of Treasure Island.

Bradbury's powerful and poetic prose combines with uncanny insight into the potential of technology to create a novel which over fifty years from first publication, still has the power to dazzle and shock. **HC \$27.99**

Kylie Brant

Waking Evil (Mindhunters)

When the body of a young woman is found in Buffalo Springs, Tennessee—a town plagued by a strange red mist that comes once every generation and is a harbinger of death—forensic investigator Ramsey Clark wonders if a killer is playing on the town's fears or if a prophecy is being fulfilled one victim at a time. **PB \$19.95**

Patricia Briggs

Hunting Ground (Alpha & Omega 02)

Anna Latham didn't know how complicated life could get - until she became a werewolf. And now she's not just part of any pack, but under the direct supervision of Bran, leader of the North American werewolves. And her mate is his son Charles, the pack enforcer. With all the advances that have been made in forensics, the werewolves will not be able to hide their existence from humans much longer - and Bran wants their coming out party to be on his terms. But his European counterparts don't see things the same way. Anna and Charles are chosen to represent Bran at a key meeting. But when a French werewolf, one of Bran's most vocal opponents, is found murdered, Charles's reputation shoots him to the top of the suspect list. And among the wolves, there is one penalty for breaking the law: death.

The killer must be found, or Charles will take the fall. **PB \$19.99**

Meljean Brook

Demon Forged (Guardian)

Four centuries ago, two young guardians would have surrendered to the desire burning between them—if a demon hadn't shattered any possibility of their love. Now, a desperate plea for help thrusts them together, even as shocking betrayals threaten their reunion. **PB \$19.95**

Terry Brooks

The World of Shannara (Shannara)

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

Max Brooks

Zombie Survival Guide: Recorded Attacks

Man has battled the undead for millennia. In The Zombie Survival Guide: Recorded Attacks bestselling author and "Studs Terkel of zombie journalism," Max Brooks provides the lessons that history has taught us about zombie outbreaks. This is not a list of all zombie attacks throughout history, but a chronicling of the most famous outbreaks, gruesomely illustrated in graphic novel form.

From our descendants on the African savannahs to the legions of ancient Rome to the voyages of Francis Drake to the ill-advised experiments of the Soviet army, The Zombie Survival Guide: Recorded Attack, takes the reader on a journey across many anni horribilis and hauntingly reminds us how close the living dead have come to destroying humanity. **TP \$34.95**

John Brown

Servant of a Dark God (01)

The launch of a towering new fantasy series introduces an elaborate new world, a strange and dark system of magic, and a cast of compelling characters and monsters. Young Talen lives in a world where the days of a person's life can be harvested, bought, and stolen. Only the great Divines, who rule every land, and the human soul-eaters, dark ones who steal from man and beast and become twisted by their polluted draws, know the secrets of this power. This land's Divine has gone missing and soul-eaters are found among Talen's people.

The Clans muster a massive hunt, and Talen finds himself a target. Thinking his struggle is against both soul-eaters and their hunters, Talen actually has far larger problems. A being of awesome power has arisen, one whose diet consists of the days of man. Her Mothers once ranched human subjects like cattle. She has emerged to take back what is rightfully hers. Trapped in a web of lies and ancient secrets, Talen must struggle to identify his true enemy before the Mother finds the one whom she will transform into the lord of the human harvest. **HC \$52.95**

Jim Butcher

Cursor's Fury (Codex Alera 03)

Power-hungry Kalare has rebelled against Alera's aging First Lord, Gaius Sextus. Ill-equipped to face this attack, Gaius must seek support - even from the combative High Lord of Aquitaine. Kalare has also seized valuable hostages that could mean the difference between victory and failure. And Amara, the First Lord's Cursor, has been tasked with their rescue. She has earned this trust but are her allies as worthy - or does the Lady Aquitaine see the time as ripe for betrayal? Treachery is rife elsewhere, as young Tavi of Calderon will find. Posted away from the war, Tavi joins a legion anyway, under an assumed name. Then Kalare does the unthinkable - uniting with the brutish Canim. When treason wipes out the army's command structure, Tavi finds himself leading an inexperienced legion against the might of the Canim horde - the very last resort of a war-torn realm. **PB \$19.99**

Captain's Fury (Codex Alera 04)

Tavi of Calderon, now captain of his own Legion, has been fighting a bitter war for two years. Then he discovers the invading Canim warriors are harbingers of a far greater threat. The Canim are being hunted in their turn by a savage race that forced them from their homeland - and which has pursued them to the Aleran borders. With options fast running out, Tavi proposes an alliance with the Canim. But the Senate's new military commander wishes only to wipe out the Canim scourge, and would also kill Aleran slaves that have sought freedom with these aggressors. Tavi must reconcile Aleran and Canim, slavemaster and slave, Citizen and Proletarian, if an alliance is to be forced. And he must lead his Legion in defiance of the law, against both friend and enemy - before the greatest army of all launches its assault. **APB \$19.99**

Orson Scott Card

War of Gifts (Ender)

A short novel set during Ender's first years at the Battle School where it is forbidden to celebrate religious holidays.

The children come from many nations, many religions; while they are being trained for war, religious conflict between them is not on the curriculum. But Dink Meeker, one of the older students, doesn't see it that way. He thinks that giving gifts isn't exactly a religious observation, and on Sinterklaas Day he tucks a present into another student's shoe.

This small act of rebellion sets off a battle royal between the students and the staff, but some surprising alliances form when Ender comes up against a new student, Zeck Morgan. The War over Santa Claus will force everyone to make a choice. **PB \$15.95**

Gail Carriger

Soulless (Alexia Tarabotti)

Alexia Tarabotti is laboring under a great many social tribulations. First, she has no soul. Second, she's a spinster whose father is both Italian and dead. Third, she was rudely attacked by a vampire, breaking all standards of social etiquette.

Where to go from there? From bad to worse apparently, for Alexia accidentally kills the vampire -- and then the appalling Lord Maccon (loud, messy, gorgeous, and werewolf) is sent by Queen Victoria to investigate.

With unexpected vampires appearing and expected vampires disappearing, everyone seems to believe Alexia responsible. Can she figure out what is actually happening to London's high society? Will her soulless ability to negate supernatural powers prove useful or just plain embarrassing? Finally, who is the real enemy, and do they have treacle tart?

SOULLESS is a comedy of manners set in Victorian London: full of werewolves, vampires, dirigibles, and tea-drinking. **PB \$19.95**

Kristin Cashore

Fire

Sometimes beauty is the most deadly danger of all...

In a world of stunningly beautiful and exceptionally deadly monsters, Fire is one of the most dangerous monsters of all - a human one. Marked out by her flame red hair, she's more than attractive; Fire is mesmerising.

But with this extraordinary beauty comes influence and power. People who are susceptible to her appeal will do anything for her attention and for her affection, neglecting their kingdoms and abusing their power along the way.

Aware of her influence and yet afraid of it, Fire lives in a corner of the world away from people - and from temptation - until the day comes when she is needed; a day when, for her king, she has to stand against not only his enemies, but also against herself... **TP \$32.99**

P C Cast

The Avenger (Time Raiders)

For Alexandra Patton, the Time Raiders project sends the reluctant psychic back to 60 AD Briton—a world where she can barely understand the accents, let alone its culture of brutality and superstition. Armed only with her "freakish" ability to talk to the dead, Alex must use all her gifts to entice Caradoc, a savagely sexy Druid warrior, into helping her succeed in her mission.

What they discover along the way is pure passion.

Now, torn between duty and the man of her dreams, should Alex return home if given the chance? Or dare she risk everything to begin anew in this strange and mystical land? **PB \$14.95**

Douglas Clegg

Isis

A beautifully illustrated, unforgettable novella that is sure to become a classic tale of the supernatural.

If you lost someone you loved, what would you pay to bring them back from the dead?

Old Marsh, the gardener at Belerion Hall, warned the Villiers girl about the old ruins along the sea-cliffs. "Never go in, miss. Never say a prayer at its door. If you are angry, do not seek revenge by the Laughing Maiden stone or at the threshold of the Tombs. There be those who listen for oaths and vows... What may be said in innocence becomes flesh and blood in such places."

She was born Iris Catherine Villiers. She became Isis.

From childhood until her sixteenth year, Iris Villiers wandered the stone-hedged gardens and the steep cliffs along the coast of Cornwall near her ancestral home. Surrounded by the stern judgments of her grandfather—the Gray Minister—and the taunts of her cruel governess, Iris finds solace in her beloved older brother who has always protected her. But when a tragic accident occurs from the ledge of an open window, Iris discovers that she possesses the ability to speak to the dead...

Be careful what you wish for...it just may find you. **HC \$30.95**

Eoin Colfer*And Another Thing... (Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 06)*

An Englishman's continuing search through space and time for a decent cup of tea . .

Arthur Dent's accidental association with that wholly remarkable book *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* has not been entirely without incident.

Arthur has travelled the length, breadth and depth of known, and unknown, space. He has stumbled forwards and backwards through time. He has been blown up, reassembled, cruelly imprisoned, horribly released and colourfully insulted more than is strictly necessary. And of course he has comprehensively failed to grasp the meaning of life, the universe and everything.

Arthur has, though, finally made it home to Earth. But that does not mean he has escaped his fate.

For Arthur's chances of getting his hands on a decent cuppa are evaporating along with the world's oceans. Because no sooner has he arrived than he finds out that Earth is about to be blown up....again.

And Another Thing . . . is the rather unexpected, but very welcome, sixth instalment of the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* trilogy by Eoin Colfer. It features a pantheon of unemployed gods, everyone's favourite renegade Galactic President, a lovestruck green alien, an irritating computer and at least one very large slab of cheese. **HC \$39.95 CD \$70****Harry Connolly***Child of Fire (Twenty Palaces)*When his boss is injured during a mission, Ray Lilly, the driver for Annalise Powliss, a sorcerer devoted to hunting down and executing rogue magicians, must complete her assignment alone and stop a sorcerer who is sacrificing innocent lives in exchange for supernatural power. **PB \$19.95****Michael Crichton***Eaters of the Dead*

An ambassador of the tenth-century Caliph of Bagdad, Ahmad Ibn Fadlan accompanies a party of Viking warriors to the barbaric north, where he witnesses wanton sexuality and cold-blooded human sacrifices and joins these savage warriors in their battle against a nightmarish terror that stalks their nights.

The year is A.D. 922. A refined Arab courtier, representative of the powerful Caliph of Bagdad, encounters a party of Viking warriors who are journeying to the barbaric North. He is appalled by their Viking customs -- the wanton sexuality of their pale, angular women, their disregard for cleanliness . . . their cold-blooded human sacrifices. But it is not until they reach the depths of the Northland that the courtier learns the horrifying and inescapable truth: He has been enlisted by these savage, inscrutable warriors to help combat a terror that plagues them -- a monstrosity that emerges under cover of night to slaughter the Vikings and devour their flesh . . . **APB \$19.95****Casey Daniels***Dead Man Talking (Pepper Martin Mystery)*Forced to be part of a local reality TV show called Cemetery Survivor, Pepper Martin, heiress-turned-cemetery-tour-guide, finds her life taking an even stranger turn when a ghost claims he was wrongly convicted of killing a young woman and wants her to clear his name. **PB \$19.95****Maurice G Dantec***Grande Junction*In a visionary, gripping, sumptuous, and tantalizing follow-up to his acclaimed *Cosmos Incorporated*, Maurice Dantec again explores an Orwellian technologically dominated "post-human" world.

Technology died first. Now all is unraveling and consuming human life with it. A ragtag group of survivors, smugglers, soldiers, a sheriff, and a beautiful stargazer fight to keep Link de Nova alive. He has the power to heal machines. But what can he do for humankind?

A bestseller in France, *Grand Junction* is a masterful work of hip, literary science fiction. **TP \$36.95****MaryJanice Davidson***Dead and Loving It*The Wyndham werewolves--originally featured in the novel *Derik's Bane*--join the sexy vampires ruled by Betsy Taylor, the vampire queen, in a quartet of romantic novellas set in the world of the paranormal. **PB \$19.95****Jana DeLeon***Mischief in Making (Ghost-in-law Mystery)*Searching for a blood relative with the help of smart-mouthed ghost Helena Henry and sexy private investigator Beau Villeneuve, Sabine discovers that someone does not want her uncovering secrets about her family's past--and that family really can be the death of you. **PB \$17.95****Philip K Dick***Philip K Dick Collection*Collects thirteen definitive works by the eminent science-fiction master, in a chronologically arranged, three-volume boxed set that includes such titles as *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, *A Scanner Darkly*, and *The Transmigration of Timothy Archer*. **HC \$200****William C Dietz***At Empire's Edge*Bioengineered Xeno-cop Zak Cato and his men are ambushed while returning a fugitive Sagathi--part of a race of violent shape-shifters--to captivity in the Uman Empire, and must find out who, or what, betrayed them, no matter the cost. **HC \$51.95****Arthur Conan Doyle***Vampire Stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, The*Offers twelve vampire tales by the creator of Sherlock Holmes, including "The Captain of the Pole Star," about a medical student on an arctic voyage haunted by a heat-draining Eskimo vampire, and "The Three Gables," in which vampirism is used as a metaphor for capitalism. **TP \$30.95****Jocelynn Drake***Dawnbreaker (Dark Days 03)*

The dawn brings new terror for the creatures of the night . . .

Those of her race fear Mira for the lethal fire she bends to her will—a power unique among nightwalkers, both a gift . . . and a curse.

The naturi despise Mira for what she is—as they prepare the final sacrifice that will destroy the barriers between the worlds. And once the naturi are unchained, blood, chaos, and horror will reign supreme on Earth.

Mira can trust only Danaus, the more-than-mortal vampire slayer, though he is sworn to destroy her kind. And now, as the day approaches when titanic forces will duel under cover of darkness, destiny draws them toward an apocalyptic confrontation at Machu Picchu. But all is not lost, for a wild card has been dealt to them: a rogue enemy princess who can change the balance of power and turn the dread tide. **APB \$19.95**

David Farland

The Wyrmling Horde (Runelords 07)

Fallion Orden, son of Gaborn, is imprisoned on a strange and fantastic world that he created by combining two alternate realities. It's a world brimming with dark magic, ruled by a creature of unrelenting evil who is gathering monstrous armies from a dozen planets in a bid to conquer the universe.

Only Fallion has the power to mend the worlds, but at the heart of a city that is a vast prison, he lies in shackles. The forces of evil are growing and will soon rage across the heavens. Now, Fallion's allies must risk everything in an attempt to free him from the wyrmling horde. **APB \$19.95**

Berserker Lord (Runelords 08)

The world of the Runelords has been combined by magic with another parallel world to form a new one, the beginning of a process that may unify all worlds into the one true world.

This story picks up after the events of *The Wyrmling Horde* and follows two of Farland's well-known heroes, Borenson and Myrrima, on a quest to save their devastated land and the people of the new world from certain destruction. But the land is not the only thing that has been altered forever: in the change, Borenson has merged with a mighty and monstrous creature from the other world, Aath Ulber.

He begins to be a different person, a berserker warrior, as well as having a huge new body because of the transformation of worlds. Thousands have died, lands have sunk below the sea and, elsewhere, risen from it. The supernatural rulers of the world are part of a universal evil, yet play a Byzantine game of dark power politics among themselves. And Aarth Ulber is now the most significant pawn in that game. **HC \$52.95**

Christine Feehan

Dark Curse (Carpathian 16)

Born into a world of ice, slave to her evil father, Lara Calladine knew paralysing fear as a child. Only by escaping with her mysterious gifts unbroken did she survive to claim her great Carpathian heritage as a Dragonseeker. She walked her chosen path alone, trusting no one. For beyond the frozen hall of her youth was a world of even greater mystery and danger. Now the world's leading expert in the field of ice-cave study, Lara is on a search for healing microorganisms, but also for the source of her nightmares - the cold, dark corners of her childhood. Only one man has the will and the power to help her: Nicolas De La Cruz. Dangerous and arrogant, centuries of hunting and killing have taken their toll on him but he still longs to feel sensual love without the hunger for blood. A tenuous trust emerges between Lara and Nicholas, and a passion neither of them has ever experienced but, as much as they long for a future as lifemates, they are also haunted by the unknown dangers of the dark curse. **PB \$19.99**

David Forbes

The Commanding Stone (Osserian Saga 03)

When a new enemy emerges in the race to find a magical artifact that can awaken and command long-dead monsters, Gerin, King of Khedesh, must find the secret of the Words before his kingdom is destroyed by dragon fire **PB \$19.95**

Alan Dean Foster

Flinx Transcendent

Flinx is the only one with even the tiniest chance of stopping the evil colossus barreling in to destroy the Humanx Commonwealth (and everything else in the Milky Way). With time running out, he must seek out an ancient sentient weapons platform, dodge oblivion-craving assassins, and escape the bloodthirsty AAnn--all while venturing to places where the laws of physics fear to tread!

After thirty-five years and more than a dozen Pip & Flinx novels, Alan Dean Foster delivers the final installment in this hugely popular series

From science fiction icon Alan Dean Foster comes the highly anticipated final Pip & Flinx adventure for fans of the green-eyed redhead with awesome mental powers and his miniature flying dragon. In this dazzling novel Foster answers all the questions that his fans have been asking about their favorite hero over the years, while saving the universe in the process.

Flinx Transcendent wraps up the storylines that Alan Dean Foster has been weaving through thirteen Pip & Flinx novels. Twice as long as any previous book in the series, this represents a major milestone in science fiction publishing. **HC \$49.95**

Jacquelyn Frank

Rapture (Shadowdwellers)

The Shadowdwellers live in a realm of darkness and sensuality, where order is prized and sin must be punished. Yet for Magnus, the head priest of Sanctuary, salvation rests with the one woman who can entice him to break every rule . . .

SHE WAS THE ULTIMATE TEMPTATION

Magnus is a man of contradictions—a spiritual leader in a warrior's body. To him, laws are for enforcing and visions must be followed—even if that means freeing a beautiful slave and making her his reluctant handmaiden. Betrayed once before, Magnus can barely bring himself to trust another woman. Yet Daenaira's fiery innocence is drawing them both into a reckless inferno of desire.

Daenaira grew up hearing tales of a fearsome priest who seemed more myth than reality. But Magnus is very real—every inch of him—and so is the treachery surrounding them. Beneath Sanctuary's calm surface, an enemy is scheming to unleash havoc on the Shadowdwellers, unless Magnus trusts in a union ordained by fate, and sealed by unending bliss . . . **PB \$17.95**

Dave Freer

Dragon's Ring

Tasmarin is a place of dragons, a plane cut off from all other worlds, where dragons can be dragons and humans can be dinner. It's a place of islands, forests, mountains and wild oceans, filled with magical denizens. Fionn—the black dragon—calmly tells anyone who will listen that he's going to destroy the place. Of course he's a joker, a troublemaker and a dragon of no fixed abode. No one ever believes him. He's dead serious. Others strive to refresh the magics that built this place. To do so they need the combined magics of all the intelligent species, to renew the ancient balance and compact. There is just one problem. They need a human mage, and dragons systematically eliminated those centuries ago. Their augury has revealed that there is one, and they seek her desperately. Unfortunately, she's fallen in with Fionn, who really doesn't want them to succeed. He has his own reasons and dark designs. The part he hadn't worked out is that she will affect his plans too. Chaos, roguery, heroism, theft, love, kidnapping, magic and war follow. And more chaos. **HC \$49.95**

Cornelia Funke

Inkheart Trilogy Bindup (Ink 01, 02, 03)

Meggie loves stories, but her father, Mo, hasn't read aloud to her since her mother mysteriously disappeared. When a stranger knocks at their door, Mo is forced to reveal an extraordinary secret—when he reads aloud, words come alive, and dangerous characters step out of the pages. Suddenly Meggie is living the kind of adventure she has only read about in books. But this one will change her life forever—especially when she slips into the dark, enchanted Inkworld. Reading has never been so exciting ... or dangerous! **PB \$44.99**

Diana Gabaldon*An Echo in the Bone (Outlander 07)*

In the wake of a devastating fire in the mountains of North Carolina, Highlander Jamie Fraser and his English wife find themselves homeless and without family, in the midst of the gathering storm of revolution. And thanks to his time-travelling wife's information, he knows what the coming spring of 1778 will bring. But then Jamie's illegitimate son, William, arrives in North Carolina, a young officer in King George's army. Jamie has sworn two things to himself: his son will never know his true paternity - and he himself will never face his son across the barrel of a gun. Between the mountains of North Carolina and those of the Scottish highlands lie blockades and battlefields, storm and shipwreck, privateers and politics. The one thing that sustains the Frasers in their struggle is the hope that their family has reached safety in the future. They have. The Frasers' daughter and her family have returned safely through the standing stones that guard the passage through time and to Scotland. But something mysterious looms over their new home. Something whose secret may draw them back to what they fled from... **TP \$35**

Laura Anne Gilman*Flesh and Fire (Vineart War 01)*

Once, all power in the Vin Lands was held by the prince-mages, who alone could craft spellwines, and selfishly used them to increase their own wealth and influence. But their abuse of power caused a demigod to break the Vine, shattering the power of the mages. Now, fourteen centuries later, it is the humble Vinearts who hold the secret of crafting spells from wines, the source of magic, and they are prohibited from holding power.

But now rumors come of a new darkness rising in the vineyards. Strange, terrifying creatures, sudden plagues, and mysterious disappearances threaten the land. Only one Vineart senses the danger, and he has only one weapon to use against it: a young slave. His name is Jerzy, and his origins are unknown, even to him. Yet his uncanny sense of the Vinearts' craft offers a hint of greater magics within -- magics that his Master, the Vineart Malech, must cultivate and grow. But time is running out. If Malech cannot teach his new apprentice the secrets of the spellwines, and if Jerzy cannot master his own untapped powers, the Vin Lands shall surely be destroyed.

In *Flesh and Fire*, first in a spellbinding new trilogy, Laura Anne Gilman conjures a story as powerful as magic itself, as intoxicating as the finest of wines, and as timeless as the greatest legends ever told. **HC \$52.95**

Nancy Haddock*Last Vampire Standing*

Second in the delightful series featuring a vampire princess in the Sunshine State, adjusting to life, undeath, and that brutal Floridian sun.

228-year-old Francesca Marinelli thought her past was dead, then a stranger from the Atlanta vampire nest crashes her home looking for sanctuary.

A budding stand-up comic, Jo-Jo's running from an undead superior eager to drive a stake through the heart of his dream job. But Jo-Jo's bad jokes aren't the only dark clouds on the horizon. A psychotic vampire with a murderous agenda has followed Jo-Jo to Florida, putting everyone close to Francesca in danger. **TP \$19.95**

Charlaine Harris*Sookie Stackhouse Boxed Set (Sookie Stackhouse)*

In this new boxed set--which includes *Dead Until Dark*, *Living Dead in Dallas*, *From Dead to Worse*, and five other novels and features tie-in art for season two of HBO's *True Blood*--mind-reading cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse finds her penchant for vampires getting her into a lot of trouble. TV tie-in. **APB \$140**

A Touch of Dead (Sookie Stackhouse anthology)

Sookie Stackhouse enjoys her job as a cocktail waitress in Merlotte's, a small-town bar in small-town Bon Temps, deep in Louisiana. She's funny and pretty and, thanks to her grandmother, she's very well-mannered - but since not many people truly appreciate her ability to read their minds, the guys haven't exactly been beating down her door... And then along came Bill, tall, dark and handsome - and Sookie couldn't 'hear' a word he was thinking. He was exactly the type of guy she'd been waiting all her life for. Of course, Bill had a disability of his own: fussy about his food, not into suntans, bit of a night person: yep, Bill was a vampire. But at least now Sookie knows there ARE guys she can date who won't worry about her catching them thinking about other women... And that's going to make Sookie's life really interesting! **TP \$29.99 HC \$49.95**

Erica Hayes Australian Author*Shadowfae (Chronicles 01)*

Steal souls. Live in hell. Never die.

In a city infested with psychotic fairies and run by sadistic vampire mafiosi, life as a soul-sucking succubus rarely involves lacy lingerie, hot guys or great sex. Instead, Jade must spend her nights seducing gangsters and murderers, or simpering as a trophy girl for hell's minions.

So when she discovers a forbidden ritual that promises to break hell's thrall and set her free, she's got nothing to lose, even if it involves seducing the four most repellent souls in town. But when you're cheating hell, there's always a catch... **TP \$30.95**

William Heaney*Memoirs of a Master Forger*

Winner: 2009 British Fantasy Award: Best Novel

William is a dissolute book-forger. A talented writer in his own right he would rather scribble poems anonymously for an asian friend (who is becoming increasingly successful as a result) and create forgeries of Jane Austen first editions to sell to gullible collectors. He's not all bad. The money from the forgeries goes straight to homeless hostel and William's crimes don't really hurt anyone. And there are reasons William hasn't amounted to more. He did something he was ashamed of when he was a student, he drinks far too much and he can't commit to any relationships. Oh and he sees demons. Shadowy figures at the shoulder of everyone around him (except the woman who runs the hostel, she remains untouched), waiting for a moment's weakness. Or is just that William can see the suffering of the world? And then an extraordinary woman, who may just be able to save him from the world's suffering, walks into his life. This is William's own story. But who can believe a master forger? **BPB \$22.99**

Barb Hendee & J C Hendee*Child of a Dead God (Nobel Dead 06)*

For years, Magiere and Leessil have sought a long-forgotten artefact, even though its purpose has been shrouded in mystery. All Magiere knows is that she must keep the orb from her murderous half-brother Welstiel, one of the deadly so-called Noble Dead. And now, dreams of a castle locked in ice lead her south - on a journey that has become nothing less than an obsession. Among Magiere's protectors are two elven assassins-turned-guardians who must fight their distrust of this sister of the dead. Forces more powerful than they are also rallying around Magiere, arming her for conflict. But finding the orb may be just the start of the dangers that await. **APB \$19.99**

Barb Hendee*Hunting Memories*

Eleisha Clevon has begun a correspondence with fellow vampire Rose de Spenser. Both reluctant predators, they venture outside only when the hunger becomes unbearable, trying not to draw attention to themselves-and feel guilty when ending human lives.

But Eleisha has learned a way to draw blood from her victims without killing them. She wants to share this knowledge with like-minded vampires and create a haven where they can exist together-and forge a united front against Julian Ashton, a vampire who has been hunting down and destroying his own kind... **TP \$30.95**

Lisa Hendrix*Immortal Outlaw*

Only her kiss can save this cursed Viking warrior.

Like the rest of his crew, Steinarr the Proud is condemned to live out eternity as a were-creature. At night he transforms into a lion. Now only one maiden can set him free to love as a man. **APB \$12.95**

Jim C Hines*The Mermaid's Madness*

What would happen if a star writer went back to the darker themes of the original fairy tales for plots, and then crossed the Disney princesses with Charlie's Angels? What he'd end up with is *The Mermaid's Madness*-a whole new take on *The Little Mermaid*. And with Jim C. Hines, of *Jig the Goblin* fame, penning the tale, you can bet it won't be 'They lived happily ever after.' **PB \$19.95**

Ian Irvine Australian Author*The Destiny of the Dead (Song of the Tears 03)*

Ish, his battered little troop and his few remaining allies are trapped on the Range of Ruin by the God-Emperor's mighty army. Nish's only choices are a humiliating surrender to his father or a suicidal fight to the death.

Nish has to fight, and somehow he has to win, for the beautiful world of Santhenar is in peril and no one else can save it. Stilkeen, an all-powerful shape-shifting being from the void, has come to recover the stolen chthonic fire which once bound its physical and spirit aspects together, and it wants revenge for the mortal insult that was done to it.

But it may be too late for Santhenar; chthonic fire has been released from its casket and is now eating away the Antarctic lands as it once devoured the planet of Aachan. Even if, by some miracle, Nish can win the battle with his father, there may be no way to stop the fire, or Stilkeen, before the whole world is consumed. **APB \$23.95**

Jon Izzard*Werewolves*

A slave to his inner beast, the out-of-control wolf-man has careered through mythology and movie screens for centuries, howling in pursuit of his prey. But the modern werewolf is a complex creature, as likely to shed a lonely tear as another's blood. Suffering human remorse for a beast's inhumane acts, the man-turned-wolf is haunted by his own guilt and fear of harming those he loves. For millennia, the werewolf has stalked our imaginations. Now, Jon Izzard goes beyond the fiction to find the facts behind this most tortured of creatures. With real-life stories of clinical lycanthropy and feral children brought up in the ways of wolves, revealing a remarkably humane side to the natural wolf, he uncovers links between man and beast much stronger than we might think. Packed with historical accounts and myths from around the world, from magical shapeshifters and skinwalkers to those doomed by dark and mysterious curses, discover mankind's fascination with unleashing the wolf within. **PB \$25**

Nathan Jurevicius Australian Author*Scarygirl*

A sensational graphic novel for fans and collectors, starring the cult character, Scarygirl, whose designer toys, online comic, game and artwork have won her millions of fans world-wide.

Abandoned on a remote beach, Scarygirl doesn't know who she is or where she's come from. Blister, a kind and intelligent giant octopus, wants to keep her safe, but Scarygirl needs answers. Who is the strange man haunting her dreams? Will Bunniguru help her unlock the mysteries of her past? Can she trust the wily forest dwellers? Her journey takes her to the edge, and beyond ...

Welcome to the world of Scarygirl. **HC \$35**

Julie Kenner*Demon Ex Machina (Secret Life of a Demon-Hunting Soccer Mom 05)*

Demon Hunter Kate Connor is having one hell of a month...

In between demon patrols and teaching self-defense classes to the local moms, Kate has to deal with a teenage daughter who's gung-ho on being a demon slayer in training and a toddler son entering a tantrum phase that rivals anything from the pits of Hell. That's a lot for one woman to juggle, but on top of it all, Kate has to find a way to release the demon possessing her first husband, Eric, without destroying the man inside. Because if the demon within Eric gets free, it just might be more than one seriously stressed suburban mom can handle. **TP \$28.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*Born of Night (League 01)*

Command Assassin Nykyrian Quiakides once turned his back on the League - and has been hunted by them ever since. Though many have tried, none can kill him or stop him from completing his current mission: to protect Kiara Zamir, a woman whose father's political alliance has made her a target. As her world becomes even deadlier, Kiara must entrust her life to the same kind of beast who once killed her mother and left her for dead. Old enemies and new threaten them both and the only way they can survive is to overcome their suspicions and learn to trust in the very ones who threaten them the most: each other. **PB \$19.99**

Sharie Kohler*To Crave a Blood Moon (Moon Chasers 03)*

A BITE TOO FAR...

