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Featured Books



Charlaine Harris, Ilona Andrews, et al
Iain Banks
 Elizabeth Bear
 Patricia Briggs
 Terry Books
 Greg Egan
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 Alan Dean Foster
 Neil Gaiman
 Terry Goodkind
 John Ringo
 S M Stirling
 Star Wars
 Warhammer

Must Love Hellhounds in trade paperback
Transition in trade paperback
All the Windwracked Stars in paperback
Hunting Ground in paperback
A Princess of Landover in trade paperback and hardcover
Oceanic in trade paperback
Bauchelain and Korbal Broach a trade paperback omnibus
Quofum in paperback
The Graveyard Book in paperback
The Law of the Nines in trade paperback
The Last Centurion in paperback
The Sword of the Lady in hardcover
The Force Unleashed in paperback
Empire in paperback



News

Hugo Awards were announced 9th August. Best novel went to *The Graveyard Book* by **Neil Gaiman**. For a full list visit: <http://www.thehugoawards.org/2009/08/2009-hugo-award-winners/>

D&D Day will be on again Saturday 26th September 10am start. This is tied to the release of Dungeon Masters Guide 2, so players can expect some surprises in the game. We are hoping to run several tables (parties) through the adventures. Let us know if you can play, DM or bring tables or chairs. View details of previous D&D days via the photo gallery section of our website. Contact us at the shop to book.

David Eddings, the popular fantasy author who died in June, has left a US\$10 million bequest “for research related to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of childhood asthma”. Good on him.

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

Short Story

Tek-tonic by Melanie Rees

A gibbous view of the planet filled the space-portal: its' swirling mass of white clouds illuminated against the stark black backdrop. The spacecraft shuddered and shook as the entry sequence commenced.

Karazu peered back towards Sari at the main console, who looked up with her bright valiant eyes. She had always been the optimistic one and kept faith in their voyage. Her ovoid body quivered as siliceous membranes divided and reformed into a slender appendage. Her smooth dark brown arm reached out in his direction. In mimicry Karazu shivered. His body rippled with excitement and slid towards her with outstretched limbs. They embraced solemnly.

Through the starboard portal Karazu could see the hundreds of allied ships sailing guilelessly towards their fate. Beyond the fleet and beyond their planetary destination the starry void twinkled ominously. A stark backdrop: each prick of light scattered along with their shattered hope. So many planets, but so few they could call home. This would be their last chance.

Thousands of years ago, their ancestors had sought a new world to colonise as the threats facing their ancient home planet escalated. Finally they found a planet suitable for their race. The new planet dwarfed their tiny ships, but they strived forth and attempted to land. During the entry phase their heat shields yielded to the thick atmosphere, melting their ships, along with their hope. So many ships had plummeted to their doom, like thousands of falling tears. They had become nothing more than solidified glassy tombs scattered across the landing site.

Many years later, with new knowledge and new heat shields, Karazu led the final attempt to land on their new home. If this did not work there would be no more chances.

Through the emptiness of space, and across a distance and time too vast to measure, Karazu could feel the muted cries of all he had left behind and all the space fleets who had sacrificed themselves before him. By now their home galaxy would be nothing more than a pit of black holes. Planets would be boiling and blinking out of existence as ancient stars went nova. The age of sophistication would be lost along with all their discoveries: space travel, faster than light communication, self-regeneration, telepathy and the origins of space and time itself. The ancient Siliconeous beings were long credited as the most prominent beings in the universe. Carbon-based life forms now encroached the outskirts of the galaxy. Carbon was the new silicon, the new evolutionary path.

A jolt thundered through their craft followed by a hypnotic creaking. The external layers of their ship were beginning to melt under the pressure and heat.

Karazu sensed Sari approach alongside him. He reformed part of his body into an appendage and held Sari's hand tightly. So tight his knuckles turned yellow and started to crystallise. He shut his eyes; he did not need to see. Sari's fear and hope radiated through his core. He held her tight. This time, he prayed, their descent would work ... but should their heat shields not hold, at least they would be fused as one.

The tour guide released a stifled yawn. Frustrated she looked at her watch, counting the seconds before the bus came to pick them up.

She got the stragglers to regroup. A gusty Nullarbor wind stridently skittled dust around, biting at the skin of inappropriately dressed bare-ankled tourists.

"Wow! Now this is exciting. I haven't seen one of these in years." She bent down and picked up the strategically placed black glassy object in her hands, cradling it delicately like a newborn child. "Does anyone know what this is?" she asked. Contrived enthusiasm seemed to ooze from every pore in her sweaty being.

A few shrugs, a couple of 'I don't know's' and as usual one young boy facetiously proclaiming it was 'a bleedin' rock'.

"This is a tektite. They are only found in several places across the world, but most are found in Indonesia the Philippines and..." she prompted, looking at the youngsters.

"Australia" said a few vivacious juveniles in union.

"That's right. They are very old, some dating back over millions of years. These ones here are possibly over 700,000 years old." She lowered her voice to an eerie whisper. "They have a brown glassy surface inside and some scientists believe they might have come from the moon." She sensed a few ears pricking up. Right she had them now, if she could just hold their attention she would be able to get through the rest of the tour.

She rabbitied on, as she always did, with her rehearsed spiel. She talked about how they had high levels of silicon similar to moon dirt, and that they were unlikely to be from earth.

"They look like any old earth rock." interrupted one brutish man capriciously.

The tour guide flashed a penetrating sideways glance. She looked at her watch; five more minutes.

"Maybe it came from Mars," said an enthusiastic child.

"I doubt it, they would have been scattered more randomly if they came from somewhere more distant... speaking of somewhere more distant here's our ride back to town." She relaxed as she saw the dust billowing up from behind her motorised saviour.

The group poured onto the bus chatting indiscernibly as she dropped the rock down carelessly for the next tour group.

Preoccupied with the relief of the cool climate-controlled bus, she did not notice the rock shatter in two, nor did she notice the gel like substance that slid out onto the ochre plains, she did, however, hear an insistent voice echoing inside her head.

"When we first studied this planet it was not quite this warm. Can you perhaps turn the air-conditioning up a fraction?"

She looked around and saw nothing but empty dusty plains.

Confused she shook her head "Too much heat. I must be going mad."

Bestsellers for August 2009

General Release

<i>Undead and Unworthy</i>	MaryJanice Davidson
<i>Crystal Healer</i>	S L Viehl
<i>Destined for an Early Grave</i>	Jeaniene Frost
<i>The Last Centurion</i>	John Ringo
<i>Moon Flights</i>	Elizabeth Moon
<i>Magic Bites</i>	Ilona Andrews
<i>Night's Edge</i>	Harris et al
<i>Tracato</i>	Joel Shepherd
<i>Cape Storm</i>	Rachel Caine
<i>Hunting Ground</i>	Patricia Briggs

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Emperor's Mercy</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Salamander</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Fallen Angels</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Divine Power</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4ed
<i>Abyss</i>	Star Wars Fate of the Jedi
<i>Losing the Peace</i>	Star Trek Next Generation
<i>The Pirate King</i>	Forgotten Realms
<i>Grey Seer</i>	Warhammer
<i>Troublesome Minds</i>	Star Trek Original Series
<i>Empire</i>	Warhammer

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.

Rosemary and Rue by Seanan McGuire reviewed by Chantelle

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756405717>

I have to be honest straight up – knowing I was reviewing ‘Rosemary and Rue’ made me read it with more of a critical eye than normal. My reading habits are exclusively for escapism so rather than reading this book for the sake of a good story (which is why I put my hand up for it in the first place), I was constantly thinking, asking myself and the book questions like ‘What does that character mean by that?’; ‘Why did that happen?’; ‘Where is the story headed because of this event?’ As a consequence, I figured out who was behind the mystery before the protagonist did. While the motive eluded me for a bit longer, I still worked it out before the protagonist. I finished the book feeling rather ambivalent about it and, therefore, a bit disappointed.

Then I started thinking about the novel for this review and realised it is a good, solid story.

A half-Fey trying to live in a human world, October ‘Toby’ Daye has tried to deny her Faerie heritage by creating a semblance of a normal human life. She has a husband and a daughter, her own private investigations business, even her own mobile phone which, in 1995, was a fairly new thing.

While she’s on the trail of a person she suspects has kidnapped the wife and daughter of a close friend, she finds her life changed forever. Cut to 14 years later and Toby has lost her business and her own family. Just scraping by with a series of dead-end jobs, Toby has secluded herself from all that is Fey and refuses to have anything more to do with that world, even if it means removing herself from all of her friends, “[Faerie has] taken me away from the mortal world twice now. It doesn’t get a third try.” (pg 45)

But the Faerie world is a tenacious beast and Toby is thrust back into the life she left behind when she bears silent witness to the death of a friend, fellow Faerie the Countess Evening Winterrose. In her dying moments, the Winterrose binds Toby, cursing her to find those responsible for her murder.

As her investigations continue, Toby tries to determine who is good, who is evil. Soon, she realises that much more is at stake than her own life if she is unable to find the killers. Understandably, the Winterrose’s charge becomes a very heavy weight to bear. There’s a line at this point in the narrative which stuck with me throughout the book and I’m still thinking about it - “I’ve never really left the pond. I still can’t breathe.” (pg 46) As soon as you finish the Prologue, you’ll understand why I found this so powerful.

The pacing of the story isn’t too frenetic and the breathing room between the action sequences aren’t at all tiresome. There’s enough going on to hold your attention and keep the story moving. The story itself is tight, never meanders, and there’s not too much exposition. McGuire’s writing itself borders on the poetic without it being boring poetry. One of my favourite lines is, “If there was ever a Cinderella, her glass slippers shattered under her weight and she limped home bleeding from the ball.” (pg 30) I won’t quote you all the lines I liked, there are too many.

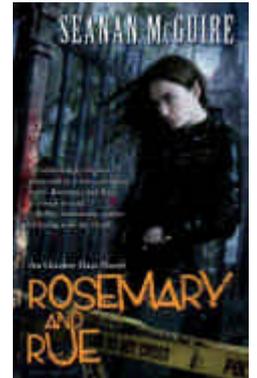
The characters are good. Toby is a character I wouldn’t mind knowing. Yes, she’s stubbornly independent almost to the point of detriment, but from the get go I understood why. I was invested in her tale before the end of the Prologue. She’s judgemental and it takes a lot for her to change her mind. She’s also honourable, loyal, her quips humourous and she has just enough layers to make her a character I want to know better but not so many as to make her too hard to relate to. She kicks ass, but not literally – she’s very aware of her limitations and works with and around them. This is a refreshing change from the martial-art-expert-with-omnipotent-munitions-knowledge-and-has-untapped-supernatural-power I’ve begun to get tired of. In short, Toby is believably Good People.

Even the secondary characters have layers. I think I have a girl-crush on the Winterrose and I’m sad I won’t get to know her better. She sounded like a top chick. How can you not love someone who admits, “I prefer San Francisco... The lies are different here. When you’ve lived as long as I have, you start appreciating new approaches to dishonesty”? The story of Duke Sylvester and Duchess Luna I’d like to hear more of. And I want my own Tybalt. I have no idea if The King of the Cait Sidhe was intended as a sexy immortal, but I certainly read him as one. He can mock me any day...

McGuire’s mortals act like mortals. All their actions are typical of our race. The semi- and immortals act just alien enough to separate them from mortals but not so alien that their actions don’t make sense. I understand the motives of the ‘bad guy’. While I might not like the methods they employed, I sympathised with their cause. Too often, the ‘bad guy’ is just megalomaniacal and hopes for world chaos and destruction. Not so here and they are made all the more intriguing and their cause poignant because of it.

The world building was solid. I think even if I had never been to San Francisco, I would know what it looked and felt like just from this book. Her Faerie world is based around familiar Celtic ideas and I was indifferent to this side of the story at first although that was through no fault of the author. Had I not saturated myself with Celtic-based high fantasy fiction 12 years ago (to the point of near abhorrence), my opinion would be vastly different. If I had read this book 10 years ago, I’d be 10 years further along in my love for Urban Fantasy.

‘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.



***Star Trek Destiny: Gods of Night* by David Mack, reviewed by Michael Wilson**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781416551713>

I have to say up front that I really don't like media tie-in novels. They never give me the buzz of the original movie or TV series. Even the better ones are restricted by the need to use existing characters and settings rather than allowing the author to fully express his creativity to create new worlds. Having got that out of my system I was interested enough in the positive reviews for a recent Star Trek trilogy to overcome my prejudices and try reading the first of the Star Trek: Destiny books. Also it has the Borg; I have to admit, I love the Borg. I even watched the otherwise very pedestrian Star Trek: Voyager series simply because it had several Borg episodes.

The trilogy tells the story of an assault on the Federation by the Borg. It follows the crews of three starships (populated by characters from TNG, DS9 and Voyager) as well as flashing back to the story of a crew lost decades earlier whose fate has implications to the current war with the Borg.

It must be said that this many story strands can be difficult to follow. Each ship has several characters and the point of view frequently switches between them making it hard to engage with any particular character. Creating a story with multiple characters and plot threads is always tricky and David Mack does a workmanlike job without ever quite making it work. I found that since all characters are Starfleet officers none had a distinctive voice or outlook.

So how does it read? The three books were written in a short period of time (another problem with media tie-in books) and it does show in the style; the writing is adequate without being especially evocative and is at times repetitive. I was especially jarred by the number of characters who smirked (or in once case half-smirked); apparently this is a commonplace facial expression in the Federation.

Having said all of this the tension and mysteries set up in this book (first of three) are interesting and engaging. The story moves forward at a good pace and the book is a light and easy read. The plot holes and characters acting irrationally can be ignored as the author propels us forward in what turns out to be a good old fashioned space opera with lots of battles and explosions (including an accidentally triggered nova). There is enough mystery to make we want to finish the trilogy just to see what is going on.

So do I recommend this book? If you are a fan of Star Trek books then this is a must read; however I suspect that the fans already know this. If you liked one or more of the recent Star Trek TV series and are curious about the fate of the characters or just want a good hit of Star Trek now that the shows are no longer on TV then it may be worth picking it up. If you don't know Star Trek then you won't want to read these books (and to be honest you won't have read this far quite anyway); there is much better space opera out there.



***The Wounded Guardian* by Duncan Lay, reviewed by Kurt Walker**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732287689>

I have never really been a fan of fantasy books, until I read this book. I was introduced to this book by a friend, and was at first hesitant to read it. I took it home and found that I had some spare time so began the dragon sword adventure. I was surprised by the subtle use of dark humor which brought the characters and situations to life. When you read the prologue you are almost confused by the introduction of dark characters within this dark scene. Do not be swayed by this as it all begins to make sense and unravels sensationally as you read on. It is an introduction to hideously dark political turmoil and the lengths in which some will go to assume power.

We are then escorted to a different landscape as the book begins its journey to the country side, where we are introduced to our main characters who meet through darkly violent, yet humorous circumstances. As unlikely the pair appear to be, the reader follows the development of their relationship, from one of forced pretense to one of close bonding. Bonding becomes nurturing and we see the development of the characters strengthen as they travel across the land upon what appears to be a simple quest. Around them the lands power struggle continues and the main characters seem almost unaware until they, by fate, end up right in the middle of it.

The plot thickens and the story grows in colour as we are introduced to each of the other characters through this astounding turn of events. Soon a love interest arrives for our main character. The main character is drawn by fate to help rescue a queen and is helped by the royal wizard. Throughout the saga the two compete for the affection of the fair queen, which leads to some real and amusing happenings, which creates a feeling of familiar reality to the characters. What make it even more interesting is that the Queen is only focused on one thing and that is regaining her rightful rule of the land she loves, with the assistance of the wielder of the dragon sword. Introducing us to a conquest too big to fit in just one book.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>
Thursday 1st October 2009: Epidemics and Infestations
Thursday 5th November 2009: Espionage and SF
Thursday 3rd December 2009: Noir and SF

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 17th September 2009

Saturn's Children by Charles Stross (SF)
Prophecy's Ruin by Sam Bowring (Fantasy)

Thursday 15th October 2009
The Wounded Guardian by Duncan Lay (fantasy)
Singularity's Ring by Paul Melko (SF)

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

Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

Monsterpocalypse is a tabletop miniature game for 2 players who each deploy their figurine army of giant monsters rampaging through a cityscape. It is very silly and often humans only rank as collateral damage. Games start 6pm the 2nd and 4th Thursday of 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

Sunny

Lucinda, Darkly (Demon Princess Chronicles 01) APB \$19.95

Brom

The Child Thief

Peter is quick, daring, and full of mischief—and like all boys, he loves to play, though his games often end in blood. His eyes are sparkling gold, and when he graces you with his smile you are his friend for life. He appears to lonely, lost children—the broken, hopeless, and sexually abused—promising to take them to a secret place of great adventure, where magic is alive, and you never grow old. But his promised land is not Neverland. . . With this haunting, provocative, relentlessly thrilling reconsideration of a timeless children's classic, the acclaimed artist Brom dramatically displays another side of his extraordinary talent. Exploring the stygian blackness that gathers at the root of the beloved Peter Pan legend, he carries readers into a faerieland at once magically wondrous and deeply disturbing.

Fourteen-year-old Nick would be lying dead in a Brooklyn park—murdered by drug dealers—had Peter not sprung out of the trees to save him. Now the irresistibly charismatic wild boy wants Nick to follow him into a strange and unsettling mist swirling around the bay. Even though he is wary of Peter's crazy talk of faeries and monsters, Nick agrees. After all, nowhere in New York City is safe for him now. And what more can he possibly lose? There is always more to lose.

Accompanying Peter to a gray and ravished island that was once a lush, enchanted paradise, Nick finds himself unwittingly recruited for a war that has raged for centuries. He must learn to fight or die as he struggles to fit in with the "Devils"—Peter's savage tribe of lost and stolen children.

Here, Peter's dark past is revealed: left to wolves as an infant, despised, tormented, and hunted, Peter moves between the worlds of faerie and man, struggling to understand what he is and where he belongs. The Child Thief is a leader of bloodthirsty children, a brave friend, and a creature driven to do whatever he must to kill the dreaded Captain and stop his murderous crew of "Flesh-eaters" before they blight every trace of magic left in this dying land. **HC \$49.99**

Douglas Adams

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (Hitchhikers 01)

Thirty years of celebrating the comic genius of Douglas Adams... On 12 October 1979, the most remarkable book ever to come out of the great publishing corporations of Ursa Minor (and Earth) was made available to humanity – The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace bypass and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed with the big, friendly words: DON'T PANIC. The weekend has only just begun...

Volume one in the trilogy of five **BPB \$22.99**

The Restaurant at the End of the Universe (Hitchhikers 02)

If you've done six impossible things this morning, why not round it off with breakfast at Milliways, the Restaurant at the End of the Universe?

Which is exactly what the crew of the Heart of Gold plan to do. There's just the small matter of escaping the Vogans, avoiding being taken to the most totally evil world in the Galaxy and teaching a space ship how to make a proper cup of tea.

And did anyone actually make a reservation? Volume two in the trilogy of five **BPB \$22.99**

Life, The Universe and Everything (Hitchhikers 03)

After a series of events which have involved Arthur Dent being alternately blown up and insulted in more bizarre regions of the Galaxy than he has ever dreamt existed, he finds himself stranded on Prehistoric Earth. Luckily an amazing rescue by Ford Prefect and a time eddy, cleverly disguised as a sofa, lands them in the middle of Lords two days before the world is due to end. It's just not cricket...

Volume three in the trilogy of five **BPB \$22.99**

So Long and Thanks for All the Fish (Hitchhikers 04)

There is a knack to flying. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss. It's not an easy thing to do and Arthur Dent thinks he's the only human who's been able to master this nifty little trick – until he meets Fenchurch, the girl of his dreams.

Fenchurch knows how the world could be made a good and happy place. Unfortunately she's forgotten. Convinced that the secret lies within God's Final Message to His Creation they go in search of it. And – in a dramatic break with tradition – actually find it...

Volume four in the trilogy of five **BPB \$22.99**

Mostly Harmless

Arthur Dent hadn't had a day as bad as this since the Earth had been blown up. Depressed and alone, Arthur finally settles on the small planet Lamuella and becomes a sandwich maker. Looking forward to a quiet life, his plans are thrown awry by the unexpected arrival of his daughter.

There's nothing worse than a frustrated teenager with a copy of the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy in their hands. When she runs away, Arthur goes after her, determined to save her from the horrors of the universe. After all – he's encountered most of them before...

Volume five in the trilogy of five **BPB \$22.99**

G A Aiken

What A Dragon Should Know (03)

Disdaining his family and the dwellers of the Northlands for what he considers their failure to acknowledge his magnificence, vain dragon Gwenvael the Handsome brokers an alliance with a woman Beast who hides a sensual nature. By the author of Dragon Actually. **APB \$17.95**

C L Anderson

Bitter Angels

Summoned back into active duty, former Field Commander Therese Drageske is sent into the lawless Erasmus System to investigate the murder of her believed-immortal friend only to discover a shattering secret for which she is forced to make a terrible sacrifice. **APB \$19.95**

Alex Archer

Footprints (Rogue Angel 20)

When her longtime friend claims to have evidence of Big Foot's existence, archaeologist Annja Creed can't resist checking it out for herself—she's been debating the subject for years. Annja's curiosity leads her deep into the woods of the Pacific Northwest, to meet Jenny where the supposed trail has been left by the one and only Sasquatch.

But when Annja arrives at the destination, a group of armed thugs warn her to leave the area, and her friend is nowhere to be found. Now the search for Sasquatch turns into a rescue mission, and Annja has only her instincts to guide her in a forest full of predators, scavengers and spirits.

And someone, or something, does not want her there.... **PB \$17.95**

Keri Arthur *Australian Author*

Memory Zero (Spook Squad 01)

Sam Ryan has no memory of her past. All she has is a crayon drawing of a woman with the word 'Mummy' scrawled underneath. For the ten years Sam's been with the State Police, she's used their resources to search for any clues to her identity. But it's as if all mention of her family has been deliberately wiped off the system, and no one knows why. Everything changes the night her missing partner, Jack, attempts to kill her. Charged with his murder, Sam finds herself accepting help from Gabriel Stern - a shapeshifter with secrets of his own. As Sam delves into her partner's death, she discovers that not only is he very much alive, but he's involved with an organisation that plans to destroy the human race. Worse, someone knows the truth about Sam's past, and it appears that they'd rather see her dead than have her uncover it. **APB \$19.99**

Generation 18 (Spook Squad 02)

Though neither event seems related, Agents Sam Ryan and Gabriel Stern quickly discover a link between the two - the military base known as Hopeworth. But are the serial killings a military cover-up that has gone dangerously wrong, or is there a deeper, more personal reason behind the murders of the red-headed adoptees? As the investigation continues, Sam discovers a connection between herself and the murder victims - a connection that implies a link to Hopeworth itself. With the killings escalating and the danger drawing closer to home, Sam not only has to battle to bring a killer to justice, but also has to save Gabriel's life. And the one person who seems to hold the key to what is going on, as well as what has happened in Sam's past, is the mysterious man who saved her life. But does she dare believe his words or the dreams she seems to share with him? Because this mystery man may not be just her enemy, but the enemy of humankind itself. **PB \$19.99**

Penumbra (Spook Squad 03)

Agent Sam Ryan is sick of feeling lonely. It's time to take control and get a life outside of work. But Stephan, her boss, won't let her go easily. Offered the choice between guarding a clone, or remaining stuck in her office, Sam reluctantly accepts the former, even though she suspects Stephan is using her as bait to draw out the dangerous Sethanon. Gabriel is relieved to discover he's finally shaken Sam as his partner, until he learns her new assignment is guarding Wetherton. He and Stephan know Wetherton could only have come from Hopeworth, the base involved in DNA experiments for decades, where it is more than likely that Sam was created. But there is a growing likelihood that the military base is also the home of Sethanon himself. Gabriel is determined to protect her, yet all too soon he discovers the connection between he and Sam is far deeper than anyone could ever have imagined. **APB \$19.99**

Jane Austen & Seth Grahame-Smith

Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters

Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters, an expanded edition of the beloved regency romance--with thrilling all-new scenes of giant lobsters, rampaging octopi, two-headed sea serpents, and other biological monstrosities. As our story opens, the Dashwood sisters are evicted from their childhood home and sent to live on a mysterious island full of savage creatures and dark secrets. While sensible Elinor falls in love with Edward Ferrars, her romantic sister Marianne is courted by both the handsome Willoughby and the hideous man-monster Colonel Brandon. Can the Dashwood sisters triumph over meddlesome matriarchs and unscrupulous rogues to find true love? Or will they fall prey to the tentacles which are forever snapping at their heels? With many strange and wonderful illustrations throughout, S&S&SM invades the prim and proper world of Jane Austen with the outrageous mythology of Jules Verne, H.P. Lovecraft, Lost, Spongebob Squarepants, Red Lobster, and Popeye the Sailor. Let the monster mash-up begin!!!! **PB \$24.95**

James Axler

Alpha Wave (Deathlands 88)

In the postapocalyptic world of Deathlands, the past and its way of life are as obsolete as myth. Now the days are filled with death, violence and little promise. Still, the human spirit endures, and a group of intrepid warrior survivalists dare to believe that out there, something better is on offer. If they live long enough to find it. Across the flat plains of the Dakotas, an iron horse shrieks and rumbles across refurbished tracks. Inside the boxcars, Ryan Cawdor and his companions face trouble unlike any other. Jak is missing, Krysty is dying and the train is loaded with sec men, whitecoats and a horrifying experiment—a baron with psionic abilities using stolen children to fuel his mad dream for mind control of every living soul in Deathlands. **PB \$17.95**

Tony Ballantyne

Twisted Metal

On a world of intelligent robots who seem to have forgotten their own distant past, it is a time of war as the soldiers of Artemis City set out to conquer everything within range on the continent of Shull, killing or converting every robot they capture to their philosophy, while viewing their own wire-based minds as nothing but metal to be used or recycled for the cause.

Elsewhere, the more individualistic robots of Turing City believe they are something more than metal, but when the Artemisian robot Kavan sets out on a determined crusade to prove himself, even Turing City can't stand against him. Increasingly tied up with Kavan's destiny is Karel, a Turing robot with elements of Artemis philosophy already woven into his mind... As well as Karel's wife Susan, and their recently created child..

Following the inevitable violence and destruction, Artemisian ambition focuses elsewhere and a journey begins towards the frozen kingdoms of the north... And towards the truth about the legendary Book of Robots, a text which may finally explain the real history of this strange world...

In a completely alien but brilliantly realised landscape, here is a powerful story of superb action, barbaric cruelty and emotional impact. **HC \$54.99**

Iain Banks

Transition

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 organisation with a malevolent presiding genius, pervasive influence and numberless invisible operatives in possession of extraordinary powers? On the Concern's books are Temudjin Oh, an un-killable assassin who journeys between the peaks of Nepal, a version of Victorian London and the dark palaces of Venice; and a nameless, faceless torturer known only as the Philosopher. And then there's the renegade Mrs Mulverhill, who recruits rebels to her side; and Patient 8262, hiding out from a dirty past in a forgotten hospital ward.

As these vivid, strange and sensuous worlds circle and collide, the implications of turning traitor to the Concern become horribly apparent, and an unstable universe is set on a dizzying course. **TP \$32.99 CD \$35**

Stephen Baxter

Flood

Next year. Sea levels begin to rise. The change is far more rapid than any climate change predictions; metres a year. Within two years London, only 15 metres above the sea, is drowned. New York follows, the Pope gives his last address from the Vatican, Mecca disappears beneath the waves. Where is all the water coming from? For the tip of Everest to disappear beneath the waters would require the seas to triple their volume. That amount of water is still much less than 1 percent of the earth's volume. And somehow it is being released. The world is drowning. The biblical flood has returned. And the rate of increase is building all the time. Mankind is on the run, heading for high ground. Nuclear submarines prowl through clouds of corpses rising from drowned cities, populations are decimated and finally the dreadful truth is known. Before 50 years have passed there will be nowhere left to run... **PB \$19.99**

Ark

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 thousand people out into space to start a new future for mankind. Sent out into deep space on a journey lasting centuries, generations of crew members carry the hope of a new beginning on a new, incredibly distant, planet. But as the ages 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. **HC \$59.99**

Elizabeth Bear

All the Windwracked Stars

It all began with Ragnarok, with the Children of the Light and the Tarnished ones battling to the death in the ice and the dark. At the end of the long battle, one Valkyrie survived, wounded, and one valraven – the steeds of the valkyrie. Because they lived, Valdyrgard was not wholly destroyed. Because the valraven was transformed in the last miracle offered to a Child of the Light, Valdyrgard was changed to a world where magic and technology worked hand in hand. 2500 years later, Muire is in the last city on the dying planet, where the Technomancer rules what's left of humanity. She's caught sight of someone she has not seen since the Last Battle: Mingan the Wolf is hunting in her city. **APB \$19.95**

Alex Bell

Jasmyn

One day, without warning, Jasmyn's husband died of an aneurysm. Since then, everything has been different. Wrapped up in her grief, Jasmyn is trapped in a world without colour, without flavour - without Liam. But even through the haze of misery she begins to notice strange events. Even with Liam gone, things are not as they should be and eventually Jasmyn begins to explore the mysteries that have sprung up after her husband's death...and follow their trail back into the events of his life. But the mysteries are deeper than Jasmyn expects and are leading her in unexpected directions - into fairytales filled with swans, castles and bones; into a tale of a murder committed by a lake and a vicious battle between brothers; into a story of a lost past and a stolen love. She's entering a magical story. Jasmyn's story. **TP \$32.99**

Steven R Boyett

Ariel

5 years after an apocalyptic event that transformed the Earth's survivors into magical creatures, loner Pete nurses an injured unicorn back to health and is forced to protect her from a necromancer who would harness the unicorn's powers, in a revised release with a restored chapter. **APB \$19.95**

Marie Brennan

In Ashes Lie (02)

September, 1666 - The mortal civil war is over. But the war among the fae is still raging, and London is its battleground. There are forces that despise the Onyx Court, and will do anything to destroy it. But now a greater threat has come, one that could destroy everything. In the house of a sleeping baker, a spark leaps free of the oven - and ignites a blaze that will burn London to the ground. For three harrowing days, the mortals and fae of the city will fight to save their home. While the humans struggle to halt the conflagration that is devouring London street by street, the fae pit themselves against a less tangible foe: the spirit of the fire itself, powerful enough to annihilate everything in its path. Neither side can win on its own - but can they find a way to fight together? **BPB \$22.99**

Patricia Briggs

Cry Wolf (Alpha & Omega 01)

Charles Cornick is his pack's enforcer and lives a harsh life, doing jobs other wolves can't - or won't. And his most recent task was rescuing Anna Latham from a life of brutality. This leaves him shot and wounded, but he's happy to pay the price. Charles is strongly drawn to Anna, and her growing Omega powers will see his people through dangerous times. Anna desperately needs her new mountainous home to be safer than the life she's left behind. But when a rogue werewolf starts murdering hikers, Charles and Anna are sent into the winter forests to investigate. Charles is still weak and will need Anna's strength as they discover a web of witchcraft that could drag down the whole pack. Including its leader Bran, Charles's father, head of a vast network of wolves. And if Bran weakens, dark madness could run like a fever through half a continent. **APB \$19.99**

Patricia Briggs

Hunting Ground (Alpha & Omega 02)

Mated to werewolf Charles Cornick, an enforcer son of a pack leader, Anna Latham is forced to apply all of her abilities to proving her husband and father-in-law innocent when they are sentenced to be executed for striking down a long-standing rival. **APB \$19.95**

Terry Brooks

A Princess of Landover (Landover 06)

Princess Mistaya Holiday hasn't been fitting in too well at Carrington Women's Preparatory. People don't seem to appreciate her using her magic to settle matters in the human world. So when she summons a dragon to teach a lesson to the snotty school bully, she finds herself suspended. But Mistaya couldn't care less - she wants nothing more than to continue her studies under Questor the court magician and Abernathy the court scribe. However, her father Ben Holiday, the King of Landover, has rather different plans in mind for her. He thinks he'll teach her about perseverance and compromise by sending her to renovate Libiris, the long-abandoned royal library. How horribly dull. But before long, Mistaya will long for the boredom of cataloguing an unfeasible number of derelict books - for deep within the library there lies a secret so dangerous that it threatens the future of Landover itself... **TP \$32.99**

Jim Butcher*Furies of Calderon (Codex Alera 01)*

For a thousand years, the people of Alera have united against the aggressive races that inhabit the world, using their unique bond with the furies - elementals of earth, air, fire, water and metal. But now, Gaius Sextus, First Lord of Alera, grows old and lacks an heir. Ambitious Lords manoeuvre to place their Houses in positions of power, and a war of succession looms on the horizon. Far from city politics in the Calderon Valley, young Tavi struggles with his lack of furocrafting. At fifteen, he has no wind fury to help him fly, no fire fury to light his lamps. Yet as the Alerans' most savage enemy - the Marat - return to the Valley, his world will change. Caught in a storm of deadly wind furies, Tavi saves the life of a runaway slave. But Amara is actually a spy, seeking intelligence on possible Marat traitors to the Crown. And when the Valley erupts into chaos - when rebels war with loyalists and furies clash with furies - Amara will find Tavi invaluable. His talents will outweigh any fury-born power - and could even turn the tides of war. **PB \$19.99**

Academ's Fury (Codex Alera 02)

For centuries, the people of Alera have relied on the power of the furies to protect them from outside invaders. But the gravest threat might be closer than they think. Tavi has escaped the Calderon Valley and the mysterious attack of the Marat on his homeland. But he is far from safe, as trying to keep up the illusion of being a student while secretly training as one of the First Lord's spies is a dangerous game. And he has not yet learned to use the furies, making him especially vulnerable. When the attack comes it's on two fronts. A sudden strike threatens the First Lord's life and threatens to plunge the land into civil war. While in the Calderon Valley, the threat faced from the Marat is dwarfed by an ancient menace. And Tavi must learn to harness the furies if he has any chance of fighting the greatest threat Alera has ever known... **APB \$19.99**

Robert Olsen Butler*Hell*

Struggling through Sisyphean tortures in Hell where he lives with Anne Boleyn and regularly encounters late popes and presidents, news presenter Hatcher McCord learns of a possible means of escape that involves exposing Satan as a charlatan. By the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Good Scent from a Strange Mountain*. **HC \$51.95**

Blake Butler*Scorch Atlas*

A novel-in-stories depicts an unsettling apocalyptic view of 's future, where entire neighborhoods drown in mud, glass rains down from the sky, birds speak gibberish, and parents of young children disappear. A first novel. **TP \$30.95**

Rhyannon Byrd*Edge of Hunger*

Ian Buchanan has always felt the unknown - the deep, impenetrable darkness that lives within him. Yet he is determined to lead a 'normal' life, ignoring the unsettling dreams in which he succumbs to his wildest desires... Until psychic Molly Stratton tracks him down, claiming to share his sensual nightmares.