Imprisoned and tortured by a lycan pack, half-breed Sebastian Santiago is determined not to break. But now they've come up with a cruel plan -- starve Sebastian until he is half-mad with hunger, then force him to succumb to his werewolf instincts by giving him human prey to feed on.

Snatched from the streets of Istanbul, American tourist Ruby Deveraux has already seen the horror of her companions torn apart. Now she is thrown into a dark cell with a shadowy shape she can barely see. But Ruby is no ordinary woman. All her life she has been able to sense the emotions of others, and she knows instinctively that while Sebastian does not want to be her enemy, he is in the grip of sensations so dark and primitive that he can barely control them. But amid his surging feelings she can detect passion -- passion for her as a woman. This, she realizes, may be her only hope. In the unrelenting dark, trapped in a hideous prison, can Ru **APB \$14.99**

Dean Koontz

Nevermore

Desperate to resurrect his cancer-victim wife, billionaire Robert Godric invents a technology that enables him to travel to parallel universes where he searches for his wife and encounters a hive-like race that is conquering Earth in each timeline, an adversary that threatens to follow Robert back to his own world. **HC \$47.95**

Your Heart Belongs to Me

At 34 Ryan Perry suddenly finds himself on a waiting list for a heart transplant. Although he keeps working and looks fit, his condition is deteriorating.

Nevertheless, Ryan manages to remain upbeat, and his reward is well deserved. He receives a new heart, and the transplant is a success.

One year later, Ryan has never felt better. Except for ... troubles connected to the heart. His new, fine, healthy, feel-good heart. It began with heart shaped tokens in the mail, a feeling of being watched. Someone, not Ryan, transfers \$100,000 from his bank account to the cardiology department of a local hospital - how is this possible?

Becoming more watchful himself, Ryan more than once glimpses a mysterious woman whom he tries to follow, but she is too circumspect even for the detective he hires to follow her. He has nothing to take to the police.

Instead, by an extraordinary effort, he uncovers the identity of the donor of ... the heart. His heart. A photo shows someone who looks awfully like the mysterious woman ... who now lets him know that everything will be taken from him: his money, his reputation, his friends, his freedom; and ultimately his heart will be cut out of him because of whose heart he received.

In grave danger, profoundly troubled, Ryan will face up to the woman and get her out of his life. Prepare for the unexpected in this compelling and fast-paced thriller from the master of suspense. **APB \$19.99**

Mercedes Lackey

Foundation (Valdemar Collegium Chronicles 01)

Magpie, a teen orphan, escapes a life of slavery in the gem mines when he is chosen by one of the magical Companion horses of Valdemar to become a Herald, in which role he discovers talents that he never knew he had and witnesses the founding of the Heralds' Collegium. **APB \$19.95**

Gwenhwyfar

Gwenhwyfar, the King's daughter, chooses the path of the Warrior, but is called upon by the Ladies of the Well to become Arthur's queen, and faces temptation, treachery, intrigue and betrayal. **HC \$54.95**

Mercedes Lackey & James Mallory

The Phoenix Transformed (CD) (Enduring Flame 03)

Defending their world against evil forces, Knight-Mage Harrier and High Mage Tiercel team up with the rogue Bisochim in an effort to destroy Ahairan, who is using her magical forces to attack desert nomads under their protection.

Unabridged Spoken Word MP3-CD **MP3 CD \$60**

Edward M Lerner

Small Miracles

Garner Nanotechnology is developing nanotech-enhanced protective suits and autonomous first-aid nanobots. It's cutting-edge stuff, and when it saves Brent Cleary from a pipeline explosion that killed hundreds, the Army takes notice.

Near-death experience changes a person, so no one is entirely surprised when easy-going Brent turns somber and studious, focused and cold. Not at first. But Kim O'Donnell, Brent's best friend, cannot get past some of the changes. This just isn't her friend, and she wonders what's gotten into him. With an Army field trial imminent and the company's future at stake, possible nanotech side effects aren't something anyone wants to discuss. The bad news is, Kim's right. Something has gotten into Brent - and he isn't the only one changing.

If Kim can't stop them ... maybe we'll all change. **HC \$52.95**

John A Lindqvist

Let the Right One In (Film Tie-In)

Oskar lives with his mum in a Stockholm highrise. He likes eating sweets and collecting stories of violent murder from the newspaper, and he has a slight incontinence problem.

The kids at school call him Piggy and beat him up. Luckily, the new girl next door shows promise. Eli smells a bit and never seems to feel the cold and sometimes her hair has a lot of grey in it. So there's a good chance she's an even bigger misfit than Oskar.

But her 'father' is another matter. There's a whiff of something very bad hanging around him.

Right after their arrival, a child's body is found hanging from a tree, and amid the media frenzy other weird things start to happen. The police think it's a serial killer. They're so wrong. **BPB \$25**

Nina Malkin

Swoon

Sin is coming... Prepare to Swoon.

Torn from her native New York City and dumped in the land of cookie-cutter preps, Candice is resigned to accept her posh, dull fate. Nothing ever happens in Swoon, Connecticut...until Dice's perfect, privileged cousin Penelope nearly dies in a fall from an old tree, and her spirit intertwines with that of a ghost. His name? Sinclair Youngblood Powers. His mission? Revenge. And while Pen is oblivious to the possession, Dice is all too aware of Sin. She's intensely drawn to him—but not at all crazy about the havoc he's wreaking. Determined to exorcise the demon, Dice accidentally sets Sin loose, gives him flesh, makes him formidable. Now she must destroy an even more potent—and irresistible—adversary, before the whole town succumbs to Sin's will. Only trouble is, she's in love with him. What do you do when the boy of your dreams is too bad to be true? **BPB \$17.95**

Jeff Mariotte

Light of Day (30 Days of Night)

Mankind becomes caught in the middle of the war between the vampires, who thrive at night, killing unsuspecting prey, and an amoral, clandestine government operation that will stop at nothing to inflict maximum damage upon these inhuman creatures.

A terrifying species of legend that exists in shadow and thrives in night, preying on and intriguing an unsuspecting modern world - An amoral, clandestine government operation that uses whatever means necessary to inflict maximum damage upon one of the most frightening and demonized forces humanity has ever encountered - And all of mankind is threatened by the chain of events set in motion by this unrestrained conflict, and the ripple effects of a new element to the hostilities will forever alter the rules of engagement.... **APB \$19.95**

Anne Marsh

The Hunt

After infiltrating the tunnels of the Guardians to steal the moonstone necklace she has been sent for, Miu meets the darkly sensual predator on her trail who introduces her to a new world of pleasure as her punishment. **APB \$17.95**

Richard Matheson

Button, Button: Uncanny Stories

A collection of dark suspenseful tales includes the inspiration for the upcoming film *The Box*, about a mysterious device that brings a fortune to its handlers but kills a stranger every time it is used, in a film- release edition that contains a new introduction. **TP \$26.95 CD \$51.95**

Richelle Mead

Thorn Queen (Dark Swan 02)

THORN QUEEN is the second in the Dark Swan series of paranormal romance novels featuring the half human/half fairy shaman, Eugenie Markham.

Eugenie Markham is a shaman for hire, paid to bind and banish creatures from the Otherworld. But after her last battle, she's also become queen of the Thorn Land. It's hardly an envious life, not with her kingdom in tatters, her love life in chaos, and Eugenie eager to avoid the prophecy about her firstborn destroying mankind. And now young girls are disappearing from the Otherworld, and no one—except Eugenie—seems willing to find out why.

Eugenie has spilled plenty of fey blood in her time, but this enemy is shrewd, subtle, and nursing a very personal grudge. And the men in her life aren't making things any easier. Her boyfriend Kiyo is preoccupied with his pregnant ex, and sexy fey king Dorian always poses a dangerous distraction. With or without their help, Eugenie must venture deep into the Otherworld and trust in an unpredictable power she can barely control. Reluctant queen or not, Eugenie has sworn to do her duty—even if it means facing the darkest—and deadliest—side of her nature... **APB \$21.95**

Karen Miller Australian Author

The Prodigal Mage (Fisherman's Children 01)

Some seventeen years have passed since the defeat of the sorcerer Morg and the destruction of Barls Wall: the last great Mage War, as the conflict is now known. It has been a time of great change. In the immediate aftermath of the conflict one small exploratory expedition set out across the mountains to discover who lived on the other side. But contact was lost -- and they never returned. Magical attempts to locate the party failed. The people of Lur, still traumatised by the war and struggling to adjust to their new lives, grieved for their losses and pulled back from further exploration. Barls Wall was fallen ... except in their minds. **APB \$22.99**

L E Modesitt Jr

Imager's Challenge (Imager Portfolio 02)

Imager's Challenge takes up immediately after the conclusion of *Imager*. Still recovering from injuries received in foiling the plots of the Ferran envoy, Rhenn is preparing to take up his new duties as imager liaison to the Civic Patrol of L'Excelsis. No sooner has he assumed his new position than he discovers two things. First, the Commander of the Civic Patrol doesn't want a liaison from the infamous Collegium, and soon has Rhenn patrolling the streets of the worst district in the city. Second, Rhenn receives formal notice that one of the High Holders, the father of a man Rhenn partly blinded in self-defense, has declared his intention to destroy Rhenn and his family.

Rhenn's only allies are the family of the girl he loves, successful merchants with underworld connections. In the end, Rhenn must literally stand off against gang lords, naval marines, Tiempran terrorist priests, the most powerful High Holder in all of Solidar, and his own Collegium—and find a way to prevail without making further enemies and endangering those he loves. **HC \$54.95 MP3 CD \$70**

Michael Moorcock

Elric: In the Dream Realms (Chronicles of the Last Emperor of Melnibone 05)

A fifth illustrated omnibus volume of tales featuring the albino warrior ruler includes the novel, *The Fortress of the Pearl*, a selection of classic artwork from early Elric tales, and Neil Gaiman's tribute story, "One Life, Furnished in Early Moorcock." **TP \$32.95**

Chloe Neill

Friday Night Bites (Chicagoland Vampires)

The story of a young heiress's initiation into the dark society of the Chicagoland Vampires continues...

Ten months after vampires revealed their existence to the mortals of Chicago, they're enjoying a celebrity status usually reserved for the Hollywood elite. But should people learn about the Raves—mass feeding parties where vampires round up humans like cattle—the citizens will start sharpening their stakes.

So now it's up to the new vampire Merit to reconnect with her upper class family and act as liaison between humans and bloodsuckers, and keep the more unsavory aspects of the vampire lifestyle out of the media. But someone doesn't want peace between them—someone with an ancient grudge... **TP \$30.95**

Robert Newcomb

The Gates of Dawn

For three centuries, Eutracia was a kingdom at peace, ruled by a benevolent monarchy and guided by a council of wizards. But a horror from the past, long believed vanquished, returned with devastating fury. And when the battle against the bloodthirsty Sorceresses of the Coven was finally won, victory was not without its price. Now, the royal palace lies in ruins; the king and queen, the royal guard, and the Directorate of Wizards are dead; the land is lawless; and Prince Tristan— forced by the Coven to murder his father, the King—is a wanted man.

In a cavernous underground labyrinth, once headquarters of the wizards' council, Tristan has taken refuge with his sister, Shailiha, her infant daughter, the wizard Wigg—the lone surviving member of the Directorate—and the crippled wizard Faegan, returned from self-imposed exile in the forest of Shadowood. Together they face the daunting task of restoring order to Eutracia and winning back the allegiance of her subjects. But suddenly, even these challenges pale beside a truly terrifying turn of events. The sacred jewel that is the source of all magic has inexplicably begun to lose its power. Without its age-old enchantment to sustain their spells, the immortal wizards will perish . . . and magic will vanish from Eutracia forever.

At the same time, a mysterious and ruthless mercenary has declared a bounty upon the head of Prince Tristan. And an army of wizards on a mission to rid Eutracia of monsters created by the Coven has fallen prey to an insidious breed of creatures—beings that can only have sprung from forbidden use of malevolent magic. With time and their powers dwindling, Wigg and Faegan desperately seek to discover who, or what, has succeeded the dead Sorceresses in laying siege to Eutracia. But when the shocking truth is revealed, and an evil that transcends life itself is made known, it is Tristan, more than any other, who will be stunned to his very soul. And it is Tristan who will be thrust into the ultimate battle—for his life, his land, and the course of his destiny. **APB \$19.95**

Robin D Owens

Heart Choice (Celta 03)

Straif Blackthorn, the last in his bloodline due to a genetic disorder, vows to find a cure so that he can rebuild his heritage but finds his mission thwarted by Michella Clover, with whom he falls in love but refuses to pursue because she cannot bear children.

On the planet of Celta, where psychic talents thrive and desires flourish, Straif Blackthorne is the last of his kind. After his family dies due to a genetic disorder, Straif is determined to find a cure and rebuild his heritage. Nothing else matters--until he meets Mitchella Clover. But Straif cannot give Mitchella his heart, for she is unable to bear children. Only when tragedy threatens to destroy them do they realize what truly matters, and what they truly mean to each other. **PB \$12.95**

Heart Duel (Celta)

Despising the practice of street dueling among the aristocratic families on Celta, an exercise that had claimed the life of her own Healer husband and left her a widow, Healer Lark Collinson will do anything to squelch her growing feelings for Holm Holly, a man for whom fighting is a way of life and the scion of a dynasty that has sworn lifelong enmity against her own family. **PB \$12.95**

Heart Thief (Celta)

Destined to walk the planet Celta alone because of his extraordinary ability to neutralize others' psychic powers, Ruis Elder finds himself in front of the ruling Council and in the presence of the gorgeous Ailim, his greatest adversary, who tempts him into a forbidden affair. **PB \$12.95**

Ludmilla Petrushevskaya

There Once Lived a Woman Who Tried to Kill Her Neighbour's Baby: Scary Fairy Tales

A volume of otherworldly tales by an award-winning Russian author blends fantastical and macabre themes in a treasury that incorporates supernatural and darkly whimsical storylines. **TP \$30.95**

Sarah Pinborough

Feeding Ground

When nightmarish spidery creatures invade the streets of London, taking humans as their prey, a few desperate survivors band together to escape the dying city and stumble upon something even more horrific. **PB \$19.95**

Terry Pratchett

Unseen Academicals (Discworld 37)

Terry Pratchett's new adult novel: the 37th Discworld novel, set against the background of the culture of football. Football has come to the ancient city of Ankh-Morpork - not the old fashioned, grubby pushing and shoving, but the new, fast football with pointy hats for goalposts and balls that go glowing when you drop them. And now, the wizards of Unseen University must win a foot ball match, without using magic, so they're in the mood for trying everything else. The prospect of the Big Match draws in a street urchin with a wonderful talent for kicking a tin can, a maker of jolly good pies, a dim but beautiful young woman, who might just turn out to be the greatest fashion model there has ever been, and the mysterious Mr Nutt (and no one knows anything much about Mr Nutt, not even Mr Nutt, which worries him, too). As the match approaches, four lives are entangled and changed for ever. Because the thing about football - the important thing about football - is that it is not just about football.

Here we go! Here we go! Here we go! **HC \$49.95 CD \$39.95 CD (unabridged) \$78**

Nation

Washed up on the shores of a remote island, two kids from cultures half a world apart have to learn to get along and survive. Brilliantly funny novel from the master story-teller and creator of Discworld. Finding himself alone on a desert island when everything and everyone he knows and loved has been washed away in a huge storm, Mau is the last surviving member of his nation. He's also completely alone - or so he thinks until he finds the ghost girl. She has no toes, wears strange lacy trousers like the grandfather bird and gives him a stick which can make fire. Daphne, sole survivor of the wreck of the Sweet Judy, almost immediately regrets trying to shoot the native boy. Thank goodness the powder was wet and the gun only produced a spark. She's certain her father, distant cousin of the Royal family, will come and rescue her but it seems, for now, all she has for company is the boy and the foul-mouthed ship's parrot. As it happens, they are not alone for long. Other survivors start to arrive to take refuge on the island they all call the Nation and then raiders accompanied by murderous mutineers from the Sweet Judy. Together, Mau and Daphne discover some remarkable things - including how to milk a pig and why spitting in beer is a good thing - and start to forge a new Nation.

As can be expected from Terry Pratchett, the master story-teller, this new children's novel is both witty and wise, encompassing themes of death and nationhood, while being extremely funny. Mau's ancestors have something to teach us all. Mau just wishes they would shut up about it and let him get on with saving everyone's lives! **PB \$19.95**

Terry Pratchett & Jacqueline Simpson

The Folklore of the Discworld (Discworld)

Terry Pratchett joins up with a leading folklorist to reveal the legends, myths and customs of Discworld, with helpful hints from Planet Earth.

Most of us grow up having always known to touch wood or cross our fingers, and what happens when a princess kisses a frog or a boy pulls a sword from a stone, yet sadly some of these things are now beginning to be forgotten. Legends, myths, fairytales: our world is made up of the stories we told ourselves about where we came from and how we got there. It is the same on Discworld, except that beings which on Earth are creatures of the imagination - like vampires, trolls, witches and, possibly, gods - are real, alive and in some cases kicking on the Disc. In The Folklore of Discworld, Terry Pratchett teams up with leading British folklorist Jacqueline Simpson to take an irreverent yet illuminating look at the living myths and folklore that are reflected, celebrated and affectionately libelled in the uniquely imaginative universe of Discworld. **BPB \$24.95**

Laura E Reeve

Vigilante (Ariane Kedros)

When she and her partner stumble upon alien ruins on a remote moon that bear evidence of an ancient and highly advanced technology, pilot Ariane must stop the rogue leader of a fringe Terran sect who wants to destroy this technology in an attempt to avenge the death of his family. **APB \$19.95**

Kat Richardson

Vanished (Harper Blaine 04)

For Seattle investigator Harper Blaine, her own case may prove the most difficult to solve. Why did she - as opposed to others with near-death experiences - become a Greywalker? When Harper begins digging into her own past, she unearths some unpleasant truths about her father's early death as well as a mysterious puzzle. She sets out to find his ghost but encounters only a void where he should be, leaving her with more unanswered questions. Before she can continue her search, Harper gets an offer she can't refuse to go to London and pursue an investigation on behalf of some very demanding vampires. But there are unpleasant surprises waiting for her, and Harper soon discovers her present trouble in England is entangled with her dark past back in Seattle - and her ultimate destiny as a Greywalker. **PB \$22.99**

John Ringo & Tom Kratman *America*

The Tuloriad (Posleen 12)

Led only by the slightly insane Indowy and a computer virus, the Posleen retrace the footsteps of their ancestors through space in search of their homeland, an endeavor that leads them down a new path, one that could mean war with the humans.

The Enemy of My Enemy . . .

Of the once innumerable battle clans of the possess only a handful survive. And that on the sufferance of a group of despised Indowy and Himmit. Plucked from the maelstrom on Earth they are cast out into the eternal blackness of the stars with only a slightly insane Indowy and a computer virus to guide them. What follows is a trail of tears and remembrance as the Posleen retrace the footsteps of their ancestors in a search for their homeworld. A search to determine if the Posleen possess the one thing no Human would give them credit for: A soul.

Returned to their beginnings, the question remains: Is there a new path for the Tular Posleen? **HC \$52.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Kim Stanley Robinson

Red Mars (Mars 01)

Mars - the barren, forbidding planet that epitomises mankind's dreams of space conquest.

From the first pioneers who looked back at Earth and saw a small blue star, to the first colonists - hand-picked scientists with the skills necessary to create life from cold desert - Red Mars is the story of a new genesis. It is also the story of how Man must struggle against his own self-destructive mechanisms to achieve his dreams: before he even sets foot on the red planet, factions are forming, tensions are rising and violence is brewing... for civilization can be very uncivilized. **BPB \$24.99**

Green Mars (Mars 02)

Mars can be plundered - for the benefit of a ravaged Earth. It can be terraformed to suit Man's needs - frozen lakes form, lichen grows, the atmosphere slowly becomes breathable. But most importantly, Mars can be owned. On Earth, countries are bought and sold by the transnationals. Why not Mars too?

Man's dream is underway, but so is his greatest test. The survivors of the First Hundred - Hiroko, Nadia, Maya and Simon among them - know that technology alone is not enough. Trust and co-operation are need to create a new world - but these qualities are as thin on the ground as the air they breathe. **BPB \$24.99**

Blue Mars (Mars 03)

Mars has grown up. It is fully terraformed - genetically engineered plants and animals live by newly built canals and young but stormy seas. It is politically independent. A brave and buzzing new world. Most of the First Hundred have died. Those that remain are like walking myths to Martian youth. Earth has grown too much - Chronic overpopulation, bitter nationalism, scarce resources. For too many Terrans, Mars is a mocking utopia. A dream to live for, fight for... perhaps even die for. **BPB \$24.99**

Michelle Rowen

Tall, Dark and Fangsome

Sarah Dearly's positive attitude is waning. Perky and bubbly no longer describe her and frankly being a vampire is the least of her worries. Gideon Chase, leader of all vampire hunters, is being consumed by Hellfire and his only hope is that Sarah will bite him during a ritual under the full moon and turn him into a vampire. To ensure her help he has threatened to kill all the people she loves, inc. Thierry, her master vampire boyfriend and she has no doubt that he can and will do it. He has also demanded she break things off with Thierry and never see him again, which she pretends to do but it isn't easy to protect someone when you're forced to keep your relationship a secret. However Sarah isn't the pushover she used to be - in fact, she was recently cursed to be a nightwalker and when she removes the magical necklace that keeps her hungers in check, she's as dangerous as any blood-thirsty, horror-movie vampire and not just a girl-next-door with fangs. However, her nightwalker self is becoming dangerously attracted to Gideon. Can she cure herself of the curse in time to destroy Gideon and save her true love, so they can live happily together forever? **APB \$14.99**

Jaime Rush

Out of the Darkness

Stalked by a killer, Rand Brandenburg, the survivor of a mysterious experiment gone wrong who can see the future, hides out with others of his kind and falls for a mysterious redhead named Zoe, who, unable to control her powers, tries to shut him out of her heart. **PB \$17.95**

Michelle Sagara

Cast in Courtlight (Chronicles of Elantra 02)

In Elantra, a job well done is rewarded with a more dangerous task. So after defeating a dark evil, Kaylin Neya goes before the Barrani High Court, where a misspoken word brings sure death. Kaylin's never been known for her grace or manners, but the High Lord's heir is suspiciously ill, and Kaylin's healing magic is the only shot at saving him—if she can dodge the traps laid for her.... **APB \$17.95**

John Saul

House of Reckoning

Outcast by an injury sustained from her father, foster child Sara Crane befriends a former mental patient and her art teacher and soon creates paintings of long-ago violent crimes committed by the inmates of a local asylum, a situation that is complicated by brutal attacks on two of Sarah's enemies. **HC \$52.95**

Sharon Shinn

Quatrain

The author of the national best seller *Fortune and Fate* revisits the worlds of fire mystics and shape-shifters from her *Twelve Houses* epic fantasy books in this collection of four novellas, including *Flight, Blood, Gold, and Flame*. **HC \$51.95**

Alison Sinclair

Darkborn

For the Darkborn, sunlight kills. For the Lightborn, darkness is fatal. Living under a centuries-old curse, the Darkborn and the Lightborn share the city of Minhome, coexisting in an uneasy equilibrium but never interacting. When Darkborn physician Balthasar Hearne finds a pregnant fugitive on his doorstep just before sunrise, he has no choice but to take her in. Tercelle Amberley's betrothed is a powerful Darkborn nobleman, but her illicit lover came to her through the daytime. When she gives birth to twin boys, they can see, something unheard of among the Darkborn. When men come for the boys, Balthasar is saved by the intervention of his Lightborn neighbour and healed by the hands of his wife, Telmaine. Soon he finds himself drawn deeper into political intrigue and magical attacks, while Telmaine must confront a power she can no longer keep sheathed in gloves, a power she neither wants nor can control. **TP \$24.95**

Jessa Slade*Seduced by Shadows (Marked Souls)*

When Sera Littlejohn meets a violet-eyed stranger, he reveals a supernatural battle veiled in the shadows, and Sera is tempted to the edge of madness by a dangerous desire. Ferris Archer takes Sera under his wing, now that she is a talyan—possessed by a repentant demon with hellish powers. Archer's league of warriors have never fought beside a female before, and never in all his centuries has Archer found a woman who captivates him like Sera. With the balance shifting between good and evil, passion and possession, Sera and Archer must defy the darkness and dare to embrace a love that will mark them forever. **PB \$19.95**

Bryan Smith*Depraved*

When a group of young travelers stop in the backwater town of Hopkins Bend, they, after being captured and tortured, discover that they are the sacrifices for the annual feast to appease the half-human demon who has placed a curse on the town and its people **APB \$19.95**

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Dacre Stoker & Ian Holt*Dracula: The Un-Dead*

The story begins in 1912, twenty-five years after the events described in the original novel. Dr. Jack Seward, now a disgraced morphine addict, hunts vampires across Europe with the help of a mysterious benefactor. Meanwhile, Quincey Harker, the grown son of Jonathan and Mina, leaves law school to pursue a career in stage at Londons famous Lyceum Theatre. The production of Dracula at the Lyceum, directed and produced by Bram Stoker, has recently lost its star. Luckily, Quincey knows how to contact the famed Hungarian actor Basarab, who agrees to take the lead role. Quincey soon discovers that the play features his parents and their former friends as characters, and seems to reveal much about the terrible secrets hes always suspected them of harbouring. But, before he can confront them, Jonathan Harker is found murdered. The writers were able to access Bram Stokers hand-written notes and have included in their story characters and plot threads that had been excised by the publisher from the original printing over a century ago. Dracula is one of the most recognized fictional characters in the world, having spawned dozens of multi-media spin-offs. The Un-Dead is the first Dracula story to enjoy the full support of the Stoker estate since the original 1931 movie starring Bela Lugosi. **TP \$32.99**

Theodore Sturgeon*Slow Sculpture: The Complete Stories of Theodore Sturgeon*

This long-awaited final volume collects the science-fiction author's work from 1969 to 1983 and includes the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning title story, as well as other stories, a Story Notes appendix, and a comprehensive index to the entire series. **HC \$70**

William G Tapply*Dark Tiger (Stoney Calhoun 03)*

Seven years ago, Stoney Calhoun woke up in a VA hospital with no memories and a series of unexplained talents (language ability, weapons expertise, etc.). Since then he's been living quietly, working as a part time fishing guide and co-owner of a local bait shop—with an unnamed visitor coming around occasionally to see if he's regained any memories.

But this time, the visitor shows up looking for his help—and creating potential mayhem in Stoney's life to prove he's serious. In exchange for making those problems go away, Stoney must go to the far corner of Maine, sign on as a guide at a high end fishing lodge, and look into a couple of suspicious deaths. A government 'operative' was found shot dead in a staged murder/suicide pact involving a local sixteen year old girl. Now Stoney has to uncover what the dead agent was investigating and got him killed—without being killed by the very same people. **HC \$51.95**

Terrence Taylor*Bite Marks*

A teenage runaway is killed by a sadistic vampire with the pathology of a serial killer, who has stalked her family for over a decade. Brought back to life to feed on her child, she's killed again -- but not before reviving her first victim, her firstborn. The undead infant escapes, triggering a citywide search for a vampire baby whose existence threatens to expose the entire vampire society.

And they will stop at nothing to make sure that doesn't happen.

In the downtown art world/club scene of New York City, Steven and Lori, an artist and a writer, are in the middle of a bad break up. Instead of being able to simply move on, they are stuck with each other, bound by a contract to do a book on vampires. When they stumble across the real thing, will their feelings for each other intensify as they're reunited to battle monsters they scarcely believe exist? **TP \$30.95**

Joules Taylor*Vampires*

Dangerous yet seductive, the vampire s legendary abilities to live forever, vanish like mist, fly and exert mind-control over his victims, have commanded respect and inspired complete devotion in his fans the world over. Surveying the great vampire stories, from ancient myths to classic movies, this handbook charts the development of the vampire, from prince of pure evil to poignant anti-hero. Author Joules Taylor goes beyond the sexy, stylish glamour of the vampire to give authentic examples of people with physical and psychological symptoms of vampirism, and explores all aspects of vampire lore, both ancient and modern, from around the world. This comprehensive guide explores the dark mysteries of his eternal allure and irresistible charm, as well as his vulnerability. It notes how to identify a victim of psychic vampirism, and details the many traditional defences against the vampire in all his guises. Keep it by your pillow! **PB \$25**

Max Turner*Night Runner*

For Zack Thomson, living in the Nicholls Ward isn't so bad. After his parents died, he developed strange and severe allergies, and the mental institution was the only place where he could be properly looked after. As strange as it was, it was home. He could watch as much television as he wanted; his best friend Charlie visited him often enough; and Nurse Ophelia--the prettiest no-nonsense nurse ever--sometimes took him bowling. Of course, that didn't mean he had it easy. His allergies restricted his diet to strawberry smoothies, and being the only kid at the hospital could get lonely. But it never once crossed Zack's mind to leave...until the night someone crashed through the front doors and told him to run. Now he's on a race for answers--about his past, his parents, and his strange sickness--even as every step takes him closer to the darkest of truths. **TP \$21.95**

Harry Turtledove

The Golden Shine (Beyond the Gap)

Continuing the alternate-Bronze-Age epic begun in *Beyond the Gap*: The glaciers came and covered the world with ice. Now they are in retreat. North of the city of Nidaros, north of the forest, north of the steppes where the nomadic Bizogots hunt, a gap has opened in the ice-wall. And down through that gap come the men who call themselves "Rulers." Their terrifying cavalry rides woolly mammoths. Their bows can shoot arrows farther than those of the southerners. Their wizards wield power that neither the shamans of the Bizogots nor the wizards of Raumsdalian Empire can match, a magic that can melt the stone beneath a man's feet, call down blasting fire from the sky, or decimate a tribe with plagues that have no cure. Scattered survivors of the Bizogot tribes hide from the Rulers. The Empire is shattered. The feckless Emperor Sigvat II is in hiding.

Against the Rulers stands Count Hamnet Thyssen and his small band of friends. Jarl Trasamund of the Three Tusk Bizogots. The adventurer Ulric Skakki. And, most important, Marcovefa, the female shaman of a cannibal tribe that lives atop the Glacier itself. Marcovefa has magic that the Rulers cannot counter. But there are many Rulers, and they have many wizards. Marcovefa is but one.

Perhaps Hamnet and his allies can save their lands from the Rulers. But first they must seek out the legendary Golden Shrine – and the Golden Shrine has not been seen by human eyes since the time before the glaciers came. **HC \$51.95**

Bonnie Anne Vanak

Immortal Wolf

Exiled to a life of extreme loneliness because everyone she touches dies, Emily Burke has every reason to distrust Raphael Robichaux. The immortal werewolf possesses immense power and has been summoned by her pack to end her life. And yet, from the moment she lays eyes on the powerful rebel, he awakens all the longings she's kept bottled inside...and gives her hope.

When Raphael meets Emily, he knows something enormous is at stake. For not only does he see that her blood can restore life—but she is his destined mate.

Trust doesn't come easily to Emily. But somehow Raphael must convince her to put her life in his hands. Only then will an ancient prophecy be fulfilled and a terrible evil destroyed.... **PB \$14.95**

Elizabeth Vaughan

Red Gloves

Red Gloves is a mercenary, raised to the blade and trained in the ways of war. She'll take no nonsense and pull no punches; she seizes what she wants and leaves when she's done. She and Bethral, her sword-sister, have come to Palins looking for work, but they find torched fields and razed farms, a land defiled. During a storm they stumble across a derelict mansion and beg shelter of the sole human occupant, the resident goatherd. He's not happy, and he's not impressed with the stropy mercenary - but Red Gloves is even less impressed when he notices her birthmark and claims it marks her out as Chosen, born to help the people of Palins reclaim their land. Her inclination to help dwindles still further when she discovers there's no money, no reward, in fact, nothing in store for the Chosen but a difficult, bloody battle against the odds. So she takes what she wants of the goatherd and she leaves. But circumstances force Red back to the mansion and this time she's more inclined to help - after all, impossible odds and bloody battles are very much her style. She's poised, reluctantly, to do her thing, when it turns out she's not the only Chosen in the race for freedom and the crown...RED GLOVES: a beguiling tale of daggers, derring-do and destiny and heroes who come in all shapes and sizes. **PB \$22.99**

Jules Verne

Journey to the Centre of the Earth

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Jules Verne's pioneering science fiction classic tells the story of the distinguished but eccentric Professor Lidenbrock, who finds a scrap of parchment in an old manuscript. A cipher written in runes, it tells of an entrance to another world – a world hidden beneath our own. So with his nephew reluctantly in tow, the Professor follows this cryptic clue down into a dormant volcano, and the further they descend, the more extraordinary the discoveries and creatures that they encounter, the greater the dangers, and the more ancient the living past that surrounds them.

This new translation by Frank Wynne is accompanied by an introduction on the science of Verne's work and its influences. This edition also includes notes, a chronology and suggested further reading. **BPB \$24.95**

J R Ward

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Redemption isn't a word Jim Heron knows much about - his specialty is revenge and, to him, sin is all relative. But everything changes when he becomes a fallen angel and is charged with saving the souls of seven people from the seven deadly sins. And failure is not an option. Vin Di Pietro long ago gave himself up to his business - until fate intervenes in the form of a tough-talking, Harley-riding, self-professed saviour, and a woman who makes him question his destiny. With an ancient evil ready to claim him, Vin has to work with a fallen angel not only to win his beloved over...but to redeem his very soul. **PB \$19.99**

Christine Warren

Big Bad Wolf (Others)

Missy Roper's fantasies have revolved around Graham Winters since the moment they met. But the imposing leader of the Silverback werewolf clan always seemed oblivious to Missy's existence. At least he was, until Missy collides with him at a party and then abruptly runs away—arousing Graham's interest...and wild desires.

Lupine law decrees that every Alpha must have a mate, and all Graham's instincts tell him that the sensual, beguiling Missy is his. Trouble is, Missy is human—every delectable inch of her. Convincing his clan that she's his destined mate, and keeping her safe from his enemies, will be the biggest challenge Graham has ever faced. And now that he is determined to have her—as his lover and as his mate—Missy's world is changing in ways she never imagined... **PB \$19.95**

Kaaron Warren Australian Author

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David Wellington

23 Hours

After killing her former mentor-turned-vampire, U.S. Marshal Jameson Arkeley, Caxton was nearly left for dead. Taken to prison for assaulting a convict, she now faces her most harrowing hours yet. Locked up in a Pennsylvania correctional facility that holds the state's death-row inmates, not to mention countless murderers and drug dealers whom Caxton herself has put away, she is an easy target. But it gets worse. The oldest living vampire, Justinia Malvern is still on the loose and manages to infiltrate the prison. There she uses the inmates as livestock—taking daily donations of blood at will and slaughtering any who don't cooperate. But it's Caxton's blood she's most hungry for, and when Caxton's girlfriend, Clara, comes to visit but ends up trapped there, Justinia will use her as a pawn to get to her most sought-after prey. . . . **TP \$28.95**

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John Wyndham

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Then, when Matthew does something incredible, it seems there is more than the imaginary about Chocky. Which is when others become interested and ask questions of their own: who is Chocky? And what could it want with an eleven-year-old boy?

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Rebecca York

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Stay.

Good reader.

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Poe's Children

From the incomparable master of horror and suspense comes an electrifying collection of contemporary literary horror, with stories from twenty-five writers representing today's most talented voices in the genre.

Horror writing is usually associated with formulaic gore, but New Wave horror writers have more in common with the wildly inventive, evocative spookiness of Edgar Allan Poe than with the sometimes-predictable hallmarks of their peers. Showcasing this cutting-edge talent, Poe's Children now brings the best of the genre's stories to a wider audience. Featuring tales from such writers as Neil Gaiman and Jonathan Carroll, Poe's Children is Peter Straub's tribute to the imaginative power of storytelling. Each previously published story has been selected by Straub to represent what he thinks is the most interesting development in our literature during the last two decades.

Selections range from the early Stephen King psychological thriller "The Ballad of the Flexible Bullet," in which an editor confronts an author's belief that his typewriter is inhabited by supernatural creatures, to "The Man on the Ceiling," Melanie and Steve Rasnic Tem's award-winning surreal tale of night terrors, woven with daylight fears that haunt a family. Other selections include National Book Award finalist Dan Chaon's "The Bees"; Peter Straub's "Little Red's Tango," the legend of a music aficionado whose past is as mysterious as the ghostly visitors to his Manhattan apartment; Elizabeth Hand's visionary and shocking "Cleopatra Brimstone"; Thomas Ligotti's brilliant, mind-stretching "Notes on the Writing of Horror: A Story"; and "Body," Brian Evenson's disturbing twist on correctional facilities.

Crossing boundaries and packed with imaginative chills, Poe's Children bears all the telltale signs of fearless, addictive fiction. **TP \$32.95**

Peter Washington *Editor*

Detective Stories

An anthology of detective tales includes stories featuring such signature characters as Edgar Allan Poe's C. Auguste Dupin, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes, and Agatha Christie's Miss Marple, in a treasury that includes both modern and golden-age classic whodunits. **HC \$30.95**

Young Adult

Vampire Book: The Legends, The Lore The Allure

Get your teeth into The Vampire Book.

Does your child love vampires? Then bring them face to fang with these mysterious, seductive beings.

Trace vampire lore in literature, film and television, find out how vampires can be killed, and learn about famous vampires throughout history, including Vlad the Impaler.

Packed with tons of creepy vampire facts and deliciously chilling illustrations - no vampire-lover should be without one. **HC \$39.95**

Amanda Ashby

Zombie Queen of Newbury High

A prom night Mia will NEVER FORGET . . .

Quiet, unpopular, non-cheerleading Mia is blissfully happy. Rob-super hot football god-has asked her to prom! Life couldn't get any better. Enter Samantha -cheerleader queen and Miss Popularity-who has made it quite clear that Rob should be her prom date. Mia is desperate to make sure she doesn't end up dumped in front of the whole school. So with prom in just a few days, she turns to Candice-her holistic, hypochondriac best friend-and decides to try a love spell to make Rob stay with her. Unfortunately, she ends up inflicting a zombie virus on her whole class instead, and she is their zombie leader! At first she loves all the attention. But when she learns from zombie hunter hottie Chase that her classmates will actually try to eat her in a few days, she's not too thrilled. She's sure she and Chase can figure something out, but in the meantime, she's suggesting that no one wear white to prom, because things could get very messy. **PB \$14.95**

Malorie Blackman

Double Cross (Noughts & Crosses 04)

Explosively page-turning, dramatic and full of relevance for our world today, Double Cross is Malorie Blackman's fourth novel in the award-winning Noughts and Crosses sequence.

Just this once . . . Please let me get away with it just this once . . .

Tobey wants a better life - for him and his girlfriend Callie Rose. He wants nothing to do with the gangs that rule the world he lives in. But when he's offered the chance to earn some money just for making a few 'deliveries', just this once, would it hurt to say 'yes'?

One small decision can change everything . . . **BPB \$19.95**

Karen R Brooks *Australian Author*

Tallow

In a world of darkness, there is one who will bring light . . .

On the edge of a mystical border called the Limen, close to a beautiful canal-laced city, a humble candlemaker rescues a child whom he raises as his apprentice. Years pass and the child's unusual talents are revealed, the gentle art of candlemaking slowly transforming into something far more sinister. Lingering in the shadows, enemies watch and wait - a vengeful aristocrat, an exotic queen and the lethal creatures known only as the Morte Whisperers. They hunger after the child's ancient magic and will do anything to control it - betray, lie, manipulate. Even murder.

A story of intrigue, deadly magic and a love so deep it transcends life itself. **TP \$27.95**

Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl: The Arctic Incident: The Graphic Novel (Artemis Fowl 02)

Artemis fowl has always resented going to school, preferring instead to plot his next crime.

So when the young criminal genius learns that his father is being held prisoner by the Russian Mafiya, he cuts class and braves the sub-zero temperatures of the Arctic Circle to rescue him.

As if having a band of gangsters on his tail isn't enough for the criminal mastermind, Artemis's old enemies, the fairy People, believe that he is supplying illegal human power cells (that's AA batteries to us) to the goblin gangs. But is he responsible - or is someone else arming the goblins?

Maybe Artemis Fowl isn't trying to con the fairies. Maybe this time he needs their help. **TP \$19.95**

Suzanne Collins

Catching Fire (Hunger Games 02)

Against all odds Katniss Everdeen has won the annual Hunger Games with fellow District 12 tribute Peeta Mellark. But it was a victory won by defiance of the Capitol and its harsh rules. Katniss and Peeta should be happy. After all, they have secured, for themselves and their families, a life of safety and plenty. They will live in fancy houses in Victory Village, their families will never be hungry again, and the cruel games are behind them. But there are rumours of rebellion among the other districts, and to Katniss's horror, Katniss and Peeta are the faces of that rebellion. The Capitol is angry. The Capitol wants revenge. The Capitol will not be fooled again. Suzanne Collins continues the amazing story of Katniss Everdeen in this second novel of the phenomenal Hunger Games trilogy. **BPB \$18.99**

Nancy A Collins

After Dark (Vamps 03)

What good is a designer dress if someone puts a stake through it?

It's the most important event of the season in New York's upper-crust vampire society. The Rauhacht Grand Ball has everything you need for a night of scandal and intrigue: gala dresses, stolen boyfriends, forbidden love . . .

Then a team of vampire hunters shows up and ruins everything! The surprise attack by Van Helsing is the worst gate-crashing ever.

In the aftermath, half sisters Lilith and Cally scramble to regain their footing at the exclusive Bathory Academy—and in the world of high fashion, where both have star potential. When new suitors turn the romance up a notch, it's almost enough to make the half sisters forget their intense rivalry. Almost. But shared blood between vampires is not easy, and before long Lilith and Cally find themselves face-to-face again. **BPB \$14.99**

Chris Eboch

The Ghost on the Stairs (Ghost Whisperer 01)

Thirteen-year-old Jon and his eleven-year-old sister, Tania, are typical kids -- except for the fact that Tania can communicate with ghosts. Their mom and stepdad are producers of a ghost-hunter reality television show, but they have no idea that Tania possesses this ability -- and Tania wants to keep it that way.

While filming at an old hotel in Colorado, Jon and Tania find themselves trapped in a ghostly love story that happened more than a century ago. Local legend has it that a ghost bride still wanders the hotel, waiting for her lost husband. Can this fearless brother-sister duo reunite a newlywed couple -- and put these ghosts to rest at last? **BPB \$12.99**

The Riverboat Phantom (Ghost Whisperer 02)

Jon and Tania are back and tracking down more ghosts, this time on the Mississippi River on an antique river-boat. With them are their mother and stepfather, producers of a hit TV show about "real-life" ghosts -- a topic no one on the crew seems to take all that seriously. But Tania has a gift -- she can see and communicate with ghosts, and this time she's in touch with the spirit of a riverboat captain who accidentally caused the boat to catch fire, and he's making trouble for everyone. Will Tania be able to help this troubled spirit find peace before disaster strikes again? **BPB \$12.99**

Neil Gaiman, James Patterson, Lemony Snicket et al

Half-Minute Horrors

How scared can you get in only 30 seconds? Dare to find out with Half-Minute Horrors, a collection of deliciously terrifying short short tales and creepy illustrations by an exceptional selection of writers and illustrators, including bestselling talents Lemony Snicket, James Patterson, Neil Gaiman, R.L.Stine, Faye Kellerman, Holly Black, Melissa Marr, Margaret Atwood, Jon Scieszka, Brett Helquist, and many more. With royalties benefiting First Book, a not-for-profit organization that brings books to children in need, this is an anthology worth devouring. So grab a torch, set the timer, and get ready for instant chills! **PB \$19.99**

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 \$29.95**

Lucinda Hare

The Dragon Whisperer

Quenelda has always had a magical bond with dragons, and her greatest wish is to fly one and fight alongside her father the Earl Rufus DeWinter, Commander of the Stealth Dragon Services (SDS), in the war against the hobgoblins. Root, on the other hand, a young gnome wishes only to avoid the fearsome creatures, so the role of Quenelda's esquire is the last thing he needs. But under the tutelage of Tangnost Bearhugger, the Earl's Dragon Master, an unexpected friendship is forged, and when treachery stirs in the Sorcerers Glen this unlikely duo must find a way to defeat the dark forces. Epic battles, whispered legends and soaring magic combine in this breathtaking debut fantasy, with black and white illustrations by David Wyatt. **HC \$24.95**

Simon Higgins

The Wrath of the Silver Wolf (Moonshadow 02)

In the land of the samurai, the defenders of peace are now targets . . .

Power-hungry warlord Silver Wolf plots against Moonshadow and the Grey Light Order. His schemes could tear Japan apart and the legendary mystic, the White Nun, is caught in the middle. To reach the White Nun's haunted mountain home, Moon and Snowhawk must survive Silver Wolf's living weapons: bounty hunters, a vengeful gangster and powerful Clan Fuma agents. Among them is Chikuma, an assassin who uses no force, weapons or poisons -- but may prove the most lethal enemy they've encountered yet.

Will Silver Wolf's wrath destroy Japan's guardians of peace? **BPB \$16.95**

Charlie Higson

Fourteen

When the sickness came, every parent, police officer, politician - every adult - felt ill. The lucky ones died. The others are crazed, confused and hungry. Only children under fourteen remain, and they're fighting to survive. Now there are rumours of a safe place to hide. And so a gang of children begin their quest across London, where all through the city - down alleyways, in deserted houses, underground - the grown ups lie in wait. But can they make it there - alive? The first incredibly gripping adventure in a heart-stopping new series.

Warning: Contains strong language and scenes of violence **TP \$19.95**

George Ivanoff *Australian Author*

Gamer's Quest

Tark and Zyra are teenaged thieves on a quest. In a world of magic and science, where dragons and mages exist alongside drones and lasers, they endeavour to reach the haven of Designers Paradise.

But their world is not what it appears to be and their haven is about to come under threat of destruction. Can Tark and Zyra save Designers Paradise... and their own world? **PB \$16.95**

Bart King

The Big Book of Girl Stuff

Girls rock, we all know that, and so does The Big Book of Girl Stuff! It's packed with fab tips, hot things to make and do, amazing facts, activities, and everything you need to know about how cool it is to be a girl! Girls can learn how to build a compliment kit, how to make a friendship bracelet, how to calm a crying baby, why boys smell so bad, how your biology teacher knows you didn't do your homework, how to shop, how to deal with a killer crush, and how to make a fake bellybutton piercing! Illustrated by Jennifer Kalis **TP \$24.99**

Justine Larbalestier *Australian Author*

Liar

Micah Wilkins admits she's a liar. But will murder be enough of a reason to stop lying? An extraordinary and original story that will have you grasping for the truth until the very last page.

Secrets, lies, murder and betrayal.

Micah Wilkins is a liar. But when her boyfriend, Zach, dies under brutal circumstances, the shock might be enough to set her straight. Or maybe not. Especially when lying comes as naturally to her as breathing. Was Micah dating Zach? Did they kiss? Did she see him the night he died? And is she really hiding a family secret? Where does the actual truth lie?

Liar is a breathtaking roller-coaster read that will have you up all night, desperately seeking for something true. **TP \$22.99**

John Lenahan

Shadowmagic

Conor thought he was an average teenager. OK, so his father only had one hand, spoke to him in ancient languages and was a bit on the eccentric side but, other than that, life was fairly normal. Until, that is, two Celtic warriors on horseback and wearing full armour appear at his front door and try to kill him. After that, things get pretty weird. **BPB \$24.99**

Kelly Link

The Wrong Grave

A collection of weird short stories that will have you hooked from the very first line, every time. A boy returns to his girlfriend's grave to retrieve poems he placed in her coffin, but is she pleased to see him? Wizards build high towers and command those living below, but no one knows what their magic is good for. A grandmother keeps a village, or is it a vicious dog, in her handbag. **BPB \$22.95**

Melina Marchetta *Australian Author*

Finnikin of the Rock

Finnikin of the Rock and his guardian, Sir Tophor, have not been home to their beloved Lumatere for ten years. Not since the dark days when the royal family was murdered and the kingdom put under a terrible curse. But then Finnikin is summoned to meet Evanjalín, a young woman with an incredible claim: the heir to the throne of Lumatere, Prince Balthazar, is alive.

Evanjalín is determined to return home and she is the only one who can lead them to the heir. As they journey together, Finnikin is affected by her arrogance . . . and her hope. He begins to believe he will see his childhood friend, Prince Balthazar, again. And that their cursed people will be able to enter Lumatere and be reunited with those trapped inside. He even believes he will find his imprisoned father.

But Evanjalín is not what she seems. And the truth will test not only Finnikin's faith in her . . . but in himself. **BPB \$19.95**

Melissa Marr

Fragile Eternity

After the terrible events of Ink Exchange, the Dark Court has a new ruler. But will Niall's kindness survive his new responsibility to the most violent of Faerie courts?

Meanwhile, Seth and Aislinn attempt to mend their relationship. But Aislinn is the Summer Queen and Keenan is her king - and as summer approaches, their chemistry sparks. Will Seth's mortality lose him the one thing he loves above all others?

As Niall seeks to control his new Court, Aislinn attempts to resist the seduction of summer, and Seth searches desperately for the gift of immortality, a delicate balance is threatened, and a terrible plot is revealed... **TP \$19.99**

Richelle Mead

Blood Promise (Vampire Academy 04)

Bound by love, but sworn to kill . . . Guardian Rose Hathaway's life will never be the same.

The recent attack on St. Vladimir's Academy devastated the entire Moroi world. Many are dead. And, for the few victims carried off by Strigoi, their fates are even worse. A rare tattoo now adorns Rose's neck; a mark that says she's killed far too many Strigoi to count.

But only one victim matters . . . Dimitri Belikov. Rose must now choose one of two very different paths: honoring her life's vow to protect Lissa—her best friend and the last surviving Dragomir princess—or dropping out of the Academy to strike out on her own and hunt down the man she loves. She'll have to go to the ends of the earth to find Dimitri and keep the promise he begged her to make. But the question is, when the time comes, will he want to be saved? **TP \$19.95**

Sienna Mercer

Switched (My Sister the Vampire 01)

Olivia Abbott is a cheerleader - pretty clothes, pretty hair and pretty perfect. Ivy Vega is definitely not the cheerleading type - black clothes, black eyeliner, pale skin. In fact she seems the exact opposite of Olivia - or she would be if she wasn't her twin! Meeting for the first time since being separated at birth, Olivia is about to discover that her long lost sister may just have some skeletons in her closet.

But that won't put her off getting to know Ivy. After all, blood is thicker than water - and it's certainly tastier! This title combines the excitement of finding a long-lost sister with a hair-raising twist. Sink your teeth into Olivia and Ivy's fright-time adventure. **PB \$14.95**

Fangtastic (My Sister the Vampire 02)

Olivia is a vegetarian. Ivy is a vampire. And they're twins. Ever since Olivia discovered that her long-lost twin sister, Ivy, is a vampire, she's been soaking up everything Ivy will tell her about Franklin Grove's vampire community. It's all top secret. But now, nosy tabloid reporter Serena Star is sniffing around like a bloodhound. **BPB \$14.95**

Sienna Mercer

Revamped (My Sister the Vampire 03)

The secret is out - cheerleader Olivia and vampire Ivy are twins! Now that Ivy and Olivia have told their friends that they're twins, they have to come clean to their adoptive parents. But Ivy's dad doesn't even want to meet Olivia. **PB \$14.95**

Vampalicious (My Sister the Vampire 04)

Ivy and Olivia can't lose each other again! Even though twin sisters Ivy and Olivia, separated at birth, have only been reunited for a few months, they can't imagine life without each other. But Ivy's dad has decided to move to Europe - and he's taking Ivy with him. **PB \$14.95**

Stephenie Meyer

New Moon: Complete Illustrated Movie Companion (Twilight)

Designed as a celebration of the film, this lavishly illustrated paperback edition is an exclusive behind-the-scenes guide featuring full-colour photos of the cast, locations and sets, as well as storyboards, interviews, details of the special effects and much more. **TP \$26.99**

Twilight Journals (Twilight)

The stunning Twilight Journal set includes the four journals featuring the striking Twilight Saga cover art and decorative two-colour quotes from Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse and Breaking Dawn throughout, and is packaged in a collectible tin. **HC \$35**

New Moon (Collector's edition) (Twilight 02)

New Moon Collector's Edition is a deluxe edition of the worldwide bestseller, housed in a slipcase and includes a ribbon bookmark, cloth cover and newly-designed, two-color chapter openers. **HC \$50**

New Moon (Film Tie In) (Twilight 02)

I stuck my finger under the edge of the paper and jerked it under the tape. Shoot, I muttered when the paper sliced my finger. A single drop of blood oozed from the tiny cut. It all happened very quickly then. No! Edward roared... Dazed and disoriented, I looked up from the bright red blood pulsing out of my arm - and into the fevered eyes of the six suddenly ravenous vampires.

For Bella Swan, there is one thing more important than life itself: Edward Cullen. But being in love with a vampire is more dangerous than Bella ever could have imagined. Edward has already rescued Bella from the clutches of an evil vampire but now, as their daring relationship threatens all that is near and dear to them, they realise their troubles may just be beginning... **TP \$24.99**

Alyson Noel

Evermore (Immortals 01)

Since a horrible accident claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever can see auras, hear people's thoughts, and know a person's life story by touch. Going out of her way to shield herself from human contact to suppress her abilities has branded her as a freak at her new high school—but everything changes when she meets Damen Auguste...

Ever sees Damen and feels an instant recognition. He is gorgeous, exotic and wealthy, and he holds many secrets. Damen is able to make things appear and disappear, he always seems to know what she's thinking—and he's the only one who can silence the noise and the random energy in her head. She doesn't know who he really is—or what he is. Damen equal parts light and darkness, and he belongs to an enchanted new world where no one ever dies. **PB \$21.95**

Blue Moon (Immortals)

Alyson's Noël's bestselling Immortals series has been hailed as "addictive" "beautiful" "haunting" and "mesmerizing." In the second installment, Ever can bring her family back from the dead—but only if she's willing to sacrifice the guy she loves more than life itself.

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

Desperate to save him, Ever travels to the mystical dimension of Summerland, uncovering not only the secrets of Damen's past—the brutal, tortured history he hoped to keep hidden—but also an ancient text revealing the workings of time. With the approaching blue moon heralding her only window for travel, Ever is forced to decide between turning back the clock and saving her family from the accident that claimed them—or staying in the present and saving Damen, who grows weaker each day... **PB \$21.95**

James Patterson

Witch and Wizard

James Patterson's biggest series ever! Torn from their family and slammed into prison, a sister and brother try everything to save the world they love from a dangerous new regime.

The world is changing—the government has seized control of every aspect of society, and now kids are disappearing. For fifteen-year-old Wisty and her older brother Whit, life turns upside-down when they are hauled out of bed one night, separated from their parents, and thrown into a secret compound for no reason they can comprehend. The new government is clearly trying to suppress Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Being a Normal Teenager. Imprisoned together and condemned to death, Wisty and Whit begin exhibiting strange abilities and powers they never dreamed of. Maybe there is a reason they were singled out. Can this newly minted witch and a wizard master their skills in time to save themselves, their parents—and maybe the world? **TP \$29.95**

Christopher Pike

Thirst: Last Vampire / Black Blood / Red Dice

As to blood --

ah, blood, the whole subject fascinates me. I do like that as well, warm and dripping, when I am thirsty. And I am often thirsty....

Alisa has been in control of her urges for the five thousand years she has been a vampire. She feeds but does not kill, and she lives her life on the fringe to maintain her secret. But when her creator returns to hunt her, she must break her own rules in order to survive.

Her quest leads her to Ray. He is the only person who can help her; he also has every reason to fear her. Alisa must get closer to him to ensure her immortality. But as she begins to fall in love with Ray, suddenly there is more at stake than her own life.... **BPB \$16.99**

Mark Robson

Aurora (Dragon Orb)

Four dragonriders on a mission to save their world.

Elian and his dawn dragon, Aurora, lead the search for the fourth and final orb.

Pursued by night dragons and helped by a WWI airman, the four dragonriders are drawn into a huge aerial battle between all the dragon enclaves. The ultimate fate of dragonkind hangs by a thread. To restore order, a terrible price must be paid ... **BPB \$17.95**

Emily Rodda *Australian Author*

The Battle For Rondo (Rondo 03)

Peril awaits Leo and Mimi on their return to the fantastic world of Rondo. With the help of Rondo's seven best witches and wizards, their friends have made plans to combat the attacks of the Blue Queen. But it soon becomes clear that defence is no longer enough. The queen has a dragon on her side, and is plotting a terrible revenge on all those who have defied her. A daring plan, a reckless quest and a mysterious prophecy test the friends' wits and courage to the limit as they plunge into an adventure packed with suspense, shocks and danger, and ending at last in the battle that will decide Rondo's future forever. **HC \$34.99**

Josie Rusher

Robert Pattinson Annual 2010

Beyond Twilight

He's talented, he's sexy and he's here to stay! Robert Pattinson is officially the world's hottest young actor. In this book we take you closer than ever before to the star of Twilight and New Moon...Packed with up-to-date news, the hottest gossip from the set of New Moon, the very latest gorgeous photos, facts and quizzes, the ROBERT PATTINSON ANNUAL 2010 is the perfect Christmas gift for fans everywhere. Take the test to see which Twilight character you're most like and discover whether you could even be Rob's perfect partner. Test your knowledge of Rob's loves and hates and find out whether you're his number one fan. With a FREE and exclusive Robert Pattinson calendar poster - filled in with all of Rob's important dates over the coming year - this is a must-have annual that will keep your heart fluttering over Rob all year round! **HC \$22.99**

Justin Somper

Black Heart (Vampirates)

There's a new ship of vampirates roaming the seas, leaving a trail of fear and devastation in its wake. When a high-profile pirate is slain, the Pirate Federation takes decisive action and begins training up a ship of dedicated vampire hunters. Amongst the dynamic crew is young pirate prodigy Connor Tempest. Meanwhile, Connor's twin sister Grace enjoys a bittersweet reunion with their mother, Sally, who has some important and shocking news for her daughter. As Grace uncovers the truth about her family's past, she realises that she and Connor face a daunting and uncertain future. **BPB \$14.99**

Lili St Crow

Betrayal (Dru Anderson 02)

Having no parents to call her own and sent to the New England Schola for teens like herself, Dru Anderson looks forward to being in a stable environment until traitorous acts and treacherous deeds by those she considered friends bring a new type of danger to her door. **TP \$22.95**

Colin Thompson *Australian Author*

Camelot (Dragons 01)

What do you get when you cross the legendary heroes of Camelot with the legendary humour of Colin Thompson? THE DRAGONS!

In the days when dragons roamed the earth turning people into toast, a mighty King ruled the world. This King lived in the great castle of Camelot in the beautiful island of Avalon. Guided by the great wizard Merlin, this King became a legend and his name was Arthur.

The trouble with legends is that every time their stories are told they become more and more fabulous, so useless twits are often turned into superheroes.

This is the true story of King Arthur, who was not a superhero. He was a nasty little spoilt brat who was totally up himself.

Or was he . . . ? **PB \$15.95**

Floods Family Files (Floods)

Each member of the Flood family has a secret cellar under the house. Find out what's inside, if you dare . . .