Petite Molly even has the bite marks to prove it. And she's also received a message from Ian's deceased mother: an enemy is near. And it's time for the creature inside Ian to finally awaken. A creature with an insatiable hunger that must be controlled before it overtakes them both... **APB \$16.99**

Jayne Castle*Obsidian Prey (Ghost Hunters 06)*

A rune's mysterious power puts prospector Lyra Dore and cutthroat businessman Cruz Sweetwater in danger, and only by trusting their psychic instincts will Cruz and Lyra survive--and surrender to the desire that binds them. **APB \$19.95**

Mark Chadbourn*The Burning Man (Kingdom of the Serpent 02)*

After a long journey across the ages, Jack Churchill has returned to the modern world, only to find it in the grip of a terrible, dark force. The population is unaware, mesmerised by the Mundane Spell that keeps them in thrall. With a small group of trusted allies, Jack sets out to find the two 'keys' that can shatter the spell. But the keys are people - one with the power of creation, one the power of destruction - and they are hidden somewhere among the world's billions. As the search fans out across the globe, ancient powers begin to stir. In the bleak North, in Egypt, in Greece, in all the Great Dominions, the old gods are returning to stake their claim. The odds appear insurmountable, the need desperate... This is a time for heroes. **BPB \$22.99**

Destroyer of Worlds (Kingdom of the Serpent 03)

It is the beginning of the end . . . The end of the axe-age, the sword-age, leading to the passing of gods and men from the universe. As all the ancient prophecies fall into place, the final battle rages, on Earth, across Faerie, and into the land of the dead. Jack Churchill, Champion of Existence, must lead the Brothers and Sisters of Dragons in a last, desperate assault on the Fortress of the Enemy, to confront the ultimate incarnation of destruction: the Burning Man. It is humanity's only chance to avert the coming extinction. At his back is an army of gods culled from the world's great mythologies - Greek, Norse, Chinese, Aztec, and more. But will even that be enough? Driven to the brink by betrayal, sacrifice and death, his allies fear Jack may instead bring about the very devastation he is trying to prevent . . . **TP \$32.99**

Julie Cohen*Girl From Mars*

I, Philomena Desdemona Brown, do solemnly swear to forsake all romantic relationships... It's not like the vow, made by Fil and her three nerdy male best friends, seemed much of a big deal at the time. Frankly, Fil wouldn't know romance if it hit her in the face, and with her real love being her artist job at Girl from Mars, the comic whose heroine has never had a love interest, she doesn't exactly mind being relationship-free anyway. Until her world is rocked to its core when one of her long-standing quartet and Girl from Mars herself both unexpectedly fall in love. Is it time to give in to temptation and finally fall in love? **PB \$12.99**

Anna DeStefano*Dark Legacy*

Ten years after her sister is rendered comatose, Maddie Temple fears that the psychic connection linking them will cause her to lose her sanity and turns to a handsome psychiatrist who would save her from those who would exploit her powers. By a contributor to the best-selling *Meltdown* anthology. **PB \$17.95**

Delilah Devlin

Darkness Burning

Beware the place where darkness rules and bloodlust is the ultimate aphrodisiac...

An apocalyptic storm has transformed New Orleans into a city of lawless terror-and Mikaela Jones is standing in the center of the nightmare. A beautiful, courageous journalist with a mysterious past, she sees monsters prowling all around her. But the gravest peril of all awaits Mikaela when she is taken captive by a mesmerizing male who is not mortal-a breathtaking creature who arouses the fire in her blood, making her burn for the exquisite erotic ecstasy of total surrender.

For seven centuries Alex Broussard has been waiting for the chance to free himself from the threat of the matriarchal undead society that seeks his destruction. And now, finally, that time is at hand-until the opportunity is ruined by the stunning, innocent, human interloper Alex is compelled to rescue from certain doom. Now they are joined, for good or ill, as they give in to the burning need that neither can resist-risking everything to experience the ultimate sensual release as the darkness rises all around them. **BPB \$22.99**

Christina Dodd

Storm of Shadows (Chosen Ones 02)

Discounting the legend of the Chosen as a myth throughout her academia career, Rosamund Hill accompanies the sensual Aaron Eagle on clandestine trips to private museums, where they investigate a mysterious prophecy. By the best-selling author of Storm of Visions. **PB \$19.95**

Amanda Downum

The Drowning City (Necromancer Chronicles 01)

The Drowning City: home to exiles and expatriates, pirates and smugglers. And violent revolutionaries who will stop at nothing to overthrow the corrupt Imperial government. For Isyllt Iskaldur, necromancer and spy, the brewing revolution is a chance to prove herself to her crown. All she has to do is find and finance the revolutionaries, and help topple the palaces of Symir. But she is torn between her new friends and her duties, and the longer she stays in this monsoon-drenched city, the more intrigue she uncovers - even the dead are plotting. As the waters rise and the dams crack, Isyllt must choose between her mission and the city she came to save. **APB \$19.99**

David Drake

Patriots

The corrupt Earth government is sending an army to Greenwood to remove the pioneers who discovered and settled the planet: the potential profits are too great to leave the world to scraggly ne'er-do-wells!

Though the rugged individualists of Greenwood may be fractious and disinclined to agree on most things, the greedy politicians of Earth will learn a harsh lesson if they think the settlers won't join together to save their livelihoods and homes! Under Yerby Bannock, who never walked away from a drink or a fight, the Greenwood patriots will face thugs in the night, lawyers in a distant court, traitors in their own ranks--

And, if they have to, a fortress built to shrug off the assault of a battlefleet! **APB \$19.95**

Ritch Duncan & Bob Powers

Werewolf's Guide to Life: Manual for the newly Bitten

A primer in the tradition of the Zombie Survival Guide shares deadpan advice for surviving and thriving as a werewolf, providing coverage of such topics as breaking the news to a spouse, post-attack etiquette, and avoiding government abduction. **TP \$28.95**

David Anthony Durham

The Other Lands (Acacia 02)

A next installment in the trilogy that began with Acacia finds Queen Corinn firmly in control of the Known World in the years after the conquering of the Mein, a situation for which she sends her brother, Darial, to the Other Lands, where he discovers a threatening tribal alliance. **HC \$56.95**

Cynthia Eden, Shelly Laurensten & Sherrill Quinn

Belong to the Night

A trio of paranormal romances by three popular genre authors, published in time for Halloween, includes the tales, "The Wolf, the Witch, and Her Lack of Wardrobe," "In the Dark," and "City of the Dead". **TP \$28.95**

Greg Egan Australian Author

Incandescence

A million years from now, the galaxy is divided between the vast, cooperative meta-civilisation known as the Amalgam and the silent occupiers of the galactic core known as the Aloof. The Aloof have long rejected all attempts by the Amalgam to enter their territory, but have permitted travellers to take a perilous ride as unencrypted data in their communications network, providing a short-cut across the galaxy's central bulge. When Rakesh encounters a traveller, Lahl, who claims she was woken by the Aloof on such a journey and shown a meteor full of traces of DNA, he accepts her challenge to try to find the uncharted world deep in the Aloof's territory from which the meteor originated. Roi and Zak live inside the Splinter, a world of rock that swims in a sea of light they call the Incandescence. Living on the margins of a rigidly organised society, they seek to decipher the subtle clues that can reveal the true nature of the Splinter. In fact, the Splinter is orbiting a black hole, which is about to capture a neighbouring star, wreaking havoc. As the signs of danger grow, Roi, Zak and a growing band of recruits struggle to understand and take control of their fate. Meanwhile, Rakesh is gradually uncovering their remote history and his search for the lost DNA world ultimately leads him to a civilisation trapped in cultural stagnation and startling revelations about the true nature and motives of the Aloof. **BPB \$22.99**

Oceanic

Collected together here for the first time are twelve stories by the incomparable Greg Egan, one of the most exciting writers of science fiction working today. In these dozen glimpses into the future Egan continues to explore the essence of what it is to be human, and the nature of what - and who - we are, in stories that range from parables of contemporary human conflict and ambition to far-future tales of our immortal descendants. Return to the universe of the meta-civilisation known as the Amalgam, which Egan explored in his critically acclaimed novel Incandescence: 'Riding the Crocodile', which recounts an epic endeavour a million years from now to bridge the divide between the Amalgam and the reclusive Aloof; 'Glory', set in the same future, in which two archaeologists strive to decipher the artefacts of an ancient civilisation, and 'Hot Rock', where an obscure, sunless world conceals mind-spinning technological marvels, bitter factional struggles, and a many-layered secret history. This superb collection also includes the title story, the Hugo Award-winning 'Oceanic': a boy is inducted into a religion that becomes the centre of his life, but as an adult he must face evidence that casts a new light on his faith. **TP \$35**

P N Elrod

Dark Road Rising (Vampire Files)

In this never-before-published novel from The Vampire Files, vampire private investigator Jack Fleming must protect a dangerously unstable vampire mobster from old enemies and rival syndicates, while unraveling the mystery surrounding his charge's undead state. **TP \$30.95**

Kate Elliott

Traitor's Gate (Crossroads 03)

Reeve Joss is struggling to defend a country ravaged by the assaults of twin armies. His men now patrol a land of burning villages and homeless refugees as Joss tries to separate traitor from friend. The Reeve's thoughts are also plagued by the intriguing Zubaidit, pleasure-giver, spy and temple-trained assassin. But Zubaidit is focused on a dangerous mission, her target being warped Guardian Lord Radas. His death would leave the invading militia in chaos, but the old tales tell truly of the Guardians' immortality - and of the powers they now wield to twist the hearts of men. Joss's nights are also troubled, disturbed by dreams of Marit. His lost love has returned from death to become a feared Guardian herself, but Marit rejected the corrupt temptations they offered. She now seeks others of her kind, praying some are yet uncontaminated by the blight on the land - and have the will to fight it. **TP \$32.99**

Steven Erikson

Bauchelain and Korbal Broach (Malazan Tale of Bauchelain & Korbal Broach 01, 02, 03)

The first three tales of Bauchelain and Korbal Broach, the famed necromancers from the Malazan Book of the Fallen, collected in one volume.

BLOOD FOLLOWS

In the port city of Lamentable Moll, a diabolical killer stalks the streets and panic grips the citizens like a fever. As Emancipor Reese's legendary ill luck would have it, his previous employer is the unknown killer's latest victim. But two strangers have come to town and they have posted in Fishmonger's Round a note, reeking of death-warded magic, requesting the services of a manservant...

THE HEALTHY DEAD

The city of Quaint's zeal for goodness can be catastrophic, and no one knows this better than Bauchelain and Korbal Broach, two stalwart champions of all things bad. The homicidal necromancers - and their substance-addled manservant, Emancipor Reese - find themselves ensnared in a scheme to bring goodness into utter ruin. Sometimes you must bring down civilization...in the name of civilization.

THE LEES OF LAUGHTER'S END

After their blissful sojourn in Lamentable Moll, the sorcerers Bauchelain and Korbal Broach - along with their manservant, Emancipor Reese - set out on the open seas aboard the sturdy ship Suncurl. Alas, there's more baggage in the hold than meets the beady eyes of the crew, and unseemly terrors awaken. For Bauchelain, Korbal Broach and Emancipor Reese, it is just one more night on the high seas, on a journey without end. **TP \$30.95**

Ian Cameron Esslemont

Return of the Crimson Guard (Malazan 02)

The return of the mercenary company, the Crimson Guard, could not have come at a worse time for a Malazan Empire exhausted by warfare and weakened by betrayals and rivalries. Indeed, there are those who wonder whether the Empress Laseen might not be losing her grip on power as she faces increasing regional unrest as conquered kingdoms and principalities sense freedom once more.

Into the seething cauldron of Quon Tali - the Empire's heartland - marches the Guard. With their return comes the memory of their hundred-year-old vow: undying opposition to the existence of the Empire - and yet all is not well with the Guard itself. Elements within its elite, the Avowed, have set their sights on far greater power. There are ancient entities who also seek to further their own arcane ends. And what of the swordsman called Traveller who, with his companion Ereko, has gone in search of a confrontation from which none have ever returned.

As the Guard prepares to wage war, so Laseen's own generals and mages, the Old Hands', grow impatient at what they see as her mismanagement of the Empire. But could Laseen have outwitted them all? Could she be using the uprisings to draw out and finally eliminate these last irksome survivors from the days of her illustrious predecessor, Kellanved? **PB \$24.95**

Chris Evans

The Light of Burning Shadows (Iron Elves 02)

Konowa Swift Dragon was once commander of the Iron Elves, the legendary Elven regiment of the human army of the Calahrian Empire. Now recalled from exile and disgrace, he is second-in-command of the reconstituted regiment -- a motley band of misfits who are elves in name alone. Konowa's destiny is to stand against the looming threat of the Shadow Monarch, whose destructive ambitions have called down an alien power from the stars and riven the land with all manner of ancient evils. The same Shadow Monarch whose tainted mark he bears...

His quest leads Konowa deep into the desert wastes: the burning lands to which the original Iron Elves were banished. There he and his current companions must face trials beyond their imagining, to learn how to defeat the Shadow Monarch for all time. **TP \$32.99**

Annalise Evans

The Prince of Frogs

Sometimes appearances can be deceiving...

Rosemarie Barrows has successfully defeated an ogre uprising that threatened the lives of humans and supernaturals alike. Now she's trying to forget her lingering attraction to her handsome Fey advisor, Ambrose Minuit, and settle in to life with her new husband, Gareth, Lord Shenley. Unfortunately, Gareth's suspicious behavior is driving a wedge between the newlyweds.

Gareth Barrows is hiding an old secret, a problem he thought he'd already resolved--and would never have to reveal. But his past has come back to haunt him, placing his future, his marriage, and his very life at risk.

Bloodlines. Ancestry. Heritage. Nothing is as it seems for Rose or Gareth, and as they struggle to unravel the truth, an unseen enemy lurks in the shadows, ready to silence them...forever. **PB \$21.95**

Christine Feehan

Dark Slayer (Carpathian 17)

Carpathians are an immortal race of beings with animal instincts and the ability to shape shift. Every Carpathian male is drawn to a life mate: a woman - Carpathian or human - able to provide the light to his darkness. Without her, the beast within slowly consumes the man until turning into a vampire is the only option. Victory is the rarest of Carpathians - a female Carpathian. As such, she has been protected by her brothers for most of her life. But once she's freed the mage Razvan from his prison cave, she must run from her brothers, for Razvan is hunted by both the Carpathian hunters and vampires - believed to be enemies of both. But Victory senses that Razvan is more than what he appears to be, and is willing to go against the entire Carpathian race to help him. But will her belief cost both of them their lives? **TP \$32.99**

Raymond E Feist

Rides a Dread Legion (Demonwar Saga 01)

A lost race of elves, the taredhel or 'people of the stars', have found a way across the universe to reach Midkemia. On their current home world, these elves are hard pressed by a ravaging demon horde, and what was once a huge empire has been reduced to a handful of survivors. The cornerstone of taredhel lore is the tale of their lost origins in the world they call simply 'Home', a place lost in the mists of time. Now they are convinced that Midkemia is that place, and they are coming to reclaim it.

Ruthless and arrogant, the taredhel intend to let nothing stand in their way; but before long, Pug and the Conclave realise that it's not necessarily the elves, but the demon horde pursuing them where the true danger lies. And hanging over Pug always is the prophecy that he will be doomed to watch everyone he loves die before him... **TP \$32.99**

Alan Dean Foster

Quofum (Humanx Commonwealth)

Bestselling author Alan Dean Foster's new adventure takes place in the amazing Humanx Commonwealth, home of the ever-popular Pip & Flinx. Although the dynamic redhead and his daring minidrags do not appear in Quofum, this knockout thriller sets the stage for their explosive date with destiny in the duo's final climactic adventure, Flinx Transcendent.

The mission to planet Quofum is supposed to be a quickie for Captain Boylan and his crew. Boylan is tasked with delivering four scientists—two men, one woman, and one thranx—to the unknown world, setting up camp while the experts investigate flora and fauna, then ferrying them safely home.

The first surprise is that Quofum, which regularly slips in and out of existence on Commonwealth monitors, is actually there when Boylan and company arrive. The second surprise is more about what Quofum is not: The planet is not logical, ordered, or rational.

The team encounters three intelligent, warring species—some carbon-based, others silicate-based, all bizarre—along with thousands of unique, often unclassifiable life-forms. Quofum's wild biodiversity doesn't appear to be natural. But if it is by design, then by whose, and for what purpose?

There are more revelations, more highly evolved species waiting to be identified, even tantalizing clues to a civilization light-years ahead of the Commonwealth's. But the crew members are not ready for the real shockers, because none of them expect to find a killer in their midst, or to discover that their spaceship is missing and, with it, all means of communication.

Of course, the marooned teammates know nothing about the Great Evil racing toward the galaxy, and they certainly have never heard of Flinx, the only person with half a chance to stop it. Nor do they know that Quofum could play a crucial role in defeating the all-devouring monster from beyond.

One thing the scientists do know, however, is how to ferret out the truth. But whether that will be enough to alter the course of the oncoming catastrophe is anyone's guess. **APB \$19.95**

L L Foster

The Kindred (Servant 03)

Struggling with her duties as a paladin holy warrior and her perpetually strained relationship with Detective Luther Cross, Gabrielle Cody tackles a formidable adversary who is feeding off of human souls and with whom she shares a terrible connection. By the author of Servant: The Acceptance.

APB \$19.95

Jacquelyn Frank

Pleasure (Shadowdwellers 03)

A latest installment in the series that includes Gideon finds bodyguard Guin seeking to demonstrate his passion for Malaya, who is duty bound to enter a loveless marriage, while sanctuary priest Sagan is taken captive and finds his faith tested by alluring witch Valera. **PB \$17.95**

Pamela Freeman Australian Author

Full Circle (Castings 03)

The road is long and the end is death. If we're lucky, Saker the enchanter will stop at nothing to destroy the Eleven Domains, but has he unleashed a worse evil? As he builds his terrifying army of ghosts, screams from the nether world torment him, foretelling a greater disaster than he can imagine. When Ash is forced to acknowledge his true self in the caverns of the Deep, he realises that all power is duty-bound. He helps Bramble raise Acton's ghost, although plagued by doubts: Who is this ancient warrior murderer or saviour? And will he help strangers protect a world he has never known? Grieving an impossible love, Bramble learns the painful truth behind the demon's prophecy. She is a leader born but will she reach Turvite in time to face Saker and save the Domains? From the icy winds of Foreverfroze in the north to Turvite, the great free town in the south, FULL CIRCLE is Pamela Freeman's gripping final chapter in The Castings Trilogy. **TP \$32.99**

Kimberly Frost

Barely Prepared (Southern Witch)

After a toxic spill of pixie dust unites the worlds of humans and faeries, bumbling witch Tammy Jo Trask must pass an impossible, mandatory magic test to avoid deadly consequences and rescue her town. **TP \$28.95**

Victor Gischler

Vampire A Go-Go

HORROR AT ITS SIDE-SPLITTING BEST!

Victor Gischler is a master of the class-act literary spoof, and his work has drawn comparison to that of Douglas Adams, Kurt Vonnegut, and Thomas Pynchon. Now, Gischler turns his attention to werewolves, alchemists, ghosts, witches, and gun-toting Jesuit priests in Vampire a Go-Go, a hilarious romp of spooky, Gothic entertainment. Narrated by a ghost whose spirit is chained to a mysterious castle in Prague, Gischler's latest is full of twists and surprises that will have readers screaming -- and laughing -- for more. **TP \$30.95**

Terry Goodkind

The Law of Nines

They watch you through mirrors...

'Your mother was twenty-seven when it came to her. Now you're twenty-seven, and it's come to you.'

The skin of Alex's arms tingled with goose bumps. By her twenty-seventh birthday insanity had come to his mother....

Turning 27 may be terrifying for some, but for Alexander, a struggling artist in small-town Nebraska, it is cataclysmic. Inheriting a huge expanse of land in Maine should have made him a rich and happy man; but something about this birthday, his name, and the beautiful woman whose life he just saved, has suddenly made him - and everyone he loves - into a target. A target for extreme and uncompromising violence...

Where do you turn when your own reflection spells doom?

In Alex, Terry Goodkind brings to life a modern hero in a whole new kind of thriller. **TP \$32.99 HC \$56.95 CD \$78**

Christine Grayson

Absolutely Captivated

Private investigator and 150-year-old mage Zoe Sinclair help the Three Fates, who are forced to become mortals when a magical object is stolen, reclaim the artifact while trying to deny her attraction to a gorgeous blue-eyed man named Joe. **APB \$16.95**

Simon R Green

Daemons Are Forever (Secret Histories 02)

The Drood family is all that stands between Humanity and all the forces of darkness. They were supposed to protect the world, but ended up ruling it. Eddie Drood discovered the lies at the heart of his family and brought them down. For his sins, they put him in charge: to run the family and to redeem it. Eddie feels the need to prove to the world that the Drood family is as strong as it ever was. So he decides to wipe out one of Humanity's greatest enemies, the soul eaters known as the Loathly Ones. But once started on this venture, he discovers that the Loathly Ones are just the forerunners of something far worse; the Many-Angled Ones, the Hungry Gods, descending from a higher dimension to consume every living thing in this world. Eddie Drood has got his work cut out for him... **BPB \$22.99**

Molly Harper

Nice Girls Don't Date Dead Men (Nice Girls)

Once a devoted children's librarian, Jane Jameson now works at a rundown occult bookstore. Once a regular gal, she's now a vampire. And instead of a bride, she's an eternal bridesmaid -- which leads her to question where exactly her relationship with her irresistibly sexy sire, Gabriel, is headed. Mercurial, enigmatic, apparently commitment-phobic vampires are nothing if not hard to read. While Jane is trying to master undead dating, she is also donning the ugliest bridesmaid's dress in history at her best friend Zeb's Titanic-themed wedding. Between a freaked-out groom-to-be, his hostile werewolf in-laws, and Zeb's mother, hell-bent on seeing Jane walk the aisle with Zeb, Jane's got the feeling she's just rearranging the proverbial deck chairs. Meanwhile, Half Moon Hollow's own Black Widow, Jane's Grandma Ruthie, has met her match in her latest fiancé. He smells like bad cheese and has a suspicious history of dead spouses. But Jane's biting her tongue. After all, would a nice girl really think she has a future with a vampire? **APB \$19.95**

Betsy Harrigan

9800 Savage Road (National Security Agency)

December, 2000: In a tiny office in the basement of the National Security Agency, a handful of analysts work on a project so secret its existence is known to fewer than a hundred people. They are intercepting Osama bin Laden's every word as he talks on his satellite phone to al Qaeda cells. What he's planning is big—a strike against the U.S.—and they know from the intercepts they'll learn the details any day... any minute. Suddenly, the conversations stop.

A Senior Executive is murdered inside the NSA complex, the first in a series of disasters inflicted from both inside and outside the carefully concealed house of spies. Alexandra O'Malley, consummate Intelligence Analyst, must sort through the clues and scramble to stop the escalating crises... but to succeed, she'll have to break all the rules.

In 9800 Savage Road, reality and fiction intersect in a terrifying story of the events leading up to 9/11 from deep within the cloistered walls of NSA. M. E. Harrigan delivers the first insider's perspective in NSA's history. She shreds the thick veil of secrecy and explores the thoughts and actions, the dedication and bureaucratic infighting, and the occasional scandals of the hidden workforce. It's a story of betrayal and treachery, courage and loyalty... so real you'll wonder how much is true. **HC \$51.95**

Charlaine Harris

An Ice Cold Grave (Harper Connelly 03)

In her third case, Harper and Tolliver, her stepbrother, are hired to find a missing grandson. But the truth is far worse than a single dead child, for numerous teenage boys, all unlikely runaways, have disappeared from Doraville, North Carolina. Harper soon finds the eight bodies, buried in the half-frozen ground, but then, still reeling from coming into contact with her first serial killer, she is attacked and injured. Now she and Tolliver have no choice but to stay in Doraville while she recovers, and as she reluctantly becomes part of the investigation, she learns more than she cares to about the dark mysteries and long-hidden secrets of the town: knowledge that makes her the most likely person to be next to end up in an ice-cold grave. **APB \$19.99**

John Twelve Hawks

The Golden City

Concluding the trilogy that includes *The Traveler* and *The Dark River*. Gabriel is coming close to finding his father but encounters an unimaginable new threat, while his brother Michael, firmly allied with the enemy, endeavors to wrest power from the leaders of the Brethren. **HC \$54.95**

Markus Heitz

The Dwarves (01)

For countless millennia, no man or beast has ever succeeded in breaching the stone gateway into Girdlegard. Until now.... Abandoned as a child, Tungdil the blacksmith is the only dwarf in a kingdom of men. But when he is sent out into the world to deliver a message and reacquaint himself with his people, the young foundling finds himself thrust into a battle for which he has not been trained. Not only his own safety, but the life of every man, woman and child in Girdlegard depends upon his ability to embrace his heritage. Although he has many unanswered questions, Tungdil is certain of one thing: no matter where he was raised, he is a true dwarf. And no one has ever questioned the courage of the Dwarves. **BPB \$24.99**

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson

Winds of Dune (Dune)

In the wake of Paul's disappearance, Jessica battles against her daughter, Alia, who would hold the Imperial government together with Duncan, a situation that is further complicated by Bronso of Ix's opposition against the House of Atreides

Paul has walked off into the sand, blind, and is presumed dead. Jessica and Gurney are on Caladan; Alia is trying to hold the Imperial government together with Duncan; Mohiam dead at the hands of Stilgar; Irulan imprisoned. Paul's former friend, Bronso of Ix, now seems to be leading opposition to the House of Atreides. Herbert and Anderson's newest book in this landmark series will concentrate on these characters as well the growing battle between Jessica, and her daughter, Alia. **HC \$56.95 . CD \$120**

Leanna Renee Hieber

The Strangely Beautiful Tale of Miss Percy Parker

Longing to escape her convent existence in Victorian London, albino beauty Percy enters Athens Academy, where she develops her psychic powers and is enthralled by the Romanesque school's enigmatic Professor Alexi. **APB \$14.95**

Rita Herron

Dark Hunger (Demonborn 03)

Telepath Quinton Valtrez wants nothing from Annabelle Armstrong except her luscious body. But one peek into her mind and he knows that that this CNN reporter is suspicious of him and determined to expose all of his dark secrets, one by one. He'll be damned if he ever lets that happen, even though he can't deny his uncontrollable hunger for her. But when a bomber strikes, hitting three targets and killing hundreds, Annabelle devotes herself entirely to the story. Thrown together by danger and desperate to stop the violence, Quinton and Annabelle uncover that the serial bomber is a supernatural attack, perpetrated by an evil force that exerts mind control over people and turns them into killers. But when the forces of evil unite to overpower them, targeting Annabelle in order to ensnare him, Quinton must face his own destiny as one of the Demonborn and join forces with his brother Vincent (from Insatiable Desire) to save Annabelle and fight the evil threatening to overtake the world. **PB \$14.99**

Robert Holdstock

Avilion (Mythago Wood)

At the heart of Ryhope Wood, Steven and the mythago Guiwenneth live in the ruins of a Roman villa close to a haunted fortress from the Iron Age, from which Guiwenneth's myth arose. She is comfortable here, almost tied to the place, and Steven has long since abandoned all thought of returning to his own world. They have animals, protection and crops. They also have two children, a combination of human and mythago. Jack is like his father, an active boy keen to know all about the outer world'; Yssobel takes after her mother, even to her long auburn hair.

But this idyll cannot last. The hunters who protected Guiwenneth as a child have come to warn her she is in danger. Yssobel is dreaming increasingly of her Uncle Christian, Steven's brother, who disappeared into Lavondyss, and Jack wants to see 'the outer world' more than anything. Events are about to overtake them. **TP \$32.99**

Mythago Wood 25th Anniversary Edition (Mythago Wood)

Deep within the wildwood lies a place of myth and mystery, from which few return, and none remain unchanged. Ryhope Wood may look like a three-mile-square fenced-in wood in rural Herefordshire on the outside, but inside, it is a primeval, intricate labyrinth of trees, impossibly huge, unforgettable . . . and stronger than time itself. Stephen Huxley has already lost his father to the mysteries of Ryhope Wood. On his return from the Second World War, he finds his brother, Christopher, is also in thrall to the mysterious wood, wherein lies a realm where mythic archetypes grow flesh and blood, where love and beauty haunt your dreams, and in promises of freedom lies the sanctuary of insanity . . . **PB \$22.99**

Robert E Howard

The Conquering Sword of Conan (CD) (Conan)

The final volume in a three-volume series containing the complete adventures of the legendary warrior Conan includes "Beyond the Black River," "Red Nails," and other action-packed tales of action, adventure, and sorcery. **MP3 CD \$60**

Ian Irvine Australian Author

Terminator Gene (02)

TP \$32.99

Deborah Kalin Australian Author

Shadow Queen (Binding 01)

'I put out a hand to steady myself as the vision took me. The parquet floor washed to black . . . As if sparked by the hard glare, a fire burst and raged through the room, the flames hot enough to crisp bones and raise the smell of marrow burning to cinders. And me in the middle, wrapped in the black shroud of the dead.'

For Matilde of House of Svanaten, accession to the Turasi throne is long overdue. But her imperious grandmother remains reluctant to hand over power. When Matilde's mysterious aunt, Helena, turns up for the Turasi's most important festival, suspicions abound. Why has Helena suddenly appeared - and accompanied by the despised Ilthean? And what of the Ilthean soldiers massed at the southern border?

Hard on Helen's arrival, Matilde is struck by a vision warning of doom. And it isn't long before a powerful enemy strikes at the very heart of power, leaving a trail of death and destruction in his wake. After narrowly surviving the conflagration that shatters her entire world, Matilde must pit herself against her family's conqueror in a battle not just for the throne, but for her very existence. **BPB \$19.99**

Susan Kearney

Lucan (Pendragon Legacy)

THEIR LOVE IS FORBIDDEN: Healer and high priestess of her people, Lady Cael is fated to life without a mate. But a mysterious explorer named Lucan Rourke doesn't know her secrets, and his touch makes her crave a future that her extraordinary birthright has forbidden her. . .

BUT DANGER IS NO MATCH FOR DESIRE : Lucan has just one mission on Pendragon: to find the mythical Holy Grail, Earth's only hope for survival. His powerful attraction to Cael is a distraction he can't afford, unless he convinces her to join forces with him. Yet working so closely together only heightens their passion . . . even when the terrifying truth of Cael's heritage threatens to shatter Lucan's every belief-and the galaxy itself. **APB \$17.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon

Night Pleasures (Dark Hunter 03)

The Dark-Hunters are ancient warriors who have sworn to protect mankind and the fate of the world is in their hands. . . He is solitude. He is darkness. He is the ruler of the night. Yet Kyrian of Thrace has just woken up handcuffed to his worst nightmare: An accountant. Worse, she's being hunted by one of the most lethal vampires out there. And if Amanda Devereaux goes down, then he does too. But it's not just their lives that are hanging in the balance. Kyrian and Amanda are all that stands between humanity and oblivion. Let's hope they win. **HC \$51.95**

Jack Kilborn

Afraid

Welcome to Safe Haven. Population 907. Nestled in the woods of Wisconsin, Safe Haven is miles from everything. With one road in and out, this is a town so peaceful it has never needed a full-time police force. Until now. A helicopter has crashed on the outskirts of town and something terrible has been unleashed. A classified secret weapon programmed to kill anything that stands in its way. Now it's headed for the nearest lights to do what it does best. Isolate. Terrorise. Annihilate. Soon all phone lines are dead and the road is blocked. Safe Haven's only chance for survival rests on the shoulders of an aging county sheriff. And as the body count rises, the sheriff realizes something even more terrifying - maybe death hasn't come to his little town by accident. Welcome to Safe Haven. Population 907... 906... 905... **APB \$19.99**

J Robert King

Angel of Death

A serial killer stalks Chicago. A gorgeous cop is on his trail. Someone else is watching, someone who can decide who lives and who dies. The Angel of Death in Chicago oversees all people in the city, making sure their deaths fit their lives. When a gruesome serial killer strikes, the Angel must make a startling choice. He falls in love with the cop on the killer's trail, and has to make a choice between divinity and humanity. When he chooses humanity he must face the biggest terror of all - of who he is, and who the killer is who's on their trail. **PB \$20.99**

Caitlin Kittredge

Witch Craft (Nocturne City 04)

Someone, or something, is setting fire to the homes of the city's most infamous non-humans, racking up a body count that's growing by the day. And strange, otherworldly creatures no one has seen before—selkies trolls and harpies—are causing chaos throughout the city. Racing to stop the carnage, Luna turns to sexy federal agent Will Fagin for help. As they work to uncover the source of the bloodshed, Luna's attraction for Will deepens. But just as she learns Will's darkest secret, Nocturne City is thrust into total chaos—leaving Luna and Will in a path of destruction they may not be able to stop...or survive. **APB \$17.95**

Richard A Knaak

Legends of the Dragonrealm (Dragonrealm 01, 02, 03)

FIRE Drake

In an empire ruled by the shape-shifting Dragon Kings, an ordinary youth with a formidable legacy becomes the target of their vengeance. But the drake lords who hunt Cabe Bedlam may not be his worst threat, for the very powers he must call upon and learn to wield -- the same powers that destroyed his grandfather and turned his father to darkness -- may ultimately engulf him and the entire land.

ICE DRAGON

The Dragon Empire has collapsed into chaos under the magic of the wizard Cabe Bedlam, and the remaining drake lords vie for control over the world of man. When the fallen emperor's son calls upon the Ice Dragon to inflict revenge against Cabe, the most dread of the Dragon Kings unleashes a fury of cataclysmic proportions. Now the young wizard must journey to a distant, frozen land to save mankind -- and perhaps the drakes themselves -- from utter destruction.

WOLFHELM

Shipwrecked long ago on the Dragonrealm, Cabe Bedlam's half-human friend, the Gryphon, emerged to liberate much of the land from the tyrannical drake lords. Now, haunted by the menacing words of an old foe, he journeys to the domain of the ebony-armored wolf raiders. But as he uncovers his forgotten origins, the Gryphon unwittingly awakens the powers of an empire...and suffers the wrath of its savage god. **TP \$36.95**

Dean Koontz & Ed Gorman

Dead and Alive (Dean Koontz's Frankenstein 03)

Frankenstein lives! And so too does his monstrous creation ... but this creature of legend is a monster no more, except in appearance. The scars he bears from his maker's wrath have been disguised with tattoos, but he has only half a face. His name is Deucalion.

Frankenstein has resurfaced in 21st century, pre-Katrina New Orleans, and Deucalion determines to try again to kill the evil doctor before the new generation of monsters infecting the city can kill more people.

So far, in *Prodigal Son* and *City of Night*, he has won the trust of two police officers, Detectives Carson O'Connor and Michael Maddison. But Frankenstein's killers, stronger than any human, are everywhere, from the police force itself to the church, and the fate of *City of Night* is more perilous than ever before ...

This is a powerful reworking of one of the classic stories of all time. **TP \$19.99**

Susan Krinard

Lord of Sin

Nuala is descended from ancient witch folk, eternally bound to help others find love. But after the death of her husband, she harbors no such dreams for herself. Then she meets Sinjin, the Earl of Donnington, and feels something stir within her for the first time in centuries....

Handsome and scandalously tempting, Sinjin has never met a woman he couldn't seduce. Yet from the moment he sees the stunning young widow, he knows he wants more than just one night of sin—and even the discovery of the dark secret they share won't stop him from trying to possess her forever. But first he must free her from her immortal bondage, which means robbing her of her magic for all time.... **APB \$19.95**

Mercedes Lackey & James Mallory

Phoenix Transformed (Enduring Flame 03)

In the *Enduring Flame* trilogy, Mercedes Lackey and James Mallory have given readers a new view of the complex and fascinating world they originally created for the *Obsidian Trilogy*. Jumping one thousand years in time, Lackey and Mallory have told the compelling story of Harrier Gillain, the first Knight-Mage in a thousand years; Tiercel Rolfort, the first High Mage in hundreds of years; and Shaiara, the young leader of a desert tribe who takes both boys under her wing but has a special affection for Harrier.

These three young people are their world's main defense against the evil called up by the rogue Wild Mage, Bisochim. Bisochim's conviction that he was restoring the balance was shattered the moment Ahairan took her first breath. Now, in *The Phoenix Transformed*, Bisochim joins forces with Harrier and Tiercel, and the three mages search desperately for a way to destroy Ahairan as she sends her magical forces against them and the desert nomads under their protection.

With more than one twist in the telling, centering on a magic-plagued journey across a blistering desert, *The Phoenix Transformed* is the stunning conclusion to *The Enduring Flame*. **HC \$52.95**

L Jagi Lamplighter

Propero Lost

More than four hundred years after the events of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, the sorcerer Prospero, his daughter Miranda, and his other children have attained everlasting life. Miranda is the head of her family's business, Prospero Inc., which secretly has used its magic for good around the world. One day, Miranda receives a warning from her father: "Beware of the Three Shadowed Ones." When Miranda goes to her father for an explanation, he is nowhere to be found.

Miranda sets out to find her father and reunite with her estranged siblings, each of which holds a staff of power and secrets about Miranda's sometimes-foggy past. Her journey through the past, present and future will take her to Venice, Chicago, the Caribbean, Washington, D.C., and the North Pole. To aid her, Miranda brings along Mab, an aerie being who acts like a hard-boiled detective, and Mephistopheles, her mentally-unbalanced brother.

Together, they must ward off the Shadowed Ones and other ancient demons who want Prospero's power for their own.... **HC \$51.95**

Glenda Larke *Australian Author*

The Last Stormlord (Watergivers 01)

Who will command the water?