If you ever find make it through the snarling front gate of 13 Acacia St without being eaten, past Queen Scratchrot's grave in the backyard without having your ankle grabbed, and down into the cellars of the Floods family without being turned into a Belgian geography teacher, here is what you might see... **PB \$14.95**

Dorothy Wall

Complete Adventures of Blinky Bill

Blinky Bill, the mischievous little koala, has been a favourite with children since his first appearance in 1933. His shenanigans at Miss Pym's shop and in Farmer Smifkins's vegie patch quickly earned him a devoted following.

Blinky Bill Grows Up and Blinky Bill and Nutsy followed in 1935 and 1938, and the three stories were first combined in an omnibus edition in 1939. As with Snugglepot and Cuddlepie and The Magic Pudding, the original illustrations have been re-scanned, creating a stunning version of this well-loved omnibus classic. **HC \$39.99**

Television, Movie and Comic Related

Marvel Encyclopedia

Updated edition of this complete A-Z of Marvel characters created in full collaboration with Marvel Comics.

Are you a comic-book fan, obsessed by superheroes? This unique A-Z of more than 1,000 classic characters created by comic giant Marvel will satisfy any super-thirst for knowledge. Get closer to Spider-Man, the Avengers, Hulk, Wolverine, the XMen and more... all your favourite superheroes and villains are here, as well as some weird and wonderful one-offs.

Knock-out double-page features celebrate some of the biggest Marvel stars with intimate details on their powers, titanic clashes and action-packed careers.

Jam packed with things you never knew, as well as original, Marvel comic-book art – the power and excitement of more than 60 years of comic-book history explodes off every page. **HC \$79.95**

Astro Boy

Astro Boy: Novelisation

In futuristic metro city, a robot with incredible powers is created by a brilliant scientist in the image of his lost son. This robot is Astro Boy. Alone in the world, Astro must learn who his real friends are and how to use his powers for good, because one day metro city will need a hero. **BPB \$12.95**

Battlestar Galactica

Battlestar Galactica Official Companion Season 4

Compiled with complete access to the production of the science fiction show's final season, this official companion is packed with exclusive interviews, photos, behind-the-scenes secrets, and a complete Season Four episode guide. TV tie-in. **TP \$30.95**

Bones

Forensic Files

Paul Ruditis

An official behind-the-scenes story of the TV forensic drama is packed full of exclusive interviews with the cast and crew, color photos, information about real-life forensics, and a seasons three and four episode guide. **TP \$34.95**

Doctor Who

Rising Night

The TARDIS arrives in an 18th Century village in the Yorkshire Moors, where livestock has been vanishing from the farmland and strange lights have been seen in the skies.

Something is very wrong here, and he soon becomes involved in a nightmarish adventure, in which he is helped by a young local woman named Charity. Who is feeding on the blood of the locals, and where will the carnage stop...?

For the first time, this audio original features the Doctor travelling alone. Unabridged **CD \$29.99**

Storybook 2009 HC \$28.95

Darksmith Legacy 08: Pictures of Emptiness

Jacqueline Rayner

The Doctor finds himself on trial before the Shadow Proclamation where the Crystal is legally returned to Gisella. The Doctor is ready to continue his mission until Gisella betrays him, staying with the Darksmiths. But she accidentally reveals where the Darksmiths are meeting their client.

The Doctor arrives on the chosen planet, and becomes involved in an adventure involving missing eyes and souls. Will the Doctor solve this mystery and stop the hand over of the Crystal? **BPB \$12.95**

Darksmith Legacy 09: Art of War

Mike Tucker

The Darksmiths have the Eternity Crystal and are eager to finally fulfil their contract with their mysterious client. The Darksmiths have also reprogrammed Gisella, the robotic 'daughter' of Varlos, who now seems to be working for them. The Doctor learns that the Darksmiths are due to hand over the Crystal to their client as a secret rendezvous on present day Earth. Will the Doctor be able to intercept the transaction in time? Or will the Crystal begin a war that will continue for all eternity? **BPB \$12.95**

Heroes

Heroes Revealed

A fan's reference includes cast and crew interviews, character profiles, and behind-the-scenes features that provide additional insights into the BAFTA-, Emmy-, and Golden Globe-nominated television series. **TP \$30.95**

Indiana Jones

Indiana Jones and the Army of the Dead

Steve Perry

Searching for the fabled black pearl known as the Heart of Darkness, Indiana Jones, along with "Mac" McHale, must elude the German and Japanese agents who are fast on their trail and survive an encounter with an enemy like no other on the Island of the Dead before he can claim his prize. **PB \$19.95**

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Robert Greenberger

When an anti-terror organization known as S.H.I.E.L.D. asks him for his help in its battle against the forces of HYDRA, millionaire industrialist Tony Stark, aka Iron Man, falls victim to the schemes of two lethal ladies who reveal his fatal flaw. **PB \$19.95**

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Simpsons

Simpsons Confidential

John Ortved

The uncensored inside story of how The Simpsons became the world's most popular entertainment programme

The Simpsons is the world's most popular entertainment phenomenon, regularly voted on both sides of the Atlantic as the best TV show ever made. Simpsons Confidential is the uncensored, unauthorised oral history of the show from the people who made it happen. It takes you into the inner sanctum of the series to reveal the mechanics and politics of how The Simpsons became of global significance - from Matt Groening drawing his first Homer on the ride over to the pitch the show, to Conan O'Brien and the other Harvard comedy geniuses taking us into the daily life of the writing room. Animators, writers, actors, directors, producers, executives and celebrity guest stars - everyone from Rupert Murdoch down - all offer their opinions, insights and stories.

Positively fizzing with indiscretions and intrigue, here at last is the book that legions of Simpsons' fans have been waiting for. **TP \$34.95**

Star Trek

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Una McCormack

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Star Wars

Will Booker

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The Complete Vader

Ryder Windham & Peter Vilmur

Ever since the first Star Wars film was screened in 1977, fans have been drawn to Darth Vader -- the only character who links all six Star Wars films. Many books, both fiction and non fiction, have been written about the Dark Lord -- but only this one tells the complete story of the galaxy's consummate villain. From his early development by George Lucas, to the new legends created in comics and novels, The Complete Vader provides an overview of the character in all his incarnations. Going beyond the films to cover his further adventures in the Expanded Universe and beyond, the text combines new insight with collected interviews from pivotal behind-the-scenes figures, while more than 170 images illustrate our endless fascination with the Darth Vader and his story. Combining the epic sweep of the myths surrounding the character with his powerful visual impact, this is a must-have for fans and collectors everywhere. **HC \$69.99**

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Dragon Magazine Annual Volume 1

This book collects the best Dragon magazine content from the past year into one easy-to-reference source. The articles contained herein provide exciting character options for players as well as inspiration and campaign-building support for Dungeon Masters. All of this material is 100% official and suitable for any D&D game.

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d20 Pathfinder

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Fear and ruin grip the land as the long-imprisoned army of a mad genie renews its ancient war.

From the streets of the exotic city of Katapesh to the shadow of cursed Pale Mountain, this horde of immortal warriors leaves only fire and ruin in its wake. Empowered and perverted by the granting of wild wishes, this seemingly invincible legion strangles the realm in its fearful grasp as an obsessed general stokes the embers of an age-old devastation. Can the PCs save Katapesh from both a burning tyrant and the resurrection of a living apocalypse?

Find out in this, the climax of the Legacy of Fire Adventure Path!

This volume of Pathfinder Adventure Path includes:

"The Final Wish," an adventure for 14th-level characters, by Rob McCreary.

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Pathfinder Channa Ti's last-ditch efforts to prevent a dark god from entering the world, in a climactic Pathfinder's Journal by New York Times bestselling author Elaine Cunningham.

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25 Council of Thieves 01: The Bastards of Erebus

The city of Westcrown is dying. Since being stripped of its station as the capital of Cheliox, the wealth and prestige of the city has gradually slipped away, leaving the desperate people to fend for themselves in a city beset by criminals, a corrupt nobility, and a shadowy curse. Can the PCs fight back against champions of both the law and the criminal world?

This volume of Pathfinder Adventure Path launches the Council of Thieves Adventure Path, and includes:

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GURPS 4E

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Magic: The Gathering Planechase

Planechase Decks

The Planechase plane cards introduce a groundbreaking new way to experience planeswalking. Through this innovative new kind of card, two or more players can battle each other across a variety of diverse worlds, each with its own unique effect on the game. These thrilling new conditions add a whole new layer of chaos, meaning the only thing you can count on is unpredictability.

There will be four Planechase Game Packs released: Elemental Thunder, Metallic Dreams, Strike Force, and Zombie Empire.

Each game pack will contain 10 all-new plane cards, a ready-to-play 60-card deck, a six-sided planar die and a Planechase strategy insert with multiplayer rules.

Each of the 60-card decks will include 8 rares, and will be composed of cards from throughout Magic's history - including a preview card from Zendikar.

The 10 oversized plane cards comprise a planar deck. They feature all-new artwork depicting some of the more exotic realms of the Magic multiverse.

Each of the cards in the 60-card decks will be black-bordered and tournament legal. This means that these cards are legal for use in any tournaments where the original printings are still legal. **\$29.95**

Zendikar Booster Pack

Zendikar is a new world for Magic: The Gathering, and is the first set in the Zendikar block. It features 249 black-bordered cards, including randomly inserted premium versions of all cards in the set. It will be available in booster packs, intro packs, and fat packs. **Boosters \$6.95**

Serenity RPG

Big Damn Heroes Handbook

No Power in the 'Verse Can Stop You

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While not required to play the game, this is material that fully expands upon the original core book and is designed to be of great use to players while maintaining appeal to non-gamer fans. The Big Damn Heroes Handbook will help keep game groups flyin' for years. **HC \$63**

Star Wars RPG

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Complete faction rules and profiles for fielding the Retribution of Scyrah in WARMACHINE Mk II, including 5 new warcasters

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A painting guide to help get your forces ready for battle

An all-new Theme Forces section, which allows players to create armies based on various specialized forces in the WARMACHINE world. **TP \$60**

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Megan Abbott

Bury Me Deep

In October 1931, a station agent found two large trunks abandoned in LA's Union Station. What he found inside ignited one of the most scandalous tabloid sensations of the decade. Inspired by this notorious true crime, *Bury Me Deep* is the story of Marion Seeley, a young woman abandoned in Phoenix by her husband. At the medical clinic where she finds a job, Marion becomes fast friends with Louise, a vivacious nurse, and her roommate, Ginny. Before long, the demure Marion is swept up in the exuberant life of the girls, who supplement their scant income by entertaining the town's most powerful men with wild parties. At one of these events, Marion meets-and falls hard for-the charming Joe Lanigan, a local rogue and politician on the rise, whose ties to all three women bring events to a dramatic and deadly collision. A story born of Depression-era desperation and Jazz Age nostalgia, *Bury Me Deep*-with its hothouse of jealousy, illicit sex, and shifting loyalties-is a timeless portrait of the dark side of desire. **BPB \$22.99**

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Martin's old law partner, the well-respected superior court judge Gilbert Harmony, has been shot by a thief who dies in a car crash. The cops close the case, but Martin doesn't believe a two-bit shoplifter would suddenly kill a judge---somebody must have paid him to do it.

The suspects range from a vengeful mobster to a jealous brother to the judge's widow, and---oops---his mistress and her son. And as Billy comes closer to the truth, it isn't long before the killer takes aim at him. **HC \$51.95**

Donald Bain

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R Scott Bakker

Neuropath

Tom's life is not what it once was. His marriage to the beautiful Nora is on the rocks and he now sees his two young children only on her say-so. His best friend Neil has moved to California to teach neurology. He has one success - a book on human psychology. Tom wiles away the time trying to teach bored grad students. But that all changes when Neil comes back into his life. For it seems that Tom's best friend was working for the National Security Agency, cracking the minds of suspected terrorists. Now it is Neil himself who has cracked and gone AWOL - what's more, he has left behind evidence that he has been employing his unique skills on civilians - obsessed with the idea that he can control the human brain.

Thus begins a terrifying sequence of events as Neil starts to kidnap and mutilate people with a connection to Tom. He damages their brains and then releases them - often leaving them mad. But only when he gets near his ultimate target does he reveal the full horror of his plan . . . **HC \$51.95**

Nevada Barr

13 1/2 : One Judge, Twelve Jurors, Half a Chance

In 1971, the state of Minnesota was rocked by the "Butcher Boy" incident, as coverage of a family brutally murdered by one of their own swept across newspapers and television screens nationwide.

Now, in present-day New Orleans, Polly Deschamps finds herself at yet another lonely crossroads in her life. No stranger to tragedy, Polly was a runaway at the age of fifteen, escaping a nightmarish Mississippi childhood.

Lonely, that is, until she encounters architect Marshall Marchand. Polly is immediately smitten. She finds him attractive, charming, and intelligent. Marshall, a lifelong bachelor, spends most of his time with his brother Danny. When Polly's two young daughters from her previous marriage are likewise taken with Marshall, she marries him. However, as Polly begins to settle into her new life, she becomes uneasy about her husband's increasing dark moods, fearing that Danny may be influencing Marshall in ways she cannot understand.

But what of the ominous prediction by a New Orleans tarot card reader, who proclaims that Polly will murder her husband? What, if any, is the Marchands' connection to the infamous "Butcher Boy" multiple homicide? And could Marshall and his eccentric brother be keeping a dark secret from Polly, one that will shatter the happiness she has forever prayed for? **HC \$52.95**

Stephanie Barron

The White Garden (Virginia Woolf)

Arriving in Sissinghurst to study the famous White Garden tended by her suicide-victim grandfather decades earlier, Jo Bellamy finds her quest intersecting with the troubled life of literary icon Virginia Woolf, whose tormented dreams mirror Jo's own. **HC \$51.95**

M C Beaton*There Goes the Bride (Agatha Raisin Mysteries 20)*

James Lacey wandered over to the window of his hotel room. His fiancée, Felicity, was asleep. He was feeling some twinges of unease. What he loved about Felicity was the way she looked at him with her large eyes, appearing to drink in every word.

But on the plane journey, he wondered if she were listening to him. "The order to charge was given," said James, "and a spaceship landed in the valley and some little green men got out." "Fascinating," breathed Felicity. "You weren't listening!" "Just tired, darling. What were you saying?"

James heard a commotion down below the hotel. He opened the window and leaned out. A woman had tripped and fallen getting into a cab. He only got a glimpse but he was suddenly sure the woman was Agatha. A familiar voice rose on the Crimean air, "Snakes and bastards!"

Bossy, impulsive, yet hopelessly romantic, Agatha is dreading the upcoming marriage of her ex-husband, James Lacey. Although she has set her sights on a handsome and beguiling new Frenchman, she can't quite stop obsessing about James.

Her best intentions to move on with her life are put on hold when James's young bride is shot to death just minutes before saying "I do," and Agatha is named the prime suspect. Agatha's sleuthing sidekick Toni stands ready to help find the real killer, but the case proves trickier than ever.

Will her name be cleared, or has the outrageous Agatha finally had her last romp? **HC \$51.95**

Richard Belzer*I am Not A Psychic!*

Comedy legend Johnny Leland has called in his chips. He's organizing a charity telethon and needs TV cop Richard Belzer to cohost. Not one to let down an old friend -- much less the guy who gave him his start in stand-up comedy -- The Belz gets ready to head out to Las Vegas for the headlining event when he receives a mysterious phone call.

Twenty-six years ago, beautiful starlet Bridget Burgeon was found dead in her Hollywood apartment. Sleeping pills, the coroner ruled, but many questioned whether her relationship with handsome, up-and-coming California congressman Mark Kaye played a role. Kaye's death in a tragic auto accident put an end to any investigation but not to the speculation. Conspiracy theorists have been working overtime ever since, and Paul Venchus, an old newspaper colleague whom Richard hasn't seen in thirty years, claims to have made a breakthrough in the case. A well-known conspiracy theorist himself, The Belz can't resist hearing him out and agrees to meet.

When Venchus turns up dead and a wacky, self-proclaimed female psychic shows up at his hotel in Vegas insisting that Belzer continue their investigation, he reluctantly relents. Relying on The Belz's TV cop know-how and celebrity status, they begin to piece together a series of mysterious deaths that, while rooted a quarter of a century in the past, present some very real dangers in the present. As the bodies start piling up, Belzer finds a legendary hit man hot on his trail and must utilize all of his talents not only to pull off a successful telethon but to solve one of our history's most scandalous conspiracies before his Vegas stint becomes his closing act. **HC \$49.95**

John Berendt*City of Falling Angels*

Taking the fire that destroyed the Fenice theatre in 1996 as his starting point, John Berendt creates a unique and unforgettable portrait of Venice and its extraordinary inhabitants. Beneath the exquisite facade of the world's most beautiful historic city, scandal, corruption and venality are rampant, and John Berendt is a master at seeking them out. Ezra Pound and his mistress, Olga; poet Mario Stefani; the Rat Man of Treviso; or Mario Moro self-styled carabinieri, fireman, soldier or airman, depending on the day of the week. With his background in journalism, Berendt is perfectly poised to gain access to private and unapproachable people, and persuade them to talk frankly to him. The result is mischievous, witty, compelling - and destined to be the non-fiction succes d'estime of the year. **PB \$24.99**

William Bernhardt*Capitol Offense*

Accused of murdering a police officer he held responsible for the tragic death of his wife, Professor Dennis Thomas implores high-profile lawyer Ben Kincaid to defend him, a case during which the intrepid attorney is pitted against an ambitious DA and a dangerous conspiracy. By the award-winning author of Nemesis. **HC \$52.95**

Mark Billingham*Death Message (Tom Thorne)*

Just as his love life hits the rocks and he must investigate Turkish gangs, Tom Thorne begins to receive blurred photos of dead men on his cell phone, murders connected to a psychopath just released from prison, in a thriller by the author of Lazybones. **HC \$52.95**

Stuart Black Australian Author*Shallow Water*

A lifeless body by the side of the road in Notting Hill ... A gorgeous but high maintenance wife self-destructing because she's been denied access to the family fortune ... Another death - this time in the shallows of the stunning Great Barrier Reef ... Life for Brad West is not turning out the way he expected. But before he can make any sense of it, he's going to have to confront a few home truths about the family he's married into. A family whose secrets are well hidden and whose power and money are enough to turn sister against sister and friend into foe. **TP \$24.95**

Lawrence Block*Hit and Run*

When Keller gets the call to make a hit on a man in Iowa, he's tempted to pass. So far he's been lucky in his chosen profession and he's got enough stashed away to retire. Just one more, he thinks. But he quickly finds that this job might not just mark the end of his career - it could be the end of him, period. After three days in a motel room he realises he was never meant to make the hit - he was just supposed to take the fall when a politician was gunned down by someone else. Suddenly he's on the run, all the evidence pointing the cops his way and literally nowhere to go. **PB \$22.99**

William Boyd

Ordinary Thunderstorms

A heart-in-mouth conspiracy novel from the author of *Restless*, winner of the Costa Novel of the Year. What is the devastating effect on your life when, through no fault of your own, you lose everything - home, family, friends, job, reputation, passport, money, credit cards, mobile phone - and you can never get them back? This is what happens to a young man called Adam Kindred, one May evening in Chelsea, London, when a freakish series of malign accidents and a split-second decision turns his life upside down forever.

The police are searching for him. There is a reward for his capture. A hired killer is stalking him. He is alone and anonymous in the huge, pitiless modern city. Adam has nowhere to go but down - underground. He decides to join that vast army of the disappeared and the missing that throng the lowest level of London's populations as he tries to figure out what to do with his life and struggles to understand the forces that have made it unravel so spectacularly. His quest will take him all along the River Thames, from affluent Chelsea to the sink estates of the East End, and on the way he encounters all manner of London's denizens - aristocrats, prostitutes, priests and policewomen amongst them - and version after new version of himself. William Boyd's electric follow up to *Restless* is a heart-in-mouth conspiracy novel about the fragility of social identity, the scandal of big business, and the secrets that lie hidden in the filthy underbelly of every city. **TP \$32.99**

Restless

What happens to your life when everything you thought you knew about your mother turns out to be an elaborate lie? Ruth Gilmartin discovers the strange and haunting truth about her mother, Sally, during the long hot summer of 1976.

For Sally Gilmartin is not what she seems at all. Russian by birth, she was recruited into the British Secret Service in Paris in 1939 and spent the war years as a spy. But once a spy, always a spy. Sally Gilmartin has far too many dangerous secrets, and she has no one to trust. Before it is too late, she must confront the demons of her past. This time though she can't do it alone, she needs Ruth's help.

Restless is yet another tour de force from William Boyd. Exploring the devastating consequences of duplicity and betrayal it is a thrilling novel that captures the drama of the Second World War and a remarkable portrait of a female spy. Full of suspense, emotion and history, this is storytelling at its very finest. **BPB \$23.95**

Barbara Taylor Bradford

Breaking the Rules

Following a terrifying encounter in the quiet English countryside, a young woman flees to New York in search of a new life. Adopting the initial M as her name, and reinventing herself, she embarks on a journey that will lead her to the catwalks of Paris, where she becomes the muse and star model to France's iconic designer Jean-Louis Tremont. When M meets the charming and handsome actor, Larry Vaughan in New York they fall instantly in love and marry. Soon, they become the most desired couple on the international scene, appearing on the cover of every celebrity magazine, adored by millions. With a successful career and a happy marriage, M believes she has truly put the demons of her past behind her. But M's fortunes are about to take another dramatic twist. A series of bizarre events turn out not to be accidents at all, but assaults on M and her family. The dark figure from M's past, a psychopath with deadly intent, has made a vow: to shatter M's world forever. But M also makes a vow: she will do everything to keep them all safe. When those you love are threatened and at risk, there's nothing you won't do to protect them... you'll even resort to breaking the rules! Moving from New York to the chic fashion capitals of London and Paris, to the exotic locations of Istanbul and Hong Kong, this new tale from a renowned storyteller is a genuine page-turner **HC \$56.95**

Don Bredes

The Errand Boy

His contented life shattered by an accident that renders his pregnant wife comatose, ex-detective Hector Bellevance faces incremental difficulties when the boy responsible for the accident is mysteriously beaten to death and Hector's daughter is kidnapped. **TP \$28.95**

Christopher Brookmyre

Pandaemonium

The senior pupils of St Peter's High School are on retreat to a secluded outdoor activity centre, coming to terms with the murder of a fellow pupil through the means you would expect: counselling, contemplation, candid discussion and even prayer - not to mention booze, drugs, clandestine liaisons and as much partying as they can get away with. Not so far away, the commanders of a top-secret military experiment, long-since spiralled out of control, fear they may have literally unleashed the forces of Hell. Two very different worlds are on a collision course, and will clash in an earthly battle between science and the supernatural, philosophy and faith, civilisation and savagery. The bookies are offering evens. **TP \$32.99**

Dan Brown

Angels and Demons (Robert Langdon 02)

The bestselling novel, now re-packaged to tie in with the long-awaited new Robert Langdon title, *The Lost Symbol*.

CERN Institute, Switzerland: a world-renowned scientist is found brutally murdered with a mysterious symbol seared onto his chest.

The Vatican, Rome: the College of Cardinals assembles to elect a new pope. Somewhere beneath them, an unstoppable bomb of terrifying power relentlessly counts down to oblivion.

In a breathtaking race against time, Harvard professor Robert Langdon must decipher a labyrinthine trail of ancient symbols if he is to defeat those responsible - the Illuminati, a secret brotherhood presumed extinct for nearly four hundred years, reborn to continue their deadly vendetta against their most hated enemy, the Catholic Church. **BPB \$24.95**

The Da Vinci Code

The bestselling thriller of all time, now re-packaged to tie in with the long-awaited new Robert Langdon novel, *The Lost Symbol*.

Harvard professor Robert Langdon receives an urgent late-night phone call while on business in Paris: the elderly curator of the Louvre has been brutally murdered inside the museum. Alongside the body, police have found a series of baffling codes.

As Langdon and a gifted French cryptologist, Sophie Neveu, begin to sort through the bizarre riddles, they are stunned to find a trail that leads to the works of Leonardo Da Vinci - and suggests the answer to a mystery that stretches deep into the vault of history.

Unless Langdon and Neveu can decipher the labyrinthine code and quickly assemble the pieces of the puzzle, a stunning historical truth will be lost forever... **BPB \$24.95**

Deception Point

The bestselling novel, now re-packaged to tie in with the long-awaited new Robert Langdon title, *The Lost Symbol*.

When a new NASA satellite detects evidence of an astonishingly rare object buried deep in the Arctic ice, the floundering space agency proclaims a much-needed victory... a victory that has profound implications for U.S. space policy and the impending presidential election.

With the Oval Office in the balance, the President dispatches White House Intelligence analyst Rachel Sexton to the Arctic to verify the authenticity of the find. Accompanied by a team of experts, including the charismatic academic Michael Tolland, Rachel uncovers the unthinkable - evidence of scientific trickery - a bold deception that threatens to plunge the world into controversy... **BPB \$24.95**

Dan Brown*Digital Fortress*

The bestselling novel, now re-packaged to tie in with the long-awaited new Robert Langdon title, *The Lost Symbol*.

When the National Security Agency's invincible code-breaking machine encounters a mysterious code it cannot break, the agency calls in its head cryptographer, Susan Fletcher, a brilliant, beautiful mathematician. What she uncovers sends shock waves through the corridors of power. The NSA is being held hostage – not by guns or bombs, but by a code so complex that if released would cripple U.S. intelligence.

Caught in an accelerating tempest of secrecy and lies, Fletcher battles to save the agency she believes in. Betrayed on all sides, she finds herself fighting not only for her country but for her life, and in the end, for the life of the man she loves... **BPB \$24.95**

Sandra Brown*Envy*

Reclusive writer Parker Evans creates a novel about the destructive rivalry between friends and its devastating repercussions, but when the husband of Parker's editor recognizes the story as his own, he sets out to silence Parker. **PB \$19.95**

Rita Mae Brown*Hounded to Death*

From New York Times bestselling author Rita Mae Brown comes the latest novel in her enthralling series of foxhunting mysteries. Richly imagined and utterly engaging, *Hounded to Death* reveals the cutthroat world of competitive hound shows as both humans and animals alike try to solve a series of bizarre deaths.

"Sister" Jane Arnold, esteemed master of the Jefferson Hunt Club, has traveled to Kentucky for one of the biggest events of the season: the Mid-South Hound Show, where foxhounds, bassets, and beagles gather to strut their champion bloodline stuff. But the fun is squelched when, immediately after the competition, one of the contestants, Mo Schneider, turns up dead—facedown, stripped to the waist, and peppered with birdshot. Universally detested by his peers, Mo had no shortage of enemies, making the list of suspects as long as the line for homemade pecan pie at a church bake sale. Two weeks later, back in Virginia, Sister is rocked when her friend the popular veterinarian Hope Rogers dies from what appears to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Sister refuses to believe that Hope killed herself and vows to sniff out the truth. But before she can make real headway, a wealthy pet food manufacturer vanishes during the granddaddy of all canine exhibitions, the Virginia Hound Show.

Ever reliant on her "horse sense," Sister can't help but connect the three incidents. And what she uncovers will make her blood run colder than the bodies that keep turning up in unexpected places.

Thrilling adventures with horses and hounds, breathtaking vistas, furry friends, familiar faces—including Shaker Crown and the girls from Custis Hall—Rita Mae Brown weaves all these elements into a dazzling novel of suspense. **TP \$30.95**

Joanna Carl*The Chocolate Cupid Killings (Chocoalte Mystery 09)*

The ninth book in the national best-selling series finds chocolatier Lee and her Aunt Nettie suspected of involvement in the murder of Private Detective Derrick Valentine while trying to keep secret the identity of one of their employees. **HC \$45.95**

Stephen L Carter*Palace Council*

One man will uncover a plot to control the world's most powerful nation... The devastating and powerful new thriller from the bestselling author of *The Emperor of Ocean Park*

Summer, 1952. Twenty powerful men gather in secret and devise a plot to manipulate the President of the United States.

Soon after, writer Eddie Wesley leaves a party hosted by affluent and influential members of black society, and discovers a body. The murdered man had an unusual gold cross gripped between his hands and Eddie is determined to find out why he was killed and what the cross signifies.

But then Eddie's sister Junie becomes entangled in an underground movement and vanishes...

Is her disappearance connected to the conspiracy to control the President of the United States? **BPB \$24.95**

Carla Cassidy*Up Close and Personal*

When former cheerleaders from her old squad start dying after their fifteen-year-high school reunion, homicide detective Jordan Sampson, following the clues left behind on each victim, must discover who from her past wants her dead. **PB \$19.95**

Laura Childs*Tragic Magic (Scrapbooking Mystery)*

Scrapbook shop owner, Carmela, helps her friend renovate an old mansion in New Orleans into a crafty haunted house for tourists, but finds herself investigating a series of murders when a flaming body comes crashing through the window. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Connelly*Nine Dragons*

LAPD Detective Harry Bosch is off the chain in the fastest, fiercest, and highest-stakes case of his life. Fortune Liquors is a small shop in a tough South L.A. neighborhood, a store Bosch has known for years. The murder of John Li, the store's owner, hits Bosch hard, and he promises Li's family that he'll find the killer. The world Bosch steps into next is unknown territory. He brings in a detective from the Asian Gang Unit for help with translation—not just of languages but also of the cultural norms and expectations that guided Li's life. He uncovers a link to a Hong Kong triad, a lethal and far-reaching crime ring that follows many immigrants to their new lives in the U.S.

And instantly his world explodes. The one good thing in Bosch's life, the person he holds most dear, is taken from him and Bosch travels to Hong Kong in an all-or-nothing bid to regain what he's lost. In a place known as Nine Dragons, as the city's Hungry Ghosts festival burns around him, Bosch puts aside everything he knows and risks everything he has in a desperate bid to outmatch the triad's ferocity. **HC \$56.95**

N J Cooper*No Escape*

Spike Falconer is in prison on the Isle of Wight - convicted of murder. What made him choose four innocent strangers, a family picnicking, as his victims? Why did he need to kill? Forensic psychologist Karen Taylor comes to probe the mind of this psychopath. Trying to recover from the death of her husband and the dark memories surrounding it, Karen is drawn into life on the Island. She becomes involved with DCI Charlie Trench, cool and abrasive, the opposite in every way from her partner Will Hawkins. And she has to get to know Spike's adoptive family, the rich and influential Falconers, who are tight-lipped and closing ranks.

Someone on the Island doesn't want Karen getting too close to Spike. The more she learns, the more afraid she becomes of those who are threatened by her discoveries. And then they start to act . . . **BPB \$19.99**

Michael Cordy*The Source*

It's not a myth. It exists. Find it.

Ambitious geologist Ross Kelly has it all: a lucrative career searching for oil across the world and a beautiful, brilliant wife, Lauren, pregnant with their first child. But when Lauren, a Yale academic, deciphers the university's mysterious Voynich manuscript, which has confounded experts for centuries, everything changes. An attempt to steal her translation of the Voynich leaves Lauren and their unborn child hovering on the brink of death, and Ross in the depths of despair. Encounters with a sinister Vatican priest and then a mysterious nun convince Ross to seek salvation in the four-and-a-half-centuries-old manuscript, which chronicles the ill-fated discovery of a mythic, fabulous garden, deep in the jungles of the New World: an Eden so terrible and miraculous it rewrites the book of Genesis and defies all reason.

Although everyone tells him the story is surely an allegory, the possibility of the garden's existence offers Ross the only hope of saving Lauren and their unborn child. With a ragbag group of confederates, each with their own motivations, he decides to seek the garden out before it's too late.

But he is not alone. Racing against time, a lethal assassin and a fanatical priest desperate to claim the miraculous garden for his church, Ross's quest will lead him eventually to a place that might challenge everything he ever thought about the source of life on earth. **APB \$21.95**

Patricia Cornwell*The Scarpetta Factor (Scarpetta)*

It is the week before Christmas. The effects of the credit crunch have prompted Dr Kay Scarpetta to offer her services pro bono to New York City's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. But in no time at all, her increased visibility seems to precipitate a string of dramatic and unsettling events. She is asked live on the air about the sensational case of Hannah Starr, who has vanished and is presumed dead. Moments later during the same broadcast, she receives a startling call-in from a former psychiatric patient of Benton Wesley's. When she returns after the show to the apartment where she and Benton live, she finds a suspicious package - possibly a bomb - waiting for her at the front desk. Soon the apparent threat on Scarpetta's life finds her embroiled in a deadly plot that includes a famous actor accused of an unthinkable sex crime and the disappearance of a beautiful millionairess with whom Lucy seems to have shared a secret past.... **HC \$49.99**

F G Cottam*Dark Echo*

Dark Echo is an unlucky boat. Despite this knowledge, Martin Stannard falls under her spell and prepares to sail her across the Atlantic with his father. But his lover Suzanne is uneasy and begins exploring the yacht's past. What she finds is terrifying. Dark Echo isn't just unlucky, it's evil. It was built for Harry Spalding, a soldier and sorcerer who committed suicide yet still casts his inexplicable spell nearly a century after his death. Suzanne must uncover his last, terrible secret before Dark Echo destroys the man she loves... **BPB \$22.99**

House of Lost Souls

The Fischer House was the scene of a vicious crime in the 1920s - a crime which still resonates as the century turns. At its heart was a beautiful, enigmatic woman called Pandora Gibson-Hoare, a photographer of genius whose only legacy is a handful of photographs and the clues to a mystery. Paul Seaton was lured to the house ten years ago and escaped, a damaged man. Now three students will die unless he dares to go back. But this time he has Nick Mason at his side, and maybe Mason's military skills and visceral courage will be enough. **BPB \$22.99**

Deborah Crombie*Necessary as Blood (James and Kincaid)*

A young mother has gone missing, and only Scotland Yard's Superintendent Duncan Kincaid and his partner, Gemma James, can stop a vicious killer and protect the child whose fate hangs in the balance. **HC \$51.95**

Mark Dapin Australian Author*King of the Cross*

King of the Cross is a dazzling novel that explores the criminal world of Jacob Mendoza: legendary Godfather of Kings Cross and for more than four decades, Australia's most powerful and notorious crime figure. To record his epic life story he employs a hapless young reporter from the Australian Jewish Times. As Mendoza unfolds his seductive story of thugs and drugs, murders and mysteries, bikers, bent cops and girls, girls, girls, it emerges that he's not the only one with a past. And as the memoir takes shape, other more terrifying criminals are circling the kingdom that Mendoza built.

This is crime fiction as it's never been written before. Funny, edgy, violent, subversive and utterly compelling, King of the Cross is wickedly entertaining. **TP \$32.99**

Jeffrey Deaver Editor*The Best American Mystery Stories 2009*

The best-selling author of Roadside Crosses, The Bodies Left Behind, and The Bone Collector edits a latest collection of the genre's finest stories, including contributions by Stephen King, Michael Connelly, Joyce Carol Oates, Alice Munro, Tom Bissell, and others. **TP \$28.95**

Jeffrey Deaver*Stone Monkey*

Lincoln and Amelia are recruited to track down a cargo ship carrying two dozen illegal Chinese immigrants, as well as the notorious human smuggler and killer known as the Ghost. But when the capture goes disastrously wrong, Lincoln and Amelia find themselves in a race to stop the Ghost before he can track down and murder the two surviving families who have vanished deep into the labyrinthine world of New York City's Chinese community. Over the next forty-eight hours the Ghost ruthlessly hunts for the families while Rhyme, aided by a policeman from mainland China, struggles to find them before they die and Sachs pursues a very different kind of policework - forming a connection with one of the immigrants that may have consequences going to the core of her relationship with her partner and lover, Lincoln Rhyme. **PB \$19.99**

Vanished Man

A killer flees the scene of a homicide at a prestigious Manhattan music school and locks himself in a classroom. Within minutes, the police have him surrounded. Then a scream rings out, followed by a gunshot. The police break down the door. The room is empty. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs are brought in to help with the high-profile investigation. For the ambitious Sachs, solving the case could earn her a promotion. For the quadriplegic Rhyme, it means relying on his protege to ferret out a master illusionist they've dubbed the conjurer, who baits them with gruesome murders that become more diabolical with each fresh crime. As the fatalities rise and the minutes tick down, Rhyme and Sachs must move beyond the smoke and mirrors to prevent a terrifying act of vengeance that could become the greatest vanishing act of all. **PB \$19.99**

Eric Jerome Dickey*Dying for Revenge (03)*

A final installment in a best-selling trilogy that began with Sleeping with Strangers and Waking with Enemies finds hit man Gideon traversing a steamy criminal underworld to confront the most challenging adversary of his career **TP \$34.95**

Joseph Donnelly

One Oktober

Trapped in a post-9/11 bureaucratic haze, Gomez longs for the days chasing Soviets through the Cold War. But the Russians aren't gone; they have revived their ties to the terror gangs, and when Gomez meets Viktorina Viisky, the lying begins--until he finds a man named Stuart Rafkin and prevents 9/11 from becoming One Oktober. **HC \$32.95**

Alex Dryden

Moscow Sting

The threat of Russia as a hostile superpower returns in this chilling spy thriller and sequel to RED TO BLACK. When British spy, Finn, is brutally murdered by a Russian assassin, Adrian, chief of MI6, wants vengeance. He also wants answers answers that can only be revealed by Finn's widow, Anna, the former KGB colonel who betrayed her country for love and has now disappeared with their child. Adrian isn't the only one desperate to find Anna. Finn accessed intelligence so confidential that the KGB are willing to kill to protect it, and now everyone wants to know what Russia is concealing beneath its veil of political cordiality. **TP \$32.99**

Kaitlyn Dunnett

A Wee Christmas Homicide (Les MacCrimmon Scottish Mystery 03)

When her idea to drum up business in the town of Moosetookalook, Maine, results in the murder of a greedy toy -store owner, Liss MacCrimmon, the owner of the Scottish Emporium, feels personally responsible and, against everyone's better judgment, sets out solve the crime. **HC \$45.95**

Ake Edwardson

Death Angels (Chief Inspector Erik Winter 01)

A first installment of a popular international series introduces a young Swedish chief inspector who teams up with Scotland Yard to solve the mysterious parallel killings of young British and Swedish tourists. **TP \$30.95**

James Ellroy

Blood's A Rover

It's 1968. Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King are dead. The Mob, Howard Hughes and J Edgar Hoover are in a struggle for America's soul, drawing into their murderous conspiracies the damned and the soon-to-be damned.

Wayne Tedrow Jr.: parricide, assassin, dope cooker, mouthpiece for all sides, loyal to none. His journey will take him away from the darkness and into an even greater darkness.

Dwight Holly: Hoover's enforcer and hellish conspirator in terrible crimes. As Hoover's power wanes his destiny lurches towards Richard Nixon and self-annihilation

Don Crutchfield: is a kid, a nobody, a wheelman and a private detective who stumbles upon an ungodly conspiracy from which he and the country may never recover.

All three men are drawn to women on the opposite side of the political and moral spectrum; all are compromised and ripe for destruction. Only one of them will survive.

The final part of James Ellroy's Underworld USA trilogy is set during the social and political upheaval of 1968-72. Blood's a Rover is an incandescent fusion of fact and fiction and is James Ellroy's greatest masterpiece. **TP \$34.95**

Janet Evanovich

Between the Plums (Stephanie Plum)

Visions of Sugar Plums: It's five days before Christmas and things are not looking merry for Stephanie Plum. She hasn't got a tree. She hasn't bought any presents. The malls are jam-packed with staggering shoppers. There's not a twinkle of light anywhere to be seen in her apartment—and there's a strange man in her kitchen.

Plum Lovin': Mysterious men have a way of showing up in Stephanie Plum's apartment. When the shadowy Diesel appears, he has a task for Stephanie—and he's not taking no for an answer.

Plum Lucky: Stephanie Plum is looking to get lucky...In an Atlantic City hotel room...In a Winnebago...And with a brown-eyed stud who has stolen her heart. **HC \$56.95**

Christy Evans

Sink Trap (Georgiana Neverall Mystery)

Georgiana Neverall, the new apprentice of Barry the Plumber--much to the chagrin of her uppity mother--becomes immersed in a mystery when she finds the favorite brooch of Martha Tepper, the town's former librarian who supposedly retired to Arizona, clogging a sink. **PB \$17.95**

Chris Ewan

The Good Thief's Guide to Paris

Charlie Howard - mystery writer and professional thief - is flush with the success of his Paris book reading when he agrees to show a novice how to break into an apartment. The next day, Charlie's fence hires him to steal an ordinary-looking oil painting - from the same address.

Mere coincidence? Charlie reckons there's no harm in finding out - until a dead body turns up in his living room. And then his agent Victoria (who's naive enough to assume Charlie looks like his author photo) decides they should meet face to face. **BPB \$19.99**

Monica Ferris

Blackwork (Needlecraft Mystery)

Part-time sleuth and needlework shop owner Betsy Devonshire works to clear murder suspect Leona Cunningham and find the real killer after the victim was last seen blaming the peaceful Wiccan and microbrewery owner for a series of local "accidents." **HC \$51.95**

Sharon Fiffer

Scary Stuff (Jane Wheel Mysteries 06)

Antique picker Jane Wheel has always loved old stuff, from vintage salt and pepper shakers to other families' old photos and orphaned Bakelite buttons, and she can't really explain why. But she makes a living out of it, searching high and low at estate sales and antique shops and reselling her finds to other collectors. At least, it's half a living--she makes the other half as an associate to a private detective, because she's just as talented at digging up secrets as antiques.

While visiting her brother for the first time in years, Jane's fascinated by a story of mistaken identity: On three occasions, someone has accused him of swindling them on eBay, only to realize he's not the right guy. Even though he doesn't see the point, she wants to look into it. Then back at home one of her parents' friends is attacked, leading Jane to vow to get to the bottom of things.

Out of nowhere, Jane suddenly has two cases, both edging a little too close to her loved ones for comfort, because one thing's for sure---whenever family gets wrapped up in your personal business, it's bound to be some scary stuff. **HC \$51.95**

Joanne Fluke*Plum Pudding Murder (Hannah Swenson Mystery)*

When Larry Jaeger, the owner of the Crazy Elf Christmas Tree Lot, is murdered, bakery owner Hannah Swenson, during the busiest time of the year, must sift through a wealth of suspects before a murderous Scrooge strikes again. **HC \$51.95**

Maureen Foley & Mary Ann Winkowski*The Book of Illumination (Ghost Files)*

Preferring her bookbinding career to her work solving cold cases for the Cambridge police, psychic and single mom Anza O'Malley aids unhappy spirits in the wake of a priceless manuscript's theft, a case in which she is aided by an unlikely trio of ghosts. **TP \$28.95**

Allan Folsom*The Hadrian Memorandum*

John Barron was once a top detective in the Los Angeles Police Department's elite 5-2 Squad. A deadly shootout with fellow officers changed his world forever.

Taking a new identity, he fled the country he loved and as Nicholas Marten became a landscape architect in the north of England determined to put a life of violence behind him forever. Then suddenly he found himself in Spain ensnared in a massive global conspiracy where he saved the life of John Henry Harris, the president of the United States. Not long afterward the president came calling again.

Sent to the West African country of Equatorial Guinea to gain information on alleged collusion between a U.S. oil company and mercenaries hired to protect its workers, Marten is caught up in a bloody civil war between rebellious tribesmen and a merciless dictator. Soon he meets a priest who has clandestine photographs that show the mercenaries supplying arms to the rebels. In a blink the priest is captured by army troops and Marten flees for his life, determined to find the photographs and turn them over to the president before they are made public and ignite a global firestorm of protest and propaganda. But others are close on his heels. Among them; Conor White, a highly decorated former SAS commando turned elite killer; Sy Wirth, the arrogant president of the oil company; the alluring and dangerous oil company board member, Anne Tidrow; and, quietly, operatives of the CIA.

Murder, suspense, and deceit shadow Marten every inch of the way as his harrowing journey takes him to Berlin, to the Portuguese Riviera, and finally to the always-mysterious Lisbon. At stake is the struggle for control of an ocean of oil, and with it the constantly shifting line between good and evil, love and hate, law and politics. Its cost, thousands of human lives.

Its cause, a top secret agreement called The Hadrian Memorandum. **HC \$52.95**

Christopher Fowler*The Victoria Vanishes (Bryant and May Investigate)*

British fiction's most enigmatic detectives since Holmes and Watson return in their sixth wickedly entertaining and intriguing investigation...

One night, Arthur Bryant witnesses a drunk middle-aged lady coming out of a pub in a London backstreet. The next morning, she is found dead at the exact spot where their paths crossed. Even more disturbing, the pub has vanished. Bryant is convinced that he saw them as they were over a century before, but the elderly detective has already lost the funeral urn of an old friend. Could he be losing his mind as well?

Then it becomes clear that a number of women have met their ends in London pubs. It seems a silent, secret killer is at work, striking in full view...and yet nobody has a clue how, or why - or where he'll attack next. The likeliest suspect seems to be a mental patient with a reason for killing. But knowing who the killer is and catching him are two very different propositions.

As their new team at the Peculiar Crimes Unit goes in search of a madman, the octogenarian detectives ready themselves for the pub crawl of a lifetime, and come face to face with their own mortality... **BPB \$24.95**

Kathryn Fox*Bloodborn*

After yet another victim is brutally murdered by the Harbourn brothers, who are part of a fanatically devoted family of criminals, forensic physician Dr. Anya Crichton fears for her own life as people involved with the investigation begin turning up dead. **PB \$19.95**

Ariana Franklin*Relics of the Dead*

The monks of Glastonbury have discovered two strange skeletons buried in their graveyard - one is tall, the other small and delicate. Are these the remains of King Arthur and Guinevere?

King Henry II, on hearing of the discovery, demands evidence that the legendary Arthur is dead in order to stop his belligerent Welsh subjects believing that their Once and Future King will return to lead them against him. And it is his Mistress of the Art of Death, Adelia Aguilar, who he calls upon to examine the bones.

But someone doesn't want the skeletons identified - and is prepared to kill in order to prevent it... **TP \$32.95**

Brian Freeman*The Burying Place*

Lieutenant Jonathan Stride is quietly recovering from injuries sustained on his latest case when a rich doctor's baby is kidnapped and his peace is shattered. As suspicion builds that the doctor may have staged the baby's disappearance, the relationship between the doctor and his wife and neighbours begins to disintegrate. Stride and his lover and partner Serena find themselves on opposite sides of the case with Stride pursuing evidence that incriminates the doctor and Serena trying to prove that the baby really was abducted. Meanwhile Stride's colleague Maggie and her headstrong young partner are tracking a man responsible for a violent crime wave in the rural areas of Duluth. There seems to be no connection between the cases until a victim with ties to the doctor's case turns up murdered in the signature style of the Duluth killer. As the threads of both investigations converge, the chase uncovers a series of revelations that may damn the doctor or prove his innocence. **TP \$32.99**

Michele Giuttari*The Death of a Mafia Don*

A bomb explodes in the centre of Florence, hitting the car of Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara of the elite Squadra Mobile. The attack rocks the ancient city to its foundations. Ferrara was clearly the target - and he did, after all, just controversially imprison notorious Mafia boss Salvatore Laprua. A week later, another bomb explodes - bringing tragedy for Ferrara and a determination to find the culprit. But that same morning, Salvatore Laprua is found dead in his prison cell. So who is the mysterious influence behind the bombings - someone even the Mafia fear? An ingenious, gripping mystery, *The Death of a Mafia Don* has been a bestseller in Italy and across Europe. Written by former Florence police chief Michele Giuttari, it offers a fascinating insight into the secret world of the Mafia, and life in Florence. **TP \$29.99**

Juan Gomez-Jurado

Contract With God

Father Anthony Fowler, CIA operative and member of the Vatican's secret service, the Holy Alliance, pays a visit to a war criminal living under a pseudonym because of the terrible experiments he performed on Jewish children. Fowler offers him a deal - he will not reveal the man's true identity in exchange for a huge candle covered in fine filigree gold. But it isn't the gold Fowler is after - it is the metallic object preserved within the wax, a missing fragment of an ancient map. Soon Fowler is involved in an expedition to Jordan set up by the enigmatic head of Kayn industries, a reclusive billionaire who has links to the highest levels of the Catholic Church. But there is a traitor in the group who has links to terrorist organisations back in the US and who is patiently awaiting the moment to strike. From wartime Vienna to terrorist cells in New York and a lost valley in Jordan, **CONTRACT WITH GOD** is a thrilling read about a quest for power and the secrets of an ancient world. **TP \$32.99**

Margaret Grace

Mourning in Miniature (Miniature Mystery)

While accompanying her friend Rosie Norman to her thirtieth high school reunion, miniaturist Geraldine Porter must reconstruct the scene of a crime when star athlete David Bridges is murdered, which leads Gerry down the path of thirty-year-old alliances, betrayals, and grudges. **PB \$19.95**

Heather Graham

Unhallowed Ground

When Sarah McKinley is finally able to buy and restore the historic Florida mansion that she has always loved, she dismisses the horror stories of past residents vanishing and a long-dead housekeeper who practiced black magic. Then, in the midst of renovations, she makes a grim discovery. Hidden within the walls of Sarah's dream house are the remains of dozens of bodies—some dating back over a century.

The door to the past is blown wide open when Caleb Anderson, a private investigator, shows up at the mansion. He believes several current missing-persons cases are linked to the house and its dark past. Working together to find the connection and stop a contemporary killer, Sarah and Caleb are compelled to research the history of the haunted house, growing closer to each other even as the solution to the murders eludes them.

But there is one who knows the truth...a spirit who follows every move they make. Soon Caleb begins to fear that if he can't stay a step ahead, he could lose Sarah to a killer with an ability to transcend time in a quest for blood and sacrifice. **PB \$19.95**

Mark Greaney

The Gray Man

When legendary covert agent and assassin Court Gentry, aka the The Gray Man, is no longer considered useful, he must prove that, for him, there is no gray area between killing for a living and killing to stay alive. **PB \$21.95**

Andrew M Greeley

The Archbishop in Andalusia (Archbishop Blackie Ryan)

Taking leave of his usual Chicago haunts, Archbishop John Blackwood Ryan travels to the south of Spain in this latest mystery by bestselling author Andrew M. Greeley. Ostensibly "Blackie" is in the historic city of Seville to attend a conference on American philosophy, but a far more critical assignment also requires his attention. The local cardinal has summoned the wily archbishop to Spain in hopes that Blackie can avert a murder before it happens.

The threat of violence hangs ominously over the regal palace of a family of wealthy Spanish aristocrats. Dona Teresa, a pious widow whose exotic beauty unsettles even Blackie, finds herself beset by avaricious relatives determined to control her life and fortune. A tangled web of obligations, traditions, and frustrated sexual desires binds the family together even as they bitterly contend against one another. With three generations of passionate nobility sharing the same roof, it seems only a matter of time before pride, greed, and lust leads to bloodshed. But while the archbishop attempts to forestall a modern-day Spanish tragedy, dramatic events back in Chicago conspire to change his life forever. . . . The Archbishop in Andalusia opens an exciting new chapter in the illustrious career of one of Andrew Greeley's most beloved characters. **APB \$17.95**

Kerry Greenwood Australian Author

Heavenly Pleasures (02)

No one has less interest in mysteries than Corinna Chapman, who has bread to bake, but they seem to be arising spontaneously in the vicinity of her bakery, Earthly Delights. Between the mouth-watering distractions of loaves and muffins, of Jason her apprentice and Horatio the cat, she's keeping an eye on the door as she waits for the exciting Daniel, her recently acquired lover, to walk back into her life.

After a week of no communication Daniel finally returns, bruised and battered from a run-in with a so-called messiah. But disturbing things are also happening close to home. Juliette Lefebvre, the owner of Heavenly Pleasures and maker of the most gorgeous chocolates in town, is distraught. Someone is spiking her very expensive chocolates. Is it an elaborate and horrible joke, or is it a warning that worse may yet happen? **BPB \$22.95**

Devil's Food (Corinna Chapman)

Someone is poisoning people with weight loss herbal teas and then there are odd things happening at the Cafe Vlad Tepes (which attracts a very strange clientele indeed) . . . Another delicious recipe for murder, mayhem and mystery in the Corinna Chapman series.

If there's one thing that Corinna Chapman, baker extraordinaire and proprietor of the Earthly Delights Bakery, can't abide, it's people not eating well - particularly when there are delights like her very own, just-baked, freshly buttered sourdough bread to enjoy. So when a strange cult which denies the flesh and eats only famine bread turns up, along with a body which is found in a park, dead of malnutrition, Corinna is very disturbed indeed.

But she doesn't only have that to contend with: her hippie mother, Starshine, has turned up out of the blue, hysterical that Sunlight, Corinna's father, has absconded to Melbourne with all their money and a desire for a new young lover; someone is poisoning people with weight loss herbal teas; and then there are odd things happening at the nearby Cafe Vlad Tepes, which attracts a very strange clientele indeed. Altogether, it's a delicious recipe for murder, mayhem and mystery.

The third in the Corinna Chapman series, Devil's Food is another irresistible, criminally entertaining read from the master crime writer, Kerry Greenwood. If you'd like to know more about Corinna, her bakery and her recipes, log onto earthlydelights.net.au **PB \$22.95**

Trick or Treat (Corinna Chapman)

Will the opening of a hot bread shop nearby spell the end for Corinna Chapman's Earthly Delights Bakery? Our amateur sleuth and baker extraordinaire returns in another criminally entertaining and delicious adventure from the author of the bestselling Phryne Fisher series.

Corinna Chapman, amateur sleuth, baker extraordinaire and proprietor of the Earthly Delights Bakery, returns for her fourth criminally entertaining and delicious adventure. When a cut-price franchise bakery opens its doors just down the street from Earthly Delights and crowds flock to purchase the bread, Corinna Chapman is understandably nervous. Meanwhile, the gorgeous Daniel's old friend Georgiana Hope has temporarily set up residence in his house, and it doesn't take Corinna long to work out that she's tall, blonde, gorgeous and up to something. Daniel is making excuses and Corinna is worried about his absences and also the strange outbreak of madness which seems to be centred on Lonsdale Street.

Will Corinna win through a maze of health regulations, missing boyfriends, sinister strangers, fraudulent companies and back-alley ambushes? Or will this be the end for the Earthly Delights Bakery? **PB \$22.95**

Kerry Greenwood *Australian Author**Forbidden Fruit (Corinna Chapman 05)*

Corinna Chapman returns in her fifth adventure, witty and wise as ever - running rings around the villains, courageous on behalf of the helpless, and committed to the pursuit of baking excellence.

Corinna Chapman, owner of Earthly Delights, detests Christmas. The shoppers are frantic and the heat oppressive. Neither of which this perfect size 20 with a genius for baking breads finds congenial. She's dreaming of quiet, air-conditioned comfort but instead finds herself dealing with a rose-loving donkey named Serena, a maniacal mother with staring eyes, a distracted assistant searching for the perfect muffin recipe, her friend the fearless witch Meroe, and the luscious Daniel with whom she'd like to spend a lot more time.

But Daniel is on the hunt to find two young runaways, Brigid and Manny. This simple Romeo and Juliet romance though is not as straightforward as it seems and they will go a long way to ensure they're not found. When Corinna and Daniel find that Brigid is on the streets, heavily pregnant and in danger, the stakes rise. With the help of a troupe of free-spirited freegans, some very clever internet hackers and a bunch of vegans, Corinna and Daniel go head-to-head with a sinister religious cult on a mission and a band of Romany gypsies out for revenge in a wild and wonderful chase against the clock. **BPB \$22.99**

Earthly Delights

Introducing baker and amateur sleuth Corinna Chapman ... mysteries filled with gastronomical delights, humour and unexpected twists from the bestselling author of the Phyrne Fisher mysteries.

Baking is an alchemical process for Corinna Chapman. At four am she starts work at Earthly Delights, her bakery in Calico Alley.

But one morning Corinna receives a threatening note saying 'The wages of sin is death' and finds a syringe in her cat's paw. A blue-faced junkie has collapsed in the dark alley and a mysterious man with beautiful eyes appears with a plan for Corinna and her bread. Then it is Goths, dead drug addicts, witchcraft, a homeless boy and a missing girl and it seems she will never get those muffins cooked in time. With flair, chutzpah and a talent for kneading, Corinna Chapman will find out who exactly is threatening her life and bake some beautiful bread. **PB \$22.95**

Barbara Hamilton*The Ninth Daughter*

The first in a new series featuring Abigail Adams finds her investigating a murder in the home of a friend and fellow patriot, and uncovering a conspiracy against the Sons of Liberty to save her husband's good name. **TP \$28.95**

Sophie Hannah*The Wrong Mother*

A year after a brief vacation affair, Sally Thorning hears her one-time lover's name on the news and is shocked to hear that the man's wife and daughter have died, a situation that quickly escalates to the point that Sally's own family is placed in danger. **TP \$30.95**

Tom Harper*The Book of Secrets*

An action-packed thriller in the bestselling tradition of *The Da Vinci Code*, *The Rule of Four*, *Equinox* and *Codex*

In a snowbound village in the German mountains, a young woman discovers an extraordinary secret. Before she can reveal it, she disappears. All that survives is a picture of a mysterious medieval playing card that has perplexed scholars for centuries.

Nick Ash does research for the FBI in New York. Six months ago his girlfriend Gillian walked out and broke his heart. Now he's the only person who can save her - if it's not too late. Within hours of getting her message, Nick finds himself on the run, delving deep into the past before it catches up with him.

Hunted across Europe, Nick follows Gillian's trail into the heart of a five-hundred-year-old mystery. But across the centuries, powerful forces are closing around him. There are men who have devoted their lives to keeping the secret, and they will stop at nothing to protect it. **BPB \$24.95**

Colin Harrison*Risk*

An honest lawyer, a Czech hand model, and a box of mysterious Christmas ornaments--each plays a part in Colin Harrison's compelling new intrigue. George Young never thought of himself as a detective, but that's pretty much his vocation--an attorney at a top insurance firm, it's his job to pin down suspicious claims. But Mrs. Corbett, the rich, eccentric wife of the firm's founder, has it in mind to put George's skills to a peculiar assignment. With only a few months left to live, her one desire is to know the true circumstance of her son Roger's violent death. George's investigation leads him to Roger's mistress, a cagey Czech hand model named Eliska, who can cast a seductive spell simply by removing her gloves. Did Eliska's motives for latching on to Roger get him killed? Or did some of her shadowy and dangerous little friends take care of the job? And why were there boxes and boxes of Christmas ornaments in the dead man's apartment? George will have to take a few chances of his own if he wants to get to the bottom of Roger's death for Mrs. Corbett.

Set against a volatile and vividly drawn Manhattan, *Risk* is prime Colin Harrison. **TP \$26.95**

Mandasue Heller*Two-Faced*

Mia and Michelle couldn't look more alike - or act more differently. Mia's always been the glamorous one, the one everyone wants to get close to. And now she's a model, on the edge of fame. But Mia can't resist the illegal thrills that come with fame. When disaster strikes, her mousy look-alike sister has to pretend to be Mia. Michelle saves her career, and turns out to have star quality too. She's even got someone to fall in love with her - a man Mia wants almost as much as she wants to be a supermodel. That's something Mia will never, ever forgive . . . **TP \$32.99**

Borge Hellstrom & Anders Roslund*Box 21*

The International Thriller that Stockholm City hailed as the Best Crime Novel of the Year has finally crossed the Atlantic!

Three years ago, Lydia and Alena were two hopeful girls from Lithuania. Now they are sex slaves, lured to Sweden with the promise of better jobs and then trapped in a Stockholm brothel, forced to repay their "debt." Suddenly they are given an unexpected chance at freedom, and with it the opportunity to take revenge on their enslavers and reclaim the lives and dignity they once had. What will happen now that the tables are turned and the victims fight back?

In this masterful thriller, the celebrated team of Anders Roslund and Börge Hellström delve into the seedy underbelly of Stockholm. There we meet Lydia and Alena as they embark on a desperate plan to expose their captor and demand justice; police officers Sundkvist and Grens, on the trail of both Lydia's enslavers and Jochum Lang, a notorious mob enforcer; and Hilding Oldéus, a junkie on what might be his last—and most destructive—bender. At the Söder Hospital, their destinies begin to converge in unexpected and explosive ways. **HC \$54.95**

David Hewson

Dante's Numbers

"Allan Prime looked ready to die of fright, even before the bright, shining spear with the blood-soaked tip reached his head..."