The Cloudmaster and his stormlords command wealth and power. But can they save themselves from a rogue rainlord? Terelle is on the run when an old man with the ability to paint pictures on water employs her as his apprentice -- and paints her portrait. She thinks she is safe, until she discovers his floating artworks can fix an immutable future for those portrayed in them. She has become a prisoner of her own painted future. The Cloudmaster and his stormlords keep the land alive with their power over water and rain. However, the current Cloudmaster is dying and has no stormlord heir because all the promising young men and women have died in troubling circumstances. An expedition mounted to scour the countryside for a potential stormlord locates a young village lad called Shale. Kidnapped and imprisoned, Shale finds himself a tool in a struggle between the warring factions of the land -- because whoever commands a stormlord, commands the water of a nation. **APB \$22.99**

Victoria Laurie

Doom With a View (Psychic Eye Mystery 07)

Reluctantly accepting an FBI assignment that forces her to work with confirmed skeptic Brice Harrison, psychic investigator Abby helps locate three missing teens before experiencing a vision about a serial kidnapper's next move. By the author of *Death Perception*. **APB \$17.95**

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller

Fledgling

Having lived on a world that hosts one of the galaxy's premier educational institutions, Theo Waitley finds her life disrupted by her professor mother's decision to relocate her to faculty housing, where she is embroiled in school politics and contemplates the unwelcome possibility of leaving the planet.

Theo Waitley has lived all her young life on Delgado, a Safe World that is home to one of the galaxy's premier institutions of higher learning. Both Theo's mother, Kamele, and Kamele's onagrata Jen Sar Kiladi, are professors at the university, and they all live comfortably together, just like they have for all of Theo's life, in Jen Sar's house at the outskirts of town.

Suddenly, though, Theo's life changes. Kamele leaves Jen Sar and moves herself and Theo back into faculty housing, which is not what Theo is used to. Once settled back inside the Wall, Kamele becomes embroiled in faculty politics, and is appointed sub-chair of her department. Meanwhile, Theo, who has a notation in her file indicating that she is "physically challenged" has a series of misadventures, including pulling her best friend down on the belt-ride to class, and hurting a team mate during a scavage game.

With notes piling up in her file, Theo only wants to go "home", to the house in the suburbs, and have everything just like it used to be.

Then, Kamele uncovers evidence of possible dishonest scholarship inside of her department. In order to clear the department, she and a team of senior professors must go off-world to perform a forensic document search. Theo hopes this will mean that she'll be left in the care of the man she calls "Father", Professor Kiladi, and is horrified to learn that Kamele means to bring Theo with her! **HC \$49.95**

Edward M Lerner

Fools' Experiments

We are not alone, and it's our own damn fault ...

Something demonic is stalking the brightest men and women in the computer industry. It attacks without warning or mercy, leaving its prey insane, comatose -- or dead.

Mayhem is on the rise. Something far nastier than any virus, worm, or Trojan horse program is being evolved in laboratory confinement by well-intentioned but misguided researchers. When their artificial life-form escapes onto the Internet, no conventional defense against malicious software can begin to compete. As disasters multiply, computer scientist Doug Carey knows that unconventional measures may be civilization's last hope.

And that any artificial life-form learns very fast **PB \$19.95**

Bentley Little

His Father's Son

In the aftermath of his father's attack on his mother, writer Steve Nye visits the psych ward and is baffled by his father's eerily calm beliefs that contradict the doctor's diagnosis. By the Bram Stoker-winning author of *The Academy*. **APB \$19.95**

Sergei Lukyanenko

Last Watch (Night Watch 04)

The Last Watch is the stunning sequel to the Night Watch trilogy, following the fortunes of the Others. Indistinguishable from normal people but possessed of supernatural powers and capable of entering the Twilight, a shadowy world that exists in parallel to our own, each Other owes allegiance either to the Dark, or to the Light...

While on holiday in Scotland, visiting 'The Dungeons of Edinburgh', a young Russian tourist is murdered. As the police grapple with the fact that the cause of the young man's death was a massive loss of blood, the Watches are immediately aware that there is a renegade vampire on the loose.

Anton -- the hero of the Night Watch trilogy -- is detailed to this seemingly mundane investigation, but begins to realise that there is much more to the story than a wildcat vampire and a single murder, and discovers that a team of unlicensed Others are hunting for a fabled magical treasure, hidden in the sixth level of the Twilight by Merlin himself... **BPB \$24.95**

Stuart MacBride

Halfhead

Glasgow, not too far in the future. A new punishment has been devised for the perpetrators of serious crimes - one that not only reduces the prison population but also benefits society at large. The process is known as halfheading: the offender's lower jaw is removed and they are lobotomized. They are then put to work as cleaners in municipal areas like hospitals, where they serve as a warning to all that crime doesn't pay.

But for one halfhead, it seems the lobotomy hasn't quite succeeded. Six years after her surgery, Dr Fiona Westfield 'wakes up' surrounded by the butchered remains of a man she has just brutally killed. As her mind slowly begins to return, she sets out on a quest for vengeance.

William Hunter, Assistant Section Director of the 'Network' - a military wing of the police - attends the crime scene left behind by the newly awakened halfhead. Sherman House is a run-down concrete housing development full of undesirables and Hunter and his team quickly find themselves in a firefight with the locals.

With the help of old comrades and a new friend in the form of prickly but attractive Detective Sergeant Josephine Cameron- Will gets on the trail of the killer. But before long the investigation leads back to a terrible tragedy in his own past- as well as to a terrifying conspiracy to sow violence and misery among Glasgow's most vulnerable citizens. **TP \$32.99**

Noelle Mack

Wicked (Pack of St James 03)

A final installment in the trilogy that began with *Wanton and Wild* finds Semyon Taruskin applying his supernatural powers to protect innocent Angelica Harrow, who fears a notorious man who disappeared under mysterious circumstances. **TP \$28.95**

Violette Malan

The Storm Witch (Dhulyn and Parno 03)

Returning home to Mercenary House after accusations of kidnapping and murder, Dhulyn Wolfshead and Parno Lionsmane must rescue old friends taken hostage by the Long Ocean Nomads before they can clear their names of the charges against them. **TP \$30.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough

Deluge (Twins of Petaybee 03)

In *Deluge* the selkie twins, Ronan and Murel, leave Petaybee on a mission to help rescue their friend Marmie, who has been falsely arrested on the orders of a corrupt Colonel. However, the Colonel has more power in the Company than they realized and they end up being imprisoned themselves and taken to the Gwinnet Incarceration Colony. There they have to try to evade the clutches of their old adversary Dr Mabou, an unscrupulous scientist who wants to study their unusual shape-changing ability, and doesn't care how much pain her experiments cause them.

Meanwhile, the powerful and avaricious Company is making another attempt to take over the world of Petaybee for its resources, and the twins parents, Yana and Sean, along with the entire planet, must fight for the independence of their sentient world once and for all... **APB \$21.95**

Annette McCleave

Drawn Into Darkness (Soul Gatherers 01)

Battling demons for the souls of the dead as part of a 500-year sentence, Soul Gatherer Lachlan MacGregor is given a devastating task after he falls for artistic neighbor Rachel Lewis, who has asked him to help rescue her daughter. **APB \$19.95**

Sandra McDonald

The Stars Down Under (02)

Chief Terry Myell and Lieutenant Commander Jodenny Scott are in that most precarious of military situations, a mixed marriage. Enlisted and officer. It's unnatural.

Terry and Jodenny have been assigned to duty on the planet Fortune, away from the huge ships that carry colonists from the wreckage of polluted Earth to clean new worlds across the galaxy.

But there's another way besides spaceships to travel from world to world. A group within Team Space is exploring the Wondjina Spheres, a set of ancient alien artefacts that link places and times. Now those spheres have shut down and Team Space thinks that Terry and Jodenny are part of the key to make them work again – no matter how the two of them feel about it. They can volunteer, or be "volunteered".

What the researchers can't anticipate is that the status quo, in which Team Space holds the monopoly on travel between worlds, is about to change. And as a result, Terry and Jodenny will be tested to their limits and beyond... **APB \$16.99**

Ian McDonald

River of Gods

August 15th, 2047. Happy Hundredth Birthday, India . . . On the eve of Mother India's hundredth birthday, ten people are doing ten very different things. In the next few weeks, all these people will be swept together to decide the fate of the nation. From gangsters to government advisors, from superstitious street-boys to scientists to computer-generated soap stars, *River of Gods* shows a civilization in flux - a river of gods. *RIVER OF GODS* is an epic SF novel as sprawling, vibrant and colourful as the sub-continent it describes. This is an SF novel that blew apart the narrow anglo and US-centric concerns of the genre and ushered in a new global consciousness for the genre. **BPB \$24.99**

Seanan McGuire

Rosemary and Rue (October Daye 01)

Retreating into the human world after being rejected by her Faerie family, half-fae changeling Toby finds her anonymity compromised by the murder of a high-profile countess who binds her to investigate.

This situation that forces Toby to resume her fae position among dubious companions. **APB \$19.95**

Fiona McIntosh Australian Author

Royal Exile (Valisar 01)

From out of the East came the warlord Loethar and his barbarian horde ... like a merciless plague they swarm across kingdoms to destroy all who had once mocked them. Only one land remains to be conquered. The richest and most powerful realm of the Denova Set ... Penraven. The Valisar rulers face certain death, for the savage tyrant Loethar covets what they alone possess: the fabled Valisar Enchantment, an irresistible power to coerce. The last hope of the besieged kingdom escapes in the company of a single warrior. The future of Penraven now rests on the shoulders of this young Valisar royal, but he must survive brutality and treachery in order to unravel the mystery of his heritage. **APB \$20.99**

Tyrant's Blood (Valisar 02)

The Denova Empire is flourishing under Loethar's rule, to the surprise of many. Peace, prosperity and pride has swept across the realms as Loethar urges the invading people of the Steppes to integrate with the west. The harmony is his great achievement but Loethar is bored. So is Leo, the self proclaimed true king, living in seclusion in the forests. Now 22, he is eager to stake his claim and return the Valisar dynasty to the throne. Freath, meanwhile continues his double life, secretly loyal to Valisar but working as sage counsel to the Empire. When he learns that the lost invalid heir, Piven, is alive he sets a plan in motion to find and reunite the brothers in safety. But a new evil is stirring that none could have foreseen and only one person knows that the legendary Valisar Enchantment is rising. Soon the wars and destruction that formed an empire will seem a squabble by comparison to the darkness that is threatening. **TP \$32.99**

Patricia A McKillip

The Bell at Sealy Head

In this fantasy set in the sleepy town of Sealy Head, an invisible mystery bell rings but is not seen, and the doors of Aislinn House open to show a castle full of knights and princesses, not its own rooms. **TP \$28.95**

Suzanne McLeod

The Cold Kiss of Death (Spellcrackers.com 02)

All Genny wants is to live the quiet life and to do her job at Spellcrackers.com but there's her tangled personal life to sort out first. She's being haunted by ghosts who want her help. Her witch neighbours want her evicted. Genny's sort-of-Ex - and now her new boss - can't decide whether he wants their relationship to be business or pleasure now he knows all her darkest secrets. And then there's the queue of vampires all wanting her to paint the town red - how long will it be before they stop taking 'no' for an answer and Genny's life becomes even more complicated? But when one of her human friends is murdered by sidhe magic, Genny is determined to find the killer. Her efforts to find the real murderer lead her to some of the most dangerous and seductive fae - but her search is hindered by the vampires, who have their own political agenda. Then when all the evidence points to Genny - she's the only sidhe fae in London - and she's named the main suspect; it's not long before she's on the run - and not just from the police - but from some of London's most powerful supernaturals. **TP \$29.99**

Stephenie Meyer

The Host (01)

Melanie Stryder refuses to fade away. The earth has been invaded by a species that takes over the minds of their human hosts while leaving their bodies intact, and most of humanity has succumbed. Wanderer, the invading soul who has been given Melanie's body, knew about the challenges of living inside a human: the overwhelming emotions, the too-vivid memories. But there was one difficulty Wanderer didn't expect: the former tenant of her body refusing to relinquish possession of her mind. Melanie fills Wanderer's thoughts with visions of the man Melanie loves - Jared, a human who still lives in hiding. Unable to separate herself from her body's desires, Wanderer yearns for a man she's never met. As outside forces make Wanderer and Melanie unwilling allies, they set off to search for the man they both love. **BPB \$24.99**

Cindy Miles

Thirteen Chances

Walking the earth in spirit form for 800 years after a botched spell, Welsh crusader Christian remains true to his love for Emma, who he repeatedly loses throughout her reincarnate lifetimes before a trio of witches risks all to unite them permanently. **PB \$17.95**

Walter Moers

The Alchemaster's Apprentice (Zamonia 04)

The author of the best-selling *The 13½ Lives of Captain Bluebeard* continues the story of the Zamonia series, in which Echo the Crat is forced into an agreement with Ghoolion the Alchemaster that dooms Echo to die at the next full moon. **HC \$52.95**

Moira J Moore

Heroes at Risk (Hero 04)

Returning to the city of High Scape to resume their Pair duties, Shield Lee Mallorough and Source Shintaro Karish discover that their townspeople have become obsessed with a type of ritualistic magic for which practitioners are robbing tombs and committing murders **APB \$19.95**

Alexis Morgan

Dark Warrior Unbroken (Talions 02)

Enter the secret world of the Talions -- fierce, passionate warriors fighting for their very existence -- in Alexis Morgan's sizzling new paranormal series.

He's on a mission for justice.

Sandor Kearn is the Talion Enforcer tasked with policing his people, the Kyth. His latest assignment is the new killer stalking the streets of Seattle. But while Sandor is hunting the Kyth renegade, someone else is hunting him.

She's on a quest for the truth.

When Lena Wilson's mentor died investigating an arson case and the police ran out of leads, she vowed to find justice herself. Lena -- who doesn't know she is part Kyth -- has the ability to see fragmented flashbacks of the crimes she's investigating through her sense of touch. And when she meets Sandor, she feels suspicion -- and desire -- like she's never known.

It's only a matter of time before they touch....

With dark forces closing in, Sandor must keep Lena from digging deeper and exposing the existence of the Kyth. The only way is to convince her of his innocence. But how can he, when he can't keep his hands off her? **APB \$14.99**

Richard Morgan

The Steel Remains

Ringil, the hero of the bloody slaughter at Gallows Gap is a legend to all who don't know him and a twisted degenerate to those that do. A veteran of the wars against the lizards he makes a living from telling credulous travellers of his exploits. Until one day he is pulled away from his life and into the depths of the Empire's slave trade. Where he will discover a secret infinitely more frightening than the trade in lives. Archeth - pragmatist, cynic and engineer, the last of her race - is called from her work at the whim of the most powerful man in the Empire and sent to its farthest reaches to investigate a demonic incursion against the Empire's borders. Egar Dragonbane, steppe-nomad, one-time fighter for the Empire finds himself entangled in a small-town battle between common sense and religious fervour. But out in the wider world there is something on the move far more alien than any of his tribe's petty gods. Anti-social, anti-heroic, and decidedly irritated, all three of them are about to be sent unwillingly forth into a vicious, vigorous and thoroughly unsuspecting fantasy world. Called upon by an Empire that owes them everything and gave them nothing.

Richard Morgan brings his trademark visceral writing style, turbo-driven plotting and thought provoking characterisation to the fantasy genre and produces a landmark work with his first foray. **BPB \$22.99**

C E Murphy

Walking Dead (Walker Papers 04)

For once, Joanne Walker's not out to save the world. She's come to terms with the host of shamanic powers she's been given, her job as a police detective has been relatively calm, and she's got a love life for the first time in memory. Not bad for a woman who started out the year mostly dead. But it's Halloween, and the undead have just crashed Joanne's party.

Now, with her mentor Coyote still missing, she has to figure out how to break the spell that has let the ghosts, zombies and even the Wild Hunt come back. Unfortunately, there's no shamanic handbook explaining how to deal with the walking dead. And if they have anything to say about it—which they do—no one's getting out of there alive. **TP \$30.95**

Mark Charan Newton*Nights of Villjamur (Legends of the Red Sun)*

Political intrigue and dark violence converge in a superb new action series of enthralling fantasy.

An ice age strikes a chain of islands, and thousands come to seek sanctuary at the gates of Villjamur: a city of ancient spires and bridges, a place where banshees wail the deceased, cultists use forgotten technology for their own gain and where, further out, the dead have been seen walking across the tundra.

When the Emperor commits suicide, his elder daughter, Rika, is brought home to lead the Jamur Empire, but the sinister Chancellor plans to get rid of her and claim the throne for himself.

Meanwhile a senior investigator in the city inquisition must solve the high-profile and savage murder of a city politician, whilst battling evils within his own life, and a handsome and serial womaniser manipulates his way into the imperial residence with a hidden agenda.

When reports are received that tens of thousands of citizens are dying in a bizarre genocide on the northern islands of the Empire, members of the elite Night Guard are sent to investigate. It seems that, in this land under a red sun, the long winter is bringing more than just snow... **HC \$54.99**

Audrey Niffenegger*Time Traveller's Wife Film Tie-In*

This extraordinary, magical novel is the story of Clare and Henry who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was thirty-six, and were married when Clare was twenty-two and Henry thirty. Impossible but true, because Henry is one of the first people diagnosed with Chrono-Displacement Disorder: periodically his genetic clock resets and he finds himself pulled suddenly into his past or future. His disappearances are spontaneous and his experiences are alternately harrowing and amusing. The Time Traveler's Wife depicts the effects of time travel on Henry and Clare's passionate love for each other with grace and humour. Their struggle to lead normal lives in the face of a force they can neither prevent nor control is intensely moving and entirely unforgettable. **BPB \$24.95**

K S Nikakis*Song of the Silvercades (Kira Chronicles 02)*

Deep in the southern forests, the Tremen are being viciously attacked by their neighbours, the Shargh. As the death toll mounts, gold-eyed Kira, the Tremen's most gifted Healer, flees north to seek help from their long-lost warrior kin, the Terak.

Even as her perilous journey has barely begun, Kira is forced to compromise her beliefs to rescue Caledon, a man driven by his faith in divine order and star patterns. In turn, his knowledge allows her to survive the perils of crossing the treacherous Azurcades. Kira soon realises that he sees her as part of a celestial plan, and begins to mistrust his intentions.

But not even Caledon can foresee what will happen when she meets the one man with the power to destroy all she has striven for. As the Shargh's most ancient prophecy comes to life, 'gold meets gold', and Kira - and the Tremen - will never be the same again.

With its sweeping storyline and passionate heroine, The Song of the Silvercades is a brilliant follow-up to the critically acclaimed The Whisper of Leaves. **APB \$19.99**

Housuke Nojiri*Usurper of the Sun*

The mysterious Builders have brought humanity to the edge of extinction; can they be reasoned with, or must they be destroyed? Aki Shiraishi is a high school student working in the astronomy club and one of the few witnesses to an amazing event—someone is building a tower on the planet Mercury. Soon, the Builders have constructed a ring around the sun, threatening the ecology of Earth with an immense shadow. Aki is inspired to pursue a career in science, and the truth. She must determine the purpose of the ring and the plans of its creators, as the survival of both species—humanity and the alien Builders—hangs in the balance. **TP \$34.95**

Tracey O'Hara Australian Author*Night's Cold Kiss (Dark Brethren 01)*

For centuries war raged between the humans and Aeternus vampires—until courageous efforts on both sides forged a fragile peace.

But the rogue Necrodreniacs will never be controlled—addicted as they are to the death-high . . . and bloody chaos.

Since witnessing the murder of her mother, Antoinette Petrescu has burned with fiery hatred for the vampire race—even for Christian Laroque, the noble, dangerously handsome Aeternus who rescued her. Now an elite Venator, Antoinette must reluctantly accept Christian's help to achieve her vengeance—even as he plots to use the beautiful, unsuspecting warrior as bait to draw out the bloodthirsty dreniacs. **APB \$19.95**

Pamela Palmer*Passion Untamed (Feral Warriors 03)*

Enslaved by demonic forces that compel her to kidnap the Feral Warrior Paenher, Mage witch Skye finds the tables turned when her vengeful prisoner effectively seduces her into revealing her gentle nature. By the Romantic Times-nominated author of Desire Untamed. **PB \$17.95**

Lydia Parks*Devour Me*

In "Dark Obsession," a vampire is drawn to a woman who has taken refuge in his home; while in "Blood Lust," a vampire archaeologist desperately struggles to become mortal after falling in love. By the author of Addicted. **TP \$28.95**

Diana L Paxson*Ravens of Avalon (Marion Zimmer Bradley's Avalon)*

A prequel to Marion Zimmer Bradley's The Forest House follows the story of the Roman conquest of Britain, a tale in which a Celtic princess becomes her people's defender against brutal conquerors while her priestess mentor becomes a guardian of Druid traditions. **APB \$19.95**

Ralph Peters*The War After Armageddon*

Shocking scenes of battle...unforgettable soldiers...heartbreaking betrayals.... In this stunning, fast-paced novel, a ruthless future war unfolds in a 21st century nightmare: Los Angeles is a radioactive ruin; Europe lies bleeding; and Israel has been destroyed...with millions slaughtered. A furious America fights to reclaim the devastated Holy Land.

The Marines storm ashore; the U.S. Army does battle in a Biblical landscape. Hi-tech weaponry is useless and primitive hatreds flare. Lt. Gen. Gary "Flintlock" Harris and his courageous warriors struggle for America's survival—with ruthless enemies to their front and treachery at their rear. Islamist fanatics, crusading Christians, and unscrupulous politicians open the door to genocide.

The War After Armageddon thrusts the reader into a terrifying future in which all that remains is the horror of war—and the inspiration of individual heroism. A master at bringing to life "the eternal soldier," Ralph Peters tells a riveting tale that honors those Americans who fight and sacrifice all for a dream of freedom. **HC \$51.95**

Adrian Phoenix

In the Blood (Maker's Song 02)

DANTE LIVES. Vampire. Rock star. Begotten son of the fallen angel Lucien. Dante Baptiste still struggles with nightmares and seizures, searching for the truth about his past. It is a quest as seductive as his kiss, as uncontrollable as his thirst, and as unforgiving as his determination to protect one mortal woman at any cost.

KNOWLEDGE KILLS. FBI Special Agent Heather Wallace now knows the extent of the Bureau corruption that surrounds her, but worries she is losing the battle. And when Dante and his band Inferno come to Seattle on tour, Heather can't help but be drawn back to the beautiful, dangerous nightkind. But what Heather and Dante don't know is that new enemies lurk in the shadows, closer than they think...and even deadlier than they fear.

DESTINY UNFOLDS. Shadowy government forces have pledged to eliminate all loose ends from Project Bad Seed -- and Heather and Dante are at the top of the list. Elsewhere, the Fallen gather in Gehenna, intent on finding their long-awaited savior, the True Blood nightkind whom Lucien DeNoir would die to protect. And a damaged and desperate adversary, with powers as strange and perilous as Dante's own, plots to use Dante as a pawn in a violent scheme for revenge. But only one of these lethal forces holds the key to Dante's past -- a key that could finally unlock the secret of his birth and the truth of his existence...or destroy him completely. **APB \$19.95**

Lisa Plumley

My Favourite Witch

Leaving her magical desert hometown to pursue a life in the ordinary world, hapless witch Dayna is tracked down by half-warlock T.J., whose attraction to Dayna compromises his mission to prevent a dangerous uprising. By the author of Let's Misbehave. **PB \$17.95**

Ivy Pochoda

The Art of Disappearing

How do you know if love is real or just an illusion?

When Mel Snow meets the talented magician Toby Warring in a dusty roadside bar, she is instantly drawn to the brilliant performer whose hands can effortlessly pull stray saltshakers and poker chips from thin air and conjure castles out of the desert sands. Just two days later they are married, beginning their life together in the shadow of Las Vegas, where Toby hopes to make it big. Mel knows that magicians are a dime a dozen, but Toby is different—his magic is real. As Toby's renown grows and Mel falls more and more in love with his wonderments, she starts to realize that Toby's powers are as unstable as they are dazzling. She learns that he once made his assistant disappear completely, and couldn't bring her back. And then, just as Mel becomes convinced that his magic is dangerous, a trick goes terribly awry during his Strip debut.

Exiled from the stage, Mel and Toby flee the lights of Las Vegas for the streets of Amsterdam where a cabal of old-time magicians, real magicians like Toby, try to rescue him from his despair. But he's haunted by the trick that failed, and obsessed with using his powers to right his mistakes, leaving Mel to wonder if the love they share is genuine or merely a fantasy, conjured up by a lost magician looking to save himself from being alone. Ivy Pochoda's spellbinding and cinematic storytelling seamlessly fuses timeless magic to modern-day passion. Haunting and beautiful, *The Art of Disappearing* is an imaginative and captivating love story destined to enchant readers for years to come. **HC \$51.95**

Edgar Allan Poe

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Few authors' names conjure up such an air of ghoulish terror as that of Edgar Allan Poe. His classic tales of horror and suspense such as *The Pit* and *The Pendulum*, *The Fall of the House of Usher* or *The Premature Burial* gained an added element of sinister intrigue following the author's mysterious death in Baltimore in 1849 after being found wandering the streets in a delirious state, wearing clothes that did not belong to him.

Although best known for his disturbing gothic horror stories, Poe also wrote mystery thrillers like *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* and *The Mystery of Marie Roget* as well as curious tales like *The System of Doctor Tarr and Professor Fether*.

The best of his chilling classics and other suspenseful tales - twenty seven stories in total - are presented here in one fantastic volume, along with Poe's disturbing supernatural poem of love and madness, *The Raven*. **HC \$29.99**

Jerry Pournelle

Exile and Glory

Earth was stagnating from a lack of resources, from corrupt governments that stayed in power by keeping their people in ignorance and poverty, and by the established power structures that stifled the creative technologies that could solve the planet's problems. But the governments and power structures didn't yet control space, where bold new techniques could freely be applied and the vast resources of the solar system could be utilized by such courageous men and women as:

Anear MacKenzie—he had believed in the man he had helped to reach the office of the presidency of the United States, and had tirelessly rooted out corruption wherever he found it, until the trail led straight back to the White House. After that, no place on Earth was safe for him.

Laurie Jo Hansen—she controlled a multi-national corporation more powerful than many governments. Unlike those governments, she wanted to see Earth's problems solved and reaching the high frontier was the only way to do that.

Kevin Senecal—he had made the mistake of fighting back against a juvenile gang, and accidentally killing one of them while escaping. Both the gang and the law were after him, and on all of Earth there was no place to hide.

Ellen MacMillan—a young employee of the Hansen Corporation who fascinated Kevin, she was on a secret mission, and the biggest secret was her real name.

Two complete novels—*High Justice* and *Exiles to Glory*—in one volume by a New York Times best-selling author, telling of an Earth sinking into a morass of corruption, red tape, and failure of nerve, while a dedicated few dare to reach for the stars. **APB \$19.95**

Miles Proctor

New Vampire's Handbook: Guide for the Recently Turned Creature of the Night

A whimsical primer for the newly undead is written in the instructive tone of an orientation manual and provides mythological information and recommendations for such topics as faking one's way through a human meal, sleeping in coffins, and caring for mortal slaves. By the author of *The Dangerous Book for Dogs*. **TP \$28.95**

Devyn Quinn

Possession

Releasing a passionate demon from a rare occult book, Kendra engages in steamy nights of ultimate sexual fulfillment, unaware that he is using her to fulfill a bargain with the devil. By the Romantic Times nominated author of *Embracing Midnight*. **TP \$26.95**

Mickey Zucker Reichert

Flight of the Renshai (Renshai)

The Renshai face many trials and must rally together to fight a common enemy when they are banished from the Westlands after a faction in Erythane is convinced that Renshai lands were stolen from them. **HC \$52.95**

Andy Remic*Kell's Legend*

They came from the north, and the city fell. It is a time for warriors, a time for heroes. Kell's axe howls out for blood.

The land of Falanor has been invaded by an albino army, the Army of Iron. A small group set off to warn the king: Kell, a magnificent and brutal hero; his granddaughter, Nienna and her friend, Katrina; and Saark, the ex-Sword Champion of King Leanoric, disgraced after his affair with the Queen.

Fighting their way south, betrayal follows battle, battle follows deviation, and they are attacked from all quarters by deadly warriors, monstrous harvesters who drain blood from their victims to feed their masters. As Falanor comes under heavy attack and invasion, only then does Nienna begin to learn the truth about grandfather Kell - that he is anything but a hero.

Ferocious fantasy from a real-life hardman come to claim the post-Gemmell world. Packaged in the contemporary and accessible style of the new wave of dark fantasy, Brent Weeks, Karen Miller and Gail Z Martin. **PB \$20.99**

Mike Resnick*Stalking the Dragon (John Justin Mallory Mystery)*

With the help of a strange gremlin named Jeeves, detective John Justin Mallory's search for missing dragon takes him to Greenwich Village; a wax museum where the characters come alive; Gracie Mansion, where deceased mayors haunt its halls; in an otherworldly Manhattan. **TP \$32.95**

John Ringo*The Last Centurion*

In the second decade of the twenty-first century the world is struck by two catastrophes, a new mini-ice age and, nearly simultaneously, a plague to dwarf all previous experiences. Rising out of the disaster is the character known to history as "Bandit Six" an American Army officer caught up in the struggle to rebuild the world and prevent the fall of his homeland—despite the best efforts of politicians both elected and military. The Last Centurion is a memoir of one possible future, a world that is a darkling mirror of our own. Written "blog-style," it pulls no punches in its descriptions of junk science, bad strategy and organic farming not to mention all three at once. **APB \$19.95**

Linda Robertson*Vicious Circle*

Being a witch doesn't pay the bills, but Persephone Alcmegi gets by between reading Tarot cards, writing her syndicated newspaper column, and kenneling werewolves in the basement when the moon is full -- even if witches aren't supposed to mingle with wolves. She really reaches the end of her leash, though, when her grandmother gets kicked out of the nursing home and Seph finds herself in the doghouse about some things she's written. Then her werewolf friend Lorrie is murdered...and the high priestess of an important coven offers Seph big money to destroy the killer, a powerful vampire named Goliath Kline. Seph is a tough girl, but this time she bites off more than she can chew. She needs a little help from her friends -- werewolf friends. One of those friends, Johnny, the motorcycle-riding lead singer for the techno-metal-Goth band Lycanthropia, has a crush on her. And while Seph has always been on edge around this 6'2" leather-clad hunk, she's starting to realize that although their attraction may be dangerous, nothing could be as lethal as the showdown that awaits them. **APB \$14.99**

Spi der Robinson*Very Hard Choices (Russell Walker 02)*

After the shattering death of his beloved wife, aging baby-boomer Russell Walker had wanted only to hide from the world in the woods of British Columbia. Instead, an old college acquaintance called Smelly, who was a telepath, had knocked on his door and demanded his help in stopping a serial killer who made Hannibal Lector look like a boy scout. They had managed to convince Nika, a hard-headed and skeptical police officer, and the trio had stopped the killer, though nearly at the cost of their own lives, and things could go back to normal . . . they thought.

But then Russell was visited by his estranged son, Jesse, a PR exec from New York, still angry over his father's role in his mother's death. And, to their dismay, Nika and Russell learn that agreeing to help Zudie conceal the fact that he can read minds involves committing to help him hide from the CIA, who have been hunting him desperately ever since he escaped from the MK Ultra Project back in the '60s. Constable Nika must decide what being a peace officer means. Russell must decide on the fly whether or not Smelly is the kind of friend you'd die for. And Jesse, who lives in America, must decide just where his own national--and personal--loyalties lie. **APB \$19.95**

Justina Robson*Chasing the Dragon (Quantum Gravity 04)*

An Arthur C. Clarke Award nominee continues the adventures of Special Agent Lila Black, as the heroine contends with her new assignment as head of an android division; the need to resurrect her lover, Zal; her demon husband's involvement in a fatal plot in Demonica, and more. **TP \$32.95**

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

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

Diana Rowland*Mark of the Demon***PB \$19.95****Robert J Sawyer***Flashforward*

Robert J. Sawyer's award-winning science fiction has garnered both popular and critical acclaim. The New York Times called Frameshift "filled with bursting with ideas, characters, and incidents." His novels are fixtures on the Hugo and Nebula ballots. Now, his award-winning novel Flash Forward is becoming a network TV series, expected to air in the fall of 2009.

In pursuit of an elusive nuclear particle, an experiment goes incredibly awry, and, for a few moments, the consciousness of the entire human race is thrown ahead by about twenty years. As the implications truly hit home, the pressure to repeat the experiment builds. Everyone wants a glimpse of their future, a chance to flash forward and see their successes...or learn how to avoid their failures. **TP \$28.95 APB \$19.95**

Hank Schwaeble*Damnable*

Working as a special military operative safeguarding national security after a wrongful imprisonment, Jake Hatcher discovers that New York has become a secret battleground for a humanity-threatening struggle between forces he cannot understand. By the coauthor of a Bram Stoker Award-winning novel. **PB \$19.95**

Ken Scholes

Lamentation

An ancient weapon has completely destroyed the city of Windwir. From many miles away, Rudolfo, Lord of the Nine Forest Houses, sees the horrifying column of smoke rising. He knows that war is coming to the Named Lands.

Nearer to the Devastation, a young apprentice is the only survivor of the city – he sat waiting for his father outside the walls, and was transformed as he watched everyone he knew die in an instant.

Soon all the Kingdoms of the Named Lands will be at each others' throats, as alliances are challenged and hidden plots are uncovered.

This remarkable first novel from an award-winning short fiction writer will take readers away to a new world – an Earth so far in the distant future that our time is not even a memory; a world where magic is commonplace and great areas of the planet are impassable wastes. But human nature hasn't changed through the ages: War and faith and love still move princes and nations. **PB \$19.95**

Karl Schroeder

The Sunless Countries

In an ocean of weightless air where sunlight has never been seen, only the running lights of the city of Pacquaea glitter in the dark. One woman, Leal Hieronyma Maspeth, history tutor and dreamer, lives and dreams of love among the gas-lit streets and cafes. And somewhere in the abyss of wind and twisted cloud through which Pacquaea eternally falls, a great voice has begun speaking.

As its cold words reach even to the city walls – and as outlying towns and travellers ships start to mysteriously disappear – only Leal has the courage to try to understand the message thundering from the distance. Even the city's most famous and exotic visitor, the sun lighter and hero named Hayden Griffin, refuses to turn aside from his commission to build a new sun for a foreign nation. He will not become the hero that Leal knows the city needs; so in the end, it is up to her to listen, and ultimately reply, to the worldwasp. **HC \$45**

Mark Seabanc & James Anderson

The Stoneholding

Darkness looms over the ancient world of Ahn Norvys, and the Great Harmony of Ardiel lies rent asunder. Prince Starigan, heir to the throne, has been abducted and power has been usurped by a traitorous cabal

In the mountainous highlands of Arvon is the small but ancient community the Stoneholding, which has held out against the gathering forces of the evil Ferabek. Here by tradition, from earliest times, the High Bard has resided as guardian of the Sacred Fire, as well as the golden harp called the Talamadh. But in his search for the lost prince, Ferabek has attacked the Stoneholding with his Black Scorpion Dragoons and razed it to the ground. Wilum, the aged High Bard was forced to flee for his life with a ragged band of survivors, including Kalaquinn Wright, the wheelwright's son.

Kal, green in years and understanding, was torn from his pastoral life in a remote highland clanholding, and thrust out onto a broader stage in a journey of danger and escape, discovery and enlightenment. Now, as night covers Ahn Norvys, he must save what remains of the hallowed order of things and seek his destiny, a destiny that lies far beyond the Stoneholding.