The death mask of the poet Dante is to be exhibited at the premiere of a controversial new film, *Inferno*. But at the grand unveiling, this priceless artefact is replaced by a macabre death mask of the film's star, Allan Prime. Minutes later the leading actress, Maggie Flavier, is threatened before her attacker is shot.

Nic Costa and his team are sidelined from the investigation in Rome and follow the movie to its next showing in San Francisco, hoping to recover the stolen death mask.

But in California, confusing new clues suggest that there is more behind the killing than a crazed Dante fan. With the authorities distracted by false leads, can Costa protect Maggie, find the truth and stop the killer – all before life imitates art? **APB \$19.99**

Charlie Higson

Full Whack

Dennis 'The Menace' Pike, former wild man of Tottenham, is going grey and going straight. Anyway, it was hard work being a yob- the birds, the brawls, the endless beers- and he hasn't really got the energy any more for life on the edge. Then two old faces turn up from the past- the Bishop brothers, Chas and Noel. Famously inept, they were bad news then, and they haven't aged well. What's worse, they need Pike's expertise on a scheme wealth distribution really- offloading one of the old gang's ill-gotten millions. Robbing the robbers- now what's criminal about that? Pike, still haunted by what happened one wreckless night all those years ago, refuses to get involved. But old habits die hard, and when he suddenly finds his bank account tampered with, Pike is drawn back into a world he spent ten years escaping. Thug or mug, he is nevertheless forced to confront a man so psychotically unhinged that his own youth seems like mere kids' stuff...A slick, razor-sharp novel, **FULL WHACK** is packed full of searing wit, scurrilous characters and nefarious knock-about. **BPB \$24.99**

Happy Now

I do not believe that a man can be truly happy unless he fully understands what he is and can act accordingly ... how can it be wrong to be happy? These lines are taken from Will's diary, a seemingly innocuous exercise book which details his house-breaking activities. Will carefully selects houses - forty-seven so far - ensuring their owners will be in. As they cook their supper or watch television, Will (wearing surgical gloves and leaving no trace behind) enters not only their houses, but their secret lives. A secret museum, housed in his loft, is 'held together by sex'. All his trophies are carefully catalogued and he keeps a very precise diary of his activities and his thoughts.

All his life Tom Kendall had lived as quietly and normally as possible...but he gave people the creeps...'kids didn't like him, or the cat'. When Tom discovers Will's diary he decides to adopt the same quest for happiness. Tom has problems of his own - a difficult temper, problems with his girlfriend, Maddie, and an overwhelming sense of powerlessness. Perhaps Will's diary holds the key? **BPB \$24.99**

Charlie Huston

My Dead Body (Joe Pitt 05)

A final entry in the popular series finds Joe Pitt continuing his security efforts throughout the sewer system of Manhattan while the Vampyre clans war with one another above ground, a dynamic that shifts abruptly when an old acquaintance summons Joe back to the surface. By the author of *The Shotgun Rule*. **TP \$28.95**

Elise Hyatt

Dipped, Stripped and Dead (Daring Fiends Mystery)

Taking a risk, single mother Dyce Dare starts up Daring Finds, a furniture refinishing business, only to find herself accused of murder when a dead body is found immersed in a vat of lye, in this first installment of a brand new mystery series that includes DIY refinishing tips and tricks. **PB \$17.95**

Arnaldur Indridason

Hypothermia

One cold autumn night, a woman is found hanging from a beam in her summer cottage by Lake Thingvellir. At first sight it appears to be a straightforward case of suicide; the woman, María, had never recovered from the loss of her mother two years earlier and had a history of depression. But when Karen, the friend who found her body, approaches Erlendur and gives him the tape of a séance that María had attended, his curiosity is aroused.

Driven by a need to find answers that even he does not fully understand, Erlendur embarks on an unofficial investigation to find out why the woman's life ended in such an abrupt and tragic manner. At the same time he is haunted by the unresolved cases of two young people who went missing thirty years before, and, inevitably, his discoveries raise ghosts from his own past. **TP \$34.95**

Alan Jacobson

Crush

Fresh off the most challenging case of her career, The 7th Victim heroine and renowned FBI profiler Karen Vail returns in an explosive thriller set against the backdrop of California's wine country.

Hoping to find solace from the demons that haunt her, Vail makes her first trip to the Napa Valley. But shortly after arriving, a victim is found in the deepest reaches of an exclusive wine cave, the work of an extraordinarily unpredictable serial killer. From the outset, Vail is frustrated by her inability to profile the offender—until she realizes why: the Behavioral Analysis Unit has not previously encountered a killer like him.

As Vail and the task force work around the clock to identify and locate him, they're caught in a web knotted with secretive organizations, a decades-long feud between prominent wine families, and widespread corruption that leads Vail to wonder whom, if anyone, she can trust. Meanwhile, as the victim count rises, Vail can't shake the gnawing sense that something isn't right.

With the killer's actions threatening the Napa Valley's multi-billion dollar industry, the stakes have never been greater, and the race to find the killer never more urgent.

And through it all, a surprise lurks...one that Karen Vail never sees coming.

Meticulously researched during years of work with the FBI profiling unit and extensive interviews with wine industry professionals, bestselling author Alan Jacobson delivers a high-velocity thriller featuring the kind of edge-of-your-seat ending that inspired Nelson DeMille to call him "a hell of a writer." **HC \$52.95**

Sue Ann Jaffarian

Ghost a la Mode (Ghost of Granny Apples Mystery)

Sue Ann Jaffarian's spirited new mystery series features the amateur sleuth team of modern-day divorced mom Emma Whitecastle and the spirit of her pie-baking great-great-grandmother, Granny Apples. Granny was famous for her award-winning apple pies—and notorious for supposedly murdering her husband in the orchard. Together, Emma and Granny Apples solve mysteries of the past, starting with Granny's own unjust murder rap in the final days of the Gold Rush. **TP \$30.95**

Bill James Australian Author

Pix (Harpur & Iles Mystery)

When the murdered body of a finely dressed stranger is discovered in the wake of an art theft, Harpur and Iles wonder if the case may be related to a turf war between rival drug dealers, a situation that is further complicated by Harper's persistent daughters and Iles's questionable methods. By the author of *Girls*. **HC \$49.95**

Iris Johansen

Blood Game (Eve Duncan Forensics 09)

First comes darkness, then comes fear

Eve Duncan is back! Blockbuster New York Times bestselling author Iris Johansen's latest thriller brings Eve closer to discovering her daughter's killer...and into a web of danger from which she may not be able to escape...

Eve Duncan returns in a thriller that pits her against the most evil mind she has ever encountered: a ruthless killer who taunts her with his every move...and who has a special affinity for blood. When a Georgia senator's daughter is found murdered, and her body drained of blood, Eve Duncan is drawn into the web of Kevin Jelak—a serial murderer who is on Eve's short list of killers who might know something about her missing daughter Bonnie. When a goblet of blood is found in Eve's refrigerator, she knows the taunting is over...and the games have begun. As Eve and Jelak engage in a dance of death, Eve must call upon those she loves and trusts the most...even if it means bringing them into the game as well. **HC \$56.95**

Daniel Judson

The Violet Hour

In Daniel Judson's powerful new thriller, Bridgehampton auto mechanic Caleb Rakowski gets paid under the table at his friend Eric Carver's auto repair shop and lives in an apartment above. He's good at his job, he's a hard worker, and he's making a decent living.

But right now he's sheltering a pregnant friend who'll do anything to keep her abusive husband away from herself and her baby. Cal has sworn to protect her; that's the kind of guy he is, a true friend. Little does he know, though, the trouble destined to come down on them over the course of three days--Mischief Night, Halloween, and the Day of the Dead--when he learns the truth about Eric Carver and what he's been hiding all these years. And little does Cal know how those lies will force him to risk everything to save the people closest to him.

Daniel Judson is a craftsman of modern noir, an incredibly talented writer in the vein of Ellroy or Chandler but with the Hamptons in all their glitz and stark shadows as his canvas. Like his two previous Hamptons novels, *The Water's Edge* and *The Darkest Place*, *The Violet Hour* is tightly drawn, hauntingly atmospheric, and completely searing. **HC \$52.95**

Alex Kava

Black Friday (Maggie O'Dell)

On the busiest shopping day of the year, some idealistic college students believe they're about to carry out an elaborate media stunt at the largest mall in America. They think the jamming devices in their backpacks will disrupt stores' computer systems, causing delays and chaos. What they don't realize is that instead of jamming devices, their backpacks are stuffed with explosives, ready to be detonated by remote control and turning them into suicide bombers.

Caught up in a political nightmare, battling a new interim director and still mourning the death of her boss A. D. Cunningham, FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell must put her own troubles aside and fly to Minnesota to help figure out what's behind this terrorist attack—a massacre that is all the more frightening because no group has claimed responsibility.

The search becomes personal when a tip reveals that one of the college students involved is Patrick, Maggie's brother. Afraid and on the run, Patrick must decide if he can finally trust Maggie enough to help her unravel this horrifying nightmare.

Sifting through the debris for answers, Maggie is joined by Nick Morrelli, who has recently taken a job with a national security company that oversees security for the mall. Although Maggie and Nick have investigated several cases together in the past, they've never investigated a relationship with each other. Nick would like to change that. When an informant confides in Maggie that there are other attacks on the secret agenda, she knows that she's running out of time. In less than twenty-four hours she'll need to figure out exactly when and where the second attack will take place, who to look for and how to keep her brother from becoming one of the casualties. **HC \$51.95**

Faye Kellerman

Blindman's Bluff (Peter Decker)

Guy Kaffey thought his wealth could acquire anything- including the best security money can buy. When his family are gunned to death on their vast Butterfly Ranch estate, it's clear that he was tragically wrong.

Lieutenant Peter Decker of the LAPD is given the task of piecing together what happened. From the start, he suspects an inside job and that the answer lies with Kaffey's fortune. The daunting scale of Kaffey's business empire produces no shortage of suspects: from members of his bodyguard, to business partners, rival tycoons, even family members.

But as LA's ferocious street gangs hire themselves out to unknown paymasters in a cycle of revenge and death, Decker's own family is threatened. And if a billionaire like Kaffey can't protect his own, what hope does Decker have? **TP \$32.99**

Jonathan Kellerman

Evidence (Alex Delaware)

An Alex Delaware thriller. Early one morning a foreman shows up at the building site of a mega-mansion. Proceeding up unfinished plank steps, he arrives at the master bedroom. There, lying on a blanket, are a man and a woman, stabbed and bludgeoned to death. Who are the lovers? Why have they chosen a construction site for their late-night tryst? Is the double murder simply a horrific example of wrong-place, wrong-time? Or were the victims stalked? And will the outrage be repeated? Alex and Milo are called in and as they struggle to make their way through the alternative universe that is the domain of the impossibly rich, they discover a scheme rooted in deception and evil beyond even their imaginations. **TP \$32.99 HC \$58.95**

Cold Heart

Juliet Kipper, a gifted painter, is strangled in the LA gallery where her first solo show has opened to critical acclaim, and Milo Sturgis takes on the murder investigation as a favour to an old friend. He consults Alex Delaware, who, researching parallels with other deaths, looks for artists killed when on the verge of a breakthrough or comeback. And he finds two others. The investigation points to a gruesome, sadistic pattern of death, taking Milo and Alex into the dark side of the art world, and Alex's ex-lover Robin into terrible danger. **PB \$19.99**

True Detectives

TRUE DETECTIVES follows Moe Reed and Aaron Fox on the twisted trail of a missing girl, a dark, baffling whodunit that forces the brothers to put aside their mutual animus and to confront the unresolved family mystery that turned them into enemies. PIs can do things, legally, that cops can't. And cops have access to resources denied their private counterparts. Only by pooling their efforts and by consulting a man both brothers respect, psychologist Alex Delaware, do Fox and Reed stand a chance of peeling back the secrets in high places that explain the fate of an outwardly innocent young woman. And, by doing so, the brothers learn about much more than murder. **APB \$19.99**

Daniel Keyes*The Asylum Prophecies*

In this novel of suspense, a disturbed and suicidal young woman with multiple personalities is the only person who can stop an impending terrorist attack against the United States and must fight to free herself from her captors--and her mind--to save thousands of innocent lives. **PB \$19.95**

Lynda la Plante*Silent Scream (Anna Travis Mystery)*

Hot young British film star Amanda Delany had the world at her feet. Never one for the quiet life, she'd had a string of affairs with famous actors, making perfect fodder for the tabloids... Then came a commission to write a tell-all memoir.

When Amanda is found brutally murdered, the suspects are lining up - from jealous ex-flatmates to famous lovers to a corrupt agent. As DCI James Langton leads his team in an extensive enquiry, they discover the sad truth behind Amanda's successful façade. An autopsy reveals that she was addicted to drugs and starvation diets. Amanda's parents are a cold, unemotional couple who hushed up the fact that their daughter once almost died from a botched abortion. And it is revealed that her massive earnings were being swallowed up in a City fraud.

Meanwhile, DI Anna Travis is up for promotion, but her boss DCI James Langton is blocking her, with an accusation of professional misconduct. This latest case, her toughest challenge so far, could make or break Anna's career. **TP \$32.99**

The Red Dahlia

Detective Anna Travis is working on a horrific, brutal murder case that has created a media frenzy. The victim, Louise Pennel, a 24-year-old, single, 'fun-loving' girl, was last seen in a London night club wearing a sequined mini-dress and a red rose in her hair.

In an eerie mirror image of the famous LA murder case of Elizabeth Short in the 1940s known as the Black Dahlia, her body was found dumped by the River Thames... severed in half and brutalised beyond recognition.

Anna Travis must summon all the strength and guile she became so well known for to hunt down this sadistic killer. **PB \$19.95**

Sarah Langan*Audrey's Door*

When she moves into the Breviary, an apartment building built on the Upper West Side during Manhattan's Gilded Age, Audrey Lucas is plunged into a world of madness when she is haunted by dark visions and a voice that demands she build a door. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen Leather*Live Fire*

Mickey and Mark Moore are hard men who live by their own code and leaders of a gang that has made millions at the point of a gun. Now they're enjoying a life in the sun in Thailand. Dan Spider Shepherd is sent to infiltrate the tightly-knit team of bank robbers. But when he does, he discovers that he has more in common with them than he first thought. While he and his Serious Organised Crime Agency colleagues are plotting the downfall of the Moore brothers, a far more sinister threat is stalking the streets of London. A group of home-grown Islamic fundamentalist fanatics embarks on a campaign of terror the like of which Britain has never seen. Car bombs and beheadings are only the beginning . . . And Shepherd is the only man who can stop them. **PB \$19.99**

Donna Leon*Fatal Remedies*

It began with an early morning phone call. A sudden act of vandalism had just been committed in the chill Venetian dawn. But Commissario Guido Brunetti soon finds out that the perpetrator is no petty criminal. For the culprit waiting to be apprehended at the scene of the crime is none other than Paola Brunetti, his wife.

As Paola's actions provoke a crisis in the Brunetti household, Brunetti himself is under increasing pressure at work: a daring robbery with Mafia connections is linked to a suspicious death and his superiors need quick results. As his professional and personal lives clash, Brunetti's own career is under threat – and the conspiracy which Paola had risked everything to expose draws him inexorably to the brink ... **BPB \$24.95**

A Noble Radiance

In a small village at the foot of the Italian Dolomites, the gardens of a deserted farmhouse have lain untouched for decades. But the new owner, keen for renovations to begin, is summoned urgently to the house when his workmen disturb a macabre grave. Wild animals have done their grisly work and the human corpse is badly decomposed. Then a valuable signet ring is found close by, providing the first vital clue. It leads Commissario Guido Brunetti right to the heart of aristocratic Venice, to a family still grieving for its abducted son ... **BPB \$24.95**

A Uniform Justice

Neither Commissario Brunetti nor his wife Paola have ever had much sympathy for the Italian armed forces, so when a young cadet is found hanged, at Venice's elite military academy, Brunetti's emotions are complex: pity and sorrow at the death of a boy close in age to his own son, and contempt and irritation for the arrogance and high-handedness of the boy's teachers and fellow students.

The young man is the son of an ex-politician, a man of an impeccable integrity all too rare in Italian politics. But as Brunetti – and the indispensable Signorina Elettra – investigate further, no one seems willing to talk, as the military protects its own and civilians keep their own counsel. Is this the natural reluctance of Italians to involve themselves with the authorities, or is Brunetti facing a conspiracy of silence? **BPB \$24.95**

Attica Locke*Black Water Rising*

Jay Porter is not the lawyer he set out to be, but he's long since made peace with the American Dream and carefully tucked away his darkest sins. Jay believes he can make a fresh start in Houston, Texas, until the night in a boat out on the bayou when he impulsively saves a woman from drowning - and opens a Pandora's box. Her secrets put Jay in danger, ensnaring him in a murder investigation that could cost him his practice, his family and even his life. But before he can get to the bottom of the tangled mystery that reaches into the upper echelons of Houston's corporate power brokers, Jay must confront the demons of his past.

A compelling and provocative new thriller in the tradition of Dennis Lehane, this book marks the arrival of an electrifying new talent. **TP \$32.99**

John Lutz*Urge to Kill*

The New York Times best-selling author presents a chilling new tale of suspense in which homicide detective Frank Quinn is forced out of retirement when a sadistic killer begins murdering beautiful women and horribly defiling their bodies. **PB \$17.95**

Stuart MacBride

Blind Eye (Logan McRae 05)

Blind Eye, the new Logan McRae thriller set in gritty Aberdeen, Scotland, from Stuart MacBride, the award-winning author of Cold Granite and Flesh House, finds the long-suffering detective sergeant on a brutal new case.

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, code-named 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 betting shop and long the uncontested ringleader of Aberdeen's shadier element, Logan suddenly finds himself caught up in a brave new world of drug wars, prostitution rings, and gun-running courtesy of Aberdeen's oldest and most vicious crime lord.

Stuart MacBride's signature combination of hard-hitting suspense and dry humor has won him many fans, and Blind Eye is another stellar entry in this rising star's multiple award-winning series. **HC \$54.95**

Barry Maitland *Australian Author*

Dark Mirror (Brock and Kolla Mysteries 10)

Newly promoted to Detective Inspector, Kathy Kolla of the Serious Crimes Unit is called in by the forensic pathologist regarding the recent sudden death of a London student from what he's determined to be arsenic poisoning. Marion Summers had no reason to be in contact with arsenic and, though once common, arsenic is now very hard to get hold of. The more Kolla investigates, the more she discovers that certain other things about Summers are also unusual. She moved three octobers ago without leaving a forwarding address or informing her relatives. And her step-father has a disquieting past and, after attacking a constable in a pub, a not-so-savory present. With each turn in the investigation, it becomes increasingly clear that behind what really happened—and why—lies the most difficult-to-crack case the team has ever faced. **HC \$51.95**

Lou Manfredo

Rizzo's War

Rizzo's War, Lou Manfredo's stunningly authentic debut, partners a rookie detective with a seasoned veteran on his way to retirement in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

"There's no wrong, there's no right, there just is." This is the refrain of Joe Rizzo, a decades-long veteran of the NYPD, as he passes on the knowledge of his years of experience to his ambitious new partner, Mike McQueen, over a year of riding together as detectives in the Sixty-second Precinct in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. McQueen is fresh from the beat in Manhattan, and Bensonhurst might as well be China for how different it is. They work on several cases, some big, some small, but the lesson is always the same. Whether it's a simple robbery or an attempted assault, Rizzo's saying always seems to bear out.

When the two detectives are given the delicate task of finding and returning the runaway daughter of a city councilman, who may or may not be more interested in something his daughter has taken with her than in her safety, the situation is much more complex. By the end of Rizzo and McQueen's year together, however, McQueen is not surprised to discover that even in those more complicated cases, Rizzo is still right—there's no wrong, there's no right, there just is.

Rizzo's War is an introduction to a wonderful new voice in crime fiction in the Big Apple, ringing with authenticity, full of personality, and taut with the suspense of real, everyday life in the big city. **HC \$51.95**

Archer Mayor

The Price of Malice (Joe Gunther)

Wayne Castine was found brutally murdered and the murderer remains at large. Castine, a suspected child predator, was killed in Brattleboro where he was involved with a tangled network of an extended family living in a local trailer park. Any member of the clan would have had the opportunity to kill him, and, as he was involved with both the mother and her 12 year old daughter, reason to commit the murder. At the same time, Joe Gunther has learned that his girlfriend Lyn Silva's fisherman father and brother, believed lost at sea off the coast of Maine, might have actually been murdered.

Without enough solid information to warrant law enforcement involvement, Lyn returns to Maine to try and investigate Gunther's findings. Gunther periodically puts his on-going murder investigation on hold—irritating his colleagues and angering his bosses—to go and help Lyn in Maine. It appears increasingly possible that her father and brother weren't the good guys that Lyn always believed them to be and that they might have been involved with vicious smugglers who murdered them—and might do the same to Lyn if she keeps pushing.

Torn between his conscience and his heart, a murder investigation and a personal search for the truth, Gunther finds that betrayal and loyalty are often a matter of viewpoint. **HC \$51.95**

Amelaka McCall

Hush

Assigned to investigate the kidnapping of a New York Senator's daughter, FBI Special Agent Deidre Aponte goes undercover and infiltrates a ring of notorious female drug dealers called the F.A.B. where she finds the lines between good and evil blurring as she gets in too deep. **TP \$30.95**

Judi McCoy

Heir of the Dog (Dog Walker Mystery)

Professional dog walker Ellie Engleman, along with her canine cohort, must sniff out the real killer when she becomes the prime suspect in a murder investigation involving a troubled but harmless park dweller. **PB \$17.95**

Cody McFadyen

Abandoned (Smoky Barrett 04)

Investigating the works of a serial killer for hire who kills wives and effectively hides all evidence until the cases are closed, FBI Special Agent Smoky Barrett and her team fight to crack his operation and discover that he may be targeting Smoky. **HC \$51.95**

Ralph McInerny

Stained Glass (Father Dowling Mysteries 28)

Tough times and the unsolved murders of anyone with ties to the Deveres—a family of wealthy parish patrons—back Father Dowling up against a wall in his struggle to save his church from the chopping block. With too many churches and not enough people to fill them, the Archdiocese has to make some cuts, and many of them, including the proposed closing of St. Hilary's, are dangerously close to the bone. Father Dowling rushes to drum up support from church officials and parishioners, including the Deveres, who don't want to see the stained glass windows they donated go anywhere other than the church they were meant for, but they can hardly be of help when those closest to them start turning up dead.

Church politics, long-kept family secrets, and a determined killer come together to put St. Hilary's—a church that countless characters and devoted readers have come to love—and its parishioners in peril in Stained Glass, the latest in Ralph McInerny's treasured mystery series. **HC \$51.95**

Colin McLaren *Australian Author*

On the Run

The hunter becomes the hunted...

For two years, Cole Goodwin goes deep undercover to infiltrate the Australian Mafia. The covert investigation busts open the organisation, and the bad guys are safely put away.

Unbeknownst to Cole, a lieutenant from the Calabria Mafiosi has been despatched to terminate the main undercover operative. And, too late, Cole realises that someone in the Australian Crime Authority is not quite who he seems...

Thus a chase ensues, that takes Cole across three continents, finishing in the Aspromonte Mountains in Italy.

The bestselling author of *Infiltration*, Colin McLaren, has created a compelling journey through the brutal, ruthless world of contemporary Mafia life, and the vast network of thugs who run the racket. **TP \$32.99**

Deon Meyer

Blood Safari

An award-winning international title finds Emma Le Roux hiring a personal security expert when her believed-dead brother is named as a suspect in the murders of five people, a situation that pits her against political tensions, corruption, and life-threatening violence. By the author of *Heart of the Hunter*. **HC \$40.95**

A A Milne

The Red House Mystery

A classic crime story from the world famous author of Winnie-the-Pooh, beautifully re-issued for a whole new audience of Milne fans and crime lovers alike. The perfect stocking filler this Christmas.

Far from the gentle slopes of the Hundred Acre Wood lies The Red House, the setting for A.A Milne's only detective story, where secret passages, uninvited guests, a sinister valet and a puzzling murder lay the foundations for a classic crime caper. And when the local police prove baffled, it is up to a guest at a local inn to appoint himself 'Sherlock Holmes' and, together with his friend and loyal 'Watson', delve deeper into the mysteries of the dead man.

The Red House Mystery is a lost gem from a time before Tigger and a perfectly crafted whodunit with witty dialogue, deft plotting and a most curious cast of characters. **BPB \$24.95**

Horacio Castellanos Moya

The She-Devil in the Mirror

Shocked by the in-home murder of her best friend, Laura Rivera vows to track down the unknown killer, an effort set against a backdrop of post-civil war San Salvador that challenges her notions about justice and truth. By a PEN-winning translator and the author of *Senselessness*. **TP \$30.95**

Marcia Muller

Locked In

Shot in the head by an unknown assailant, San Francisco private eye Sharon McCone finds herself trapped by locked-in syndrome: almost total paralysis but an alert, conscious mind. Since the late-night attack occurred at her agency's offices, the natural conclusion was that it was connected to one of the firm's cases. As Sharon lies in her hospital bed, furiously trying to break out of her body's prison and discover her attacker's identity, all the members of her agency fan out to find the reason why she was assaulted. Meanwhile, Sharon becomes a locked-in detective, evaluating the clues from her staff's separate investigations and discovering unsettling truths that could put her life in jeopardy again. As the case draws to a surprising and even shocking conclusion, Sharon's husband, Hy, must decide whether or not to surrender to his own violent past and exact fatal vengeance when the person responsible is identified. **HC \$51.95**

Brenda Novak

The Perfect Murder

While helping Sebastian Costas find the man responsible for murdering his ex-wife and son, Jane Burke, an investigator who was once married to a serial killer, becomes trapped in a deadly game when the person she is hunting starts hunting her. **PB \$19.95**

Carol O'Connell

Bone by Bone

From this acclaimed writer a new stand-alone thriller of knife-edge suspense and masterful plotting...In the northern Californian town of Coventry, two teenage brothers go into the woods one day; only one comes back. No one knows what happened to the younger brother, Josh, until twenty years later, when the older brother, Oren, now an ex-investigator for the Army Criminal Investigations Department, returns home after many years. His first morning back, he hears a thump on the front porch. Lying in front of the door is a human jawbone, teeth still intact. It is not the first such object, his father tells him. Other remains have been left there as well. Josh is coming home... bone by bone. Using all his investigative skills, Oren sets out to solve the mystery of his brother's murder. Coventry is a town full of secrets and secret-keepers but the greatest secret of all belonged to his brother, and it is only by unravelling it that Oren can discover the truth that has haunted them all for twenty years. **BPB \$22.99**

Clare O'Donohue

A Drunkard's Path (Someday Quilts)

Her date with the local police chief cancelled because of a murder, quilter Nell Fitzgerald signs up for art classes with a famous local professor who becomes smitten with Nell's grandmother, a situation that turns menacing in the wake of a second murder. **TP \$26.95**

Sara Paretsky

HardBall (VI Warshawski)

In fulfilling an obligation to someone, VI tries to find an African-American man who has been missing since 1967. The case draws VI back into the Civil Rights Era, and memories of her childhood and her father. But it also has very real ramifications in the present day, when her young cousin goes missing and VI fears having roused the wrath of Chicago's most vicious gang, the Anacondas - and maybe worse, having roused Chicago's politicians . . . **TP \$32.99 HC \$54.95**

Robert B Parker

The Professional

Hired to counter a blackmailer who has had affairs with several wealthy women, Boston private eye Spenser finds the case turning violent when the women are systematically murdered, a situation that is complicated by the discovery that not all of the blackmailer's conquests make sense. By the author of *Rough Weather*. **HC \$54.95**

James Patterson*6th Target (Women's Murder Club)*

When a lone gunman goes on a shooting spree aboard a packed San Francisco ferry, Lieutenant Lindsay Boxer is called in to investigate. At the scene she finds three people dead and fellow Women's Murder Club member Claire Washburn fighting for her life. Lindsay promises to find whoever did this. But it's a promise she may not be able to keep. As the investigation makes its way to court, news of a child abduction comes through. Lindsay discovers that more children have been taken. But with no ransom demands the abductions don't seem to make sense unless the kidnappers aren't planning on returning their hostages. The clock is ticking as Lindsay tries to fit all the pieces together. She knows that if she doesn't find the children quickly it will be too late... **APB \$19.99**

Richard North Patterson*Eclipse*

In a novel of international intrigue, an American lawyer, Damon Pierce, attempts to save Bobby Okari, the West African leader of a protest movement, from execution by the country's corrupt and autocratic leader.

Complicating matters further is Okari's wife, Marissa Brand, with whom Pierce had a relationship years before that he's never quite forgotten; she, in fact, persuaded him to take the case in the first place, and it is she who plays a crucial role in the eventual outcome...

Culminating in a dramatic show trial and a desperate race against time, *Eclipse* combines a thrilling narrative with a vivid look at the human cost of the global lust for oil. **APB \$19.99**

The Spire

The new blockbuster from the thinking man's thriller writer. A young college president struggles to save his once-prestigious alma mater, Caldwell College, from a financial scandal which may be linked to the murder of a student, some 17 years previously.

The Caldwell campus is dominated by a large bell tower known as The Spire. The Spire ornaments the school yearbook, stationery, all publications. Steeped in lore, it tolls every hour of the school day; or to mark notable events such as athletic triumphs. But in 1993, the body of Angela Hall, a black student, was found at the foot of the Spire. Raped and murdered, she seemed oddly like a sacrifice to the newly-ominous college landmark...

Gripping and razor-sharp, *The Spire* is both a hugely satisfying thriller and a poignant love story. Richard North Patterson has outdone himself – this is his most compelling novel in years. **TP \$32.99**

Mark Pearson*Blood Work*

The first victim is a young woman found on Hampstead Heath. Her throat has been slashed and her body mutilated. This horrifying discovery marks the beginning of Detective Inspector Jack Delaney's toughest ever case.

When the expertly dissected body of a second young woman is discovered in a north London flat with a brightly coloured scarf tied around her neck, it suddenly becomes clear that a psychopath is on the loose. There is no apparent connection between the two victims and there are no clear motives – but the crime scenes tell a terrifying story.

Delaney, together with forensic pathologist Kate Walker, needs to act quickly and piece together the evidence in order to uncover the deadly pattern behind the murders. However, violent events from Delaney's past are threatening to catch up with him, and he must stay one step ahead of his enemies if he is to stop the killer from striking again. **BPB \$21.95**

Louise Penny*The Brutal Telling (Armand Gamache)*

Chaos is coming, old son.

With those words the peace of Three Pines is shattered. As families prepare to head back to the city and children say goodbye to summer, a stranger is found murdered in the village bistro and antiques store. Once again, Chief Inspector Gamache and his team are called in to strip back layers of lies, exposing both treasures and rancid secrets buried in the wilderness.

No one admits to knowing the murdered man, but as secrets are revealed, chaos begins to close in on the beloved bistro owner, Olivier. How did he make such a spectacular success of his business? What past did he leave behind and why has he buried himself in this tiny village? And why does every lead in the investigation find its way back to him? As Olivier grows more frantic, a trail of clues and treasures— from first editions of *Charlotte's Web* and *Jane Eyre* to a spider web with the word "WOE" woven in it—lead the Chief Inspector deep into the woods and across the continent in search of the truth, and finally back to Three Pines as the little village braces for the truth and the final, brutal telling. **HC \$51.95**

Anne Perry*A Christmas Promise*

When a younger fellow orphan is imperiled by her uncle's murder and the flight of a family donkey, Gracie, Charlotte Pitt's maid aids the child's search for both the killer and the donkey. By the best-selling author of *A Christmas Grace*. **HC \$36.95**

Silent Nights

In *A Christmas Beginning*, Scotland Yard's Superintendent Runcorn's Wales coast holiday is interrupted by the murder of a local woman, while in *A Christmas Grace*, Thomas Pitt's sister-in-law, Emily, is summoned to a coastal Ireland town that is haunted by a cold-case murder **TP \$30.95**

Jason Pinter*The Fury (Henry Parker)*

When Henry Parker discovers that a junkie, who has just been shot to death, is the brother he never knew he had, he is forced to question everything he has ever known and find the truth -- and the killer -- with the help of Amanda Davies. **PB \$19.95**

Junius Podrug & Harold Robbins*The Shroud*

Art investigator Madison Dupre knew the offer was too good to be true: \$20,000 for a quick trip to Dubai, the fantastic Arabian Nights city on the Persian Gulf. The call came from Sir Henri Lipton, a man who was supposed to be dead—and who she sincerely had hoped was burning in hell because he had ruined her career before his violent "demise." He told her only one tantalizing thing about the piece of art: "Let's just say it's a couple thousand years old and was buried with Christ." The fact the offer came from a man wanted on three continents for art looting was fair warning that there would be a catch. But with credit collectors and an avaricious landlord pounding at her door, Madison listened when the devil whispered magic words in her ear: \$20,000— cash – upfront. There was a catch, of course. A number of them. Sir Henri was up to his neck in conspiracies and needed someone to deflect the danger onto—not to mention frame for the most audacious art theft in history. Dubai, a city that has been called Las Vegas on steroids, would just be the first stop for Madison on a quest that takes her to an ancient Mesopotamian city, the dark streets of exotic Istanbul, Venice at Carnival time, and a cathedral where the most sacred object of Christendom is stored. Along the way, she finds romance in the arms of a Russian agent who she doesn't trust—and can't resist. **HC \$52.95**

Thomas Pynchon

Inherent Vice

The legendary author of *V* and *Gravity's Rainbow* is back with a taut, psychedelic yarn, about the sixties, featuring private eye Doc Sportello... Part noir, part psychedelic romp, all Thomas Pynchon – private eye Doc Sportello comes, occasionally, out of a marijuana haze to watch the end of an era as free love slips away and paranoia creeps in with the L.A. fog.

It's been awhile since Doc Sportello has seen his ex-girlfriend. Suddenly out of nowhere she shows up with a story about a plot to kidnap a billionaire land developer whom she just happens to be in love with. Easy for her to say. It's the tail end of the psychedelic sixties in L.A., and Doc knows that 'love' is another of those words going around at the moment, like 'trip' or 'groovy', except that this one usually leads to trouble. Despite which he soon finds himself drawn into a bizarre tangle of motives and passions whose cast of characters includes surfers, hustlers, dopers and rockers, a murderous loan shark, a tenor sax player working undercover, an ex-con with a swastika tattoo and a fondness for Ethel Merman, and a mysterious entity known as the Golden Fang, which may only be a tax dodge set up by some dentists.

In this lively yarn, Thomas Pynchon, working in an unaccustomed genre, provides a classic illustration of the principle that if you can remember the sixties, you weren't there...or...if you were there, then you...or, wait, is it... **TP \$32.95**

Ian Rankin

The Complaints (Rebus)

More than 20 years on since his first novel appeared, Ian Rankin is one of the literary world's most recognised and well-loved authors. With an unerring eye for the shadowy secrets beneath the surface of modern life, his gripping crime novels have not only got under the skin of a city, but of a nation. Hailed as both one of the top crime writers of a generation and a master chronicler of the dark side of our society, Ian Rankin is a writer of rare honesty, perception and skill. This new novel shows a writer at the top of his game and dares you to turn the pages on a story that will engage, fascinate and intrigue. **TP \$32.99**

Christopher Reich

Rules of Vengeance

It is six months since Jonathan Ransom foiled the attack on an Israeli jet that threatened to plunge the world into war. He has spent the last six months in hiding in South East Asia avoiding having to confront his wife's double life and the lie that was their eight-year marriage.

Now Emma has initiated a reconciliation which Ransom reluctantly goes along with. They meet in London and vow to start over with no more secrets between them.

But only minutes after they reunite, they bear witness to a terrible act of violence. A band of gunmen ambush a convoy of limousines carrying the U.S. Secretary of State and the Saudi Arabian Oil Minister to a secret meeting. Caught in the midst of the attack, Jonathan and Emma take matters into their own hands. When the violence subsides, the Saudi Minister has been killed, all of the terrorists are dead, and Emma is missing. Despite their actions, Jonathan and Emma fall under suspicion.

Pursued by MI5, Jonathan knows that his only path to freedom lies in tracking down his wife. To do so, he must learn once and for all the truth behind her identity, and whether she has renounced her ways as a spy. Or if he, Jonathan Ransom, is the ultimate pawn in a game far beyond his imagining. **TP \$34.95**

Kerry Reichs

The Bohemian Girl

When American novelist Denton receives a letter from a young woman, Mary Thomason, saying she's in danger and needs his help, he doubts if there's anything he can do. As famous writer with a well-documented past as a lawman in the American west, Denton is used to having mysteries laid at his door, but the letter is months old and was only forwarded to him when the buyer of a painting found it stuck behind the frame. Presumably whatever Mary Thomason was frightened of has already happened. So why did she hide the note behind this particular painting, instead of sending it? The search for answers leads Denton into the heart of Bohemian London - the world of artists and their models, a world of brilliance and depravity, of unconventional morals and shifting sexual identities, where the border between genius and madness is hard to discern but easy to cross. And before he has learned the shocking truth, Denton will discover what it's like to be the object of a lethal obsession and endure a terrifying confrontation with his own demons. **TP \$32.99**

Matthew Reilly Australian Author

The Five Greatest Warriors (Jack West 03)

It began with six stones: Jack West Jr and his loyal team are in desperate disarray: they've been separated, their mission is in tatters, and Jack was last seen plummeting down a fathomless abyss.

It finishes here: After surviving his deadly fall, Jack must now race against his many enemies to locate and set in place the remaining pieces of The Machine before the coming Armageddon.

Who are the five warriors? As the world teeters on the brink of destruction, he will learn of the Five Warriors, the individuals who throughout history have been most intimately connected to his quest.

Oceans will rise, cities will fall: Scores will be settled, fathers will fight sons, brothers will battle brothers, and Jack and his friends will soon find out exactly what the end of the world looks like... **HC \$49.99**

Ruth Rendell

The Monster in the Box (Inspector Wexford)

When Wexford starts out as a young police officer, he is involved with a murder case where the perpetrator is not brought to justice. All these years, Wexford has harboured suspicions about the possible killer, who suddenly returns to Kingsmarkham. There are other apparently unrelated deaths, and once more Wexford is on the trail to uncover the evidence that will make the crucial connections.

Ruth Rendell takes us back in time, not only to resolve a series of crimes, but to show Wexford as a young man, meeting Dora, his future wife, and developing into the unique, instinctive yet methodical detective that he becomes. **TP \$32.95**

Craig Russell

The Valkyrie Song

Jan Fabel returns to the Hamburg murder squad to track down a horrifying killer. Jan Fabel is a troubled man. His relationships with the women in his life – his mother, daughter, ex-wife, girlfriend – are becoming increasingly complicated. His professional life as head of the Hamburg murder squad is equally trying: he is attempting to resolve a case involving a female nurse who had been murdering elderly patients. Then a Senator in Hamburg's regional parliament is found dead in his expensive Rotherbaum villa. It is assumed that he has died in a bizarre sex game. Afterwards, a prominent Hamburg businessman is discovered in similar circumstances, his neck broken. A third murder in Hamburg of a detective from the Copenhagen murder squad reveals that there is no random factor in any of these cases. But Fabel has no immediate clue that he is dealing with the Valkyrie. A terrifyingly efficient professional killer. The ultimate Avenging Angel. **TP \$34.95**

John Sandford*Heat Lightning*

Summoned by Lucas Davenport to investigate a pair of murders in which the victims are found with lemons in their mouths, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigator Virgil Flowers struggles to find a connection that could prevent additional killings. **PB \$21.95**

Rough Country

Investigating the shooting murder of a kayaker at a women-only Minnesota resort, investigator Virgil Flowers finds more suspects than anticipated including the victim's fellow patrons and a talented local country singer, a case that is complicated by the discovery of other murders. **HC \$54.95**

Gerald Seymour*The Collaborator*

One call will change her life, and will start a war. She is an Italian accountancy student in London, and her boyfriend is Eddie who teaches at a language school. But the prime reason Immacolata Borelli came to Britain was to look after her gangster brother, wanted for multiple murders back home in Naples. For the Borelli clan are major players in the Camorra, a crime network more ruthless even than the Sicilian Mafia. Mario Castrolami is a senior Carabinieri investigator of the Camorra, and has dedicated his career to destroying the corruption and violence of the clans. When Immacolata phones from London and tells him she is prepared to collaborate with justice - to betray her own family - he understands she is setting in motion a terrifying and unpredictable series of events. The Borellis will not lose their criminal empire without a vicious fight. They will use any tactic and any person in a brutal struggle to keep control of their territory in the city, and to prevent her from giving evidence against them. Even Eddie, and Eddie's life. **TP \$32.99**

Clea Simon*Shades of Grey*

In the first volume of the brand-new Dulcie Schwartz feline-filled mystery series, Dulcie is having an awful summer. Her beloved cat Mr. Grey has been put to sleep, and her new roommate, Tim, is a jerk. Walking home, she sees a cat who is the spitting image of Mr. Grey, and hears a voice say, "I wouldn't go in just now." She enters to find Tim dead, stabbed with her own knife. Dulcie is in the frame for murder--and she hasn't seen the last of Mr. Grey. **HC \$58.95**

Alexander McCall Smith*The Lost Art of Gratitude (Isabel Dalhousie 06)*

Encountering high-flying financier Minty Auchterlonie while attending a birthday party, Isabel learns of Minty's complicated monetary troubles and wonders if the ambitious woman is perpetuating a fraud, a situation that is further complicated by a plagiarism battle with Professor Dove and Cat's problematic new man. **HC \$49.95**

Mehmet Murat Somer*The Gigolo Murders (Hop-Ciki-Yaya 03)*

Devastated by the end of her relationship, our heroine swaps her catsuit for pyjamas and hides away from the world. But her friends from the nightclub refuse to let her waste away in self-pity and drag her out to make up the numbers for a party. Only full make-up will suffice, and there's serious grooming to be done before our girl's up to the challenge - her state of misery has left her so thin that even her favourite Audrey Hepburn number doesn't cling the way it should.

At the soiree, she becomes entranced with a powerful married man, but it's unlikely their paths will cross again. Until a body is found in the street, stabbed to death - the victim, a gigolo, has connections to the object of her affection. And it seems that the gigolo lifestyle can leave one, ahem, exposed to hidden dangers. Our girl valiantly agrees to take on the case - any meetings with her beloved are an incidental added bonus. **BPB \$23.95**

Josephine Tey*Brat Farrar*

A stranger enters the inner sanctum of the Ashby family posing as Patrick Ashby, the heir to the family's sizeable fortune. The stranger, Brat Farrar, has been carefully coached on Patrick's mannerisms, appearance and every significant detail of Patrick's early life, up to his thirteenth year when he disappeared and was thought to have drowned himself.

It seems as if Brat is going to pull off this most incredible deception until old secrets emerge that threaten to jeopardise the imposter's plan and his very life... **BPB \$24.95**

The Daughter Of Time

Inspector Alan Grant of Scotland Yard, recuperating from a broken leg, becomes fascinated with a contemporary portrait of Richard III that bears no resemblance to the Wicked Uncle of history. Could such a sensitive, noble face actually belong to one of the world's most heinous villains - a venomous hunchback who may have killed his brother's children to make his crown secure? Or could Richard have been the victim, turned into a monster by the usurpers of England's throne? Grant determines to find out once and for all, with the help of the British Museum and an American scholar, what kind of man Richard Plantagenet really was and who killed the Princes in the Tower. **BPB \$24.95**

The Franchise Affair

Marion Sharpe and her mother seem an unlikely duo to be found on the wrong side of the law. Quiet and ordinary, they have led a peaceful and unremarkable life at their country home, The Franchise. Unremarkable that is, until the police turn up with a demure young woman on their doorstep. Not only does Betty Kane accuse them of kidnap and abuse, she can back up her claim with a detailed description of the attic room in which she was kept, right down to the crack in its round window.

But there's something about Betty Kane's story that doesn't quite add up. Inspector Alan Grant of Scotland Yard is stumped. And it takes Robert Blair, local solicitor turned amateur detective, to solve the mystery that lies at the heart of The Franchise Affair. **BPB \$24.95**

Johan Theorin*Darkest Room*

A number one bestseller in Sweden, and winner of the the prestigious Glass Key Award for Best Nordic Crime Novel, 2008 - the chilling story of a couple of who live in a house with a secret, murderous past.

'For several hours I believed that my daughter had drowned and my wife as alive, when in fact the reverse was true.'

It is bitter mid-winter when Katrine and Joakim Westin move with their children into the old manor house at Eel Point on the Swedish island of Oland. But their new home is no remote idyll. Just days later, Katrine is found drowned off the rocks nearby.

While Joakim struggles to keep his sanity, Tilda Davidsson - a young policewoman fresh out of college- becomes convinced that Katrine was murdered.

Then, on Christmas Eve, a blizzard hits Eel Point. Isolated by the snow, Joakim does not know that visitors - as unwelcome as they are terrifying - are making their way towards him. For this is the darkest night of the year, the night when the living meet the dead ... **TP \$34.95**

Peter Thomas*Chasing the Cyclone*

Paul Francesco is an independent, successful single man in his late thirties who has everything in the world going for him: financial stability with the real possibility of obtaining significant wealth, a dedicated and loyal group of family and friends, and a challenging, exciting, and rewarding career. Except Paul has one problem: he lives with a deep, dark secret that torments him: he is a ghost living in purgatory despite his relative success. Unknown to Paul, there is an evil plan to extort his hard-earned assets from him and in the process deny him the one thing that is more important to him than anything else in the world: to be an active part of his son Alex's life. Unfortunately, his innocent and trusting seven-year old son is at the center of this vicious and diabolical plot directed at him. When things go from bad to worse to unbelievably insane – when judges choose not to uphold the laws of their nations, when law enforcement turns a blind eye, and when one government after another's hands are tied due to bureaucratic issues of jurisdiction or non-participation of the international treaty on child abduction, the only thing that could prevent Alex from becoming another sad and sorry statistic on a report that nobody wants to read or think about is his father's vow to never abandon him no matter what. As a result, Paul is forced to become a hunter, chasing the predators who have taken his son to the other side of the world. With the situation becoming more and more desperate, he is forced to find other resources to help him. As the hunt moves across international borders, he gathers together an extraordinary group of individuals, each with their own powerful stories, to help him. The story moves from The United States and Canada, to the island nations of Oceania, and culminates in the horrifying black-markets of Asia. **HC \$51.95**

Bill Vidal*The Clayton Account*

A exhilarating international thriller about a numbered Swiss bank account that switches between London, Zurich, New York, and the cocaine fields of Columbia

Thomas Clayton is a City trader working the markets in London's Square Mile and living, financially, on borrowed time. But when he returns home to New York for his father's funeral to discover he has been left nearly \$50 million in a numbered Swiss bank account, he's at a complete loss to explain how his professor father could have come by such a sum. Whatever the explanation, the mysterious windfall has come at exactly the right time.

So he travels to Zurich, secures the funds, and tells his wife to make an offer on her dream country mansion. What Tom doesn't know yet is that his father was being used as a 'ghost' to clean up dirty money by a New York laundry operation: really the money belongs to Carlos Morales, Medellin's biggest cocaine baron.

Tom's actions in Europe spark a murderous turf war in the Americas between the cartels of Medellin and Cali, involving a cast of bent lawyers, cops, undercover DEA – and transatlantic assassins who'll stop at nothing or no one to make Tom pay his debt... **PB \$24.95**

Wendy Lyn Watson*I Scream, You Scream (Mystery a La Mode)*

When her ex-husband's buxom girlfriend is murdered, ice-cream parlor owner Tally Jones, with the help of her former high school flame, must get the real scoop on the inhabitants of Dalliance, Texas, to clear her name. **PB \$17.95**

Peggy Webb*Elvis and the grateful Dead (Southern Cousins 02)*

When two Elvis impersonators meet their maker during the annual Elvis festival, Callie Valentine Jones must come to the aid of her cousin Lovie--a 190-pound bombshell who has had more boyfriends than the King had hits--when she becomes the prime suspect. **HC \$45.95**

Jeri Westerson*The Serpent in the Thorns (Medieval Noir)*

Convicted of treason, Crispin Guest was stripped of his title, his land, his money and his friends. Now with only his considerable wits to sustain him, Guest works the mean streets of 14th century London, building a small reputation for his skill. In 1383, a simple-minded tavern girl comes to his door—a body was found where she works and she's the only person who could have killed him. Except for the fact that the man was killed in place by a precisely aimed crossbow bolt. Making matters worse, the murdered man was one of three couriers from the French king, transporting a relic intended to smooth the troubled relations between France and England. Events quickly spin out of control and Guest now finds himself the prime suspect in the murder, one with terrible diplomatic implications. As the drumbeat of war between the two countries grow, Guest must unravel the conspiracy behind the murder to save not only his country, but himself as well. **HC \$51.95**

Patrick Woodhead*The Cloud Maker*

In the furthest reaches of the Himalayas lies a treasure that for decades men have laid down their lives trying to protect from the outside world ...

To Luca Matthews the dangers of the high mountain peaks are the air upon which he thrives. In the ruthless pursuit of his goals he would sacrifice anything – even another climber's life. His friends and family know and fear it. So when he sights a virgin peak in the Himalayas that exists on no map, no one is surprised when he becomes obsessed with being the first to scale it.

Together with his climbing partner, Bill Taylor, they set off into a region of Tibet highly restricted by the Chinese. But a freak accident puts one of their team in mortal danger and it is left to a local Tibetan girl to lead them to Geltang, a monastery that has been hidden from the outside world since the Chinese Cultural Revolution, when most of the monasteries were pillaged and burned. Soon, as the Chinese secret police get wind of them, Luca and Bill find themselves embroiled in an age-old struggle, not for their lives but to protect the precious secret that Geltang hides and the legacy of Tibet itself. **TP \$34.95**

Elizabeth Zelvin*Death Will Help Leave Him*

Recovering alcoholic Bruce Kohler and his friends face new challenges when an Al-Anon sponsee becomes the prime suspect in her abusive boyfriend's murder, in a book from the author of Death Will Get You Sober. **HC \$52.95**

Other Books

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

Heavenly Chocolate Desserts

Chocolate desserts are irresistible - and there are delicious ideas in this book for every occasion. For sheer melt-in-the-mouth luxury, Hot Puddings feature a host of must-have recipes for cold nights. Whip up a heavenly Chocolate Souffle or a devilishly rich Pain au Chocolat Pudding.

Chilled Desserts offer something for everyone. Kids will love Banana Splits with Hot Fudge Sauce or Mint Choc Chip Ice Cream, while adults will fight over a mountain of Profiteroles. There are recipes for ice creams, including a Chocolate Marquise, as well as individual puddings, perfect for an elegant dessert.

When a dessert calls for a little refinement with maximum impact, try something from the Tarts & Cheesecakes chapter. Pull out all the stops with a Raspberry and Chocolate Ripple Cheesecake, or for a real taste of decadence tuck into a White Chocolate and Kahlua Mousse Torte. When you need a foolproof recipe for a chocolatey birthday cake, Cakes & Bakes will provide the inspiration you need. Recipes such as Mississippi Mud Pie, Sachertorte and Meringue Cake are bound to please.

And finally, no dessert is complete without a little extra On the Side. This indispensable chapter gives you all sorts of sauces, as well as Rich Vanilla Ice Cream to accompany every kind of chocolate dessert. **PB \$29.95**

Margaret Atwood

Alias Grace

Sometimes I whisper it over to myself: Murderess. Murderess. It rustles, like a taffeta skirt along the floor.' Grace Marks. Female fiend? Femme fatale? Or weak and unwilling victim? Around the true story of one of the most enigmatic and notorious women of the 1840s, Margaret Atwood has created an extraordinarily potent tale of sexuality, cruelty and mystery **BPB \$24.99**

Blind Assassins

Laura Chase's older sister Iris, married at eighteen to a politically prominent industrialist but now poor and eighty-two, is living in Port Ticonderoga, a town dominated by their once-prosperous family before the First War. While coping with her unreliable body, Iris reflects on her far from exemplary life, in particular the events surrounding her sister's tragic death. Chief among these was the publication of *The Blind Assassin*, a novel which earned the dead Laura Chase not only notoriety but also a devoted cult following. Sexually explicit for its time, *The Blind Assassin* describes a risky affair in the turbulent thirties between a wealthy young woman and a man on the run. During their secret meetings in rented rooms, the lovers concoct a pulp fantasy set on Planet Zycron. As the invented story twists through love and sacrifice and betrayal, so does the real one; while events in both move closer to war and catastrophe. By turns lyrical, outrageous, formidable, compelling and funny, this is a novel filled with deep humour and dark drama. **BPB \$24.99**

Cat's Eye

Elaine Risley, a painter, returns to Toronto to find herself overwhelmed by her past. Memories of childhood - betrayals and cruelties - surface relentlessly, forcing her to confront the spectre of Cordelia, once her best friend and tormentor, who has haunted her for forty years. **BPB \$24.99**

The Door

THE DOOR is Margaret Atwood's first book of poetry since the 1995 *MORNING IN THE BURNED HOUSE*. Its lucid yet urgent poems range in tone from lyric to ironic to meditative to prophetic, and in subject from the personal to the political viewed in its broadest sense. They investigate the mysterious writing of poetry itself, as well as the passage of time and our shared sense of mortality. As the *New York Times* has said, 'Atwood's poems are short, glistening with terse, bright images...' A brave and compassionate book, *THE DOOR* interrogates the certainties that we build our lives on. **BPB \$27.99**

The Edible Woman

Marian is determined to be ordinary. She lays her head gently on the shoulder of her serious fiancée and quietly awaits marriage. But she didn't count on an inner rebellion that would rock her stable routine, and her digestion. Marriage à la mode, Marian discovers, is something she literally can't stomach... *The Edible Woman* is a funny, engaging novel about emotional cannibalism, men and women, and desire to be consumed. Reissued, originally published 1996. **BPB \$24.99**

Lady Oracle

From fat girl to thin, from red hair to mud brown, from London to Toronto, from Polish count to radical husband, from writer of romances to distinguished poet - Joan Foster is utterly confused by her life of multiple identities. She decides to escape to an Italian hill town to take stock of her life. But first, she must organise her own death...

Originally published in 1996. **BPB \$24.99**

Robber Bride

Zenia is beautiful, smart and greedy, by turns manipulative and vulnerable, needy and ruthless; a man's dream and a woman's nightmare. She is also dead. Just to make sure Tony, Roz and Charis are there for the funeral. But five years on, as the three women share an indulgent, sisterly lunch, the unthinkable happens; 'with waves of ill will flowing out of her like cosmic radiation', Zenia is back... **BPB \$24.99**

Surfacing

A young woman returns to northern Quebec to the remote island of her childhood, with her lover and two friends, to investigate the mysterious disappearance of her father. Flooded with memories, she begins to realise that going home means entering not only another place but another time. As the wild island exerts its elemental hold and she is submerged in the language of the wilderness, she sees that what she is really looking for is her own past. **PB \$24.99**

Andrea Buchanan

The Daring Book for Girls Australian Edition

The Australian edition of the best-selling book for girls!

What *Dangerous Book for Boys* did for boys, *Daring Book for Girls* is set to do for girls; take them away from the TV and the mobile phone and introduce them to a world of practical, essential, interesting, fun stuff: how to surf, throw a boomerang, the best sleepover games, queens of the ancient world, princesses, female spies; fairy wings and how to make them, the scariest ghost stories, books that will change your life, bush survival - and all the many other things a modern Australian girl needs to know.

The Australian edition will feature home grown heroines, local flora and fauna, relevant history and fascinating tidbits. If your girl wants to know how to read the weather, climb a cliff, play touch footy, make a speech or play a great silly prank, this is the book for her. **HC \$45**

Neil Cadigan & Donny Paterson

No Ordinary Bloke

The former army engineer, with a history of chronic injuries, depression and addiction, was floating somewhere above rock bottom - aimless, traumatised, anchored only by his family - in particular, wife Tracey and the promising rugby league career of his son, future Newcastle Knights player, Corey. But something in the shocking devastation of the tsunami moved him. Within days, Donny was on a plane to Sri Lanka. Landing in Colombo he met three fellow travellers and together they took a chance and drove south. Arriving in the shattered village of Peraliya, they found a community without, food, water, medicine, homes or livelihood. The events that followed were remarkable ... a rescue effort, a village saved, an award-winning documentary, red-carpet treatment at film festivals, and, for Donny, a Cannes penthouse stay as guest of actor Sean Penn.

How could this have happened to an ordinary Aussie bloke? Rough diamond Donny is proof of what can occur when the extraordinary deep within is tapped. **TP \$32.99**

Melody Carlson

Christmas Dog

Betty Kowalski isn't looking forward to the holidays. She just can't seem to find Christmas in her heart. There's church, of course. But who can she bake for these days? And who would care whether or not she pulled out the Christmas decorations? Her new neighbor just adds to the problem. He's doing home improvements that don't appear to be improving much of anything. These days when Betty looks out the window, she sees a beat-up truck, a pile of junk, lots of blue tarps, and--horror of horrors--an old pink toilet. But when a mangy dog appears at her doorstep, the stage is set for Betty to learn a very important lesson about what Christmas is all about. This contemporary Christmas story is a timely yet gentle reminder that God can work miracles through something as seemingly insignificant as a little brown dog. **HC \$30.95**

Gary Chapman

Love as a Way of Life

At home, at work or with friends, the quality of our relationships defines who we are, and can govern our happiness, success and personal fulfilment. Gary Chapman, author of THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES, shows how we can improve all our relationships with friends, partners, family, colleagues, even strangers by understanding the simple secrets of love. By placing the seven essential characteristics of love kindness, patience, forgiveness, humility, courtesy, giving and honesty at the centre of your life, you will find your relationships transformed, everyday struggles relieved and sense of happiness and purpose enhanced. **BPB \$24.99**

Brett Cohen

Stuff Every Man Should Know

Stuff Every Man Should Know -- The Dangerous Book for Boys taught us how to make snowballs and slip knots—but who will teach us how to get a stripper's phone number? How can we talk our way out of a traffic ticket? And what's the best way to ask for a raise? Stuff Every Man Should Know features these skills and dozens more, all packaged in the same elegant and affordable hardcover package as Jokes Every Man Should Know. Illustrated step-by-step instructions will teach readers: How to tie a necktie; How to make the perfect omelet; Five pickup lines in five different languages; How to bet on horses; How to calm a crying baby; and much, much more **HC \$19.95**

Bernard Cornwell

Azincourt

Agincourt, fought on October 25th 1415, St Crispin's Day, is one of England's best-known battles, in part through the brilliant depiction of it in Shakespeare's Henry V, in part because it was a brilliant and unexpected English victory and in part because it was the first battle won by the use of the longbow - a weapon developed by the English which enabled them to dominate the European battlefields for the rest of the century.

Bernard Cornwell's Azincourt is a vivid, breathtaking and meticulously well-researched account of this momentous battle and its aftermath. From the varying viewpoints of nobles, peasants, archers, and horsemen, Azincourt skilfully brings to life the hours of relentless fighting, the desperation of an army crippled by disease and the exceptional bravery of the English soldiers. **BPB \$24.99**

Claire Delacroix

Guardian

The Eyes of the Republic are Everywhere.

The victim of what she believes is a malicious kidnapping, seer Delilah Desjardins quickly realizes that her abductor is on a mission to save her from assassins. Rafe, a fallen angel, must ensure that Delilah, blessed with the gift of foresight, reaches her true calling as an oracle for the Republic--and if his divine calling results in a more earthly relationship between the two of them, well, he doesn't mind that at all.