He must somehow find Prince Starigan and rekindle the Sacred Fire. **TP \$30.95**

Erick Setiawan

Of Bees and Mist

Up in the house that sits on the hill, a strange spell is brewing... To Meridia, growing up with her father Gabriel, who vanishes daily in clouds of mist, and her bewitching mother Ravenna, the outside world is a refuge. So when as a young woman her true love Daniel offers her marriage, it seems an escape to a more straightforward existence. Yet behind the welcoming facade of her new home lies a life of drudgery and a story even stranger than that she left behind. Aged retainers lurk in the background; swarms of bees appear at will, and of course, there is her indomitable mother-in-law, Eva, hiding secrets that it will take Meridia years to unravel. Surrounded by seemingly unfathomable mysteries, can Meridia unlock the intrigues of the past, and thus protect her own family's future? **TP \$32.99**

Gena Showalter

The Darkest Whisper (Lords of the Underworld 04)

Bound by the demon of Doubt, Sabin unintentionally destroys even the most confident of lovers. So the immortal warrior spends his time on the battlefield instead of the bedroom, victory his only concern...until he meets Gwendolyn the Timid. One taste of the beautiful redhead, and he craves more. Gwen, an immortal herself, always thought she'd fall for a kind human who wouldn't rouse her darker side. But when Sabin frees her from prison, battling their enemies for the claim to Pandora's box turns out to be nothing compared to the battle Sabin and Gwen will wage against love.... **APB \$19.95**

Maria V Snyder

Sea Glass

Student glass magician Opal Cowan's newfound ability to steal a magician's powers makes her too powerful. Ordered to house arrest by the Council, Opal dares defy them, traveling to the Moon Clan's lands in search of Ulrick, the man she thinks she loves. Thinks because she is sure another man—now her prisoner—has switched souls with Ulrick.

In hostile territory, without proof or allies, Opal isn't sure whom to trust. She can't forget Kade, the handsome Stormdancer who doesn't want to let her get close. And now everyone is after Opal's special powers for their own deadly gain.... **TP \$28.95**

Susan Squires

Time For Eternity (01)

Once, Frankie Suchet loved Henri Foucault—and it cost her everything. For two centuries, she has cursed the French duke who gave her his blood and then disappeared forever. Today, this sexy vampire is a bartender living in San Francisco. Now Frankie has been granted a chance to go back in time...and kill the man who made her what she is. But becoming “Francoise” again means losing all memory of the risk Henri poses to her future...and her heart.

France, 1794. The Reign of Terror is in full swing. From the first, Henri is an enigma, saving Francoise from an angry Parisian mob. Drawn to his seductive vitality, Francoise discovers there is much more to him than she once knew. Henri's devotion to rescuing innocents from the guillotine is his sole passion—until he encounters Francoise's intoxicating blend of innocence and warmth. And as their attraction explodes to dangerous desire, the only way to save each other may be to sacrifice their timeless love... **APB \$17.95**

Jeanne C Stein

Retribution (Anna Strong)

Forging an uneasy balance between her previous human life and her new existence as a vampire, Anna reluctantly agrees to help when young vampires are being found drained of their life force, a situation that is further complicated by an attack on her shape-shifter friend. By the author of Legacy. **APB \$19.95**

Neal Stephenson

Anathem

Having lived in a monastery since childhood away from the violent upheavals of the outside world, Raz becomes one of a group of formerly cloistered scholars who are appointed by a fear-driven higher power to avert an impending catastrophe. **APB \$19.95**

S M Stirling

The Scourge of God (Change 05)

To forge new allies in the continuing battle against The Prophet, who seeks the destruction of the remnants of all technology, Rudi MacKenzie makes his way across the country to Nantucket, hoping to uncover the truth behind The Change, unaware that a fanatical officer in the Sword of The Prophet has been sent to stop him, by any means necessary. **APB \$19.95**

The Sword of the Lady (Change 06)

Rudi Mackenzie ventures to post-apocalyptic Nantucket, where he discovers a beautifully made sword waiting for him in the only house that remains standing, and taking possession of it, realizes that nothing will ever be the same. **HC \$52.95**

Charles Stross

Saturn's Children

Freya Nakamachi-47 has some major existential issues. She's the perfect concubine, designed to please her human masters - hardwired to become aroused at the mere sight of a human male. There's just one problem: she came off the production line a year after the human species went extinct. Whatever else she may be, Freya Nakamachi-47 is gloriously obsolete. What's more, the rigid social hierarchy that has risen in the 200 years since the last human died, places beings such as Freya very near the bottom. So when she has a run-in on Venus with a murderous aristocrat, she needs passage off-world in a hurry - and can't be too fussy about how she pays her way. But if Venus was a frying pan, Mercury is the fire - and soon she's going to be running for her life. Because the job she's taken as a courier has drawn her to the attention of powerful and dangerous people, and they don't just want the package she's carrying. They want her soul... **PB \$19.99**

Jordan Summers

Scarlet (Red 02)

Thrust into a world full of creatures she never dreamed existed, Gina "Red" Santiago is coming to grips with the fact that she's a werewolf while adjusting to her new life in the small town of Nuria. The transition isn't easy, especially since her boyfriend, alpha werewolf Morgan Hunter, is called away on an important mission.

Unfortunately, someone doesn't want Red to get too comfortable with her new life - someone who will resort to anything, including murder, to run her out of town. Alone among hostile strangers, Red must fight to prove her innocence, to catch a ruthless murderer, and to preserve her relationship with an increasingly distant Morgan. **APB \$17.95**

S Andrew Swann

Wolfbreed (Lily's Song)

Raised by Christian oppressors who would use her powers to convert the pagan citizens of thirteenth-century Prussia, werewolf Lilly escapes her captors and is taken in by a peasant family that teaches her about love, loyalty, and what it means to be human. **TP \$30.95**

Sam Taylor

The Island at the End of the World

Years after an apocalyptic flood during which a father and his three children survived on an ark and drifted to a small island, young Alice, Finn, and Daisy enjoy a quiet life of music and farming until a stranger swims ashore. **TP \$28.95**

Rob Thurman

Trick of the Light (Trickster 01)

Dealing information in a city plagued by soul-stealing demons, Las Vegas bar owner Trixa joins a high-stakes search for a powerful artifact that has become the object of an apocalyptic clash between angels and demons. **APB \$19.95**

J R R Tolkien & Ted Nasmith

Diary: 2010 Tolkien Diary (Lord of the Rings) **\$22.99**

Carrie Vaughn

Kitty and the Dead Man's Hand (Kitty 05)

Kitty Norville, the country's only celebrity werewolf, thinks she's finally got her life sorted. Her radio show is as popular as ever, and she and her cute lawyer boyfriend are the alpha pair of Denver's werewolf pack. Now she and Ben plan to tie the knot human-style - by eloping to Vegas. And just to make things more fun, she's going to do her midnight radio show live from Vegas - and on television. In between getting wed and going live on TV, she's also planning on sipping fru-fru drinks by the pool while she works on her tan. So what can possibly go wrong? Well, their hotel is the venue for a werewolf-hating bounty hunter convention. Elsewhere on the Strip, an old-school magician might just be wielding the real thing. The vampire community is harbouring a dark secret . . . and the irresistibly sexy star of a deeply suspicious animal act is determined to seduce Kitty. Sin City has never been so wild, and Kitty has never had to fight harder - to save not only her wedding, but her very life. **APB \$19.99**

Minda Webber

Bustin'

Sam Hammett, a ghost and paranormal pest controller, is forced to team up with a sexy rival, Nicolas Strakhov, owner of Monsters 'R Us, to rid the world of an ancient Greek myth that is turning people to stone. **APB \$14.95**

Elissa Wilds

Darkness Rising

cting the attention of the seductive god Mobius, Aurora receives his protection and instruction while using her supernatural energies to combat the dark forces of the Umbrae and the havoc-wreaking Finders. By the author of Between Light and Dark. **PB \$17.95**

F Paul Wilson

Ground Zero (Repairman Jack)

On September 11, 2001, a man drifts in a boat off lower Manhattan as the towers burn. He removes a small box from his pocket and presses a button. As he waits for the south tower to collapse, he thinks: The vast majority will blame the collapse on the crazy Arabs who hijacked the planes and the Islamic extremists who funded them—the obvious choice. A few will notice inconsistencies and point fingers elsewhere, blaming the government or Big Oil or some other powerful but faceless entity. No one—absolutely no one—will guess the truth behind the who and why of this day.

Years later, someone does. Repairman Jack's childhood friend, Weezy Connell (the genius girl from the *Tor Teen* novel, *Jack: Secret Histories*), has started fitting together the pieces of the puzzle and anonymously posting her conclusions on the Web. But she can't stay anonymous forever. Someone is after her. Jack becomes involved in her troubles and in the paranoid mazes of the 9/11 Truth Movement, where conspiracy theories point in every direction.

They're all wrong. The truth is stranger, darker, and more evil than anyone can imagine. It involves the cosmic shadow war into which Jack has been drafted. And if the plot behind it—millennia in the planning—succeeds, it will forever change life on this Earth. **HC \$52.95**

Stephen Woodworth

Through Violet Eyes (01)

In a world where the dead can testify against the living, someone is getting away with murder. To every generation a select few souls are born with violet-coloured eyes - and the ability to channel the dead. Both rare and precious, and rigidly controlled by a society that craves their services, these Violets perform a number of different social duties. But now the Violets themselves have become the target of a brutal serial murderer - a murderer who has learned how to mask his or her identity even from the victims. Can FBI agent Dan Atwater, aided by Violet Natalie Lindstrom, uncover the criminal in time? Or will more of Natalie's race be dispatched to the realm that has haunted them all since childhood? **APB \$19.99**

Anthologies

Mammoth Book of Golden Age SF

BPB \$24.99

Mike Ashley *Editor*

Mammoth Book of Mindblowing SF

This collection of 25 innovative and mind-blowing stories includes contributions from Sci-Fi pioneers such as Stephen Baxter, Robert Reed, J. G. Ballard, Arthur C. Clarke, Alastair Reynolds, and Geoffrey Landis. **TP \$28.95**

Kate Douglas, Anitra McLeod & Shelli Stevens

Sexy beast VII

A trio of paranormal tales includes "Chanku Challenge," in which a powerful love is thwarted by a woman's painful past; "Eye of the Beholder," in which a woman explores her husband's sexual transformation; and "His to Reclaim," in which a woman is abducted on her wedding day by a former lover. **TP \$26.95**

Jeff Gelb & Del Howison *Editor*

Dark Delicacies III: Haunted

A stellar cast of horror writers comprise this third entry in the Dark Delicacies anthology series. These twenty-one short works will examine and lay bare all the ways in which we are haunted—both literally and figuratively. With a new novella from David Morrell and a short story Chuck Palahniuk is writing as a teaching class on his blog, interest in this anthology will prove that the third time is no trick and all treat!

Includes contributions from:

- Kevin J. Anderson
- Clive Barker
- Michael Boatman
- Heather Graham
- Richard Christian Matheson
- David Morrell
- Chuck Palahniuk
- Victor Salva • And many more! **TP \$32.95 HC \$54.95**

Todd Gregory, Chase Masters & Sean Wolfe

Midnight Hunter

An anthology of gay vampire tales includes "Blood on the Moon," in which a frat brother explores his fantasies in New Orleans; "Land of the Midnight Sun," in which a farm worker's explorations lead him to Hollywood; and "The Dark Heart," in which a vampire rediscovers his will to live after a chance encounter. **TP \$30.95**

Peter Haining *Editor*

Mammoth Book of Modern Ghost Stories

BPB \$24.99

Charlaine Harris, Ilona Andrews, Meljean Brook & Nalini Singh

Must Love Hellhounds

Four bestselling paranormal authors present novellas about hellhounds, including a tales featuring paranormal bodyguards in Lucifer's realm, non-lethal vampire trackers, Cerberus leaving the underworld for the real world, and the kidnapping of a powerful vampire's niece. **PB \$30.95**

Kim Harrison, Jocelynn Drake, Jeaniene Frost, Melissa Marr & Vicki Pettersson

Unbound

A dark fantasy anthology in which Kim Harrison reveals a hidden adventure, as Jenks and Bis investigate a strange haunting...and find far more than they ever expected. Melissa Marr delivers her first adult story, featuring a young woman struggling to escape the supernatural fate of her family. Jeaniene Frost goes to New Orleans, where Bones must face down a ruthless pair of serial killers, while Vicki Pettersson returns to Sin City and the war between Light and Shadow, and one man's fight for his soul. Jocelynn Drake's tale is set in Savannah, where a strange murder calls the balance between human and nightwalker into question. **APB \$19.95**

Hannah Howell, Victoria Dahl & Heather Grothaus

Highland Beast

Includes "The Beast Within," in which a vampire falls for a woman living primitively in the woods; "The Vampire Hunter," in which a witch turns for help to a vampire adversary; and "Laird of Midnight," in which a vengeful man is distracted by a beautiful tavern maid. **TP \$28.95**

Stephen Jones *Editor*

Mammoth Book of Best New Horror 19 **PB \$24.99**

Mammoth Book of Monsters **BPB \$24.99**

Paul Kane & Marie O'Regan *Editor*

Hellbound Hearts

Clive Barker's iconic masterpiece *The Hellbound Heart*, the novella adapted into the film *Hellraiser*, unleashed a new mythology of horror, brilliantly conceived and born of the darkest imagination. Now, enter this visionary world -- the merciless realm of the demonic Cenobites -- in this collection of stories inspired by *The Hellbound Heart*. Featured here is the graphic work "Wordsworth," from bestselling author Neil Gaiman and artist Dave McKean, who unlock an explicit way to violate innocence -- one torturous puzzle at a time.... New York Times bestselling author Kelley Armstrong logs on to a disturbing website for gamers, where the challenge is agonizing, and the solution beyond painful. When his father disappears, an Oxford student returns to his family's mansion, where a strange mechanism in the cellar holds a curious power, in a haunting illustrated work by Christopher Golden and Mike Mignola. **TP \$32.95**

Marvin Kaye *Editor*

The Ghost Quartet

Brian Lumley, a Grand Master of Horror and author of the popular Necroscope® series, opens the collection with the tense "A Place of Waiting." The moors of Devon, England, are home to many ghosts, but none as fearsome as the red-eyed specter that refuses to accept his death. His only chance of release, however, comes at a terrible cost.

Orson Scott Card puts a new spin on one of literature's most famous ghosts in "Hamlet's Father." What if the former King of Denmark was not killed by his treacherous brother for his crown, but by someone entirely unexpected as punishment for the darkest of crimes? Would his troubled son still seek revenge?

The patrons of an Edinburgh tavern are introduced to a beverage with an unusual history in "The Haunted Single Malt" by Marvin Kaye, a clever and spooky tale about ghost stories and the people who love them.

Tanith Lee offers "Strindberg's Ghost Sonata," a chilling story set in an alternate Russia. When a poor man is rescued from certain death by hospitable strangers, he discovers that he is not a guest in their haunted tenement building—he is a prisoner destined to become a sacrifice.

TP \$32.95

David F Kramer & Jonathan Maberry *Editor*

They Bite: Endless Cravings of Supernatural Predators

A compendium of supernatural profiles and monster lore by a pair of Bram Stoker-winning writers draws on the books, comics, and films that have inspired fan devotion and imagination, in a tribute that includes lighthearted commentary by such contributors as Kevin J. Anderson, Ramsey Campbell, and Peter Straub. **TP \$34.95**

Denise Little *Editor*

Intelligent Design

An anthology of eleven tales is inspired by controversial modern debates about life being part of a divine plan and literal interpretations of the Bible.

APB \$19.95

Carol Serling *et al*

Twilight Zone Anthology (Twilight Zone)

An original anthology celebrating Rod Serling's landmark television series

When it first aired in 1959, *The Twilight Zone* was nothing less than groundbreaking television. Freed from much of the censors' strict oversight because of the show's classification as "science fiction," the 156 filmed episodes explored powerful and moving human themes—love, hate, pride, jealousy, terror—in their own unique style. The show has since inspired two revivals, as well as fiction, comic books, and magazines, and even a pinball game and theme park rides. Just as important, it sparked the imaginations of countless writers, filmmakers, and fans around the world, and is considered a seminal show for broadening the horizons of television.

This anthology will be an all-new collection of stories written in the vein of the original television show. 2009 is the fiftieth anniversary of *The Twilight Zone*'s first broadcast year. Edited and featured and introduction by Carol Serling the anthology will include brand new stories by science fiction and fantasy luminaries such as Whitley Strieber, Loren D. Estleman, Joe Lansdale, R. L. Stein, Timothy Zahn, and Peter S. Beagle, as well as writers from the original series, Earl Hammer and Harlan Ellison, all in honor of Rod's incredible vision. **TP \$30.95**

Young Adult

The 39 Clues Slipcase One (39 Clues)

Available just in time for Christmas—the first three thrilling books and card pack in a fabulous slipcase! Case contains *Maze of Bones*, *One False Note*, *The Sword Thief*, and the first card pack. **BPB \$49.99**

Harry Potter and Half Blood Prince Sticker Activity Book (Harry Potter)

Use your stickers to complete the double-sided fold-out poster of Harry Potter, his friends and teachers and relive some of the exciting moments from Harry's sixth year at Hogwarts. **PB \$7.95**

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Glow in the Dark Sticker Book (Harry Potter)

Use your glow in the dark stickers to complete the pages featuring Dark Wizards and scenes involving the Dark Arts from the film *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*. **PB \$7.95**

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince Colouring Book (Harry Potter)

Colour the fantastic pictures of Harry Potter, his friends and teachers, then play with the press-out Harry Potter cards included! **PB \$5.95**

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince Deluxe Gift Book (Harry Potter)

Relive the most memorable moments from Harry Potter's sixth year at Hogwarts, in this beautifully designed pull-tab, pop-up and lift-the-flap deluxe book. **HC \$29.95**

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince Funfax (Harry Potter)

HC \$14.95

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince Mini Sticker Book (Harry Potter)

Use your 200 stickers to complete the pages and relive memorable moments from Harry's exciting sixth year at Hogwarts. **PB \$9.95**

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince Poster Sticker Annual (Harry Potter)

This poster sticker annual features full-colour poster pictures of your favourite characters and memorable scenes from the first six Harry Potter films, and 100 stickers. **HC \$16.95**

Harry Potter and the Halfblood Prince Postcard Books (Harry Potter)

32 fantastic Harry Potter postcards to keep or send, each featuring characters and events from the film Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince **PB \$12.95**

Tony Abbott Australian Author

Crown of Wizards (Secrets of Droon Special Edition 06)

Has Eric gone bad for good? The young wizard has joined forces with the villainous Moon Dragon, Gethwing, to seek out a magical artifact that will give them untold power. Keeah, Julie, Neal, Galen and Max know they need to do whatever it takes to stop Eric and Gethwing - even if it means putting their old friend in harm's way. But Gethwing is planning something more terrifying than even Galen can predict. And with Eric at his side, he may be unstoppable. . . **PB \$10.99**

Jodi Lynn Anderson

Among the Stars (May Bird 02)

May Bird has always been a bit...different. While most of her classmates were riding their bikes, she was running around the woods dressed as a warrior princess with her hairless cat at her side. And instead of spending summer vacation at birthday parties, May was discovering a mysterious lake hidden among the trees -- and stumbling into the land of ghosts, the Ever After. A fearful and fantastic realm located among the stars, the Ever After is full of all manner of things that go bump in the night. And if May is to find her way out again, she must reach the mysterious Lady of North Farm, who lives in a cold, forbidding land that even the spooks find spooky.

With her courageous (yet melancholy) kitty and a ragtag group of spectral friends she's picked up along the way, May is determined to escape the Afterlife. But first she must face her very worst fears, and there's no telling who will make it through...or who will be left behind. **BPB \$12.95**

Libba Bray, Cassandra Clare, Claudia Gray, Maureen Johnson & Sarah Mlynowski

Vacations from Hell

Presents a collection of five short stories in which a vacation takes a supernatural turn. **BPB \$16.99**

Joseph Bruchac

Whisper in the Dark

Every monster can be overcome if you know the right way to go about it. Maddy has always loved scary stories, especially the spooky legends of her Native American ancestors. But that was before she heard about the Whisperer in the Dark, the most frightening legend of all. Now there's an icy voice at the other end of the phone and a chilling message left on Maddy's door. Suddenly this ancient tale is becoming just a bit too real. Once, twice, three times he's called out to her. Where will she be when he finally calls her name? **PB \$12.99**

Linda Buckley-Archer

Time Quake (03)

TP \$19.99

Patrick Carman

One False Note (39 Clues 02)

Super-selling author Gordon Korman sends Amy and Dan off on a wild chase in Book 2 of the highly-anticipated 39 Clues series. **THIS JUST IN!** Amy and Dan Cahill were spotted on a train, hot on the trail of one of 39 Clues hidden around the world. **BUT WAIT!** Police report a break-in at an elite hotel, and the suspects **ALSO** sound suspiciously like Amy and Dan. **UPDATE!** Amy and Dan have been seen in a car . . . no, in a speedboat chase . . . and **HOLD EVERYTHING!** They're being chased by an angry mob!?! When there's a Clue on the line, anything can happen. **PB \$16.99**

The Black Circle (39 Clues 05)

Join anytime to play for the chance to win! **INCOMING!** Amy and Dan have been found **UNHARMED!** But perhaps not for long - the ruthless Irina Spasky is right on their tail. And **WHAT** are those crazy kids doing poking their noses into Lucian secrets?!? Are they **TRYING** to get themselves killed? The 39 Clues Book 5 takes Dan and Amy on their most dangerous quest yet, one that brings them face to face with the only force capable of scaring the vicious Lucians: the Madrigals. **HC \$17.99**

Kristin Cashore

Graceling

In a world where people born with an exceptional skill, known as a Grace, are feared and exploited, Katsa carries the burden of a skill even she despises: the Grace of killing. She lives under the command of her Uncle Randa, King of the Middluns, and is expected to carry out his dirty work, punishing and torturing anyone who displeases him. Breaking arms and cutting off fingers are her stock-in-trade. Finding life under his rule increasingly unbearable Katsa forms an underground Council, whose purpose is to combat the destructive behaviour of the seven kings - after all, the Middluns is only one of the Seven Kingdoms, each of them ruled by their own king and his personal agenda for power. When the Council hears that the King of Liend's father has been kidnapped Katsa investigates . . . and stumbles across a mystery. Who would want to kidnap him, and why? And who was the extraordinary Graced fighter who challenged her fighting skills, for the first time, as she and the Council rushed the old man to safety? Something dark and deadly is rising in the north and creeping across the continent, and behind it all lurks the shadowy figure of a one-eyed king . . .

BPB \$22.99

Sarwat Chadda

Devil's Kiss

The rusty chains groaned as he swayed back and forth, watching her. 'Maybe it's not him,' thought Billi. 'Maybe he's just some normal kid. Maybe I don't have to murder him.'

Billi SanGreal is facing her Ordeal. The last test before her initiation. But she hadn't expected this. Not killing a little kid.

Billi is destined to follow her father into The Order and protect the masses from the unholy. From the thousands of evil, tortured souls that prey on humanity.

Billi is fifteen. Is a life of brutal fighting and deadly combat really what she wants? Or is temptation threatening to lead her astray . . . **BPB \$16.95**

Stephen Cole

Wounded (Wereling 01)

Kate's family is not what you'd call average. Her parents and brother are werewolves, and when Kate comes of age werewolf law dictates that she will become one too. But Kate is horrified at the fate that awaits her, and can feel none of the pride that strengthens her family in their werewolf state. For the time being she is able to avoid the issue of when she will become a werewolf. Until, that is, her parents kidnap Tom Folan, on holiday with his parents, and destined to become Kate's mate. What follows is a heartstopping road chase across America, in search of a medicine man who can save Tom and a safe haven for them both. **PB \$15.99**

Prey (Wereling 02)

Tom and Kate have escaped Kate's werewolf mother and made it to New York. But it's not the safe haven they had hoped for. Something sinister is stalking the streets, preying on the vulnerable - people with no place to stay, no money, no one to ask for help - and before Tom and Kate can find the medicine man who can save Tom from his own werewolf instincts, it looks like they might be next on the menu. **PB \$15.99**

Resurrection (Wereling)

A museum in Chicago takes possession of a body remarkably preserved in a peat bog in Germany since the sixteenth century. The body is badly mutilated and the wounds point to careful torture and execution. Could the body be Peter Stubbe, the first ever werewolf, executed for black magic and murder? Tom and Kate are drawn to the museum in their desperate hunt to save Tom's family, only to find that Tom himself is being chased and hunted down as the perfect, original synthesis of man and wolf...the Wereling. **PB \$15.99**

Eoin Colfer

Airman

One dark night on the island of Great Saltee, fourteen-year-old Conor is framed for a terrible crime he didn't commit. Thrown into prison by the dastardly Hugo Bonvilain, Conor is trapped in a seaswept dungeon and branded a traitor. He must escape and clear his name; he wants his old life back - his family, his friends . . . and his princess. Conor knows there is only one way out. It's an impossible task, which has never been done before. But Conor is determined to do it. He'll have to fly. **BPB \$17.95**

Paul Collins Australian Author

Morgassa's Folly (World of Grrym 03)

HC \$19.95

Kathleen Duey

Sacred Scars (Resurrection of Magic 02)

Having been driven out of their home by fire, Sadima, Franklin and Somiss escape and seek refuge in the secret cave hidden in the rocks. Somiss, now exiled and desperate, continues to hoard the magic he is recovering from the ancient documents, while Sadima and Franklin struggle to contain his egomaniacal ambitions. In Haph and Gerrard's world, forced to continually endure the painful ordeals used to 'teach' magic, the boys come to an uneasy and fragile truce as they vow to work together to stop the evils of the academy.

But their tenuous pact falters as they plot to destroy Somiss and the dark academy and set the magic free...**BPB \$16.95**

Kevin Emerson

The Demon Hunter (Oliver Nocturne 04)

A series of gruesome animal/vampire attacks on humans threatens to undermine the vampires' secretive existence. As the attacks mount, so does the evidence, and it points to Bane and his newly learned Occupying skills. Yet Oliver, Emalie and Dean suspect a larger, more sinister plot is afoot, with roots tracing back to Oliver's destiny, and possibly even further, to the mystery surrounding his human parents. Bane may hold the key to Oliver uncovering his past and changing his future, so it falls on Oliver, Emalie and Dean to rescue Bane from the Half Light Consortium and clear his name. A contemporary five-book series from talented US author Kevin Emerson. **PB \$14.99**

Thomas Fahy

The Unspoken

"In five years' time, your greatest fear will consume you. It will rob you of your last breath."

Five years ago six children who lived with their families in Jacob Crawley's Divine Path religious cult escaped by burning the compound to the ground. They are reunited at the funeral of Jacob's son, Harold. Harold died of drowning -- his worst fear -- even though his body was found miles from any water. And it seems that each of the teens is marked for murder -- as Crawley had predicted years earlier. Can any of these teens save themselves?

Horror author Thomas Fahy now brings his unsettling talent to teen fiction with *The Unspoken*. **PB \$12.99**

Anna Fienberg

Tashi (Tashi 01)

The first book in the Tashi series of daring adventures and tall tales about magic, courage and the triumph of brains over brawn. Created by the much loved, multi-award winning author/illustrator team of Anna and Barbara Fienberg and Kim Gamble. **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Giants (Tashi 02)

'Chintu took one of his giant steps over to our village...and roared, Bring Tashi out to me!'

Jack ran all the way to school. Today Tashi was coming to tell him more stories...about Chintu, the giant, who is as big as a mountain, and the robber bandits, who kidnap him to be their son.

Only someone as clever as Tashi could find a way to escape. **PB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Ghosts (Tashi 03)

'Tashi could hardly breathe as more and more ghosts crowded around him.'

No one in the village is as brave as Tashi...only he could scare the ghost monsters out of the forest, and only someone as bold as Tashi would go all the way along the dark underground passage to the Mountain of White Tigers.

Tashi always has a cunning plan, and he has daring adventures too. **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Genie (Tashi 04)

'the flying carpet bucked like a wild horse - trying to throw me off'

Jack is bursting to hear Tashi's fantastic stories about the sly genie and his three wishes...and what Tashi does when he comes face to face with the ferocious war lord again. **BPB \$11.95**

Anna Fienberg

Tashi and the Baba Yaga (Tashi 05)

'Baba Yaga reached over and pinched his arm. You look a nice juicy boy...'

A house on chicken legs? A witch who eats children? Jack's dad can't believe Tashi's wild stories, about Baba Yaga...and the wicked Baron, who traps him as a prisoner for the fearsome River Pirate. **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Demons (Tashi 06)

'The demon's dagger teeth glinted. I'm going to tie you up and tip these spiders over you.'

Spiders and snakes and rats? The slippery demons are going to make Tashi talk...and there's more trouble for Tashi when the fierce River Pirate returns without a warning. **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Stinker (Tashi 07)

'The giant just lifted the roof off, scooped up a pig and gobbled it down.'

Chintu the giant's Only Brother will eat everything in the village unless Tashi can stop him and things go terribly wrong when a stranger appears with a magic flute.

In the face of trouble Tashi acts fast. Read more about him in the other exciting Tashi books. **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Dancing Shoes (Tashi 08)

'The crowd gasped in amazement. Look at those shoes! Look at him fly!'

Jack's Uncle Joe loves to tell stories, and so does Tashi - like the one about the magic shoes and Uncle Tiki Pu's sneaky plan...and what Tashi did when the fortune teller, Luk Ahed, said that his tenth birthday would be his last.

There's no stopping Tashi. Read all about his adventures in the other Tashi books. **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Haunted House (Tashi 09)

'Don't go near the ghost house. Who knows what is prowling around in there!'

There's a light in the window of the haunted house, and Tashi is going in... He's brave, but is he fast enough to beat two mysterious strangers in a race around the village? And what will happen if he loses?

No one has adventures like Tashi. And no one tells such exciting stories. **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Royal Tomb (Tashi 10)

'everything around me went still...the warrior's eyes were following me'

Spooky things happen when an ancient burial site is discovered in the village and Tashi is nearly buried alive! Then the precious Book of Spells disappears and the villagers won't be safe until Tashi finds it.

Where there's mystery and action, there's Tashi! **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi Lost in the City (Tashi 11)

'I raced up and down the street looking in doorways and behind stalls. But there was no Grandma.'

Tashi always has big adventures, like the time he's lost in the city and has to escape from a mean man with a glass eye and a silver dagger then, on the way home, Tashi and Grandma are kidnapped by brigands called Fearless and Ferocious.

But clever Tashi always knows what to do - stay calm, think hard and move fast. **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Forbidden Room (Tashi 12)

'We arrived at the tower at the top of the castle. The door was locked. We can't go into that room, said Ho Hum. Not ever.'

Tashi tells Jack about his scariest adventure ever, when the mysterious stranger Bluebeard moved into the old castle. Nobody knew what a monster he was. Then the wicked Baron's prize peacock goes missing and his poor dog Pongo will be killed unless Tashi can complete three impossible tasks.

When the going gets this tough, it's all up to Tashi! **BPB \$11.95**

Tashi and the Mixed-Up Monster (Tashi 14)

'Run, children,' said Wise-as-an-Owl. 'No, hide!'

Much-to-learn has got it wrong again - he's magicked up a hideous monster that's bursting out of the garden workshop. And it's coming Tashi's way! Then everyone believes that Tashi killed Soh Meen's golden carp. The only way Tashi can clear his name is to find the real culprit. But how?

Sometimes you have to sound brave to be brave but clever Tashi always finds a way. **BPB \$11.95**

John Flanagan Australian Author

Ruins of Gorlan (Ltd ed) (Ranger's Apprentice 01)

Will is small for his age, but agile and energetic. All his life, he has dreamed of becoming a great knight like the father he never knew, so he is devastated when he is rejected as an apprentice to Castle Redmont's Battleschool. Instead he is apprenticed to Halt, the mysterious Ranger whose uncanny ability to move unseen is thought to be the result of black magic. Reluctantly, Will learns to use a Ranger's secret weapons: a bow and arrow, a mottled cloak and a stubborn little pony. It may not be the sword and battlehorse he longs for, but when Will and Halt set out on a desperate mission to prevent the assassination of the King, Will finds that a Ranger's weapons are not so useless after all . . . **BPB \$5 (ltd ed) PB \$16.95**

The Burning Bridge (Ranger's Apprentice 02)

As the Kingdom of Araluen prepares for war against Morgarath, Will and Horace accompany the Ranger Gilan on a mission to Celtica. But Celtica's villages and mines are silent. Only an exhausted and starving girl called Evanlyn can tell them why: Morgarath has sent his foul creatures to enslave the Celts. While Gilan rides swiftly back to Araluen to report this news to the King, Will and Horace discover the true purpose behind Morgarath's actions. The Kingdom is sure to be defeated in a surprise three-sided attack - unless they can find a way to prevent it. **BPB \$16.95**

The Icebound Land (Ranger's Apprentice 03)

Will and Evanlyn are bound for Skandia as the captives of the fearsome Skandian wolfship captain, Erak. Halt has sworn to rescue Will, and he will do anything to keep his promise - even defy his King. Expelled from the Rangers, Halt is joined by Horace as he travels through Gallica towards Skandia. On their way, they are constantly challenged by freelance knights - otherwise known as thieving thugs. Horace knows a thing or two about combat, though, and he soon begins to attract the attention of knights and warlords for miles around with his uncanny skill. But will they be in time to rescue Will from a life of slavery? **BPB \$16.95**

Oakleaf Bearers (Ranger's Apprentice 04)

Just as spring approaches and Will and Evanlyn can finally escape Skandia, Evanlyn is carried off by mysterious horsemen. Will sets out after them, but one boy against six fierce Temujai warriors is impossible odds - even for a Ranger's apprentice. Halt and Horace arrive just in time. But there is no time to celebrate as Halt realises these Temujai are only the scouts for a massive invasion force. The four Araluens must work together with the Skandians to defeat the invaders - if the Oberjarl will accept their help. **BPB \$16.95**

John Flanagan Australian Author*The Sorcerer in the North (Ranger's Apprentice 05)*

Five years have passed since the Skandians and the Araluans made their treaty, and Will has finally become a Ranger, with his own fief to look after. He soon learns that even sleepy little islands have problems to keep him on his toes.

Then he and his old friend Alyss are thrown into a terrifying new adventure, investigating the truth behind rumours of sorcery in a remote northern fief. As he stands in Grimsdell Forest, with the horrific, ghostly Night Warrior looming over him, Will must ask himself one question: is there a rational explanation . . . or does sorcery really exist?

Note: Ranger's Apprentice Book 7: ERAK'S RANSOM takes place before the events of Books 5 and 6. You might like to read Book 7 first. **BPB \$16.95**

The Siege of Macindaw (Ranger's Apprentice 06)

In this desolate northern fief, where can Will find the fighting men he needs to overcome the traitorous Sir Keren and his band of criminals? Across the border, the fierce Scotti tribesmen are waiting for the signal that Castle Macindaw is in friendly hands, and the way is clear to mount a full-scale attack.

Time is running out. Will's courage and ingenuity - and the arrival of an old friend - may be the only things that stand in their way. **BPB \$16.95**

Erak's Ransom (Ranger's Apprentice 07)

When the Skandian Oberjarl is taken hostage during a raid on the desert land of Arrida, his second-in-command, Svengal, asks the Araluans for help. Halt and Will must go with him to deliver the ransom and secure Erak's freedom, but a royal presence is needed. The Princess Cassandra - or Evanlyn, as Will knows her - persuades her father to let her go with them. Horace and the Ranger Gilan round out the group to make sure that Evanlyn is well protected. But will violent sandstorms, warring tribes and danger at every turn keep them from reaching Erak in time?

The seventh book takes us back to the final year of Will's apprenticeship, before the events related in Books 5 and 6. **BPB \$16.95**

The Kings of Clonmel (Ranger's Apprentice 08)

Will is at the annual Ranger Gathering but Halt is investigating mysterious happenings in the west. When he does finally return, it's with bad news. Hibernia is in turmoil. A false religious cult calling themselves the Outsiders are sowing confusion and sedition, and five of the six Hibernian kingdoms have been undermined. Now the sixth, Clonmel, is in danger. Halt, Will and Horace set out to restore order. Can the secrets of Halt's past help them in their mission? **BPB \$16.95**

Cornelia Funke*Inkdeath (Ink 03)*

Life in the Inkworld has been far from easy since the extraordinary events of Inkspell, when the story of Inkheart magically drew Meggie, Mo and Dustfinger back into its pages. With Dustfinger dead, and the evil Adderhead now in control, the story in which they are all caught has taken an unhappy turn. Even Elinor, left alone in the real world, believes her family to be lost - lost between the covers of a book. But as winter comes on there is reason to hope - if only Meggie and Mo can rewrite the wrongs of the past and make a dangerous pact with death. **BPB \$22.99**

Jostein Gaarder*Sophie's World*

When 14-year-old Sophie encounters a mysterious mentor who introduces her to philosophy, mysteries deepen in her own life. Why does she keep getting postcards addressed to another girl? Who is the other girl? And who, for that matter, is Sophie herself?