Drawn to Rafe, but fearing the loss of her gifts should she surrender to his charms, Delilah knows she has to leave him. But fleeing his guardianship sets the assassins on her trail again. As Rafe races to save Delilah, he knows he isn't just saving her for the good of the Republic, for the angels, or for the future--he's saving her for himself. **PB \$17.95**

Robert M Edsel

Monuments Men

From 1942 to 1951, 365 men and women from thirteen Allied nations served as the men and women of the Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives section (MFAA) of the Allied armed forces, the eyes, ears and hands of the first and most ambitious effort in history to preserve the world's cultural heritage in times of war. They were known simply as Monuments Men. But during the thick of the fighting in Europe, from D-Day to V-E Day, when Germany surrendered, there were only 65 Monuments Men in the forward operating area. Sixty-five men to cover thousands of square miles, save hundreds of damaged buildings and find millions of cultural items before the Nazis could destroy them forever.

The Monuments Men is the story of seven of these men. Six of them were in the forward operating theatre: America's top art conservator; an up-and-coming young museum curator; a sculptor; a modestly successful portrait painter; a straight-arrow architect and a highly cultured, openly gay infantry private with no prior knowledge of or appreciation for art, but first-hand experience as a victim of the Nazi regime.

They built their own treasure maps from scraps and hints: the diary of a Louvre curator who secretly tracked Nazi plunder through the Paris rail yards; records recovered from bombed out cathedrals and museums; overheard conversations and behind-enemy-lines interviews; a tip from a dentist while getting a root canal. They started off moving in different directions, but ended up heading for the same place at the same time: the Alps near the German-Austrian-Italian border in the last two weeks of the war, where the great treasure caches of the Nazis were stored: the artwork of Paris, stolen mostly from Jewish collectors and dealers; masterworks from the museums of Naples and Florence; and the greatest prize of all, Hitler's personal hoard of masterpieces, looted from the most important art collections and museums in Europe and hidden deep within a working salt mine - a mine the Nazis had every intention of destroying before it fell into Allied hands.

How does the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History end? As is often the case, history is often more extraordinary than fiction. **TP \$35**

Lori Foster*The Secret Life of Bryan*

Bounty hunter Bryan Kelly trades places with his brother, a preacher who is a benefactor to ladies of the evening, to discover who is trying to sabotage his charity organization and finds himself tempted by Shay Sommers, a prostitute who is not what she seems. **PB \$17.95**

Martin Gilbert*The Second World War*

A history of the Second World War that covers all the war fronts, the fighting on land, at sea and in the air, the activities of resistance and partisan groups, espionage, secret intelligence, strategy and tactics, war leaders, generals, admirals and air marshals, individual acts of heroism on all the war fronts and behind the lines, the fate of prisoners of war, the bombing of cities, the submarine war and the aftermath of the war. **TP \$55**

Adrian Goldsworthy*The Complete Roman Army*

A descriptive study of the Roman Army, from its earliest origins through the later empire, details the Republican militia, the professional army of the empire, daily lives of the soldiers, combat tactics, and infrastructure of the troops, accompanied by hundreds of photographs, diagrams, battle plans, and biographies of the great warriors and leaders of the time. **HC \$78**

Bernd Greiner*War Without Fronts*

A groundbreaking investigation into the true extent of war crimes committed by US troops during the Vietnam War – shocking in its parallels with the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Shortly before 8 a.m. on 16 March 1968, C-Company, First Battalion, Twentieth Infantry, Eleventh Brigade, Americal Division, on a search-and-destroy mission in Quang Ngai Province, South Vietnam, entered the small hamlet of My Lai. By noon every living being the troops could find was dead – about 500 women, children and old men had been systematically murdered.

To this day, the My Lai massacre has remained the most shocking episode of the Vietnam War. Yet it is now becoming clear that this infamous incident was not an exception or aberration; on the contrary, as Bernd Greiner shows in harrowing detail, atrocities and massacres were commonplace. Based on extensive research and unprecedented access to US Army archives, *War without Fronts* reveals the true extent of war crimes committed by American troops in Vietnam. In a series of case studies Greiner looks at the killing work of US Army death squads in the Northern Provinces in 1967; gives a detailed and harrowing account of the massacres at My Lai and My Khe on 16 March 1968; and portrays the war of attrition in the Southern Provinces between 1968 and 1971. In these chapters Greiner has created a microcosm of the Vietnam War that illustrates how the war over the population soon became a war against civilians.

Yet rather than pointing the finger at the 'grunts' fighting a dirty war on the ground, Greiner argues that the responsibility for these atrocities extends all the way up to the White House and the Pentagon. A political leadership frightened for the United States to lose its credibility and unable, against better advice, to stop the war; a military that devised a strategy of attrition based on 'body counts' as the only way to defeat an enemy skilled in unconventional warfare; officers who were badly trained, lacking in motivation and interested only in furthering their careers; soldiers who realised they were utterly disposable and sought to empower themselves through random killing – all these factors lead to an escalation of violence on the ground: the torture, rape, maiming and murder of countless Vietnamese civilians.

Impeccably researched, multi-layered in its analysis, and balanced in its conclusions, this is an important book: it is the comprehensive, and arguably final, indictment of the American war in Vietnam. **TP \$35**

James Halliday *Australia**James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010*

Expert tasting notes for 5884 wines. 148 new wineries. Profiles of 1467 wineries. Vintage rating charts for each region. The best selling and definitive guide to Australian wine.

James Halliday's *Australian Wine Companion* is the No.1 bestselling guide to wineries and wine in Australia. Keenly anticipated by winemakers, faithful collectors and wine lovers alike, the 2010 edition has been completely revised and updated to bring you up-to-the-minute information. Halliday shares his extensive knowledge of wine via detailed tasting notes, each of which includes vintage-specific ratings and advice on optimal drinking, as well as each wine's closure, alcohol content and price. He provides important details on wineries - including opening times, contact details, vineyard sizes and web addresses - in addition to biographies on each, and information about the winemakers. An indispensable reference for all enthusiasts of Australian wine, the *Australian Wine Companion* is a must-have for anyone planning to visit a wine-growing region or to replenish their cellar or wine rack. It is the most authoritative and entertaining guide to Australian wine **TP \$34.95**

The Australia Wine Encyclopedia **HC \$59.95****Robert Harris***Lustrum (02)*

The second book in the stunning trilogy about the Roman Empire by Robert Harris, author of the acclaimed bestsellers *Fatherland*, *Enigma*, *Archangel*, *Pompeii*, *Imperium* and *The Ghost*.

63 BC, the year when Cicero is consul. Most of his time in office is devoted to uncovering and thwarting a violent conspiracy to overthrow the state, ostensibly led by Crassus and a group of disaffected senators. Underlying this is the great rivalry between Cicero and Caesar, who represent two different types of ambition: one orthodox, the other revolutionary. As Caesar's power grows Cicero must face the inevitable compromises that come from holding power – is it justifiable to use illegal methods in order to save the Republic?

Robert Harris yet again proves himself a master of historical fiction as he takes the reader to the heart of republican Rome with a novel that is at once brilliantly researched and utterly gripping. **TP \$34.95**

Ray Howgego*The Book of Exploration*

Before the turn of the 19th century, ventures into uncharted lands required material or spiritual reward to justify the perils of shipwreck and hostile natives and dangers yet unknown. Until recent times exploration for the sake of knowledge alone was rare and mostly undertaken by intrepid traders, gold seekers and valiant Christian missionaries. In this book the author selects more than 150 of those he considers to be the most influential and unusual journeys of discovery, setting each firmly in its historical context. This book chronicles the personalities and motivations, the conditions that had to be endured and the contribution that exploration has made to our knowledge of the world. It is replete with extraordinary personalities: the heroic adventurers who set out into the unknown, battling against the elements in order to commit their findings to journals and maps; the pioneers who risked everything in search of fabled riches; and the explorers who set out to conquer the deserts, poles and oceans of the globe. It is organised simply and chronologically, beautifully illustrated with contemporary maps, paintings, journal entries and other artefacts and with entertaining asides and sometimes unorthodox interpretations based on the author's lifetime study of the subject. **HC \$85**

Jackie Ivie

Once Upon a Knight

When he is dared to make Sybil Eschoncan fall in love with him, notorious rake Vincent Danzel finds himself unable to resist the charms of this strange beauty, who has a special gift, especially when another suitor enters the picture. **PB \$15.95**

Joshilyn Jackson

Gods in Alabama

For 10 years Arlene has kept her promises, and God has kept His end of the bargain. Until now.

When an old schoolmate from Possett turns up at Arlene's door in Chicago asking questions about Jim Beverly, former quarterback and god of Possett High, Arlene's break with her former hometown is forced to an end. At the same time, Burr, her long-time boyfriend, has raised an ultimatum: introduce him to her family or consider him gone. Arlene loves him dearly but knows her lily white (not to mention deeply racist) Southern Baptist family will not understand her relationship with an African American boyfriend. Reluctantly, Arlene bows to the pressure, and she and Burr embark on the long-avoided road trip back home.

As Arlene digs through guilt and deception, her patched-together alibi begins to unravel, and she discovers how far she will go for love and a chance at redemption. **APB \$17.95**

John Lloyd & John Mitchinson

The Book of General Ignorance

Presents a compendium of popular misconceptions, misunderstandings and common mistakes based on common knowledge, culled from the fields of history, science, literature, and biography.

How much do we really know about anything? As someone else once said, it isn't what you don't know that does you harm, it's what you know that's wrong. The Book of General Ignorance sets out to show you how much of what you know is wrong, incorrect, piffle, nonsense. Now with added ignorance, this massive bestseller from Stephen Fry and the rest of the QI team is finally out in paperback.

If, like Alan Davies, you still think the Henry VII had six wives, the earth has only one moon, that George Washington was the first president of the USA, that Bangkok is the capital of Thailand, that the largest living thing is a blue whale, that Alexander Graeme Bell invented the telephone, that whisky and bagpipes come from Scotland or that Mount Everest is the world's tallest mountain, then there are at least 200 reasons why this is the book for you. **BPB \$19.99**

Bill "Swampy" Marsh

Great Australian Stories From Outback Towns and Pubs

The people you'll meet will touch your heart as Swampy brings to life all the drama and delight of life in outback Australia. There's the story of Frederick Aloysius Millard, the only dog ever to become a member of a Citizens Club in Australia, thanks to the vote of a woman who was sure she'd been introduced to this eccentric man twenty years back; the man who refused to go to the doctor after being shot, because he'd been hit in a very unfortunate spot ... which made it obvious he'd been shot while running away; the unfortunate bloke who tried to blow a snake out of the dunny but ended up nearly taking himself out of existence ... if there's a good story out there, Swampy captured it for this book. Long after the last tale has been told, you'll still hear laughter from the pub, the crash of a drunken donkey falling in a trench and recall the time ... they found this bloke, sitting in the main street at 3 o'clock in the morning, hammering one of those survey pegs in the ground. So they said, What the hell are you doing? And this drunk feller replies, I'm driving a peg into the arsehole of the world. Award-winning writer Bill Swampy Marsh collects yarns that get us in, hook, line and sinker. He gives us back our childhood and shares those precious memories of an Australia that's passing into legend. **TP \$32.99**

Hajime Marutani & Craig Collie

Path of Infinite Sorrow, The

The story of the bloody Kokoda campaign, told for the first time through the personal experiences of the Japanese soldiers.

'We were all skin and bone, as if our stomachs were stuck to the inside wall of our back.'

Two armies, Japanese and Australian, each in turn pushing the other back along a muddy, precipitous track over the mountainous spine of New Guinea. Few prisoners were taken, most were shot. War conventions were routinely flouted, by both sides. Troops were reduced to a primal level, such were the inhuman conditions in which battles were waged. This was the Kokoda campaign of 1942.

The Australian experience of Kokoda has been told often and told well. The Japanese, however, remain the shadowy enemy lurking in the dense undergrowth, better known for atrocities than their participation in battle. The Path of Infinite Sorrow tells for the first time the story of the campaign from the Japanese point of view. Based on personal accounts and the recollections of six Japanese soldiers, captured diaries and unit, this powerful re-examination of Kokoda brings a new perspective to one of the most brutal conflicts in Australian war history. **TP \$35**

Andrew McGahan Australian Author

Wonders of a Godless World

The witch, the virgin, the archangel, the duke and an orphan meet in the extraordinary new novel from the award-winning Andrew McGahan - an electrifying, tumultuous story of inner demons, desire and devastation, a powerful and apocalyptic tale that sweeps the reader from the beginning of time to the end of the earth.

On an unnamed island, in a Gothic hospital sitting in the shadow of a volcano, a wordless orphan girl works on the wards housing the insane and the incapable. When a silent, unmoving and unnerving new patient - a foreigner - arrives at the hospital, strange phenomena occur, bizarre murders take place, and the lives of the patients and the island's inhabitants are thrown into turmoil. What happens between them is an extraordinary exploration of consciousness, reality and madness.

Wonders of a Godless World, the new novel from Miles Franklin-winner Andrew McGahan, is a huge and dramatic beast of a book. It is a thought-provoking investigation into character and consciousness, a powerful cautionary tale, and a head-stretching fable about the earth, nature and the power of the mind. It is utterly unlike anything you've read before - it will take you by the shoulders and hold you in its grip to its nerve-tingling finale. **TP \$32.99**

Sean McGlynn

By Sword and Fire: Cruelty and Atrocity in Medieval Warfare

Sean McGlynn investigates the reality of medieval warfare. For all the talk of chivalry, medieval warfare routinely involved acts which we would consider war crimes. Lands laid waste, civilians slaughtered, prisoners massacred: this was standard fare justified by tradition and practical military necessity. It was unbelievably barbaric, but seldom uncontrolled. Such acts of atrocity were calculated, hideous cruelties inflicted in order to achieve a specific end. Sean McGlynn examines the battles of Acre and Agincourt, sieges like Bezers, Lincoln, Jerusalem and Limoges as well as the infamous chevauchees of the Hundred Years War that devastated great swathes of France. He reveals how these grisly affairs form the origin of accepted 'rules of war', codes of conduct that are today being enforced in the International Court of Justice in the Hague. **TP \$29.99**

Charles Messenger

The Day We Won the War

The British attack at Amiens was the most decisive day of the Great War. In earlier offensives, a gain of a few hundred yards counted as a 'victory', but this time our troops advanced seven miles in a day and broke clean through the German defences. The long agony on the Western Front was nearly over. Spearheaded by tanks and armoured cars and supported by the RAF, the attack was led by the Australian and Canadian Corps, with British and French troops on the flanks. Elaborate deception measures were employed to ensure surprise. Drawing on both primary and secondary sources, as well as eyewitness accounts, this book describes how the attack was conceived, the preparations and the actual assault itself, as well as what happened on the subsequent days and how Amiens paved the way for the final victorious Allied advance. **PB \$27**

Audrey Niffenegger

Her Fearful Symmetry

At last - another brilliant, original and moving novel from the author of *THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE*.

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I told you I would let you know — so here it is — goodbye.

I try to imagine what it would feel like if it was you — but it's impossible to conjure the world without you, even though we've been apart so long.

I didn't leave you anything. You got to live my life. That's enough. Instead I'm experimenting — I've left the whole lot to the twins. I hope they'll enjoy it.

Don't worry, it will be okay.

Say goodbye to Jack for me.

Love, despite everything,

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Julia and Valentina Poole are normal American teenagers – normal, at least, for identical 'mirror' twins who have no interest in college or jobs or possibly anything outside their cozy suburban home. But everything changes when they receive notice that an aunt whom they didn't know existed has died and left them her flat in an apartment block overlooking Highgate Cemetery in London. They feel that at last their own lives can begin ... but have no idea that they've been summoned into a tangle of fraying lives, from the obsessive-compulsive crossword setter who lives above them to their aunt's mysterious and elusive lover who lives below them, and even to their aunt herself, who never got over her estrangement from the twins' mother – and who can't even seem to quite leave her flat....

With Highgate Cemetery itself a character and echoes of Henry James and Charles Dickens, *HER FEARFUL SYMMETRY* is a delicious and deadly twenty-first-century ghost story about Niffenegger's familiar themes of love, loss and identity. It is certain to cement her standing as one of the most singular and remarkable novelists of our time. **TP \$32.95**

Grant Page & Steve Wright *Australian Authors*

Man on Fire

His has been a life of cunning stunts - falling from the sky, jumping off cliffs, crashing motorbikes, rolling cars ... Grant Page, one of the world's best and most fearless stuntmen, tells his extraordinary life story.

If you've watched an Australian film, TV show or ad during the past fifty years, chances are you've seen stuntman Grant Page - falling from the sky, jumping off cliffs, crashing motorbikes, rolling cars, hang-gliding over skyscrapers, or setting himself on fire. He's fearless, forensic and there's nothing he won't try - which makes him the go-to man for anyone wanting a spectacular explosion, a kick-arse fight or an edge-of-your-seat adrenaline rush.

Whether it's falling backwards from a great height on fire, sliding a motorbike under a rolling truck, standing in for Mel Gibson - or Shelley Winters! - or mixing it with the maddest and baddest stars and stunties the film industry can offer, Grant's seen and done it all, and had a wild old time along the way. Strap yourself in for the funniest, most outrageous ride of your life as *Man on Fire* catapults you into the heart of the action. **TP \$35**

Douglas Palmer

Evolution

An astonishing new book is being created. Using all the available fossil record as evidence, it presents the entire four-billion-year story of life on Earth in one single super-panoramic tableau. Never before has our collective story been told so effectively, so compellingly, so coherently, and so beautifully. At the heart of the book is an astonishing 50m-long artwork displayed across 200 pages, supported by hundreds of photographs and illustrations, that tells the story of life on Earth. The groundbreaking visual content is complemented by an authoritative text commentary, making *Evolution* a unique work of family reference, complete with an A-Z of hundreds of species that are shown in the artwork, background information on the theory of evolution, illustrated family trees for the major animal groups, stunning photography of life's modern diversity, and details of where all the crucial fossil evidence can be seen today. **HC \$59.99**

Don Pendleton

Fire Zone (Executioner 371)

After the leader of an African rebel group hijacks the shipment of enough gold to fund a revolution, Mack Bolan must retrieve it before the killing starts. But the military commander is elusive, and with oil, minerals and political clout at stake, it's going to take more than guns and bombs to bring him down.

Tracking the gold to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bolan is determined to win the battle. Unable to trust even the CIA, he has to put his combat and survival skills to the test in order to infiltrate the rebel base and destroy the key players. In a region filled with danger, deceit and government conflict, there is only one man who can stop the revolution—the Executioner. **PB \$13.95**

Sky Sentinels (Stony Man 103)

Iran is flexing its military muscle, kidnapping U.S. journalists and openly daring America to retaliate. But a hostile confrontation would spell political and global disaster, while doing nothing means exposing Americans to danger. To demonstrate Iran's worldwide reach, Iranian intelligence officers within the U.S. kidnap three prominent Americans from the Washington, D.C., area. Dispatched to free the hostages and get a handle on the main event, Stony Man discovers the planning stages of a radical multinational plot that could ignite the next—and last—world war. **PB \$17.95**

Altered State (Super Bolan 129)

Kabul, Afghanistan, remains a front line within a bureaucratic civil war, where spooks, soldiers, fanatics and narcotics collide in profit and death. Added to the mix are rumors of a heroin operation now run by America's largest and most respected private security firm. With no legal remedy on hand, Mack Bolan is dispatched on a scorched-earth mission that threatens to expose more than just hand-holding deep inside the Beltway. With his identity compromised from the start, the Executioner hooks up with a seasoned DEA agent and local informant, blowing out the infrastructure of a massive narco-traffic operation brick by brick, and exposing the long arm of a traitor. **PB \$17.95**

Sharon Penman*Devil's Brood (03)*

In this gripping tale of passion, politics and conflict, King Henry II finds himself brutally betrayed by his wife Eleanor and three eldest sons when they enter into a rebellion against him. Aligning themselves with Henry's most bitter enemy, King Louis of France, their treacherous actions will have devastating consequences as they bring about the downfall of a brilliant man and a powerful empire.

In Devil's Brood, the compelling story of Henry and Eleanor's once great love affair is explored in an uniquely vivid way. What twists of fate turn love to hatred? What points of principle and ambition cause these two icons to struggle for power, leaving their family tragically divided and their turbulent marriage finished in all but name? **BPB \$24.95**

Roland Perry Australian Author*The Australian Light Horse*

The Australian Light Horse was a unique force, first raised during the Boer War, and then reformed for World War I. Most of the men were from the outback, had a special bond with their horses (which were all brought from Australia) - and they knew how to survive and fight in the desert. The greatest part of the Allied victory over the Turks was theirs. Colonel Lawrence had a strategy for actually defeating the Turks - as opposed to the British High Command's acceptance of the status quo. What Lawrence needed was a mobile, elite force to join his own troops - and in the Light Horse he had them. Battle-hardened by Gallipoli and the repulse of the Turkish invasion of Egypt, the Australians were ready. Under their brilliant commander, Sir Harry Chauvel, they won great victories in the Sinai, Palestine and Syria - culminating in the last great cavalry charge in our military history, and the taking of Beersheba in 1917. Every Australian has heard of the Light Horse - but practically none have read their story. Roland Perry brings their story to life, and tells it with colour, emotion - and authority. **HC \$50**

Professor Happy Cat*How to Take Over Teh Wurld*

Building on the success of I CAN HAS CHEEZBURGER, HOW TO TAKE OVER TEH WURLD teaches cats and other hoomans how to do that (or at least take over the house) in a dozen easy to understand pictorial lessons. Readers hungry for more lolcats will love these 200+ images, some never posted online. What is cheezburger? In the beginning, there was a cat, and he was happy. He asked for a cheezburger and the interwebs said WTF? Then they said LOLZ. Now they scream MOAR! You know it's true. If you have a cat, you know their plan IS world domination. Everything you feared about your cat is true. Example ChapterzEet ur fuds. And ebbeyone else's tooKill them till they die frum itB of nimble and quickMaster noo techy stuffsBecome teh Master of Dis GuysDeny Deny Deny **HC \$25**

Ivan Rendall*Spitfire: Icon of a Nation*

Designed to be the best fighter in the world the creators of the Spitfire married science, technology and art to create both 'a thing of beauty' and a deadly weapon that changed the course of the war. 'You don't just strap yourself in, you buckle the Spitfire on, like girding on armour...' - Squadron Leader William Duncan Smith. The Spitfire is part of popular culture and from the Battle of Britain to the present day it has remained a national celebrity. As a focus of appeals, for scrap aluminium - 'turn your saucepans into Spitfires' - for the 'Spitfire Fund' and 'Wings for Victory Week' the British people had a stake in the Spitfire. Working People contributed through their companies to present Spitfires to the RAF in return for letters from the pilots. After the war, no victory flypast was complete without a Spitfire and today no air show is over until the roar of the Merlin engine has been heard overhead. This book, with its wealth of unusual contemporary imagery, modern photography, first-person reminiscence and high production standards is the last word on a subject of enduring appeal. **TP \$35**

Christopher Ride Australian Author*The First Boxer (Schumann Frequency 02)*

The Second Opium War has begun . . .

An Anglo-French armada sails towards the coast of China to enforce the Treaty of Tientsin. The Allied forces will be hopelessly outnumbered, yet Lord Elgin's army will inflict one of the most decisive victories in history. Their incredible military success will be due to the guidance of just one man - a Chinese with blue eyes - who knows every aspect of the future.

Randall Chen has been sent back in time to chart the destiny of the

Middle Kingdom, ensuring that the greatest treasure in Asia is protected. But even with his exceptional foresight he will underestimate Empress Ci Xi, a calculating Manchurian beauty with an insatiable lust for power. She will attempt to use her considerable intellect and charm to draw in the mysterious blue-eye and turn his powers to her advantage.

The Boxer Rebellion will be the result - the horrifying and bloody consequences of which will echo throughout the ages. **TP \$32.95**

Josie Rusher*Kirsten Stewart: Infinite Romance: The Star of Twilight and New Moon Steps into the Spotlight (Twilight)*

Hollywood's hottest young star, Kristen Stewart, is set for global stardom and in this book you can learn everything you need to know about this interesting, beautiful and glamorous film star. From her early roles in films with Jodie Foster and Sharon Stone, Kristen showed her true potential as a child star who could make it big. But nothing was to prepare her for global superstardom when it was announced that Kirsten was to play Isabella 'Bella' Swan in the movie Twilight, based on Stephenie Meyer's bestselling vampire/romance novels. Along side Robert Pattinson, who plays her vampire boyfriend, Kristen smashed box office records and confirmed herself as the actor most teens would like to be. INFINITE ROMANCE includes all the news from the sets of New Moon. Become her soul mate and consider this mortal as she truly is: a beautiful and complex young actor who has stolen our imaginations and created a Bella we can all believe in. **HC \$22.99**

Nathan Sadasivan*Crown of the World: A Novel of the Last Days of the Kingdom of Jerusalem* **TP \$34.95****Simon Scarrow***The Gladiator*

While centurions Macro and Cato are returning to Rome from a harrowing campaign against the Parthians, their transport ship is almost capsized by a tidal wave. They barely make it to the port of Matala in Crete where they are stunned to find a devastated town. An earthquake has struck the island, destroying its cities and killing thousands. In the chaotic aftermath, large bands of the island's slaves begin to revolt and local bandits, taking advantage of the slave rebellion, urge the Cretans to overthrow the Roman administration. With many of the island's troops either killed or wounded during the earthquake, the governor of the province calls on Macro and Cato for help. Can they move swiftly enough to counter the rebellion before it sweeps the Romans from the island? **TP \$32.99**

Justin Sheedy Australian Author

Goodbye Crackernight

Crackernight! One night a year, the infinite normality of the suburbs is shot with utter magic.

Goodbye, Crackernight is the story of one boy's childhood in 1970s Australia. It is a story of fireworks, of fun that cost nothing, of second-hand bikes, UFO-crowded skies, streakers, lime green Valiants, half-sucked Sunny Boys and electric pink hotpants. It is a story of growing up and innocence left behind – at a three-day swinging pool party. It is the tale of an era, of far simpler times, of an annual neighbourhood festival and an Australia now long gone. **PB \$24.95**

Willie Simpson Australian Author

The Australian Beer Companion **HC \$49.95**

Nick Stock Australian Author

Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010 **BPB \$24.95**

Paul Sussman

The Hidden Oasis

With the help of her dead sister's friend, Flin Brodie, mountain climber Freya Hannen sets out in search of the legendary lost oasis of Zerzura in Egypt, which supposedly houses a mythic stone, and could help Freya find out the truth behind her sister Alex's mysterious death. **HC \$49.95**

Colonel Stuart Tootal

Danger Close

Colonel Stuart Tootal is the first senior commander to provide an account of the fighting in Afghanistan. A gritty portrayal of unforgiving conflict, Danger Close captures the essence of combat, the risks involved and the aftermath.

3 PARA was the first unit into Helmand in 2006. Sent on a peace mission, it became engaged in a level of combat that has not been experienced by the British Army since the end of the Korean War. Undermanned and suffering from equipment shortages, 3 PARA fought doggedly to win the break in battle. Numerous gallantry decorations were awarded, but they were not without cost. On returning from Afghanistan, Tootal fought to get proper treatment for his wounded and feeling frustrated with the Government's treatment of its soldiers, he resigned from the Army. This is a dramatic, and often moving, insight into the leadership of soldiers and the sharp end of war. **TP \$35**

Lynne Truss

Get her Off the Pitch: How Sport Took Over My Life

GET HER OFF THE PITCH is the story of one woman's foray into the very masculine and rather baffling world of sport. Lynne Truss, author of Eats, Shoots and Leaves, spent four years as an unlikely sports writer for The Times. It was a job that took her around the world (via the most difficult journeys and least glamorous hotels) and introduced her to some of the greatest living sportsmen (and many argumentative men with clipboards).

During her time at the newspaper she faced disdain from fellow sports writers; undertook last-minute, pre-fight research into 'The Rumble in the Jungle' (Muhammad Ali won, surprisingly); tried unsuccessfully to interpret bizarre commentary and memorize results statistics; wept at football matches and discovered a lasting love for golf. She was even nominated for Sports Writer of the Year.

GET HER OFF THE PITCH is the hilarious, perceptive and at times moving account of those four strange years. It is perfect for those for whom sport is a matter of life and death, for those who have no idea what all the fuss is about - and for everyone in between. **HC \$27.99**

Philipp von Boeselager

Valkyrie: The Plot to Kill Hitler

'It was not the question of an isolated assassination, but rather of beginning a complete overthrow of the regime.' July 20, 1944. A fearless group of German officers attempted to act against the horrors of Nazism and put an end to the war by killing Adolf Hitler. But Operation Valkyrie failed and one by one the plotters were found out, tortured and executed. Philipp von Boeselager - who supplied the explosives that would rip through the Fuhrer's bunker - miraculously escaped death. In this unique memoir Philipp tells his extraordinary life story and the part he played in this and three other dramatic attempts on Hitler's life. He recounts how a small band of resisters dared to stop evil and prevent profound loss of lives. Ultimately they failed but the legacy of their courage endures. **PB \$22.99**

Frank Walker Australian Author

Tiger Man of Vietnam

The Vietnamese hilltribes made him a demi-god. The CIA wanted to kill him. This is the remarkable true story of Australian war hero Barry Petersen. In 1963, 28-year-old Australian Captain Barry Petersen was sent to Vietnam as part of the 30-man Australian Training Team, two years before the first official Australian troops arrived. Seconded to the CIA, he was sent to the remote Central Highlands to build an anti-communist guerrilla force among the indigenous Montagnard people. He was sent off with bagloads of cash and a vague instruction to get to know the natives. Petersen took over the running of the paramilitary force that had been started by the local police chief and started to earn the Montagnards respect. He lived, drank and ate with the Montagnards, learned their language and respected their skills. The Vietcong dubbed Petersen's force Tiger Men. When Petersen heard this, he had special badges made for their berets and supplied tiger print uniforms. The Montagnards loved Petersen and flocked to join his force but the CIA were worried. They thought he was out of control and too close to the Montagnard people... **TP \$35**

Evelyn Waugh

Edmund Campion A Life

Tells the story of the Elizabethan scholar and priest Edmond Campion, his life and death. **HC \$39.95**