To solve the riddle, she uses her new knowledge of philosophy, but the truth is far stranger than she could have imagined. A phenomenal worldwide bestseller, SOPHIE'S WORLD sets out to draw teenagers into the world of Socrates, Descartes, Spinoza, Hegel and all the great philosophers. A brilliantly original and fascinating story with many twists and turns, it raises profound questions about the meaning of life and the origin of the universe. **BPB \$22.99**

Neil Gaiman*The Graveyard Book*

Winner: Hugo Awards 2009: Best Novel

'It's going to take more than a couple of good-hearted souls to raise this child. It will,' said Silas, 'take a graveyard.'

An original adventure story about a boy raised by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres of a local graveyard.

When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him - after all, he is the last remaining member of the family.

A stunningly original novel deftly constructed over eight chapters, featuring every second year of Bod's life, from babyhood to adolescence. Will Bod survive to be a man? **BPB \$16.99**

Roderick Gordon & Brian Williams*Freefall*

After Deeper, can the Tunnels adventure be any more dangerous? And where will it end? Will Burrows and his gang are far from finished as they free-fall down a subterranean pore. As they experience reduced gravity, the dark mysteries of the deep unfold and they discover a strange fungal shelf, which reveals not only artifacts from ancient civilisations, but also clues to a lost land at the end of the Earth. **PB \$19.99**

Rachel Hawthorne*Dark of the Moon (Dark Guardian)*

On the first full moon after her birthday, Brittany's greatest fear is realized--she doesn't transform into a wolf--so she desperately goes to extremes to become a wolf and as a result, puts all the Dark Guardians in incredible danger. **PB \$21.95**

Full Moon (Dark Guardian)

As the time for her werewolf transformation draws near and a deadly threat to the Dark Guardians escalates, Lindsey finds herself increasingly captivated by Rafe despite her long-standing commitment to Connor. **PB \$21.95**

Moonlight (Dark Guardian)

Waiting for the moment when Kayla discovers her hidden power of being able to turn into a wolf, Lucas keeps his distance from her until the time is right to reveal the special bond they share and the dangers he knows they shall soon face in the days ahead. **PB \$21.95**

Shannon Hale

The Book of A Thousand Days

This is no ordinary fairytale. The prince isn't charming, the princess is spoilt, and you certainly won't guess the ending.

When the princess refuses to marry the prince her father has chosen, her father is so furious he locks her in a tower. She has seven long years to think about her insolence. But the princess is not entirely alone - she can take her maid, Dashti. During their captivity, clever and resourceful Dashti discovers that there is something far more sinister behind her princess's fears of marrying the prince and when, finally, they break free from the tower, they find the land laid to waste and the kingdom destroyed. **PB \$17.99**

F E Higgins

Bone Magician (Bone Magician 01)

From the devilishly talented author of the *The Black Book of Secrets* comes another dark and thrilling tale with enough twists, turns and scares to satisfy any reader.

Since his father disappeared under a dark cloud of scandal, Pin Carpue has been alone in the world. His work for the local undertaker keeps him busy, but his life is bleak. Then Pin encounters the Bone Magician, a man who can raise corpses and make the dead speak.

As Pin pieces together the secrets of Bone Magic, his own life becomes fraught with grave danger... **BPB \$14.99**

The Eyeball Collector

Another gruesome tale of a crumbling Hall, vile villains and a boy bent on dastardly revenge – from an author worth keeping your eye on!

When his butterfly-collector father is swindled to within an inch of his life, a vengeful Hector leaves the city of Urbs Umida in pursuit of a fiendish villain with a glass eye. The trail leads to Withypitts Hall, a forbidding Gothic mansion as warped as its inhabitants and their secret schemes. Soon Hector finds himself embroiled in mysterious deeds more poisonous than his worst imaginings, but every twist and turn brings him closer to his revenge...

The third dark and diabolical book from a devilishly talented author. **HC \$24.99**

Diane Hoh

Date With Death (Horror High 05)

It's the biggest event of the year-Prom Night. But Megan and her friends won't be going. They don't have a date and can only envy the popular girls like Stephanie and Kiki who will be there. When Stephanie is murdered and Kiki has a nasty accident, Megan is determined to find out the truth-someone couldn't be killing off the competition, could they? **PB \$12.99**

Nancy Holder & Debbie Viguie

Resurrection (Wicked)

WHAT THE CAHORS witches thought was the end of their troubles was only the beginning. A threat more powerful and more frightening than anything they have faced has been watching and waiting. The Cahors witches must come together and find Jer and Eli as both the Deveraux and the Cahors family lines face eradication.

All the secrets of the Cahors will be revealed, forcing them to overcome their greatest weaknesses in order to achieve their most powerful strengths. And only united do they have any chance at victory.

Before the end, sacrifices will be made, alliances forged, and old friends lost forever. **BPB \$16.99**

Tonya Hurley

Homecoming (Ghostgirl 02)

Charlotte may have graduated Dead Ed but that's not the end of her story. Life, for Charlotte, was one bitter disappointment after another. And it seems death isn't going to be much different. Convinced that graduating Dead Ed was her route to the afterlife Charlotte is a little surprised to find she has to complete an internship! Answering the phones at a help centre for troubled teens isn't proving brilliantly exciting. Until Scarlet calls: a pedicure-gone-heavily-wrong has landed Petula in a coma and Scarlet thinks Charlotte is the only person who can help... **HC \$24.99**

Eva Ibbotson

Magic Flutes

A charming story of romance, intrigue and opera, by the award-winning and bestselling author of *Journey to the River Sea*.

Spring, 1922: Tessa is a beautiful, tiny, dark-eyed princess – who's given up her duties to follow her heart, working for nothing backstage at the Viennese opera. No one there knows who she really is, or that a fairytale castle is missing its princess, and Tessa is determined to keep it that way.

But secret lives can be complicated. When a wealthy, handsome Englishman discovers this bewitching urchin backstage, Tessa's two lives collide – and in escaping her inheritance, she finds her destiny... **BPB \$16.99**

Gareth Jones

The Thornwaite Inheritance

Ovid and Lorelli Thornthwaite have been trying to kill each other for so long that neither twin can remember which act of attempted murder came first. But whoever struck first, trying to take each other's lives is simply what they do. Until one day a lawyer arrives at their house to take stock of its contents, and his accompanying son attracts their attention.

Soon a new battle evolves - one in which the twins have to work together to solve the mystery of their parents' deaths.

Can Lorelli and Ovid overcome their old animosities, and will they ever get to finish that game of chess? **PB \$15.99**

Celine Kiernan

The Poison Throne (Moorehawke Trilogy 01)

Wynter returns from a five-year exile in the bleak Northlands to find her beloved homeland in turmoil. King Jonathan's civilised, multicultural realm is no more; the gibbets and cages have returned. Days of laughter, friendly ghosts and gossipy cats remain only in Wynter's memory - the present confronts her with power play, dark torture chambers, violent ghosts, and cats (those still alive) too scared to talk to humans. The Inquisition is a real and present danger.

Crown Prince Alberon is missing. There are murmurings of a 'Bloody Machine' of untold destructive power. And as Wynter and her friends, Prince Razi and the mysterious Christopher Garron, seek to restore stability to the fragile kingdom, risking death at every turn, Wynter is forced to make a terrible choice. Set in a fantastical medieval Europe, this is the first book in a compelling trilogy of court intrigue, adventure and romance. It draws the reader in from the very first sentence and doesn't loosen its grip until the last. **PB \$19.99**

Erica Kirov

The Eternal Hourglass (Magickeepers)

HC \$29.95

Elizabeth Laird*The Witching Hour*

A thrilling historical adventure from the Carnegie-shortlisted author of *Crusade*.

In 17th-century Scotland, everyone knows the devil is real. Everyone knows that witches exist. Everyone knows that saying the wrong thing can get you hanged...

When 14-year-old Maggie's grandmother is accused of witchcraft, Maggie has to run for her life. With English soldiers on the march, nowhere is safe – certainly not Ladymuir, where her uncle is determined to defy the king. And wherever Maggie goes, disaster follows...

A gripping historical novel about a young girl's journey through the Killing Time. **HC \$32.99**

Peter Lerangis*The Sword Thief (39 Clues 03)*

ATTENTION! Amy and Dan Cahill have been located once again, this time in the company of the notoriously unreliable Alistair Oh. Could they have been foolish enough to make an alliance? Spies report that Amy and Dan seem to be tracking the life of one of the most powerful fighters the world has ever known. If this fearsome warrior was a Cahill, his secrets are sure to be well-guarded . . . and the price to uncover them just might be lethal. **HC \$17.99**

Holly Lisle*The Silver Door (Moon & Sun 02)*

In the battle between nightlings and humans, it's prophesied that the Sunrider is destined to unite the magics of the sun and moon for the good of all. She alone can lead the fight to defeat an immortal evil. Genna is the chosen Sunrider, and under nightling protection, she must learn the ancient magics so she may bring an end to the war between slaves and masters. When she escapes a brutal plot concocted by the evil kai lords, Genna finds herself cast into the depths of the Sun Wizards' world. **PB \$29.99**

Dean Lorey*Charlie's Monsters (Nightmare Academy)*

Charlie Benjamin is not like other children - when he sleeps he has terrible nightmares, and when he wakes it is to find his room has been wrecked. Then one day he wakes up to find a monster by his bed. Luckily, a band of monster-hunting strangers arrives and saves him, only to whisk him away for interrogation by the mysterious "Nightmare Division".

It turns out that Charlie has the "Gift" - a rare ability to open portals into the dimension where monsters lurk, and the explanation for the devastating force of his nightmares. But his gift makes him a danger to himself and others: when he is made to open a portal his power is so great that he inadvertently wakes Barakkas, one of the most powerful and evil of all monsters.

Threatened with "Reduction" (a lobotomy that would remove his imagination) Charlie is saved by the wise Headmaster of the Nightmare Academy, where he is taken to explore his talents - and prepare for the coming showdown with Barakkas...

ages: 9-12 **BPB \$14.99**

D J MacHale*The Rivers of Zadaa (Pendragon 06)*

The struggle for good versus evil continues as Bobby Pendragon follows the demon, Saint Dane, to the territory of Zadaa, home of the Traveller, Loor.

Zadaa is on the brink of all out war and Saint Dane is ready to push things over the edge - unless Bobby can stop him. But, the rules have changed, and with the destruction of the flume on Eelong leaving two fellow Travellers trapped, can our 21st century hero find the strength to outwit an evil tyrant and bring Zadaa to a truce? **BPB \$16.99**

Quillan Games (Pendragon 07)

When Bobby Pendragon arrives on the territory of Quillan, he discovers a whole new meaning to the word competition!

Quillan is heading for destruction, the people have lost control of their own future and are struggling just to survive. The only chance they have of finding a better life is to play the Quillan Games, but this is more dangerous than you would think. Game masters Veego and LaBerge have created a world filled with competition using the people of Quillan as pawns in their crazy computer-driven games. To triumph in the games is to live the life of a king, but to lose is to die!

Pendragon realises the only way to save this troubled territory is to beat Veego and LaBerge at their own games and dismantle their nightmare fun house. But there is a lot at stake for Bobby Pendragon, more than he could ever have imagined...

Let the games begin! **BPB \$16.99**

Melissa Marr*Ink Exchange*

After suffering a terrible trauma at the hands of her brother's dealer friends, Leslie becomes obsessed with the idea of getting a tattoo - it's the one thing that will allow her to reclaim her body, renew her self-confidence. And when Rabbit, her local tattoo artist, shows her a secret book of his own designs, she finds one of them irresistible.

Soon, her back is adorned with a pair of mysterious eyes, framed by black wings. Leslie feels good - more than good. Nothing bad can touch her. But what she doesn't know is that her new tattoo binds her tightly to the faery whose symbol she chose: Irial, the exquisitely dangerous king of the Dark Court... Ages: 12+ **BPB \$14.99**

Sophie McKenzie*The Set Up (Medusa Project)*

Fourteen years ago, scientist William Fox implanted four babies with the Medusa gene - a gene for psychic abilities. But Fox died and the babies were hidden away for years. Now the children are teenagers - and unaware that their psychic powers are about to kick in. Cocky, charismatic Nico thinks his emerging telekinetic abilities will bring him money, power and the girl of his dreams. He's about to find out just how wrong he is...

BPB \$17.99

Bernard Ness

The Knife of Never Letting Go (Chaos Walking 01)

Todd Hewitt is the only boy in a town of men. Ever since the settlers were infected with the Noise germ, Todd can hear everything the men think, and they hear everything he thinks. Todd is just a month away from becoming a man, but in the midst of the cacophony, he knows that the town is hiding something from him -- something so awful Todd is forced to flee with only his dog, whose simple, loyal voice he hears too. With hostile men from the town in pursuit, the two stumble upon a strange and eerily silent creature: a girl. Who is she? Why wasn't she killed by the germ like all the females on New World? Propelled by Todd's gritty narration, readers are in for a white-knuckle journey in which a boy on the cusp of manhood must unlearn everything he knows in order to figure out who he truly is. **TP \$21.95**

Christopher Paolini

Brisinger (Inheritance 03)

Following the colossal battle against the Empire's warriors, Eragon and Saphira narrowly escaped with their lives. But more awaits the Rider and his dragon, as Eragon finds himself bound by promises he may not be able to keep, including his oath to cousin Roran to help rescue his beloved Katrina. When unrest claims the rebels and danger strikes, Eragon must make choices that take him across the Empire and beyond, choices that may lead to unimagined sacrifice.

Conflict, action, adventure and one devastating death await readers as Eragon battles on behalf of the Varden while Galbatorix ruthlessly attempts to crush and twist him to his own purposes. Can he become a leader who can unite the rebel forces and defeat the King? **PB \$24.95**

Mary K Pershall

Ghost With a Message (Ruby Clair)

I can sense that someone, suddenly, is in the room with me. I'm shaking. I can't look!

Ruby knows that her ability to hear and see ghosts is an incredible gift. Even so, sometimes she'd like to go back to being a regular kid. But would that be fair? Should Ruby break through her fear and help another ghost, whoever that might be? **BPB \$14.95**

The Trouble With Ghosts (Ruby Clair)

'Ruby? I've been wanting to get in touch with you for ages. We're pretty sure you're ready to listen...'

Ruby Clair is used to weird stuff happening. Like being able to see the lights around people and hearing whispery voices in the dark. But getting a call from her cousin Nicola goes way beyond the weird. It's impossible.

If this is a gift, Ruby's not sure she wants it. Why does the one thing she seems to be good at have to be so spooky? **PB \$14.95**

Natalie Jane Prior Australian Author

Minnivers Fight Back (Minnivers)

The Minivers are in danger. They've lost their home. They've lost their possessions. And they nearly lost their lives. Now they're ready to fight back. Miniature celebrities Rosamund and Emily Miniver thought they had escaped from their enemies. But the battle of survival isn't over yet. Determined to destroy the sisters, the evil Madame fills the news with stories about the Minivers' selfishness and extravagance.

Helped by their few remaining friends, Emily and Rosamund hatch a daring plot to restore their reputation. But will Madame's malicious plans triumph before the Minivers can succeed? **PB \$14.95**

Minnivers on the Run (Minnivers)

Meet The Minivers. They're rich. They're famous. They're glamorous. Now they're on the run. And they're only two feet tall!

Rosamund and Emily Miniver live a fairytale existence. Worshipped by adoring fans, they make chart-topping CDs, have their own fashion labels and are the stars of their own TV show.

Yet not everyone adores the Minivers. When Rosamund is kidnapped, their perfect life suddenly goes horribly wrong. The sisters find themselves separated and caught in a desperate struggle for survival.

Who is trying to harm them and why? **BPB \$14.95**

Michael Pryor Australian Author

Time of Trial (Laws of Magic 04)

The mysterious Beccaria Cage could be the cure for Aubrey's condition: a way to reunite his body and soul. But could its usefulness hide something more sinister?

After Aubrey narrowly escapes the worst fate he can imagine, he realises there is only one thing to do: he must confront his nemesis. With George and Caroline at his side, he travels to Holmland - the home of Dr Tremaine and the heart of hostile territory - only to face magical conundrums, near-death experiences, ghosts, brigands and enemies on their own ground. Fisherberg is a city on a knife edge. Can Aubrey solve its mysteries before Dr Tremaine's war-mongering machinations tip the world into chaos? **PB \$17.95**

Celia Rees

The Cunning Man

Finn is haunted by terrifying dreams in which a huge wave threatens to engulf her in watery darkness. The dreams have been worse since she arrived at the Cornish cottage. Then she discovers the strange curse that was laid upon the cottage years ago, and she's sure vengeful Griffiths has something to do with it. She's seen him, endlessly tying and retying a length of rope, creating the knots that -superstition has it-can conjure storms. Finn knows that she's in mortal danger if she can't find a way to break the curse... **PB \$16.99**

Philip Reeve

Here Lies Arthur

A stunning new die-cut edition of Philip Reeve's award-winning novel! Gwyna is just a small girl when she is bound in service to Myrddin the bard - a traveller and spinner of tales. But Myrddin transforms her-into a goddess, a boy warrior, and a spy. Without Gwyna, Myrddin will not be able to work the most glorious transformation of all-and turn the leader of a raggle-taggle war-band into King Arthur, the greatest hero of all time. An ancient story and a brilliant allegory for our own times. **PB \$18.99**

Rick Riordan

Last Olympian (Percy Jackson)

Most people get presents on their sixteenth birthday. I get a prophecy that could save or destroy the world.

That's how it is when you're the son of Poseidon, God of the Sea. According to an ancient prophecy, bad things will happen when I turn sixteen - Because I'm the one who gets to decide the fate of the entire world. But no pressure.

This is the one where Kronos, Lord of the Titans, is beginning his attack on New York City, where Mount Olympus stands virtually unguarded. Oh, and the dreaded (and not to mention enormous) monster Typhon is also heading our way. So it's me and forty of my demigod friends versus untold evil . . . Can Percy stop the rampage of the titans, to save olympus - and himself? **TP \$19.95**

Mark Robson*Imperial Traitor*

When Emperor Surabar is assassinated, Shalidar makes plans to put Lord Tremarle on the throne, in return for being appointed his heir. The remaining lords have other plans, however, and the city descends into anarchy. Femke and Reynik go into hiding with the Emperor designate, Lord Kempten. But for Kempten to take over, he must destroy the master stone - a stone which is kept in the heavily-guarded palace. As gladiators face up to assassins, can Femke come up with a plan to get them into the palace - and return peace to the city? **PB \$16.95**

Emily Rodda Australian Author*Wizard of Rondo (Rondo 02)*

The fantastic world of Rondo can be perilous, but Leo and Mimi know they can't keep away. They have to play their part in the continuing battle to keep Rondo safe from their deadly enemy, the remorseless Blue Queen. Plunging once more into the magic world within the antique music box, they are determined to stay out of trouble. But Rondo's spell soon draws them in, and their quest to find a missing wizard becomes something far more dangerous as they try to track the Blue Queen's henchman, Spoiler, and confront an ancient terror lurking in the skies of the north. Filled with fun, excitement and startling twists, this outstanding sequel to the highly acclaimed *The Key to Rondo* is as rich, surprising and irresistible as Rondo itself. **BPB \$22.99**

J K Rowling*Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (Harry Potter)*

An entertaining companion to the Harry Potter books, written by J.K. Rowling. *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is an extensive introduction to magical beasts familiar from the Harry Potter books and others we haven't yet met. Includes information about beasts which can be found in Australia and New Zealand and what they eat.

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them is a set text for first years at Hogwarts School. Here, fans have the chance to study the book for themselves in a facsimile edition (complete with introduction by Albus Dumbledore and graffiti and personal hand-written opinions from Harry, Ron and even Hermione). Discover where the Quintaped lives, what the Puffskein eats and why it is best not to leave milk out for a knarl. **BPB \$13.99**

Quidditch Through the Ages (Harry Potter)

Young students at Hogwarts consult the book *Quidditch Through the Ages* on an almost daily basis. Here, fans have the chance to read the book for themselves. Did you know that there are 700 ways of committing a foul in Quidditch? Do you know what Bumping is? Find out when Quidditch was first introduced to New Zealand, and why Australia is such a good place to play Quidditch. **BPB \$13.99**

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (Harry Potter)

Harry Potter is the young "Wizard who Lived" in this imaginative tale of wizards, witches, and magic. Voldemort, aka b2you-know-whob2, is a dark wizard who kills Harry Potter's parents, vanishes, and loses his powers after trying to kill Harry. Infant Harry is left orphaned and carries with him a lightning-bolt-shaped scar on his forehead as a result of the attack on him. This scar distinguishes him from other wizards and people. Directly after the death of his parents, Harry is sent to live with his non-magical, or Muggle, aunt, uncle, and cousin, the Dursleys. The Dursleys are not happy with this arrangement; his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon were never fond of his parents and, in fact, did everything they could to avoid them. Therefore, they make Harry's life with them for the following 10 years an absolute misery, providing him with only the absolute necessities and nothing more. This highly acclaimed audiobook, is a must have for any Harry Potter fan. **CD \$99**

Angie Sage*Queste (Septimus Heap 04)*

Sinister trouble awaits Septimus and Jenna in the form of Tertius Fume, a ghost determined to send Septimus on a deadly *Queste*. But Septimus and Jenna have other ideas - they are headed for a place where all Time meets and where they fervently hope they will be able to rescue their friends Nicko and Snorri, who are trapped back in the past. Filled with non-stop action, humour and fantastical adventure. **BPB \$16.99**

Darren Shan*Wolf Island (Demonata 08)*

"We spot the werewolves as we skim the treetops. Mutated, vicious, hairy monstrosities, all fangs, claws and muscles. The beast within me tries to force its way to the surface, howling silently at its warped brethren. I've never rid myself of the wolf..."

As the mysterious Shadow builds an army of demons, Grubbs and his team search desperately for answers. But when they follow up a new lead, it leads them to an old, unexpected foe - the Lambs.

The curse of the Gradys has returned with a vengeance. Werewolves are on the loose. And they're hungry... Ages:10+ **BPB \$14.99**

Gena Showalter*Intertwined*

Most sixteen-year-olds have friends. Aden Stone has four human souls living inside him:

One can time-travel. One can raise the dead. One can tell the future. And one can possess another human.

With no other family and a life spent in and out of institutions, Aden and the souls have become friends. But now they're causing him all kinds of trouble. Like, he'll blink and suddenly he's a younger Aden, reliving the past. One wrong move, and he'll change the future. Or he'll walk past a total stranger and know how and when she's going to die.

He's so over it. All he wants is peace.

And then he meets a girl who quiets the voices. Well, as long as he's near her. Why? Mary Ann Gray is his total opposite. He's a loner; she has friends. He doesn't care what anyone thinks; she tries to make everyone happy. And while he attracts the paranormal, she repels it. For her sake, he should stay away. But it's too late....

Somehow, they share an inexplicable bond of friendship. A bond about to be tested by a werewolf shape-shifter who wants Mary Ann for his own, and a vampire princess Aden can't resist. Two romances, both forbidden. Still, the four will enter a dark underworld of intrigue and danger—but not everyone will come out alive.... **HC \$32.95**

Rob Stevens*The Vampanther Attack! (Mapmaker's Monster 02)*

The second book in this upbeat adventure fantasy series, from a world before sat-nav!

In their next hilarious adventure Hugo and Savage travel to the uncharted mountains of deepest Transylvania, where nothing is as it seems. With a fortune telling cat, an anxious wolf-man and some seriously angry rabbits to deal with, can Hugo rescue Uncle Walter from the clutches of the evil vampanther lord before it's too late? **PB \$14.99**

Maria V Snyder

Magic Study

You know your life is complicated when you miss your days as a poison taster...

With her greatest enemy dead, and on her way to be united with the family she'd been stolen from long ago, Yelena should be pleased. But although she has gained her freedom, she once again finds herself alone — separated from her lover Valek and suspected as a spy for her reluctance to conform to Sitan ways.

Despite the turmoil, she's eager to start her magic training — especially as she's been given one year to harness her power or be put to death. But her plans take a radical turn when she becomes embroiled in a plot to reclaim Ixia's throne for a lost prince — and gets entangled in powerful rivalries with her fellow magicians. If that wasn't bad enough, it appears her brother would love to see her dead. Luckily, Yelena has some old friends to help her with all her new enemies... **BPB \$19.99**

Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

Phantom of Blood Alley (Barnaby Grimes)

Barnaby Grimes is a tick-tock lad, high-stacking his way across the rooftops of his city in search of adventure and mystery. In each tale, he encounters a supernatural force and must battle the horrors that await him.

In the fiercely competitive world of early photography, the rewards are immense but so are the risks. After an experiment goes disastrously wrong, Barnaby finds himself on the trail of a mad chemist with a talent for disappearing into thin air... **HC \$27.95**

R L Stine

Grave Intentions (Horror High 03)

Wealthy, beautiful, spoiled Olivia Collier has everything a girl could wish for - including the perfect boyfriend, Josh. Until she decides he's not so perfect after all and dumps him. That same night, Josh dies in a terrible accident. At least that's what Olivia thought - but now she's seeing him everywhere and he won't leave her alone. Could he be back from the dead? **PB \$12.99**

Fatal Kiss (Horror High 04)

Jack is lucky. He knows exactly where he's going, how his life is going to be and that his beautiful girlfriend Lauren will always be right beside him. But one night, Jack meets someone else and before he knows it, his perfect life has been turned upside down. There's no escape. She'll do anything to make sure he stays with her...even murder. **PB \$12.99**

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Annie can't help but feel excited when Jonathan asks her out. He's tall, handsome and cooler than anyone she's ever met. But according to others, he's bad news-his last girlfriend mysteriously died and people think it was down to him. As Annie tries to find out the truth, someone seems to be out to get her-someone who doesn't want her to be with Jonathan and they're willing to do anything to stop her. **PB \$12.99**

Cate Tiernan

Calling and Changeling

Morgan's powers can be used for good - or for evil. Which will she choose?

Lately Morgan has been having dreams - terrible visions of someone in trouble.

Someone who will die - unless she can prevent it.

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She doesn't see dead people, but... She senses when someone near her is about to die. And when that happens, a force beyond her control compels her to scream bloody murder. Literally. Kaylee just wants to enjoy having caught the attention of the hottest guy in school. But a normal date is hard to come by when Nash seems to know more about her need to scream than she does. And when classmates start dropping dead for no apparent reason, only Kaylee knows who'll be next... **TP \$21.95**

Steve Voake

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They know where you are...

In the middle of the Mexican jungle a small scientific team prepare to embark on an exploration of the world's deepest sinkhole; a naturally-formed underwater shaft that no one has ever reached the bottom of. What they are about to discover could change the world forever. Three thousand miles away, Joe McDonald's father is arrested for murder. Joe and his friend Giles are desperate to prove his innocence, but when more people are attacked in mysterious circumstances, Joe begins to suspect that a predator is on the loose. Maybe the dark shapes he has seen in the woods and canal aren't just his imagination. Could the attacks in Joe's town be linked to his dad's research at the university? Could Dad's colleague have brought something back with him from the expedition in Mexico? Suddenly the search for justice becomes a desperate fight for survival. **PB \$15.99**

Daniel Waters

Generation Dead (01)

All over the tri-state area, something strange is happening. Teenagers who die aren't staying dead. They are coming back to life, but they come back different - they stutter and their reactions to everything are slower. Termed 'living impaired' or 'differently biotic', there are lots of conspiracy theories to explain this new phenomenon. But as their numbers keep on growing, so does the discomfort of the living people in the community. When Phoebe falls for Tommy Williams, her best friend and star of the football team, Adam, has conflicting emotions. And when Tommy decides to try out for the football team, it sets off a chain of events that escalates into deadly violence. **BPB \$17.95**

Kiss of Life (02)

When Phoebe's best friend Adam takes a bullet for her, it proves everyone right - Adam is in love with her. And now that he's come back to life, Phoebe's presence may be more important than ever. They say that a zombie can come back from death faster if they're loved... and kissed - which means Phoebe has to say goodbye to Tommy Williams, the other zombie in her life. While coaxing Adam back to reality and fending off Tommy's advances, Phoebe continues to carry on as if everything's normal. But normal has been different since American teenagers started rising from their graves. Although some try to bridge the gap between the living and the differently biotic, there are scores of people who want nothing more than to send all of the undead back to their graves. And the dead kids in Phoebe's school don't like that one bit... **BPB \$17.99**

Jude Watson

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A Clue found in Japan has Amy and Dan jetting off to Egypt to find out just what's behind the fierce rivalry between the Tomas and Ekaterina branches of the Cahill family. Was a Clue stolen from the Tomas branch? Where is it now? And most important, can Amy and Dan get their hands on it before their rivals do?

It's a wild race that will take Amy and Dan deep down into the tombs of Egypt . . . and right into the hands of the enemy. **HC \$17.99**

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From prehistory to the present, theirs was a love for the ages. It starts with a fight in a cave over an elusive green jewel . . . and then travels over time and lives to include Egyptian slaves, Greek temples, Massachusetts witch trials, Civil War battlefields, Paris on the eve of World War II, America in the 1960s . . . and a pair of modern-day teenagers. For readers who believe that love is stronger than time or death, this is an unforgettable novel from a wonderful storyteller. **PB \$16.99**

Patricia C Wrede

Thirteenth Child (Frontier Magic 01)

Eff was born a thirteenth child. Her twin brother, Lan, is the seventh son of a seventh son. This means he's supposed to possess amazing talent - and she's supposed to bring only bad things to her family and her town. Undeterred, her family moves to the frontier, where her father will be a professor of magic at a school perilously close to the magical divide that separates settlers from the beasts of the wild. With wit and wonder, Patricia Wrede creates an alternative history of westward expansion that will delight fans of both J. K. Rowling and Laura Ingalls Wilder. **HC \$27.99**

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Daniel Blythe

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Krillitane Storm

Christopher Cooper

When the TARDIS materialises in medieval Worcester, the Doctor finds the city seemingly deserted. He soon discovers its population are living in a state of terror, afraid to leave their homes after dark, for fear of meeting their doom at the hands of the legendary Devil's Huntsman. For months, people have been disappearing, and the Sheriff has imposed a strict curfew across the city, his militia maintaining control over the superstitious populace with a firm hand, closing the city to outsiders.

Is it fear of attack from beyond the city walls that drives him or the threat closer to home? Or does the Sheriff have something to hide? After a terrifying encounter with a deadly Krillitane, the Doctor realises the city has good reason to be scared. This title features the Doctor as played by David Tennant in the hit BBC Television series. **HC \$21.95**

Taking of Chelsea 426

David Llewellyn

The Chelsea Flower Show - hardly the most exciting or dangerous event in the calendar, or so the Doctor thinks. But this is Chelsea 426, a city-sized future colony floating on the clouds of Saturn, and the flowers are much more than they seem. As the Doctor investigates, he becomes more and more worried.

Why is shopkeeper Mr. Pemberton acting so strangely? And what is Professor Wilberforce's terrible secret? They are close to finding the answers when a familiar foe arrives, and the stakes suddenly get much higher. The Sontarans have plans of their own, and they're not here to arrange flowers...This title features the Doctor as played by David Tennant in the hit BBC Television series. **HC \$21.95**

Indiana Jones 01

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Ryder Windham

Early August, 1941. Indiana Jones' luck has finally run out. He's stuck in jail in Puerto Bolivar, Ecuador, with one failed escape already under his belt, when Colonel Musgrove of the US Army comes knocking with an official release-with strings attached. Musgrove wants Indy to track down the fabled Hall of Records. But Indy soon discovers he's not the only one on the trail. He will have to outsmart and outmanoeuvre his enemies-but first, he'll have to figure out exactly who his enemies are . . . **BPB \$12.99**

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Jonathan Rinzler

Indy heads to Egypt, continuing his quest for the Hall of Records. **BPB \$12.99**

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The Soul Key

Olivia Woods

There is a void in the alternate universe that demands to be filled. Iliana Ghemor, the Cardassian operative who years ago was altered in both body and mind to replace Kira Nerys, dreams of fulfilling a prophecy that will mark her as the one true Emissary of that other reality -- a messianic figure who could lead her followers into an era of renewed hope...or an age of deepening darkness.

Ghemor's claim to the mantle of the Emissary is by no means certain, however, as the inexorable pull of providence tugs also at other souls who are swept into the vortex of the Prophets, the remote and timeless beings who have set these strange events in motion.

But the stakes are higher than anyone imagines: for the outcome of this struggle for the fate of one universe will ripple across many others, and become the key to unlocking a future that will prove to be the greatest trial yet for the heroes of station Deep Space 9. **PB \$14.99**

Star Wars

Force Unleashed

Sean Williams

"The Sith always betray one another. . . . I'm sure you'll learn that soon enough."

The overthrow of the Republic is complete. The Separatist forces have been smashed, the Jedi Council nearly decimated, and the rest of the Order all but destroyed. Now absolute power rests in the iron fist of Darth Sidious--the cunning Sith lord better known as the former Senator, now Emperor, Palpatine. But more remains to be done. Pockets of resistance in the galaxy must still be defeated and missing Jedi accounted for . . . and dealt with. These crucial tasks fall to the Emperor's ruthless enforcer, Darth Vader. In turn, the Dark Lord has groomed a lethal apprentice entrusted with a top-secret mission: to comb the galaxy and dispatch the last of his masters' enemies, thereby punctuating the dark side's victory with the Jedi's doom.

Since childhood, Vader's nameless agent has known only the cold, mercenary creed of the Sith. His past is a void; his present, the carrying out of his deadly orders. But his future beckons like a glistening black jewel with the ultimate promise: to stand beside the only father he has ever known, with the galaxy at their feet. It is a destiny he can realize only by rising to the greatest challenge of his discipleship: destroying Emperor Palpatine.

The apprentice's journeys will take him across the far reaches of the galaxy, from the Wookiee homeworld of Kashyyyk to the junkyard planet of Raxus Prime. On these missions, the young Sith acolyte will forge an unlikely alliance with a ruined Jedi Master seeking redemption and wrestle with forbidden feelings for his beautiful comrade, Juno Eclipse. And he will be tested as never before--by shattering revelations that strike at the very heart of all he believes and stir within him long-forgotten hopes of reclaiming his name . . . and changing his destiny. **APB \$19.95**

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Ryder Windham

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During a battle to protect the planet Bothawui from the evil General Grievous, Anakin loses his trusty droid, R2-D2. Paired with a new droid, R3, Anakin and Ahsoka must find R2 before the Separatists discover the Jedi military secrets hidden in his memory banks. Will they find him? Find out in this action-packed storybook! **PB \$7.95**

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Heather Scott

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Designed to engage even the most reluctant reader, this fun-packed Clone Wars Reader is all about your child's favourite heroine, Ahsoka. They'll find out all about Ahsoka's adventures under the wing of different Jedi's – Anakin, Luminara Unduli and Plo Koon – and see how she learns to trust her Jedi instincts and to work as part of a team.

Packed with pictures from The Clone Wars series, it's an out-of-this-world read. And don't forget, there's a galaxy-full of DK Star Wars books to collect. **PB \$9.95**

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Troy Denning

Luke and Ben Skywalker arrive in the mysterious part of space called The Maw in search of more clues as to what caused Jacen Solo's downfall into the dark side. But they are not the only ones exploring The Maw: a Sith Master and her apprentice arrive there, too, having followed the delinquent ancient Sith ship found by Ben in The Legacy of the Force - and they're thrilled to find Luke there, because they are determined to kill him. But there's another powerful being hiding in The Maw.

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Ethan Gilsdorf

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This core rulebook for the Dungeons & Dragons Roleplaying Game features advice and rules for Dungeon Masters of all levels of experience, with a particular focus on running adventures and campaigns in the paragon tier (levels 11–20).

It includes advanced encounter-building tools (including traps and skill challenges), storytelling tips to bring your game to life, new monster frameworks to help you craft the perfect villain, example campaign arcs, a comprehensive look at skill challenges, and a detailed “home base” for paragon-tier adventurers—the interplanar city of Sigil. **HC \$50**

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Earthdawn 3E

Earthdawn GameMasters Companion 3E

Before science, before history, an era of magic existed in our world's dim past. Magic flowed freely, touching every aspect of the lives of men and women of the Namegiver races. It was an age of heroes, an age of fantastical deeds and mythical stories. It was the Age of Legend. Now, bold heroes from across Barsaive band together to fight for life and freedom against the remaining Horrors and the oppressive Theran Empire, which seeks to bend the rebellious province again to their yoke. Through noble deeds and sacrifice, the heroes of the world forge Barsaive's future, arming themselves for their daunting task with powerful magical spells and treasures. *Earthdawn* is a roleplaying game set in a world of high adventure, high magic, and terrible danger. The Gamemaster's Companion expands the rules in the Gamemaster's Guide, providing new game mechanics, extended setting material, and adding more creatures, dragons, Horrors, spirits, and unique magical treasures! **\$63**

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Creation is lorded over by the mighty Exalted, but even the numerous Dragon-Blooded are as but a drop of water in the teeming sea of humanity. Most of these folk live simple lives, endeavoring to stay beneath the notice of the various supernatural beings who threaten to end or at least complicate their lives. Some few, however, rise above the masses that surround them to confront the dangers of their world head. These are mankind's heroes. **HC \$41**

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Lin Anderson

Final Cut

Where the hell had the kid found a human skull? McNab heard an intake of breath behind him as someone else made out the shape in the torchlight. A metre away now, McNab crouched on a level with the child. 'Where did you find that, Emma?' he said softly. She stared at him. 'I was lost. I heard them calling me.' When Claire regains consciousness after a stranger causes her car to crash in a snowstorm, she is frantic to discover her nine-year-old daughter Emma missing from the back seat. Then Emma is found in the woods nearby, unharmed but cradling a child's skull. She claims it 'called to her' - and she can hear another voice nearby. Meanwhile, forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod is trying to discover the identity of a corpse found badly burned in a skip. The body is wearing a soldier's ID tag, but DNA tests show it's not him. When DS Michael McNab asks for her help identifying the remains Emma found, they discover the two cases are linked in ways they could never have imagined... **TP \$32.99**

Suzanne Arruda

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The fifth in the series places the intrepid photojournalist Jade del Cameron on a safari for a Hollywood film shoot, but a stabbing and a suicide on set convinces Jade that that killer is at work. **HC \$51.95**

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Investigating the suspicious death of a legendary private investigator, down-and-out East Village detective Payton Sherwood finds herself on the train of a runaway investment scam artist, a drug-addicted reality television star, and a mysterious beauty. **PB \$17.95**

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Presumed dead, a group of undergraduate students who go missing on a deserted Pacific island emerge one year later in two groups of ragged (and naked) survivors. All but one of the surviving women are pregnant, and two students, plus their professor, are said to have died. More disturbingly, a child that was born on the island to one of the girls has perished too. In the glare of the world's media, every survivor sticks to the same unconvincing version of events.

Piece-by-piece the narrator examines the evidence and conducts interviews with the survivors, to work out exactly what happened on the island during that year. Slowly, a terrifying picture emerges of feral human beings stripped of dignity and resorting to the behaviour of warring primates. Rivalry and sexual tension leads to division, tribalism, perversion, rape, baby-snatching, and eventually murder ... a *Lord of the Flies* scenario for adults, proving the dead professor's theory that human beings are no different from chimpanzees in the wild. **PB \$27.95**

David Baldacci

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Following the instant #1 New York Times bestseller *Stone Cold*, Oliver Stone and the Camel Club return in David Baldacci's most astonishing thriller yet.

Known by his alias, "Oliver Stone," John Carr is the most wanted man in America. With two pulls of the trigger, the men who destroyed Stone's life and kept him in the shadows were finally silenced.

But his freedom comes at a steep price: The assassinations he carried out prompt the highest levels of the U. S. government to unleash a massive manhunt. Yet behind the scenes, master spy Macklin Hayes is playing a very personal game of cat and mouse. He, more than anyone else, wants John Carr dead. With their friend and unofficial leader in hiding, the members of the Camel Club risk everything to save him. Now as the hunters close in, Stone's flight from the demons of his past will take him from the power corridors of Washington, D.C., to the coal-mining town of Divine, Virginia-and into a world every bit as bloody and lethal as the one he left behind. **PB \$21.95**

Linwood Barclay

Too Close to Home

When the Cutter family's next-door-neighbours, the Langleys, are gunned down in their house one hot August night, the Cutters' world is turned upside down. That violent death should have come so close to them is shocking enough in suburban Promise Falls, but at least the Cutters can console themselves with the thought that lightning is unlikely to strike twice in the same place. Unless, of course, the killers went to the wrong house...At first the idea seems crazy - but each of the Cutter family has a secret they'd rather keep buried. What was on that old computer teenage Derek and his friend Adam Langley had salvaged? And where is it now? What hold does a local professor and bestselling author have on Eileen Cutter? And what does Jim Cutter know about Mrs Langley that even her husband didn't? To find out who killed the Langleys and why, everybody's secrets are going to have to come out. But the final secret - the secret that could save them or destroy them - is in the one place nobody would ever think of looking... **BPB \$22.99**

Beverly Barton

Silent Killer

Returning to her Alabama home eighteen months after her husband's unsolved murder, Cathy teams up with deputy sheriff Jackson to investigate clues that suggest that an increasingly violent serial killer is responsible. **PB \$17.95**

Josh Bazell

Beat the Reaper

Dr. Peter Brown is an intern at Manhattan's worst hospital, with a talent for medicine, a shift from hell, and a past he'd prefer to keep hidden. Whether it's a blocked circumflex artery or a plan to land a massive malpractice suit, he knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men.

Pietro "Bearclaw" Brwna is a hitman for the mob, with a genius for violence, a well-earned fear of sharks, and an overly close relationship with the Federal Witness Relocation Program. More likely to leave a trail of dead gangsters than a molecule of evidence, he's the last person you want to see in your hospital room.

Nicholas LoBrutto, aka Eddy Squillante, is Dr. Brown's new patient, with three months to live and a very strange idea: that Peter Brown and Pietro Brwna might-just might-be the same person ...

Now, with the mob, the government, and death itself descending on the hospital, Peter has to buy time and do whatever it takes to keep his patients, himself, and his last shot at redemption alive. To get through the next eight hours-and somehow beat the reaper.

Spattered in adrenaline-fueled action and bone-saw-sharp dialogue, BEAT THE REAPER is a debut thriller so utterly original you won't be able to guess what happens next, and so shockingly entertaining you won't be able to put it down. **TP \$30.95**

M C Beaton

A Spoonful of Poison (Agatha Raisin Mystery)

Agatha Raisin's detective agency has become so successful that now all she wants is some R&R. But as soon as she cuts back her hours, Agatha remembers that when she has too much quality time, she doesn't know what to do with it. So it doesn't take much for the vicar of a nearby village to persuade her to help publicize the church fête—especially when the fair's organizer, George Selby, happens to be a gorgeous widower. Problem is: Several of the offerings in the jam-tasting booth turn out to be poisoned...and the festive family event soon becomes a murder scene. Now Agatha must uncover the truth behind the jam tampering and expose the nasty secrets lurking in the seemingly innocent village—all while falling for handsome George, who may just have some secrets of his own. **PB \$17.95**

James Becker

The Moses Stone

AN ANCIENT CODE

A clay tablet covered in ancient writing is found by an English couple in Morocco. A day later they are dead, killed in a car crash. But where is the relic they died to protect?

A SINISTER SECRET

Determined to uncover a secret that's endured for two millennia, Chris Bronson follows a trail of clues that lead him from the hustle of a Moroccan souk to the deserted caves of Qumran; from the sinister echoes of a water-filled tunnel under the city of Jerusalem to a windswept fortress whose name spells death.

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Threatened on every side by violent extremists, Bronson is plunged into a mystery rooted in biblical times. For the stone he must find is older and far more dangerous than he could ever have imagined **PB \$21.95**

Larry Beinhart

Salvation Boulevard

A professor is dead. A suspect—who has confessed—is in custody. But nothing is what it seems. The dead man is an atheist, the accused an Islamic foreign student, the defense attorney a Jew, and the detective a Born Again Christian. As the detective gets deeper and deeper into the investigation of the death of the professor, his most basic beliefs and relationships are tried, his world is turned upside down. And yet he can't stop searching for the real killer and the truth—no matter what the personal cost. **TP \$32.95**

Richard Belzer

I Am Not A Cop! In this captivating, often hilarious debut mystery, one of the great comedians of our time blends fact with fiction, as law & order: svu's richard belzer's off-camera persona comes to life on the page, employing investigative know-how and comedic timing in equal measure to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a trusted friend.

When Richard Belzer meets Rudy Markovich, nyc medical examiner, for dinner in Brighton Beach, he has little reason to expect anything more than a friendly bull session. But in the next twenty-four hours Belzer finds himself in the middle of a vicious street brawl, splashed across the tabloid headlines as an out-of-control celeb, and fearing for the life of his good pal Rudy -- who police assume is sleeping at the bottom of the East River.

As Belzer finds himself increasingly required to call upon the resources he taps to portray Detective Munch on nbc, he maintains his sense of humor and carries us along on a rollicking ride through the underworld of New York City. With Rudy kidnapped, or worse, it falls to The Belz to track him down and solve the riddle to the vanishing act.

The lives of Detective Munch and Richard Belzer collide and mesh in *I Am Not a Cop!* as one of America's great comics and TV cops brings all of his talents to bear in book form and provides a triumph of the mystery genre. **TP \$28.95**

Patrick Bishop

Good War

Adam Tomaszewski is a Polish airman, flying Hurricanes alongside British pilots as the Battle of Britain rages in the summer skies over Kent and Sussex. Facing death daily and far from his friends and family, Adam finds himself drawn to a maverick Irish soldier called Gerry Cunningham. 'You're out of luck, brother,' are the first words Gerry says when they meet in the crush of men competing for the few women at a dance in a seaside hotel, but when Gerry betrays his lover Moira, Adam's fortunes seem to have changed. For the next four years, Adam's life and Gerry's are intertwined like good luck and bad, love and loss, life and death, their paths crossing at various points on Adam's perilous journey from the ruins of Poland to the rolling English countryside, from Egypt to Occupied France. A hauntingly evocative picture of wartime Britain, a twisting drama of fighting behind enemy lines, a compelling, suspenseful love story, A GOOD WAR proves Patrick Bishop - already acclaimed as a great historian of the war in the air - to be a superbly gifted novelist. **BPB \$22.99**

Lisa Black

Evidence of Murder

Coping with her fiancé's death, Cleveland forensic investigator Theresa MacLean probes the death of Jillian Perry, in what police think may be a suicide, leaving behind a husband and infant daughter; but Theresa thinks it was murder, as does Jillian's ex-boyfriend, who fears the baby girl may be the next victim. **HC \$51.95**

Michael A Black

Hostile Takeovers

When tensions between two rival drug lords escalate onto the streets of Cook County, Sergeant Frank Leal and his former partner, Olivia Hart, investigate the murder of one of their informants and realize that the adversaries would fight to the death. **PB \$19.95**

Gyles Brandreth

Oscar Wilde and the Dead Man's Smile (Oscar Wilde)

Playwright and raconteur Oscar Wilde embarks on another adventure as he sets sail for America in the 1880s on a roller coaster of a lecture tour. But the adventure doesn't truly begin until Oscar boards an ocean liner headed back across the Atlantic and joins a motley crew led by French impresario Edmond La Grange. As Oscar becomes entangled with the La Grange acting dynasty, he suspects that all is not as it seems. What begins with a curious death at sea soon escalates to a series of increasingly macabre tragedies once the troupe arrives in Paris to perform Hamlet. A strange air of indifference surrounds these seemingly random events, inciting Oscar to dig deeper, aided by his friends Robert Sherard and the divine Sarah Bernhardt. What he discovers is a horrifying secret -- one that may bring him closer to his own last chapter than anyone could have imagined. As intelligent as it is beguiling, this third installment in the richly historical mystery series is sure to captivate and entertain. **TP \$28.95**

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Kylie Brant

Waking Nightmare (Mindhunter 01)

His patience tested by the methods of brilliant criminologist and forensic profiler Abbie Phillips, Savannah detective Ryne Robel reluctantly teams up with Abbie to track down a serial rapist whose seemingly random acts of torture are calculated to match each victim's darkest fears. **PB \$19.95**

Allison Brennan

Cutting Edge (FBI 03)

When a top engineering executive is murdered and his office torched, the firm's security expert Duke Rogan is determined to get the bottom of the assault himself. He pulls every string he has to be assigned as a civilian consultant to the FBI's joint task force, headed up by Nora English, who at first believes the attack to be a simple case of domestic terrorism. But the autopsy is strange: the man died from multiple knife wounds - not stab wounds - and slowly bled to death with no bones or organs punctured. And when another body is found with the same MO, this one a high-ranking government official, Nora begins to believe something far more evil is at work. Especially as her number one suspect has already been taken out of the equation... **TP \$32.99**

Suzanne Brockmann

Dark of Night (Troubleshooters 14)

Badly shaken after the loss of one of their own, the men and women of Troubleshooters Inc. go up against their most deadly opponent's yet - the clandestine organisation, The Agency. Blackmail, extortion, murder: The Agency's black-ops sector will stop at nothing to achieve their objective. But this time they've gone too far and hit too close to home and the Troubleshooters are out for revenge. Led by former Navy SEAL Lawrence Decker, a team of investigators - from FBI agent Jules Cassidy and former CIA operative Dave Malkoff, to Troubleshooters Sophia Ghaffari, Tess Bailey and receptionist Tracy Shapiro - band together to uncover the truth, and bring the killers to justice. But the stakes are raised even higher when Decker barely escapes an attempt on his life. It soon becomes clear that the hunters have become the hunted - and the Troubleshooters are no longer just solving a crime - they're fighting for survival. **PB \$19.99**

Hot Pursuit (Troubleshooters 15)

In Suzanne Brockmann's latest thriller the Troubleshooters are on the trail of a serial killer targeting a New York politician. Troubleshooters Inc.'s second-in-command, Alyssa Locke, is juggling her stressful leadership position with her new baby and her husband (and work subordinate), former Navy SEAL Sam Starrett. So when she takes on the seemingly simple assignment of providing personal protection to a state congresswoman from New York who has been receiving a series of threatening emails and letters, it seems a welcome break from her normal routine. In New York Alyssa receives several disturbing messages from the Dentist, a serial killer she has relentlessly pursued for years, and she soon realises that the congresswoman has been drawn into the killer's game. Then one of the congresswoman's aides goes missing and Alyssa must take drastic action to protect those closest to her. As the Dentist's true target, Alyssa is going to use herself as bait to catch the devious killer. But can she capture the Dentist before he finds his way to her? **TP \$29.99**

Sandra Brown

Smash Cut

Death imitating art: When a prominent Atlanta businessman is shot and killed during an armed robbery, it appears to be a situation of wrong place, wrong time. But his friend Julie Rutledge believes differently and sets out to prove that it was murder, orchestrated by the victim's nephew, Creighton Wheeler. Representing him is famed defense lawyer Derek Mitchell, who soon realizes that his client is as depraved as Julie claims, that Creighton doesn't just enjoy movies, he reenacts them - and that he's made Julie and Derek his unwilling co-stars. **TP \$32.99**

James Lee Burke

Rain Gods

Texas Sheriff Hackberry Holland is a former ACLU attorney and Korean War prisoner and the cousin of none other than beloved Burke character Billy Bob Holland. Running from a traumatic and chequered past to become sheriff of a dried-out, broken-down border town in south Texas, Hackberry soon finds himself dealing with more than just his own demons after nine dead prostitutes are dug up in the desert. The page-turner that ensues, told with characteristic Burkian panache, pits Hack against hired guns, unscrupulous skin bar owners, drug dealers who operate on both sides of the border and more.

Burke deftly combines intricate, engaging plotlines and original, compelling characters with his uniquely graceful prose. **TP \$32.99**

Swan Peak

After the devastating events recounted in *THE TIN ROOF BLOWDOWN*, Dave Robicheaux and his ex-partner in Homicide, Cleve Purcel, head for the mountains and trout streams of Montana for some much-needed healing. However, while Montana might seem an unspoiled paradise peopled by men and women from an earlier, more innocent time in American history, Dave and Cleve soon find that there are plenty of serpents in the garden too. The deaths of a couple of hikers suggest a perverted serial killer may be at work, while an escaped jailbird and his former tormentor are locked in a savage dance of revenge that is ultimately connected to the fortunes of a wealthy oil family hiding a terrible secret... **BPB \$22.99**

The Tin Roof Blowdown

New Orleans is awash with corpses after Hurricane Katrina unleashes its awesome power. In a city patrolled only by looters, all law and order gone, the survivors wait in trees or on rooftops for help that never comes. In a landscape transformed into a violent wasteland, Dave Robicheaux must investigate the shooting of two looters and find out why some very dangerous people are hunting a third. Is it because they unwittingly ransacked the house of a notorious mob boss? Or did a chance encounter with the father of a raped girl seal their fate? As Robicheaux starts to uncover a ruthless tale of greed, torture and murder, his own family comes under threat from a sinister psychopath and the devastated city provides the perfect stage for a final confrontation between good and evil. **PB \$22.99**

Bob Burke

The Third Pig Detective Agency

Harry Pigg, the only surviving brother from the Big Bad Wolf attacks, has set up business as a private detective in Grimm town, only things aren't going too well. Down on his luck, with bills to pay and no clients in sight the outlook is poor. But then he meets local businessman Aladdin who needs someone to help him track down an old lamp. What follows is a case of nursery rhyme-noir. Funny, thrilling and always entertaining, Harry Pigg is an old breed of hero for a new generation. It's as if Humphrey Bogart or James Cagney had walked into the middle of a bedtime story. Although written for older children, Harry Pigg will appeal to grown ups as well with plenty of in-jokes for all ages. **BPB \$24.99**

Chelsea Cain

Evil at Heart

Chelsea Cain's novels featuring Portland detective Archie Sheridan and serial killer Gretchen Lowell have captivated fans through two nail-biting entries, *Heartsick* and *Sweetheart*, both of them multiweek bestsellers in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Publishers Weekly*.

Gretchen Lowell is still on the loose. These days, she's more of a cause célèbre than a feared killer, thanks to sensationalist news coverage that has made her a star. Her face graces magazine covers weekly and there have been sightings of her around the world. Most shocking of all, Portland Herald reporter Susan Ward has uncovered a bizarre kind of fan club, which celebrates the number of days she's been free.

Archie Sheridan hunted her for a decade, and after his last ploy to catch her went spectacularly wrong, remains hospitalized months later. When they last spoke, they entered a détente of sorts---Archie agreed not to kill himself if she agreed not to kill anyone else. But when a new body is found accompanied by Gretchen's trademark heart, all bets are off and Archie is forced back into action. Has the Beauty Killer returned to her gruesome ways, or has the cult surrounding her created a whole new evil?

Chelsea Cain continues to deliver heart-stopping thrills and chills in the latest entry in this dynamic bestselling series. **HC \$51.95**

Sweetheart

Portland detective Archie Sheridan, the former head of the Beauty Killer Task Force, hunted Gretchen Lowell for years before she kidnapped him, tortured him, and then let him go. Now that she is behind bars, Archie is finally piecing his life back together. He's returned home to his ex-wife and their two children. But no matter how hard Archie tries, he just can't stop thinking about Gretchen...

When the body of a young woman is discovered in Forest Park, Archie is reminded of the first corpse he discovered there a decade ago: it turned out to be the Beauty Killer's first victim, and Archie's first case. Then, the unthinkable happens: Gretchen escapes from prison, and once the news breaks, all of Portland goes on high alert...but secretly, Archie is relieved. He knows he's the only one who can capture Gretchen—and now he has a plan to get out from under her thumb once and for all. Even if it means becoming her last victim... **PB \$19.95**

Nick Cave

The Death of Bunny Munro

Set adrift by his wife's suicide and struggling to keep a grip on reality, Bunny Munro does the only thing he can think of: with his young son in tow, he hits the road. To his son, waiting patiently in the car while his father peddles beauty wares and quickies to lonely housewives in the south of England, Bunny is a hero, larger than life. But Bunny himself, haunted by what might be his wife's ghost, seems only dimly aware of his son's existence.

When his bizarre trip shades into a final reckoning, when he can no longer be sure what is real and what is not, Bunny finally begins to recognize the love he feels for his son. And he sees that the revenants of his world—decrepit fathers, vengeful ghosts, jealous husbands and horned psychokillers—are lurking in the shadows, waiting to exact their toll.

At turns dark and humane, *The Death of Bunny Munro* is a tender portrait of the relationship between a boy and his father, with all the wit and enigma that fans will recognize as Nick Cave's singular vision. **HC \$49.95**

Dan Chaon

Await Your Reply

While Miles pursues elusive letters and clues in a perpetual search for his missing twin, Ryan struggles with the discovery that he is adopted, and Lucy finds her daring escape from her hometown posing unexpectedly dangerous consequences. **HC \$51.95**

Alys Clare

Out of the Dawn Light

A brand new medieval mystery from the author of the Hawkenlye series - England, 1087. On her sister's wedding day, Lassair meets an attractive and enigmatic stranger who brings a breath of the fascinating outside world to her backwater Fenland village. When he asks Lassair to use her unique talents to help locate a mysterious treasure she accepts, despite the dangers. But this is no ordinary treasure hunt; the object of the perilous search is five hundred years old and has a terrifying power of its own . . . **HC \$56.95**

Red Bones

When a young archaeologist discovers a set of human remains, the locals are intrigued. Is it an ancient find—or a more contemporary mystery? Then an elderly woman is fatally shot and Ann Cleeves's popular series detective Jimmy Perez is called in. As claustrophobic mists swirl around the island, Inspector Perez finds himself totally in the dark. **HC \$51.95**

Alan Clements

Rogue Nation

The year is 2014. The Republicans have re-conquered the White House, the Conservatives have just won a second term at Westminster and hardliners dominate Russia. In a small corner of north-western Europe, the Scots have just narrowly voted for independence, a decision they immediately regret.

Following the referendum, George Wallace, friend and Senior Special Adviser to Scotland's First Minister, is desperately struggling to stem financial meltdown and political turmoil when help appears from an unlikely source. He can save Scotland, but at what price for his family and his nation?

As the body count mounts, the action switches from the White House to the Kremlin, and from Westminster to Holyrood. George is forced to choose between love and belief, between loyalty and morality.

As the 100-day countdown to independence accelerates to a shattering climax, George must decide who he can truly trust – and which nation is really the rogue. **TP \$36.95**

Margaret Coel

The Silent Spirit (Wind River Mystery)

Father John O'Malley and Vicky Holden investigate the murder of an Arapaho Indian from the Wind River Reservation, who was in Hollywood trying to uncover the mystery of his great-grandfather's disappearance while filming a 1923 Western. **HC \$51.95**

Blood Memory

Targeted for assassination after doing a story on an attempt on the part of the Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes to file a claim on their ancestral lands, Denver investigative reporter Catherine McLeod uncovers a dangerous conspiracy involving her ex-husband's wealthy family and state politicians, as well as some startling facts about her own heritage. **PB \$19.95**

Jan Coffey

Blind Eye

Counting down to a Chernobyl-scale disaster, the clock starts now...

Tick...Scientist Marion Kagan is the sole survivor after gunmen attack the facility where her team was working on a top secret project. Wounded and trapped in a collapsed building, Marion must stop radioactive test samples from leaking out and killing millions.

Tick...In a Connecticut psychiatric hospital, Marion's twin sister, who has been in a comalike state for years, begins to thrash violently in her bed. When an experimental program is used on her to read the images of her brain, researchers are shocked at what they find.

Tick...An American soldier just back from Iraq is searching for direction in his life. While he watches the news about the research facility explosion, he is unaware that fate has just chosen a direction for him—straight into a deadly game of international corporate intrigue. **PB \$19.95**

Michael Connelly

A Darkness More Than Light

Harry Bosch is up to his neck in a case that has transfixed all of celebrity-mad Los Angeles: a movie director is charged with murdering an actress during sex, and then staging her death to make it look like a suicide. Bosch is both the arresting officer and the star witness in a trial that has brought the Hollywood media pack out in full-throated frenzy.

Meanwhile, Terry McCaleb is enjoying an idyllic retirement on Catalina Island when a visit from an old colleague brings his former world rushing back. It's a murder, the unreadable kind of murder he specialized in solving back in his FBI days. The investigation has stalled, and the sheriff's office is asking McCaleb to take a quick look at the murder book to see if he turns up something they've missed.

McCaleb's first reading of the crime scene leads him to look for a methodical killer with a taste for rituals and revenge. As his quick look accelerates into a full-sprint investigation, the two crimes - his murdered loner and Bosch's movie director - begin to overlap strangely. With one unsettling revelation after another, they merge, becoming one impossible, terrifying case, involving almost inconceivable calculation. McCaleb believes he has unmasked the most frightening killer ever to cross his sights. But his investigation tangles with Bosch's lines, and the two men find themselves at odds in the most dangerous investigation of their lives. **BPB \$22.99**

Blood Work

In Blood Work, Connelly introduces a new character, Terry McCaleb, who was a top man at the FBI until a heart ailment forced his early retirement. Now he lives a quiet life, nursing his new heart and restoring the boat on which he lives in Los Angeles Harbor. Although he isn't looking for any excitement, when Graciela Rivers asks him to investigate her sister Gloria's death, her story hooks him immediately: the new heart beating in McCaleb's chest is Gloria's. As McCaleb investigates the evidence in the case, the suspected randomness of the crime gives way to an unsettling suspicion of a twisted intelligence behind the murder. Soon McCaleb finds himself on the trail of a killer more horrifying than anything he ever encountered before. **BPB \$22.99**

Chasing The Dime

Would you risk your life for a woman you'd never met?

Henry Pierce has a whole new life - new apartment, new telephone, new telephone number. But the first time he checks his messages, he discovers that someone had the number before him. The messages on his line are for a woman named Lilly, and she is in some kind of serious trouble. Pierce is inexorably drawn into Lilly's world, and it's unlike any world he's ever known. It is a nighttime world of escort services, websites, sex, and secret identities. Pierce tumbles through a hole, abandoning his orderly life in a frantic race to save the life of a woman he has never met.

Pierce's skills as a computer entrepreneur allow him to trace Lilly's last days with some precision. But every step into Lilly's past takes Pierce deeper into a web of inescapable intricacy - and a decision that could cost him everything he owns and holds dear. **BPB \$22.99**

Michael Connelly

Angel's Flight

When the body of high profile black lawyer Howard Elias is found inside one of the cars on Angels Flight, a cable railway in downtown Los Angeles, there's not a detective in the city who wants to touch the case. For Elias specialized in lawsuits alleging police brutality, racism, and corruption, and every LAPD cop is a possible suspect in his killing.

Detective Harry Bosch is put in charge. Elias's murder occurred on the eve of a major trial: on behalf of black client, Michael Harris, Elias was to bring a civil case against the LAPD for violent interrogation tactics that had caused his client the partial loss of his hearing. Harris had been acquitted of the rape and murder of a twelve-year-old girl, but many, including Bosch, believe him guilty. Elias had let it be known that the trial would serve a dual purpose - to target and bring down the guilty cops and to expose the real murderer of the little girl. Post Rodney King, the 1992 riots, and the trial of O.J. Simpson, the City of Angels is living on its nerves. To discover the truth Harry must dig deep in his own backyard - except that it's a minefield of suspicion and hate that could detonate in his face.

And as if he didn't have enough on his mind, his happiness with Eleanor Wish looks to be short-lived. Five cards on the felt are pulling her back to a place where Harry cannot follow, back to herself. **BPB \$22.99**

City of Bones

On New Year's Day, Detective Harry Bosch fields a call that a dog has found a bone - a bone that the dog's owner, a doctor, feels certain is a human bone. Bosch investigates, and that chance discovery leads him to a shallow grave in the Hollywood hills, evidence of a murder committed more than twenty years earlier. It's a cold case, but it stirs up Bosch's memories of his own childhood as an orphan in the city. He can't let it go. Digging through police reports and hospital records, tracking down street kids and runaways from the 1970s, Bosch finds a family ripped apart by an absence - and a trail, ever more tenuous, into a violent, terrifying world.

As the case takes Bosch deeper into the past, a rookie cop named Julia Brasher brings him alive in the present in a way no one has in years. Bosch has been warned about the trouble that comes with dating a rookie, but no warning could withstand the heat between them - or prepare Bosch for the explosions when the case takes a hard turn. A suspect bolts, a cop is shot, and suddenly Bosch's cold case has all of L.A. in an uproar - and Bosch fighting to keep control in a lawless and brutal showdown.

The investigation races to a shocking conclusion and leaves Bosch on the brink of an unimaginable decision - one that will leave readers hungrily awaiting for the next Bosch novel. **BPB \$22.99**

Echo Park

In 1993, Marie Gesto disappeared after walking out of a supermarket in Hollywood. Fearing the worst, the case was elevated by LAPD commanders from the missing persons squad to the Homicide Division, where Harry Bosch was assigned the case. But the 22-year-old woman never turned up - dead or alive - and it was a case Bosch couldn't crack.

Thirteen years later Bosch is in the Open-Unsolved Unit when he gets a call from the DA's office. A man accused of two heinous killings is willing to come clean in regard to several other murders in a deal to avoid the death penalty. One of those murders, he says, is the killing of Marie Gesto. Bosch is now assigned to take Raynard Waits' confession and to make sure the killer is not scamming authorities to avoid a date with death.

In confirming the confession Bosch must get close to the man he has sought for thirteen years. Bosch's whole being as a cop begins to crack when he comes to realise that he and his partner missed a clue back in 1993 that could have led them to Waits and would have stopped the nine murders that followed the killing of Marie Gesto. **BPB \$22.99**

The Black Echo

LAPD detective Harry Bosch is a loner and a nighthawk. One Sunday he gets a call out on his pager. A body has been found in a drainage tunnel off Mulholland Drive, Hollywood.

At first sight, it looks like a routine drugs overdose case, but the one new puncture wound amidst the scars of old tracks leaves Bosch unconvinced. To make matters worse, Harry Bosch recognises the victim. Billy Meadows was a fellow 'tunnel rat' in Vietnam, running against the VC and the fear they all used to call the Black Echo.

Bosch believes he let down Billy Meadows once before, so now he is determined to bring the killer to justice. **BPB \$22.99**

The Black Ice

When a body is found in a hotel room, the press soon pick up on the case: it appears to be the body of a missing LAPD narcotics officer, apparently gone to the bad. The rumours were that he had been selling a new drug called Black Ice that had been infiltrating Los Angeles from Mexico.

The LAPD are quick to declare the death as a suicide, but Harry Bosch is not so sure. There are odd, unexplained details from the crime scene which just don't add up. Fighting an attraction to the cop's widow, Bosh starts his own maverick investigation, which soon leads him over the borders, and into a dangerous world of shifting identities and deadly corruption... **BPB \$22.99**

The Brass Verdict

Things are finally looking up for defense attorney Mickey Haller. After two years of wrong turns, Haller is back in the courtroom. When Hollywood lawyer Jerry Vincent is murdered, Haller inherits his biggest case yet: the defense of Walter Elliott, a prominent studio executive accused of murdering his wife and her lover. But as Haller prepares for the case that could launch him into the big time, he learns that Vincent's killer may be coming for him next.

Enter Harry Bosch. Determined to find Vincent's killer, he is not opposed to using Haller as bait. But as danger mounts and the stakes rise, these two loners realize their only choice is to work together.

Bringing together Michael Connelly's two most popular characters, *The Brass Verdict* is sure to be his biggest book yet. **PB \$21.95**

The Closers

After three years out of the LAPD, Harry Bosch returns, to find the department a different place from the one he left. A new Police Chief has been brought over from New York to give the place a thorough clean up from top to bottom. Working with his former partner, Kiz Rider, Harry is assigned to the department's Open-Unsolved Unit, working on the thousands of cold cases that haunt the LAPD's files. These detectives are the Closers - they put a shovel in the dirt and turn over the past. By applying new techniques to old evidence they aim to unearth some hidden killers and bring them to justice, for 'a city that forgets its murder victims is a city lost.'

Harry and Kiz are given a politically sensitive case when a DNA match connects a white supremacist to the 1988 murder of Rebecca Verloren, a sixteen-year-old girl. Becky was of mixed race, and the case appears to have a racial angle. This was LA before the riots and Rodney King; the city was a powder keg waiting for a match. The detectives who worked the case all those years ago seem to have done a decent job, but something doesn't fit. Meanwhile Harry's nemesis, Deputy Chief Irving, is watching him. In the new 'clean' LAPD Irving has been sidelined to a meaningless job. Compelled by vengeance, he hopes that Harry will make a slip. **BPB \$22.99**

Michael Connelly

The Concrete Blonde

They called him the Dollmaker ... The serial killer who stalked Los Angeles and left a grisly calling card on the faces of his female victims. With a single faultless shot, Detective Harry Bosch thought he had ended the city's nightmare.

Now, the dead man's widow is suing Harry and the LAPD for killing the wrong man - an accusation that rings terrifyingly true when a new victim is discovered with the Dollmaker's macabre signature.

Now, for the second time, Harry must hunt down a death-dealer who is very much alive, before he strikes again. It's a blood-tracked quest that will take Harry from the hard edges of the L.A. night to the last place he ever wanted to go - the darkness of his own heart.

With *The Concrete Blonde*, Edgar Award-winning author Michael Connelly has hit a whole new level in his career, creating a breathtaking thriller that thrusts you into a blistering courtroom battle - and a desperate search for a sadistic killer. **BPB \$22.99**

The Last Coyote

Michael Connelly's fourth novel cuts to the very core of Harry Bosch's character, as he is drawn to investigate a thirty-year-old unsolved crime: the murder of his mother.

Harry's life is a mess. His house has been condemned because of earthquake damage. His girlfriend has left him. He's drinking too much. And he's even had to turn in his badge: he attacked his commanding officer and is suspended indefinitely pending a psychiatric evaluation.

At first Bosch, resists the LAPD shrink, but finally he recognizes that something is troubling him, a force that may have shaped his entire life. In 1961, when Harry was eleven, his mother was brutally murdered. No one was ever even accused of the crime. Harry opens up the decades-old file on the case and is irresistibly drawn into a past he has always avoided. It's clear that the case was fumbled. His mother was a prostitute, and even thirty years late the smell of a cover-up is unmistakable. Someone powerful was able to keep the investigating officers away from key suspects. Even as he confronts his own shame about his mother, Harry relentlessly follows up the old evidence, seeking justice or at least understanding. Out of the broken pieces of the case he discerns a trail that leads upward, toward prominent people who lead public lives high in the Hollywood hills. And as he nears his answer, Harry finds that ancient passions don't die. They cause new murders even today. **BPB \$22.99**

The Lincoln Lawyer

Mickey Haller has spent all his professional life afraid that he wouldn't recognize innocence if it stood right in front of him. But what he should have been on the watch for was evil.

Haller is a Lincoln Lawyer, a criminal defense attorney who operates out of the back seat of his Lincoln Town Car, traveling between the far-flung courthouses of Los Angeles to defend clients of every kind. Bikers, con artists, drunk drivers, drug dealers - they're all on Mickey Haller's client list. For him, the law is rarely about guilt or innocence - it's about negotiation and manipulation. Sometimes it's even about justice.

A Beverly Hills playboy arrested for attacking a woman he picked up in a bar chooses Haller to defend him, and Mickey has his first high-paying client in years. It is a defense attorney's dream, what they call a franchise case. And as the evidence stacks up, Haller comes to believe this may be the easiest case of his career.

Then someone close to him is murdered and Haller discovers that his search for innocence has brought him face-to-face with evil as pure as a flame. To escape without being burned, he must deploy every tactic, feint, and instinct in his arsenal - this time to save his own life. **BPB \$22.99**

The Narrows

Former FBI agent Rachel Walling is working a dead-end stint in South Dakota when she gets the call she's been dreading for four years. The Poet is back. And he has not forgotten Rachel. He has a special present for her.

Harry Bosch is adjusting to life in Las Vegas as a private investigator and as a new father. He gets a call, too, from the widow of a friend who died recently. Previously in his FBI career, the friend worked on the famous case tracking the killer known as The Poet. This fact alone makes some of the elements of his death doubly suspicious. And Harry Bosch is heading straight into the path of the most ruthless and inventive murderer he has ever encountered ... **BPB \$22.99**

The Overlook

In his first case since he left the LAPD's Open Unsolved Unit for the prestigious Homicide Special squad, Harry Bosch is called out to investigate a murder that may have chilling consequences for national security.

A doctor with access to a dangerous radioactive substance is found murdered on the overlook above the Mulholland Dam. Retracing his steps, Harry learns that a large quantity of radioactive cesium was stolen shortly before the doctor's death. With the cesium in unknown hands, Harry fears the murder could be part of a terrorist plot to poison a major American city.

Soon, Bosch is in a race against time, not only against the culprits, but also against the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI (in the form of Harry's one-time lover Rachel Walling), who are convinced that this case is too important for the likes of the LAPD. It is Bosch's job to prove them all wrong.

The *Overlook* was originally serialized in the New York Times Sunday Magazine. This novel includes material that was not published in the magazine, including new characters and more obstacles in Harry Bosch's path. **BPB \$22.99**

The Poet

Jack McEvoy specializes in death. As a crime reporter for the Rocky Mountain News, he has seen every kind of murder. But his professional bravado doesn't lessen the brutal shock of learning that his only brother is dead, a suicide. Jack's brother was a homicide detective, and he had been depressed about a recent murder case, a hideously grisly one, that he'd been unable to solve. McEvoy decides that the best way to exorcise his grief is by writing a feature on police suicides. But when he begins his research, he quickly arrives at a stunning revelation. Following his leads, protecting his sources, muscling his way inside a federal investigation, Jack grabs hold of what is clearly the story of a lifetime. He also knows that in taking on the story, he's making himself the most visible target for a murderer who has eluded the greatest investigators alive. **BPB \$22.99**

Trunk Music

Back on the job after an involuntary leave of absence, LAPD homicide detective Harry Bosch lands his first case: a Hollywood producer found in the trunk of his Rolls-Royce, shot twice in the head. It looks like 'trunk music,' a Mafia hit.

The LAPD's organized crime unit is oddly uninterested, but Harry thinks they're wrong. He follows the money trail from the producer's office to Las Vegas, where he quickly finds evidence of Mafia involvement. But something about the case doesn't add up, and Harry follows a string of odd clues - glitter in the producer's cuffs, an over-the-counter medication in the Rolls' glove box - in a different direction entirely.

Just when Harry thinks he's on firm ground, the bottom falls out. Blind sided again and again, at odds with his superiors, and overwhelmed by a romance that has cropped up in the middle of the case, Harry is as off balance as he's ever been. When the picture finally comes into focus, Harry discovers a scheme many magnitudes more deadly than he imagine - with himself now one of its targets. Running on instincts and nerves, with a short fuse and everything to lose, Harry must prove himself not just by breaking the case, but by surviving it. **BPB \$22.99**

Michael Connelly

Void Moon

Cassie Black has never looked back. She walked away from her life as a criminal after one disastrous night that left the man closest to her dead and her life in a shambles. Now she's thriving at a job selling Porsches to Hollywood hotshots. Through everything - even her darkest moments - she has been able to keep going by holding on to one perfect thing, her greatest secret, dearer to her than life itself.

When that secret is threatened, Cassie tosses her new life away like a bad hand of cards and goes back in a sprint to her old line of work. Her trade was robbing casino gamblers, and she was the very best. Now it's the only way she can make enough money fast to maybe make everything right. Quickly she lines up a mark, a man who has been winning steadily for a week at high-stakes baccarat. The job goes smoothly until she opens his briefcase ... And discovers a world of trouble she never dreamed of. Her superstitious friend who lined up the job says it's the bad-luck void moon having its malignant way. Cassie knows it's worse. She's crossed paths again with her life's nemesis, the man who destroyed everything six years before. He's Jack Karch, a private investigator by day who does bloody work for casino owners by night. Walking back into his sights is the worst thing that's ever happened to Cassie. Getting out alive will take all her skill and luck and faith in that one good thing ... **BPB \$22.99**

Robin Cook

Intervention

A ripped-from-the-headlines medical thriller from the creator of the genre

After performing a post-mortem on a young college student who'd been recently treated by a chiropractor, Jack Stapleton, a New York City medical examiner, decides to explore alternative medicine. What makes people seek help from Eastern philosophies or even faith healers to cure their illnesses?

Meanwhile his old college friend, Shawn Doherty, a renowned archaeologist involved in a dig at St Peter's in Rome, has made a startling discovery with huge ecclesiastical and medical implications.

When Kevin Murray, another old college friend, and now Roman Catholic Bishop of New York, gets wind of Shawn's findings, he's desperate to keep them from the public and to disassociate himself from Shawn. Kevin turns to his old friend Jack to help protect this explosive secret - one with the power to change lives forever. **TP \$32.99**

Elizabeth Spann Craig

Pretty is as Pretty Dies

No one is crying into their tea over Parke Stockard's murder. Certainly not retired schoolteacher Myrtle Clover. Discovering the corpse, Myrtle is struck with a brilliant idea! Solving the murder would prove to everyone that she is still sharp as a tack. Myrtle can't throw a gaudy garden gnome without hitting potential suspects. When another murder takes place, Myrtle forges on--armed only with a heavy cane, a venomous tongue, and her sidekick. **TP \$28.95**

Isis Crawford

A Catered Halloween (Mystery with Recipes)

Hired to cater a charity haunted house at the old Peabody School, sisters Bernadette and Libby Simmons find murder on the menu when the death of wealthy socialite Amethyst Applegate could hold the key to solving the decades-old "accidental" death of a young girl. **PB \$17.95**

Deborah Crombie

Where Memories Lie

Detective Inspector Gemma James and her family are back in their Notting Hill house and enjoying a quiet spring in London when Gemma receives a plea for help from her friend and neighbour, Erika Rosenthal.

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Jeffrey Deaver

Cold Moon

It's the night of the full Cold Moon the month of December according to the lunar calendar. A young man is found dead in lower Manhattan, the first in a series of victims of a man calling himself the Watchmaker. This killer's obsession with time drives him to plan the murders with the precision of fine timepieces, and the victims die prolonged deaths while an eerie clock ticks away their last minutes on earth. Lincoln Rhyme, Amelia Sachs and the rest of the crew are tapped to handle the case and stop the Watchmaker and his partner, Vincent Reynolds, a repulsive character with a special interest in the female victims of the killer. Amelia is not only Lincoln's eyes and ears at crime scenes on the Watchmaker case, but she's now running her own homicide investigation, her first case as lead detective. The policewoman's unwavering efforts in pursuing the killers of a businessman, who left behind a wife and son, sets into motion clockwork gears of its own... **PB \$19.99**

Twelfth Card

Geneva Settle is a bright young high school student from Harlem writing a paper about one of her ancestors, a former slave called Charles Singleton. Geneva is also the target of a ruthless professional killer. Criminalist Lincoln Rhyme and his policewoman partner Amelia Sachs are called into the case, working frantically to anticipate where the hired gun will strike next and how to stop him, all the while trying to get to the truth of Charles Singleton, and the reason that Geneva has been targeted. For Charles Singleton had a secret a secret that may strike at the very heart of the United States constitution, and have disastrous consequences for human rights today. And Sachs is going to have to search a crime scene that's 140 years old before she can stop the killer. **PB \$19.99**

Marianne Delacourt *Australian Author*

Sharp Shooter (Tara Sharp 01)

Introducing Tara Sharp, a fun, feisty, kick-arse crime fighter for fans of Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum.

Tara Sharp should be just another unemployable, twenty-something, ex-private schoolgirl . . . but she has the gift - or curse as she sees it - of reading people's auras. The trouble is, auras sometimes tell you things about people they don't want you to know.

When a family friend recommends Mr Hara's Paralanguage School, Tara decides to give it a whirl - and graduates with flying colours. So when Mr Hara picks up passes on a job for a hot-shot lawyer she jumps at the chance despite some of his less-than-salubrious clients.

Tara should know better than to get involved when she learns the job involves mob boss Johnny Vogue. But she's broke and the magic words 'retainer' and 'bonus' have been mentioned. Soon Tara finds herself sucked into an underworld 'situation' that has her running for her life.

Sharp Shooter is a hilarious, action-packed novel and Tara Sharp is Triple F: Funny. Fast. Feisty. **TP \$29.99**

Michael Dobbs

The Edge of Madness (01)

The world is peering into the terrifying chasm of a new kind of conflict, where computers take over from missiles and global damnation comes at the click of a button. Cyber-warfare: the kind that brings nations to their knees, switching off energy lifelines, crippling the financial markets, starving leaders of authority. An old Russian nuclear reactor goes into Chernobyl-style meltdown, while on the other side of the world, the US Eastern Seaboard is plunged into darkness. Nobody knows -- yet -- who is responsible for the chaos. Hidden from the rest of the world, an extraordinary meeting of the US President, the Russian President and the British Prime Minister is about to take place. They have the weekend to save the world -- and they must do it alone. Meanwhile something serious is going on in Beijing: it looks as though the Chinese are preparing for the final thrust against their old enemies, bringing them to their knees without a single shot being fired... **PB \$19.99**

Paul Doherty

Darkening Glass

Mathilde of Westminster must face a dangerous foe in the third novel in Paul Doherty's acclaimed series. March 1312 and England is divided. Edward II is in conflict with his barons over royal favourite Gaveston, and Queen Isabella is momentarily pregnant with the first union of Plantagenet and Capetian blood. Meanwhile, rebel Robert Bruce prowls the Scottish border seeking advancement. Mathilde of Westminster senses a challenge for the throne is imminent. When the great Earls step up their campaign, the King and Queen are forced to flee to a fortified priory in Tynemouth, now vulnerable to the Scottish marauders on land and Bruce's allies at sea. With threats all around, the royal party can only despair when one of their camp is murdered. Will Mathilde be able to find the perpetrator before the King loses control of the throne? **PB \$19.99**

Alex Dryden

Red to Black

In a resurgent Russia fueled by oil money and run by a corrupt oligarchy, a beautiful and brilliant KGB colonel, Anna, and her British counterpart in the MI6, Finn, are caught in a precarious secret mission to uncover the deadly threat a possible new Russian empire poses to the world. **HC \$52.95**

Carola Dunn

Sheer Folly (Daisy Dalrymple Mystery)

In March of 1926, Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher and her friend and collaborator Lucy (a.k.a. Lady Gerald) head off for several days at stately home reputed to have the best grotto in the country. Working on a book of follies (architectural), they plan to research and photograph it. Leaving her husband and young twins behind, Daisy is expecting a productive weekend at Appsworth Hall, with the only potential difficulty being keeping Lucy from offending the current owner, a manufacturer of plumbing products. Alas, it's not to be quite so simple. At the home, they find themselves faced with a curious assortment of people including the abominable, tactless Lord Rydal, who is rumored to be having an affair with one of the guests while at the same time in ardent and artless pursuit of the hand in marriage of another. When the grotto explodes with Lord Rydal in it, it's not a question of who would do it—as most who've met him would be sorely tempted—but who actually did do it. **HC \$51.95**

Gerald Elias

Devil's Trill

From concert violinist Gerald Elias comes this debut set in the classical music world about the theft of a priceless violin. Daniel Jacobus is a blind, reclusive, crotchety violin teacher living in self-imposed exile in rural New England. He spends his time chain-smoking, listening to old LPs, and occasionally taking on new students, whom he berates in the hope that they will flee. Jacobus is drawn back into the world he left behind when he decides to attend The Grimsley Competition at Carnegie Hall. The young winner of this competition is granted the honor of playing the Piccolino Stradivarius, a uniquely dazzling three-quarter-size violin that has brought misfortune to all who possessed it over the centuries. But the violin is stolen before the winner of the competition has a chance to play it, and Jacobus is the primary suspect. With the help of his friend and former musical partner, Nathaniel Williams, his new student, Yumi Shinagawa, and several quirky sidekicks, Jacobus sets out to prove his innocence and find the stolen Piccolino Strad. Will he be successful? The quest takes him through the halls of wealth and culture, across continents to Japan, and leads him to a...murder. Devil's Trill gives the reader a peek into the world of classical music, with its backstabbing teachers and performers, venal patrons, and shady violin dealers. It is the remarkable beginning of a wonderful new series. **HC \$52.95**

Aaron Elkins

Skull Duggery

While on vacation in Mexico, skeleton detective Gideon Oliver is called in to determine the cause of death on two sets of suspiciously misidentified remains. **HC \$51.95**

David Ellis

The Hidden Man

Hired by an anonymous client to defend a man charged with the vigilante murder of an alleged kidnapper, attorney Jason Kolarich is astonished to learn that the suspect is his estranged childhood best friend, a situation that is complicated by threats against Jason's safety. By the Edgar-winning author of Eye of the Beholder. **HC \$52.95**

R J Ellory

A Quiet Belief in Angels

Joseph Vaughan's life has been dogged by tragedy. Growing up in the 1950s, he was at the centre of series of killings of young girls in his small rural community. The girls were taken, assaulted and left horribly mutilated. Barely a teenager himself, Joseph becomes determined to try to protect his community and classmates from the predations of the killer. Despite banding together with his friends as 'The Guardians', he was powerless to prevent more murders - and no one was ever caught. Only after a full ten years did the nightmare end when the one of his neighbours is found hanging from a rope, with articles from the dead girls around him. Thankfully, the killings finally ceased. But the past won't stay buried - for it seems that the real murderer still lives and is killing again. And the secret of his identity lies in Joseph's own history... **PB \$22.99**

A Quiet Vendetta

When Catherine Ducane disappears in the heart of New Orleans, the local cops react rapidly - she is the daughter of the Governor of Louisiana after all. But the case gets very strange, very quickly. Her bodyguard turns up horribly mutilated in the trunk of a beautiful vintage car and when her kidnapper calls he doesn't want money: he wants time alone with Ray Hartmann, who works for a Washington-based organised crime task force. All Ray wants to do is get this over with quickly, and go home to try and repair his broken marriage. Instead he must listen to the mysterious kidnapper, an elderly Cuban named Ernesto Perez, who wants to tell him his life story. It's only when he realises that Ernesto has been a brutal hitman for the Mob since the 1950s that things start to come together. But by the time the pieces fall into place, it's already too late... A Quiet Vendetta is both the epic novel of one man's life in the Italian Mafia - a story that ranges from Cuba to Las Vegas and from L.A. to Chicago - and equally a powerful thriller of rage, love and loss. **PB \$22.99**

A Simple Act of Violence

Washington, embroiled in the mid-term elections, did not want to hear about serial killings. But when the newspapers reported a fourth murder, when they gave the killer a name and details of his horrendous crimes, there were few people that could ignore it. Detective Robert Miller is assigned to the case and rapidly uncovers a complication. The victims do not officially exist. Their personal details do not register on any known systems. And as Miller unearths ever more disturbing facts, he starts to face truths so far-removed from his own reality that he begins to fear for his life. **PB \$22.99**

Candlemoth

Daniel Ford has thirty-six days to live. Accused of the horrific murder of his best friend Nathan twelve years before, he has exhausted all appeals and now faces the long walk to the electric chair. All he can do is make peace with his God. Father John Rousseau is the man to whom the last month of Daniel's life has been entrusted. All the two men have left to do is rake over the last ashes of Ford's existence. So he begins to tell his story. Daniel's story takes him from his first meeting with Nathan, aged six, on the shores of a lake in 1952, through first loves, Vietnam, the death of Kennedy and finally their flight from the draft which ends in Nathan's brutal murder. But meanwhile the clock is ticking and the days are running out. **PB \$22.99**

City of Lies

John Harper has always been alone. His mother died when he was just seven years old and he was raised in New York by an aunt he barely knew. He never even made his father's acquaintance - a man who died shortly after he was born. After leaving the Big Apple as soon as he was old enough, his life consisted of one moderately successful book, a collection of affectionately received newspaper columns and a comfortable existence in Miami. Then everything changes. A liquor store heist goes wrong - and turns John's existence on its head. It seems that his father didn't die all those years ago. In fact, he has thrived in the New York underworld. But now the man himself lies critically injured in a Manhattan hospital and it's time for father and son to meet at last... **PB \$22.99**

Ghostheart

Annie O'Neill has it all: a cosy Manhattan apartment, a beautiful bookshop and a network of supportive friends. But at the heart of her life is a hole - a place vacated by her father when he died in her childhood. So when a mysterious man named Forrester enters the shop and claims to be her father's oldest friend she jumps at the chance to find out more of her own past. But Forrester's not being free with the answers she needs. He's much more interested in telling her a story about a ruthless ganglord and a fifty-year-old betrayal. A betrayal that she will realise far too slowly, has something very much to do with her... **PB \$22.99**

Warren Fahy

Fragment

When the cast and crew of reality TV show 'Sealife' land on picturesque, unexplored Henders island it's a ratings bonanza. But they're blissfully unaware that the decisions they make there will shape the fate of mankind ... if they can only survive.

For they quickly discover that the island is seething with danger. Having evolved in total isolation from the rest of the planet for millennia, Henders is home to host of vicious and exotic predators, terrifying creatures who live in a lightning fast blur of kill or be killed.

A team of crack scientists are sent in to assess the situation and are astounded by what they find. It soon becomes clear that if even the smallest bug ever made it off Henders island, life on earth as we know it would change very quickly indeed.

The President is faced with the toughest decision of his career: take the risk of letting one of these creatures escape so that further research can be done, or nuke the island to protect the rest of planet Earth? Just when it seems the stakes couldn't get any higher, the scientists make a surprise discovery that changes everything... **APB \$19.99**

Linda Fairstein

Bad Blood

Alexandra Cooper has a tough case to prosecute. Brendan Quillan, a wealthy businessman from the Upper East Side, has been charged with hiring an assassin to kill his wife, but the evidence is flimsy and the defendant has one of the most successful defence lawyers on his side. Then an explosion kills Quillan's brother, one of the construction workers in a tunnel being built to secure Manhattan's water supply. The blast isn't a terrorist act, nor is it an accident, but it looks as though Duke Quillan was the target. And none of the team investigating the murder had come across any hint that Brendan had a brother, never mind one so far on the other side of the tracks. With another case to solve, Alex, together with Detectives Chapman and Mercer, discover that Quillan's upbringing is very different from what they'd first assumed, and in the cupboard of his estranged family there are many skeletons, not all of them metaphorical. In a cliff-hanging whodunnit, Linda Fairstein takes the reader on a roller-coaster ride through New York and deep beneath its streets, to a conclusion which is as surprising as it is frightening. **PB \$19.99**

Death Dance

Once again Linda Fairstein uses her experience as Manhattan's leading DA to create a tantalizing web of intrigue, betrayal and murder. Teaming up with longtime friends and colleagues, Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace, Alex Cooper investigates the disappearance of a world-famous dancer, who has vanished from the Metropolitan Opera House. Drawn behind the scenes of New York's theatrical community, the team is haunted by ghosts of the dramatic old theatres - and from their own pasts. At the same time, Alex and Mercer are trying to collar a doctor who's been using his extensive knowledge of and access to drugs to overpower women before assaulting them. A spell-binding thriller combining the unique history of New York with fresh insight into the latest forensic techniques. **PB \$19.99**

Linda Fairstein

Entombed

After a lull of four years, the 'silk stocking rapist' is back at work on the Upper East side, but this time Assistant DA Alexandra Cooper and Detective Mike Chapman have perfect DNA evidence to work with. They also have a much older case to work on - a skeleton has been found entombed in the wall of a house Edgar Allan Poe once lived in, but it turns out to be a relatively modern murder - from 1978. On the day the discovery of this body is leaked to the press, Alex gets a call that the silk stocking rapist has struck again, this time fatally. Or has he? The m.o. isn't precisely the same as the others, and it transpires that the victim worked in Poe's old house in 1978. Are the cases linked or is someone trying to silence possible witness to a thirty-five-year-old murder? With consummate skill, Linda Fairstein has created an outstanding crime novel, layered with the history of New York, the roller-coaster everyday life of a prosecutor and culminating with a surprising but satisfying denouement. **PB \$19.99**

Duncan Falconer

Mercenary

Stratton carries out a small task in Central America as a favour to a CIA officer, but it leads him to become embroiled in a national rebellion. Against his own principles, the special operative becomes emotionally involved and decides to join the popular uprising. However, he is unaware that the fight is not just against the local government - the CIA are very much involved. As events spiral disastrously out of control, Stratton must face up to his biggest and most treacherous challenge yet. **TP \$32.99**

Vince Flynn

Extreme Measures

Vince Flynn's thrillers, featuring counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp, dominate the imagination of readers everywhere. In them, Flynn captures the secretive world of the fearless men and women, who, bound by duty, risk their lives in a covert war they must hide from even their own political leaders.

Now, Rapp and his protégé, Mike Nash, may have met their match. The CIA has detected and intercepted two terrorist cells, but a third is feared to be on the loose. Led by a dangerous mastermind obsessed with becoming the leader of al-Qaeda, this determined and terrifying group is about to descend on America.

Rapp needs the best on this assignment, and Nash, who has served his government honorably for sixteen years -- first as an officer in the Marine Corps and then as an operative in an elite counterterrorism team run by Rapp -- is his choice. Together, they have made careers out of meeting violence with extreme violence and have never wavered in the fight against the jihads and their culture of death. Both have fought the war on terrorism in secret without accolades or acknowledgement of their personal sacrifices. Both have been forced to lie to virtually every single person they care about, and both have soldiered on with the knowledge that their hard work and lethal tactics have saved thousands of lives.

But the political winds have changed in America, and certain leaders on Capitol Hill are pushing to have men like Rapp and Nash put back on a short leash. And then one spring afternoon in Washington, DC, everything changes. **PB \$21.95**

Karin Fossum

The Water's Edge (Inspector Sejer)

Walking through the woods one warm September day, Reinhardt and Kristine Ris pass a man who is in a state of agitation. Unusually in a small town, he does not return Kristine's smile and drives off in a hurry. Near the end of their walk they make a terrible discovery: lying in a cluster of trees is the lifeless body of a young boy. It is a moment that will change their lives for ever.

Inspector Sejer is called to the scene, but can find no immediate cause of death. As the weeks go by, the appeal for the man seen in the woods to come forward remains unanswered. A once peaceful community is deeply shaken and the children lose the sense of complete freedom they had enjoyed. Then a second boy goes missing. **TP \$32.95**

Broken

A writer wakes one night to find a strange man in her bedroom. He is a character she has invented, but not yet used, and so desperate is he to have his story told that he has resorted to breaking into her house.

She creates Alvar Eide, a quiet, middle-aged man whose life is carefully designed to avoid surprise, but when a young heroin addict comes into the gallery where he works, Alvar's life is changed forever and his inventor realises that she cannot control the character she has created. The result is a superb novel that plays with the boundaries of fact and fiction. **PB \$24.95**

Kathryn Fox

Blood Born

For pathologist and forensic physician Dr Anya Crichton, the death of a gang rape victim hours before she is due to give evidence at trial is more than only a tragedy. The psychotic Harbourn brothers, the girl's accused attackers, now look like getting away with two horrific crimes.

But the Harbourns' trail of destruction doesn't end there. When two sisters are brutally assaulted and one of them is killed, Anya begins working round the clock to catch the Harbourns and nail their ringleader, the deviously clever Gary. With the help of Detective Kate Farrer and star litigator Dan Brody, she begins to discover just how twisted this family really is, and just what they're capable of. In what will become Dr Anya Crichton's hardest case yet, she must piece together the evidence before the killer's attention is turned on her... **TP \$29.99**

Malicious Intent

While investigating the drug overdose of a teenage girl, pathologist and forensic physician, Dr Anya Crichton, discovers striking similarities between the case and a number of apparent suicides. All of the victims disappeared for a period of time before taking their lives in desperate circumstances.

As Anya delves deeper, the pathological findings point to the frightening possibility that the deaths are not only linked, but part of a sinister game. Nothing can prepare her for the role she is forced to take in the deadliest play of all... **BPB \$22.99**

Skin and Bone

Detective Kate Farrer returns to duty after three months of leave following her traumatic abduction. Partnering homicide newcomer, Oliver Parke, they are thrown into the investigation of a woman burnt beyond recognition in a house-fire.

The pair is also requested to look into the disappearance of a teenage girl. Suspicion falls on the unsavoury Mark Dobbie, a steroid user who is obsessed with the missing girl's sister.

While the pressure to identify the charred body and find the teenage girl escalates, a quadriplegic is burnt to death in his bed. Shocking links to all three crimes emerge and Kate Farrer's past demons come back to haunt her. But she must fight them – lives depend on it. **BPB \$22.99**

Kathryn Fox*Without Consent*

Forensic physician Dr Anya Crichton has taken a part-time job at the Sexual Assault Unit. A deranged rapist is attacking women and Anya does all she can to help the victims, some of whom are too distraught to report the attacks to the police.

Suspicion immediately falls upon Geoffrey Willard, recently released from prison for the rape and murder of a teenage girl decades earlier. Unravelling the forensic evidence, Anya knows she faces an enormous ethical dilemma. If her findings are correct, she is about to blow the whistle and ruin a fellow pathologist's career. In the process, Anya realises that she may be helping a rapist and murderer go free... **BPB \$22.99**

Dick Francis & Felix Francis*Even Money*

On the first day of Royal Ascot, small-time bookmaker Ned Talbot finds his life thrown into turmoil when a man claiming to be his father--whom he had long thought to be dead--becomes the victim of a stabbing at the race track and passes along a mysterious warning to Ned. **HC \$52.95**

Brian Freeman*Watcher*

Lieutenant Jonathan Stride has never forgotten the case that made him decide to join the police force. Back in the 1970s, Laura sister of Stride's girlfriend was murdered. The obvious suspect was a vagrant, who slipped through the hands of the police, including Stride's detective hero Roy. Now, though, Stride's looking at the case in a new light. Tish Verdure, an old friend of Laura's, has come home: and she's certain that the killer was a local boy, now an attorney with connections at the highest level. Stride's soon convinced that there was a deliberate decision to direct the investigation towards a simple solution and away from Tish's suggested perpetrator: but he's also convinced that Tish is hiding a secret about the past. A secret that could have shattering consequences including a second murder... **PB \$19.99**

W D Gagliani*Wolf's Gambit*

Recognizing a series of animal attacks as the hallmark of a rogue werewolf who has lost control of his violent nature, werewolf homicide detective Nick Lupu faces the difficult position of having to protect humans by hunting down one of his own kind. By the Bram Stoker finalist author of *Wolf's Trap*. **APB \$19.95**

Tess Gerritsen*Clear Cut*

Under The Knife by Tess Gerritsen

For attorney David Ransom, it begins as an open-and-shut case: malpractice. Then Dr Kate Chesne storms into his office, daring him to seek out the truth - that she's being framed. When another patient turns up dead, David starts to believe her. Somewhere in the Honolulu hospital, a killer walks freely. And now David finds himself asking the same questions Kate is desperate to have answered. Who is next - and why?

Never Say Die by Tess Gerritsen

Twenty years after her father's plane crashed in the jungles of Southeast Asia, Willy Jane Maitland travels to the other side of the world to track his final moves. She recognises the danger in what she's doing, but her search for the truth about that fat eful flight is the only thing that matters.

Irreverent former army officer Guy Barnard knows the jungles and the workings of the mystical land so unfamiliar to Willy - and Willy knows she couldn't proceed without him. But in a place where truth has many faces, she suspects even Guy has hidden motives. What she couldn't have prepared for are the shocking secrets and undeniable attraction she must face. **TP \$29.99**

Keeping the Dead

HE HIDES: When an ancient mummy is discovered in the basement of a museum in down-town Boston, excitement starts to mount. Under the glare of a media frenzy, the mummy is taken to hospital for a CT scan. Forensic pathologist Maura Isles is also invited to attend.

HE KILLS: As the CT scan proceeds everyone in the room leans in and gasps in horror as an image of a bullet is revealed. Maura declares it a possible homicide, and calls in detective Jane Rizzoli.

HE KEEPS: When the preserved body of a second victim is found, and then a third, it becomes clear that taking their lives is not enough for this terrifying killer. And that unless Maura and Jane can find and stop him, he will soon be adding yet another chilling piece to his monstrous collection.

PB \$21.95

The Keepsake

For untold years, the perfectly preserved mummy had lain forgotten in the dusty basement of Boston's Crispin Museum. Now its sudden rediscovery by museum staff is both a major coup and an attention-grabbing mystery. Dubbed "Madam X," the mummy--to all appearances, an ancient Egyptian artifact--seems a ghoulish godsend for the financially struggling institution. But medical examiner Maura Isles soon discovers a macabre message hidden within the corpse--horrifying proof that this "centuries-old" relic is instead a modern-day murder victim.

To Maura and Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli, the forensic evidence is unmistakable, its implications terrifying. And when the grisly remains of yet another woman are found in the hidden recesses of the museum, it becomes chillingly clear that a maniac is at large--and is now taunting them. Archaeologist Josephine Pulcillo's blood runs cold when the killer's cryptic missives are discovered, and her darkest dread becomes real when the carefully preserved corpse of yet a third victim is left in her car like a gruesome offering--or perhaps a ghastly promise of what's to come. The twisted killer's familiarity with post-mortem rituals suggests to Maura and Jane that he may have scientific expertise in common with Josephine. Only Josephine knows that her stalker shares a knowledge even more personally terrifying: details of a dark secret she had thought forever buried. Now Maura must summon her own dusty knowledge of ancient death traditions to unravel his twisted endgame. And when Josephine vanishes, Maura and Jane have precious little time to derail the Archaeology Killer before he adds another chilling piece to his monstrous collection.

PB \$19.95

Brent Ghelfi*The Venona Cable*

Russian agent and criminal Alexei Volkovoy pays an action-packed visit to the U.S. to uncover secrets of the infamous Venona cables and to attempt to clear his family name. The past erupts into the present when the police arrest Alexei Volkovoy, known as Volk, at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport and take him to a murder scene. At first, the dead man appears to be just one more victim of Moscow's out-of-control violence. But Volk soon discovers that he is a famous Hollywood filmmaker whose reputation was destroyed in 1995 when the CIA released decrypted documents from the Venona cables--the top-secret American and British crypto-analysis of Soviet messages that implicated the Rosenbergs, Alger Hiss, Kim Philby, and hundreds of other Soviet spies. Tucked inside the American's pocket is a marked-up Venona intercept that refers to a Russian used as a spy by the Americans, a man who may have been Volk's illustrious father. Aided by his female partner, Valya, Volk's only hope to clear his family name will be to solve this murder and discover how the Venona papers relate to his father's disappearance, while powerful forces want to keep him from investigating the past and to remove him from the present. **HC \$51.95**

William Gladstone

The Twelve

The Twelve is an extraordinary and unforgettable novel about a most unusual man. As a child, Max lives in a world of colors and numbers, not speaking until the age of six. As an adult, Max ventures on a journey of destiny to discover the secret behind the ancient Mayan prophecy about the "end of time," foretold to occur on December 21, 2012.

When he is fifteen years old, Max has a near death experience during which he has a vision that reveals to him the names of twelve unique individuals. While Max cannot discern the significance of these twelve names, he is unable to shake the sense that they have deep meaning. Eight years pass before Max meets the first of the twelve.

With this, Max's voyage of discovery begins, as he strives to uncover the identities and implications of "the twelve"—individuals he will meet during his journey towards truth, all of whom seem connected, and all of whom may hold the answer to what will happen at the exact moment the world may end. The novel takes the reader on a series of global adventures, culminating in a revelation of why and how Max and the twelve are destined to unite to discover the magnitude of the meaning of December 21, 2012. Only the twelve can provide the answers, as the fate of all humanity rests in the balance. **HC \$40.95**

Deborah Grabien

While My Guitar Gently Weeps (JP Kincaid Mystery)

Blacklight's recent tour has been rough on guitarist JP Kincaid: a heart attack in Boston and a significant ramp-up of his multiple sclerosis have left him more physically fragile than usual.

With the tour over, JP is relaxing by sitting in as second guitarist for a new CD by his longtime local friends, the Bombardiers. The Bombardiers are breaking in a new frontman, singer/guitarist Vinny Fabiano. Self-absorbed and abrasive, Vinny is new to the Bay Area music scene. All anyone seems to really know about him is that he has some very expensive instruments, but no obvious source of income to pay for them.

A few weeks into the sessions, Vinny is found dead in the Bombardiers' rehearsal space, smashed over the head with a custom guitar. The murder leaves the Bombardiers—who are already in hot water with their record label—without a singer or a regular guitar player. JP, calling in a favor, asks Blacklight's legendary frontman, Malcolm "Mac" Sharpe, to step in and sub for Vinny. But then Vinny's cousin and guitar tech is found murdered in Marin County, and Vinny's most valuable guitar—a \$75,000 custom Zemaitis pearl-top—is missing.

In the second book of this exciting, atmospheric series, Deborah Grabien shares her insider knowledge of the world of rock 'n' roll, spinning a terrific mystery in the process. **HC \$51.95**

Nancy Grace

The Eleventh Victim

The controversial prosecutor best known for her top-rated CNN show draws from her own life in a fictional tale in which successful attorney Hailey embarks on a new home and career after the murder of her fiancé and becomes increasing terror-stricken when her clients are attacked by a killer whose methods mimic those of Hailey's last case. **HC \$52.95**

Caroline Graham

Envy of the Stranger (Midsomer Murders)

Having the perfect life may be far more dangerous than you could ever believe. Roz Gilmour is a happy woman with two children, a loving husband, a successful career as a local radio presenter and a comfortable home in North London. Sometimes she can't believe just how fortunate she is. But a woman who has everything has everything to lose, and Roz's luck is about to change... Not everybody is as content as Roz Gilmour. There are people who dislike her if only because of the apparent ease and success with which she lives her life. And one of them is insane. A fame-hungry stranger whom Roz has unwittingly snubbed. A man who is dangerously delusional and spiralling out of control. A man who will stop at nothing to get his revenge. Whatever it takes... **BPB \$22.99**

Murder at Madingley Grange (Midsomer Murders)

Murder comes to Madingley Grange as a game goes horribly wrong. When a failed entrepreneur is temporarily left in charge of his aunt's huge gothic home, he knows he must be able to make a profit from it somehow. Murder, he decides, is the only way to do it. For Madingley Grange is the perfect venue for a 1930s murder-mystery weekend and Simon Hannaford - with the reluctant help of his long-suffering sister - soon hatches a plan for money-spinning mayhem. From the conservatory to the claret cellar, the clues are carefully sprinkled. But when the guests arrive it is obvious that the game won't be going as planned. Not one of the visitors is willing to play the victim. And when a body does appear, it hardly takes Hercule Poirot to guess it is not a volunteer. Now the game really begins... **BPB \$22.99**

Andrew Grant

Even

When Royal Navy intelligence agent David Trevelyan comes across the body of a tramp late one night in a New York alley, he unwittingly uncovers a murder scam run by some of the country's most dangerous and ruthless criminals. He quickly learns that they will stop at nothing to satisfy their greed and ambition. The FBI make the case a priority, with Trevelyan at the top of their list of suspects, and he's in deep trouble when his London bosses turn their backs.

With the help of his Consulate colleague, Tanya Wilson, he sets out to clear his name and discover the truth behind the murders. When a second, even more sinister, operation emerges involving victims from war-torn Iraq, Trevelyan knows that the price of failure in his mission will be death, and reward for success will be redemption – for himself and for the huddled corpse from the alley. **TP \$32.99**

Michael Gregorio

A Visible Darkness

Hanno Stiffeniis, the magistrate from the gripping thrillers *Critique of Criminal Reason* and *Days of Atonement*, is called to Prussia's Baltic coast, where the naked mutilated body of a young woman has been found by the shore. This is an area rich in amber, harvested - mainly by women - to be transformed into priceless jewellery. The occupying French army has taken over this lucrative trade to finance the battle against Russian invasion, but as more women are killed, they suspect the Prussian resistance movement. Hanno's fears meanwhile point towards a psychotic serial killer, and no woman is safe ... **TP \$32.99**

Brian Haig

Man in the Middle

Despatched to investigate the suicide of one of DC's most influential defence officials - an ardent, early supporter of the war in Iraq - Drummond and his female partner find themselves in the middle of a tug-of-war between Washington's most influential power brokers and his own personal allegiance to the soldiers dying overseas. What he uncovers are the secrets that led to the war, secrets that once exposed would destroy public support and undermine the presidency. Now, Drummond faces the greatest moral quandary of his life: What is the true meaning of patriotism? **PB \$19.99**

Timothy Hallinan*Breathing Water*

Innocence and evil, power and poverty collide on the neon streets and in the palatial mansions of Bangkok in this latest tale of intrigue and suspense from the author of *The Fourth Watcher* and *Nail through the Heart*. **HC \$51.95**

Tom Harper*The Lost Temple*

Sam Grant, a disgraced ex-Special Operations Executive soldier and an adventurer by trade, is lured back to the Mediterranean by a secret from his past: six years ago, a dying archaeologist entrusted him with his life's work—a leather notebook filled with mysterious notes written in Ancient Greek. Deciphered, it could lead to one of the greatest prizes in history. Which is why both the CIA and the British Secret Intelligence Service are looking for it as well...

Grant sets out to discover the truth about what the archaeologist lost his life for—and to protect his own. Aided by a brilliant Greek archaeologist with her own secrets to hide, Grant is plunged into a labyrinth of ancient cults, forgotten mysteries, and lost civilizations. But time is running out...while a dangerous prophecy is drawing near. **PB \$19.95**

Rhodi Hawk*A Twisted Ladder*

Psychologist Madeleine LeBlanc has spent her whole career trying to determine the cause of her father's schizophrenia. She always felt that she could unravel its origins and cure the man who left her and her brother, Marc, to practically raise themselves on the Louisiana Bayou. But when Marc takes his own life on a fishing boat in the middle of Bayou Black, Madeleine embarks on a journey into her family history ---to a time when the antebellum era was crumbling, and the line between servant and master was starting to fade. And the more she pries the more she reveals her family's dark past, rife with conjured demons and river magic gone awry. Madeleine's only hope to save herself is to face the ghosts of the past, the dangers of the present, and the twisted ladder that links them all together. **TP \$30.95**

Jack Higgins*The Violent Enemy*

Britain's most wanted political offender. A seductively beautiful woman, and the dream of a perfect escape...

Many lives had been sacrificed for the Irish cause, but legendary freedom fighter Colum O'Mare, ageing and critically ill, was ready to gamble once more for a last devastating strike. Which is why Sean Rogan, soldier of the Irish Republican Army gets all the help he needs to break out of a mainland security prison. An escape into a nightmare beyond anyone's control... **HC \$19.99**

Gregg Hurwitz*Or She Dies*

First, Patrick receives the mysterious DVDs. They show invasive footage of him in the privacy of his own house. Soon, Patrick and his wife Ariana find themselves questioning everything and everyone as their lives unravel. Someone is clearly out to get them. And then, the email arrives:Go AloneDo What We SayOr She Dies A compulsively readable novel about an ordinary couple in a deadly situation. **TP \$32.99**

Arnaldur Indridason*Arctic Chill*

In this new extraordinary thriller from Gold Dagger Award winner Arnaldur Indridason, the Reykjavik police are called on an icy January day to a garden where a body has been found: a young, dark-skinned boy is frozen to the ground in a pool of his own blood. Erlendur and his team embark on their investigation and soon unearth tensions simmering beneath the surface of Ice land's outwardly liberal, multicultural society. Meanwhile, the boy's murder forces Erlendur to confront the tragedy in his own past. Soon, facts are emerging from the snow-filled darkness that are more chilling even than the Arctic night. **HC \$51.95**

The Draining Lake

Inspector Erlendur returns in this international Bestseller

Following an earthquake, the water level of an Icelandic lake suddenly falls, revealing a skeleton. Inspector Erlendur's investigation takes him back to the Cold War era, when bright, left-wing students in Iceland were sent to study in the "heavenly state" of Communist East Germany. Teaming with spies and informants, though, their "heavenly state" becomes a nightmare of betrayal and murder. Brilliantly weaving international espionage and a chilling cold case investigation, *The Draining Lake* is Arnaldur Indriason at his best. **TP \$28.95**

Claude Izner*Murder on the Eiffel Tower (Victor Legris Mystery)*

The brand-new, shiny Eiffel Tower is the pride and glory of the 1889 World Exposition. But one sunny afternoon, as visitors are crowding the viewing platforms, a woman collapses and dies on this great Paris landmark. Can a bee sting really be the cause of death? Or is there a more sinister explanation? Enter young bookseller Victor Legris. Present on the tower at the time of the incident, and appalled by the media coverage of the occurrence, he is determined to find out what actually happened. In this dazzling evocation of late nineteenth-century Paris, we follow Victor as his investigation takes him all over the city and he suspects an ever-changing list of possible perpetrators. Could mysterious Kenji Mori, his surrogate father and business partner at the bookstore Legris operates, be involved in the crime? Why are beautiful Russian illustrator Tasha and her colleagues at the newly launched sensationalist newspaper *Passepartout* always up-to-date in their reporting? And what will Legris do when the deaths begin to multiply and he is caught in a race against time? *Murder on the Eiffel Tower* is painstakingly researched, an effortless evocation of the glorious City of Light, and an exciting opening to a promising series of eight books featuring Victor Legris. **TP \$28.95**

The Disappearance at Pere Lachaise

Fin de siècle Paris: the world of Verlaine and Zola, Renoir and Toulouse-Lautrec; a time of anarchists, scientists, and occultists, when can-can skirts were raised at the Moulin Rouge and fortunes were lost on the Panama Canal. Armand de Valois was one of these latter unfortunates, stricken by yellow fever at the site of his ruin. When his widow Odette disappears into his tomb in the Père-Lachaise cemetery and never returns, her maid Denise fears the worst. Alone in the great metropolis, Denise knows just one person she can go to for help: Odette's former lover, Victor Legris. When the frightened girl turns up at his bookshop, Victor feels there must be a simple explanation for Odette's disappearance. But it soon becomes apparent that something sinister lies behind events at the Père-Lachaise. When Denise turns up drowned in the Seine, and Odette's corpse is found buried in an overgrown backyard, Victor throws himself into his second investigation, aided by his trusty assistant Joseph and much to his lover Tasha's chagrin. Once again, Paris and its denizens come alive, and events of world and local history give the mystery a thrilling backdrop. From the Bois de Vincennes to the streets of Saint-Germain, from trams to carriages, from artists' lofts to coffee bars, diligently researched and tightly plotted, *The Disappearance at Père-Lachaise* immerses readers in a fascinating mystery in the glorious City of Light. **HC \$51.95**

Steven James

The Pawn

Using sophisticated time-space technology to solve tough crimes, FBI environmental criminologist Patrick Bowers consults on a case in the North Carolina mountains involving a brutal assailant who confounds Patrick's best efforts. **PB \$19.95**

Quintin Jardine

Fatal Last Words (Skinner)

It's no ordinary summer for DCC Bob Skinner, as murder mystery leaps from the page into reality in the nineteenth volume of Quintin Jardine's outstanding cop series. August in Edinburgh; As Skinner stands on the edge of a career-defining moment and his fiancée, Scotland's First Minister Aileen de Marco faces a political crisis, a famous figure from another field is found dead. As the mystery deepens, Skinner finds himself crossing swords with an old enemy from the past, while his investigating detectives are faced with the unwelcome complication of a Duke's junkie daughter. Meanwhile a second Scots celebrity dies violently in Australia. It seems impossible, but could the two be connected? As DCS Mario McGuire heads for Melbourne to investigate, back in Scotland his boss's big moment is compromised in the most dramatic and unexpected manner, as a famous friendship is shattered for ever. **TP \$32.99**

Skinner's Rules (Skinner)

In the thrilling first novel in Quintin Jardine's acclaimed Scottish crime series, DCS Bob Skinner faces a twisted serial killer. As head of Edinburgh's CID, Detective Chief Superintendent Bob Skinner has seen it all... but even he is shocked by the savagely mutilated corpse discovered in a dark alleyway. The victim is identified as a successful young lawyer, and the motive for the brutal death remains a mystery. Then further seemingly random killings in the city begin to suggest a vicious serial killer is on the rampage. But when the lawyer's fiancée is also murdered, Skinner realises that someone is in deadly earnest. **BPB \$22.99**

Inhuman Remains

Her mind filled with thoughts of her dead ex-husband Oz, Primavera Blackstone is settled in Spain with their son Tom, when their peace is shattered by the arrival of her formidable aunt. All is not well in Auntie Adrienne's world; her roguish son Frank is involved with a shady project, and is missing.

Prim flies to Seville to track him down, only to find herself a fugitive, her life under threat, as her aunt joins the missing persons list... **PB \$22.99**

Skinner's Festival

Terrorists strike at the heart of the Edinburgh Festival in Quintin Jardine's fantastic second novel in the highly popular Bob Skinner series. An explosion rocks Princes Street in the midst of the Edinburgh Festival. Responsibility is claimed by a group supposedly demanding political separation from Britain, but as atrocities escalate Skinner realises this is no gang of fanatics, but a highly professional team.

But the Fighters haven't reckoned with Assistant Chief Constable Bob Skinner, head of the Edinburgh CID and security adviser to Secretary of State Alan Ballantyne. **BPB \$22.99**

R M Johnson

The Million Dollar Deception (02)

Almost five years after his critically acclaimed novel *The Million Dollar Divorce*, Essence bestselling author RM Johnson returns with the sequel that fans have been waiting for...and in *The Million Dollar Deception*, Nate Kenny, Lewis Waters, and Monica Kenny still have not buried the hatchet.

When readers last closed the book on Nate Kenny, his scheming had backfired, and he not only lost a great fortune in a messy divorce but his wife ended up with the very man he paid off to seduce her into infidelity. Now, four years later, it's time for payback.

Meanwhile, Monica Kenny has a decision to make -- stay with and marry Lewis Waters, the younger man she knows may not be right for her? Or leave him, venture out on her own, and face the possibility of falling for another man who may leave her as her ex-husband did, because she cannot bear children?

Lewis Waters recognizes that he's in a much better position than he ever was, now that he's with Monica. She takes care of him and his daughter and provides them with financial stability; but Lewis fears she is also starting to notice the pair's fundamental differences. In an attempt to repair the relationship, Lewis vows that he'll never return to his former thuggish life -- he intensifies life in the bedroom and promises to finish school and start a successful real estate business.

But Nate is prepared to use all his cunning, expertise, and money to destroy Lewis, and take Monica back.

Unbeknownst to all three, there will be life and death repercussions.

A stirring saga of romance, loyalty, and friendship, *The Million Dollar Deception* is an explosive escapade of betrayal, sex, and suspense that will leave you breathless for the next, and final, installment. **TP \$28.95**

Tobias Jones

The Salati Case

Castagnetti (informally known as 'Casta') is a private detective who doesn't do things by the book. He's dogged and lonely, impatient with the world of appearances and deceit. So when a pompous notary commissions him to verify that a missing person is 'presumed dead' in order to dispose of a dead woman's estate to the other heirs, Casta smells a rat. Before long he's reopening wounds from years ago and exposing family secrets to those who have tried to suppress them.

The relatives of Signora Salati just want their inheritance, But Casta is going to make sure they get their just desserts as well. Because Casta isn't the sort to content himself with 'presumed dead'. He likes certainty, the kind of certainty that comes from seeing a skeleton. As the Salati case progresses, other corpses appear and Casta realises he's at the centre of an old-fashioned Italian whodunnit.

The Salati Case marks the appearance of a new and memorable detective: an orphan who has pulled himself up from the mean streets. **TP \$29.99**

Alex Kava

Exposed (Maggie O'Dell)

Veteran FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell and Assistant Director Cunningham believed the threat targeted Quantico. It targeted them.

A deadly virus—virtually undetectable until it causes death from a million internal cuts. The victims appear random, but Maggie wonders if vengeance isn't the guiding hand.

An aficionado of contemporary killers, using bits and pieces from their crimes—the Beltway Sniper's phrases, the Unabomber's clues, the Anthrax Killer's delivery.

Maggie knows dangerous minds, but she must tackle this new opponent from within a biosafety isolation ward—while waiting to see if death is already multiplying inside her body. She just fears her last case might end with the most intelligent killer she's ever faced escalating from murder...to epidemic. **PB \$19.95**

Andrea Kane*Drawn in Blood*

Former FBI agent Sloane Burbank's father witnessed a crime that has now come back to haunt him and Sloane must either betray his secret or withhold the information from the man she loves, former colleague Derek Parker, in a sequel to the best-selling author's novel *Twisted*. **HC \$51.95**

Bill Kellan*Rogue War (Strikemasters 02)*

Losing the support of the U.S. government after going rogue to counter genocidal activities in Africa, the Strikemasters of the 201st Special Operations Wing are offered clemency in exchange for finding a terrorist group, a mission that leads the team back to America. By the author of *Strikemasters*. **PB \$19.95**

Jonathan Kellerman*Flesh and Blood (Alex Delaware)*

When Alex Delaware first saw Lauren Teague she was a sullen teenager with the usual problems: bad grades at school, moody, uncommunicative with her parents - which is why they thought she needed to see a psychologist. Years later, Lauren's mother is pleading for help once again. Lauren has vanished and she thinks Alex can find her. He reluctantly agrees to try, but as he starts to investigate Lauren's troubled past he is drawn into the shadowy worlds of fringe psychological experimentation and LA's seedy sex industry. Sensing that Lauren's dark family secrets may hold the key to her disappearance, Alex disregards the advice of his trusted friend, LAPD detective Milo Sturgis, not to get involved. As his quest for the truth becomes an obsession, he is prepared to risk his relationship with long-time lover Robin Castagna, and even his own life... **PB \$19.99**

Murder Book (Alex Delaware)

Alex Delaware's relationship with his long term partner is on the rocks. He is floored when Robin announces she's heading off on a three-month music tour. But he soon has other things to think about. He is sent an envelope with no return address. Inside, he finds an album with gold letters on it - THE MURDER BOOK. It's full of macabre pictures of murders, with brief descriptions of how, and why, the victims died. One picture is marked Not solved - the horrifically mutilated body of a young woman. Unsettled, Alex calls his friend, LAPD detective Milo Sturgis, who seems strangely familiar with the case. What connects the photograph with Milo's past? What's more, why has it been sent to Alex - and by whom? **PB \$19.99**

J A Kerley*In the Blood*

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

They are all that stands between the citizens of the city of Mobile and the deranged killers who breed in the swampy heartlands of the Deep South. Now Carson's secret is out - literally. His murderous blood brother Jeremy is at large. And there's a bizarre new case involving an abandoned infant, a murdered S&M-loving televangelist, Neo-Nazis and satanic rituals. The case leads them to a renowned geneticist and a possible link to the crime of the century... **TP \$32.99**

Tracy Kiely*Murder at Longbourn*

A die-hard fan of Jane Austen novels and the traditional English mystery, Tracy Kiely has combined elements of both for this truly delightful and witty debut.

Planning New Year's resolutions to rid her life of all things unhealthy, Elizabeth Parker has dumped fatty foods, processed sugar, and her two-timing boyfriend. Indeed, the invitation to join her Aunt Winnie for a How to Host a Murder Party on New Year's Eve at Winnie's new Cape Cod B and B comes just in time. But when the local wealthy miser ends up the unscripted victim, Elizabeth must unearth old secrets and new motives in order to clear her beloved aunt of suspicion. The suspects include the town gossip, a haughty rich woman, and an antiques business owner much enamored of his benefactress, a Mrs. Kristell Dubois. If that isn't bad enough, Elizabeth must also contend with her childhood nemesis, Peter McGowan---a man she suspects has only matured in chronological years---and her suspicions about his family's interest in Winnie's inn.

Yesterday, her only worry was of ever finding her Mr. Darcy. Now she has a murder to solve. Is it any wonder her resolution to achieve inner poise is in tatters?

By reimagining characters and themes lifted from the treasured classic *Pride and Prejudice*, and crafting an expert, intricate mystery, Tracy Kiely has brought to life something very special: a new cozy series that is clever, vibrant, and utterly disarming. **HC \$51.95**

Laurie R King*The Language of Bees (Mary Russell)*

Returning home after seven months abroad, Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes are met with a problem concerning one of Holmes's beehives and the reappearance of his estranged son, Damien, who needs their help in finding his missing wife and daughter. **HC \$52.95**

Keeping Watch

Acclaimed as one of the most original talents to emerge in the last decade, award-winning author Laurie R. King returns to Folly Island to deliver her most stunning achievement yet--a breathtaking novel of suspense that explores the very essence of good and evil.

Allen Carmichael came back from Vietnam a lifetime ago--but only now was he ready to return home. For years, he's lived on the fringes of the law, using a soldier's skills to keep watch over those too young to defend themselves. Some consider him nothing but a kidnapper for hire--the best in the business; others call him a hero. His specialty has been rescuing children from abusive parents and escorting them to loving homes. But after twenty-five years, he is ready to take on his final case--a case that could destroy him.

The boy's name is Jamie: He believes his father is going to kill him. Allen is convinced that the twelve-year-old is right and devises a strategy to save him. His last job done, Allen heads back to Folly Island, where he plans to settle into a quiet life. But not long after his return, a small plane piloted by the boy's father's crashes, leaving behind debris--but no body. Now it is up to Allen to resolve whether Jamie's father is dead or alive--and to make sure Jamie himself stays out of harm's way. But a series of ominous events leads Allen to question whether Jamie's father is really the enemy after all. Or if the real threat is far more unspeakable...and the killer unimaginable.

Riveting, harrowing, and unforgettable, *Keeping Watch* takes psychological suspense to its most dizzying heights and proves again why Laurie R. King has been called by both readers and critics an undisputed master of suspense. **TP \$28.95**

Charles Kipps

Hell's Kitchen Homicide (Conor Bard Mystery)

Introducing Conor Bard, the fortysomething New York City homicide detective from precinct One Eight in Hell's Kitchen who dreams of becoming a rock star and finally finding the right woman, as he travels the streets of Manhattan in search of a cold-blooded killer.

When a corpse is discovered at the edge of the Hudson River, homicide detective Conor Bard is called to the scene. The victim is Walter Lawton, a hugely successful criminal defense attorney with rumored ties to the Mafia. Among the prime suspects is Lawton's chic, sexy wife, who stands to inherit two hundred million dollars and was having an affair with one of her husband's most dangerous associates.

Did Lawton's ruthless wife kill him with the help of her mafioso lover? Or was it one of Lawton's bitter clients who murdered him? Or an elusive Albanian gunman? And how does Monica, the sorrowful, intriguing young Albanian woman Conor meets, fit into the picture?

From the first page to the last, no one is who they seem. Conor quickly becomes enmeshed in a web of secrets, lies, and seduction, and his life may be in jeopardy. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Koryta

The Silent Hour

Whisper Ridge - Home to Dream - 6 November 1992-27 April 1996

So reads the strange epitaph carved beside the door of the home called Whisper Ridge, a multi-million-dollar piece of architectural majesty that once housed the beginnings of Alexandra Sanabria's unique program for paroled murderers. Uninhabited for twelve years, the home still stands as a strange monument to dangerous secrets. Private investigator Lincoln Perry's first involvement with the house and its legacy comes when Parker Harrison - a convicted killer and former parolee at Whisper Ridge - asks him to find Alexandra, who disappeared with her husband after the failure of the parolee program. Embarrassed by his initial mistrust of Harrison, and disconcerted at Harrison's claim that his reluctance to work for him suggests he doesn't believe in prison rehabilitation, Perry decides to take on the case. Then he discovers that skeletal remains of Alexandra's husband were discovered at the same time Harrison asked Perry to try and locate her, and decides he should have trusted his initial instincts...

With the police investigation active again and decade-old threats circling, Perry is confronted with a sordid family mystery that will challenge both his abilities as a detective and his commitment to that calling ... **TP \$32.99**

William Kent Krueger

Heaven's Keep (Cork O'Connor Mystery)

When a charter plane carrying Cork O'Connor's wife, Jo, goes missing in a snowstorm over the Wyoming Rockies, Cork must accept the terrible truth that his wife is gone forever. But is she? In *Heaven's Keep*, celebrated author William Kent Krueger puts his intrepid hero through the most harrowing mission of his life. Months after the tragedy, two women show up on Cork's doorstep with evidence that the pilot of Jo's plane was not the man he claimed to be. It may not be definitive proof, but it's a ray of light in the darkness surrounding Cork's loss. Agreeing to investigate, he travels to Wyoming, where he battles the interference of local law enforcement who may be on the take, the open hostility of the Northern Arapaho, who have much to lose if the truth is known, and the continuing attempts on his life by assassins who shadow his every move.

At the center of all the danger and deception lies the possibility that Jo's disappearance was not the end of her, that somewhere along the labyrinthine path of his search, maybe even in the broad shadow of *Heaven's Keep* itself, Cork will find her alive and waiting for him. **HC \$51.95**

Lynda la Plante

Deadly Intent

Alexander Fitzpatrick is one of the most wanted men in the Western world. A Howard Marks character, but far more dangerous, his wealth, accrued through drug-trafficking, runs into millions. For the past ten years there has been no sighting of him.

Has he gone to ground using an alias, or is he dead? When an ex-police officer from the murder squad is found shot in a dank squat, Ann Travis is pulled onto the case. As the body count rises and the investigation becomes ever more complex, suspicion falls on Fitzpatrick. Is he still alive and in the UK? Could he be the killer, with terrifying access to the most lethal drug in existence? **PB \$19.99**

John J Lamb

The Treacherous Teddy (Bear Collector's Mysteries 05)

Preparing his latest creation for a teddy bear show, retired cop Brad Lyon is stumped by the fatal arrow shooting of a local farmer and investigates clues pointing to a growing number of suspects. By the author of *The Clockwork Teddy*. **PB \$19.95**

Jim Lavene & Joyce Lavene

Ghastly Glass (Renaissance Faire 02)

Struggling with a fractious boss and her boyfriend's mistaken assumptions, Renaissance Village glassblower Jessie Morton busily prepares for Halloween activities, which are disrupted by the murder of a man who is costumed as the Grim Reaper. By the author of *Wicked Weaves*. **PB \$19.95**

Lucy Lawrence

Stuck on Murder (Decoupage Mystery 01)

Struggling to escape her painful past and earn acceptance in the community of Morse Point by teaching a decoupage class, Brenna Miller reluctantly persuades her enigmatic landlord to sell lakefront property to developers only to learn that the man is being framed for murder. **PB \$17.95**

John Lawton

Second Violin (Inspector Troy)

In 1938, with Europe on the brink of war, Frederick Troy, recently promoted to Scotland Yard's Murder Squad, is put in charge of rounding up a list of German and Italian enemy aliens, but as the bombs begin to fall on London, he finds himself investigating a series of murdered rabbis. **TP \$28.95**

Dennis Lehane

Shutter Island

Summer, 1954. US Marshal Teddy Daniels has come to Shutter Island, home of Ashecliffe Hospital for the Criminally Insane. Along with his partner, Chuck Aule, he sets out to find an escaped murderess named Rachel Solando as a hurricane bears down upon them. But nothing at Ashecliffe Hospital is what it seems, and neither is Teddy Daniels. Is he there to find a missing patient? Or has he been sent to look into rumours of Ashecliffe's radical approach to psychiatry? Rumours that hint of drug experimentation, surgical trials, and lethal countermeasures in the shadow war against Soviet brainwashing... As the investigation deepens, the questions mount.

How has a barefoot woman escaped an island from a locked room? Who is leaving them clues in the form of cryptic codes? Why is there no record of a patient committed just one year before? What really goes on in Ward C? Why is an empty lighthouse surrounded by an electrified fence and armed guards? The closer Teddy and Chuck get to the truth, the more elusive it becomes, and the more they begin to believe that they may never leave Shutter Island. Because someone is trying to drive them insane... **PB \$24.95**

John le Carre*Call For the Dead*

George Smiley was simply doing a favour for an old friend Miss Ailsa Brimley, who edited a small religious newspaper. Miss Brimley had received a letter from a worried woman reader: 'I'm not mad. And I know my husband is trying to kill me.' The writer of the letter was one Stella Rode, wife to an assistant master at Carne School, Dorset, and by the time it arrived, she was dead. Carne was an ancient, self-regarding Church foundation, proud of its proper standards of social distinctions. George Smiley went there to listen, take sherry, ask questions and think. And thus uncover, layer upon layer, the complexities, skeletons and hatreds that comprised this little English institution. **PB \$24.99**

Looking Glass War

How long was it since the department had mounted an operation? Too long. Now it has a job on its hands. Uncertain evidence suggested Soviet missiles being put in place close to the German border, while vital film had gone missing and a courier was dead. The Department has to find an old hand who will prove its mettle. Fred Leiser, a German-speaking Pole turned Englishman, once a qualified radio-operator, now something in the motor trade, must be called back to the colours and sent East ... **PB \$24.99**

Murder of Quality

George Smiley was simply doing a favour for an old friend, Miss Ailsa Brimley, who edited a small religious newspaper. Miss Brimley had received a letter from a worried woman reader: I'm not mad. And I know my husband is trying to kill me. The writer of the letter was one Stella Rode, wife to an assistant master at Carne School, Dorset, and by the time it arrived, she was dead. Carne was an ancient, self-regarding Church foundation, proud of its proper standards of social distinctions. George Smiley went there to listen, take sherry, ask questions and think. And thus uncover, layer upon layer, the complexities, skeletons and hatreds that comprised this little English institution. **PB \$24.99**

Spy Who Came in From the Cold

The Spy Who Came in from the Cold is the story of a breathlessly perilous assignment for the agent who wants desperately to end his career in espionage - to come in from the cold. In this acknowledged classic of suspense, le Carr changed the rules of the game, and rocketed to worldwide fame. **BPB \$24.99**

Lora Leigh*Heat Seeker (Elite Ops 03)*

John Vincent has always led a life of danger, and now he has every reason to want to remain as dead as the obituary in the Australian papers had proclaimed him to be. He'd left nothing behind in the life he had once led—except for one woman, and one night of unforgettable passion. Now, both will return to haunt him...

Bailey Serborne is still tormented by a past she can't change and a man she hasn't been able to forget. A man who was supposed to dead.. But now, a stroke of fate has revealed that sometimes, a woman is given a second chance to heal her heart—and exact the sweetest revenge... **PB \$19.95**

Donna Leon*A Sea of Troubles*

Investigating the murder of two local fishermen on the small island of Pellestrina, Commissario Brunetti is shunned by the small community and forced to search for clues at the home of Signorina Elettra, where he struggles with a growing attraction to his boss's secretary. By the Silver Dagger-winning author of *Acqua Alta*. **TP \$28.95**

David Levien*City of the Sun*

Twelve-year-old Jamie Gabriel gets on his bike before dawn to deliver newspapers in his suburban neighbourhood. Somewhere en route, he vanishes without a trace.

Fourteen months later, still with no sign of Jamie and having lost all faith in the police, his parents Paul and Carol are on the verge of abandoning hope. Then they meet private investigator Frank Behr, a tough, reclusive ex-cop.

Abandoned by his former colleagues, separated from his wife and haunted by his own terrible past, Behr doesn't make it a practice to take on hopeless cases, but the desperate couple's plea for help awakens a personal pain he can't ignore . . . **PB \$24.95**

Where the Dead Lay

THE VICTIM was a fighter, but strength wasn't enough to save him from this gruesome end.

THE MISSING are two well-paid private investigators who have disappeared on a confidential job.

THE FAMILY is formidable, deadly and crazy, and will stop at nothing to make their mark.

THE INVESTIGATOR is Frank Behr, haunted by an unspeakable loss, avenging his friend's death, and close to becoming . . .

THE HUNTED . . . can Behr track down the killers before they find him? And will he survive? **TP \$34.95**

Kathryn Lilley*Makeovers Can Be Murder (Fat City 03)*

Struggling with a diet designed to help her wear a bikini for an upcoming assignment, plus-sized reporter Kate joins a women's support group before learning that its members are being targeted by a killer, in a tale complemented by nutritional tips. By the author of *A Killer Workout*. **PB \$17.95**

Jeff Lindsay*Dexter by Design (Dexter 04)*

Being a blood spatter analyst who hates the sight of blood has always made Dexter's work for the Miami PD tough. But it means he's very neat when it comes to his out-of-hours hobby: murder. Of course, the fact Dexter only kills bad people helps too. Now Dex is facing a disturbing situation. He's used to blood at work and blood when he's out with the dark passenger (the voice that guides him on his deadly outings). But he's not sure what to make of the man who says blood is art. Using bodies as his canvas, someone is out there expressing themselves in the most lethal and painful of ways. If Dexter's to escape the scalpel and avoid becoming the latest exhibit, he needs somewhere to run...and he might just have found the perfect place. With his wedding looming, completing his nice-guy disguise, Dexter's honeymoon might just save his skin. **BPB \$24.99**

Bill Loefelm*Bloodroot*

Delighted by his younger brother's drug rehabilitation, Kevin Curran reluctantly accepts an offer to participate in an underworld plot revolving around an abandoned juvenile asylum, a task that draws him into a dangerous mafia circle and reveals shattering truths about his family heritage. By the award-winning author of *Fresh Kills*. **HC \$52.95**

Robert Ludlum

The Bourne Identity (Bourne)

He was dragged from the sea, his body riddled with bullets. There are a few clues: a frame of microfilm surgically implanted beneath the skin of his hip; evidence that plastic surgery has altered his face; strange things he says in his delirium, which could be code words. And a number on the film negative that leads to a bank account in Zurich, four million dollars, and a name for the amnesiac: Jason Bourne. Now he is running for his life. A man with an unknown past and an uncertain future, the target of assassins and at the heart of a deadly puzzle. He's fighting for survival and no one can help him - except the one woman who once wanted to escape him . . . **PB \$19.99**

The Bourne Supremacy (Bourne)

Washington, Hong Kong and Peking - terror sweeps the globe. The Vice-Premier of the People's Republic has been brutally murdered by a legendary assassin and everyone is asking the same fearful questions: Why has Bourne come back? Who is paying him? Who is next on his death list? But US officials know the shocking truth: there is no Jason Bourne. There never was. But someone has resurrected the name, and if he is not stopped, the world will pay a devastating price. Jason Bourne must live again. He must utilise his murderous skills. But this time the will to survive is not enough. This time Bourne must reign supreme... **PB \$19.99**

The Bourne Ultimatum (Bourne)

It all starts with a cat-and-mouse chase to the death in a Baltimore funfair: the Jackal, Bourne's age-old antagonist, is back and Bourne is forced from his idyllic retirement with his wife and children to confront his enemy. In Europe, Russia and America there are men and women whose lust for power is disguised by their positions and respectability. Their aim: to gain control at the highest level, to avenge, to destroy. Jason Bourne has been the assassin before: now he longs for peace with his family, but the threat of the Jackal puts in jeopardy all possibility of peace ... **PB \$19.99**

Eric Van Lustbader

The Bourne Betrayal (Bourne)

Jason Bourne takes a mission to rescue his only friend in the CIA, Martin Lindros, who disappeared in Africa while tracking shipments of yellowcake uranium. Once safely back in America, Lindros persuades Bourne to help track the money trail of terrorists buying the nuclear material. Bourne agrees - but soon suffers from confusing flashbacks of unfamiliar places and events. Is someone brainwashing him in order to throw him off the trail? Worse still, is the man he saved really Martin Lindros? Now Bourne is on his own - gathering evidence, while trying to stay one step ahead of the terrorists who are determined to destroy the USA . . . **PB \$19.99**

The Bourne Legacy (Bourne)

A man without a past is washed into the nets of a fishing boat with no idea of who he is or how he got there. All he has is a passport in the name of Jason Bourne. Over the course of three books, *The Bourne Identity*, *The Bourne Supremacy* and *The Bourne Ultimatum*, he gradually comes to realise who and what he really is - a strange amalgam of a man named David Webb, and a deadly killer: Jason Bourne. Now David Webb is living a peaceful life as a university professor in the backwoods of America with his wife and children. But someone is reaching out to take him out of the game forever. A deadly assassin is on his trail and his former handler has been brutally murdered already. It seems that David Webb must once again turn to Bourne to save his life and family. **PB \$19.99**

The Bourne Sanction (Bourne)

For university professor David Webb - forever caught between two identities - life can never be ordinary. Lately he seems to have found some well-earned normality. But David is still haunted by the splintered nightmares his former life - as Jason Bourne. Soon he finds himself embroiled in a Central Intelligence operation to hunt down a terrorist organisation planning a major attack and is plunged into the deadliest and most tangled assignment of his double life - and the murky underworld he's been trying to escape. With his own side trying to take him down, all the while an assassin as brilliant and damaged as himself is getting closer by the minute... **PB \$19.99**

First Daughter

Sometimes the weakness we fear most can become our greatest strength . . .

Jack McClure has had a troubled life. His dyslexia always made him feel like an outsider. He escaped from an abusive home as a teenager and lived by his wits on the streets of Washington D.C. It wasn't until he realized that dyslexia gave him the ability to see the world in unique ways that he found success, using this newfound strength to become a top ATF agent.

When a terrible accident takes the life of his only daughter, Emma, and his marriage falls apart, Jack blames himself, numbing the pain by submerging himself in work. Then he receives a call from his old friend Edward Carson. Carson is just weeks from taking the reins as President of the United States when his daughter, Alli, is kidnapped. Because Emma McClure was once Alli's best friend, Carson turns to Jack, the one man he can trust to go to any lengths to find his daughter and bring her home safely.

The search for Alli leads Jack on a road toward reconciliation . . . and into the path of a dangerous and calculating man. Someone whose actions are as cold as they are brilliant. Whose power and reach are seemingly infinite.

Faith, redemption, and political intrigue play off one another as McClure uses his unique abilities to journey into the twisted mind of a stone cold genius who is constantly one step ahead of him. Jack will soon discover that this man has affected his life and his country in more ways than he could ever imagine. **PB \$21.95**

Barry Maitland Australian Author

All My Enemies (Brock and Kolla Mystery)

In one of the finest and most pivotal books in this critically acclaimed series, never before published in the U.S., D.S. Kathy Kolla reports to New Scotland Yard and to D.C.I. David Brock's Serious Crime Division.

Just before Kolla is to start her new job, a young woman is found viscerally murdered in a leafy, well-heeled suburb, and the grotesque details of the slaughter appear to be well-rehearsed, even theatrical. Assigned to the case, Kolla's only improbable lead draws her to a local amateur drama group. Once in their orbit, she is lured into a piece of theatre over which, increasingly, she has little control. In *All My Enemies*, Brock and Kolla find themselves in a tangled web of deceptions in a case wherein a corpus of plays becomes a template for murder. **TP \$28.95**

Archer Mayor

The Catch (Joe Gunther)

Joe Gunther, a policeman for most of his adult life, gets the call that every cop hates: A fellow officer has been killed in the line of duty. During what appears to have been a routine traffic stop on a dark country Vermont road, a deputy sheriff was shot to death. From what can be seen on the cruiser's video recorder, the killers appear to be a couple of Boston-based drug runners.

Gunther and his Vermont Bureau of Investigation are brought in to identify the killers—and track them down up and down the northeast shoreline. Meanwhile, Alan Budney, the disaffected son of a Maine lobsterman, is a man with big ambitions—to usurp and replace the state's primary drug kingpin, a plan that will inevitably place him on a dangerous collision course with Gunther's investigation... **PB \$17.95**

Val McDermid

Beneath the Bleeding (Tony Hill 05)

Recovering in the hospital after the city of Bradfield's star soccer player is poisoned and several are killed in a stadium explosion, Dr. Tony Hill tries to make sense of the case, which is complicated by the fact that his usual ally, DCI Carol Jordan, has been pushed to the margins of the investigation by intelligence services. **TP \$30.95**

Brian McGilloway

Gallows Lane (Inspector Devlin Mystery)

The heart-stopping follow-up to Brian McGilloway's thrilling debut, *Gallows Lane* continues the compelling series that captures modern Ireland and showcases a striking new voice in crime writing.

In his critically acclaimed debut, *Borderlands*, Brian McGilloway opened a window onto modern Ireland through the eyes of Garda Inspector Benedict Devlin, drawing comparisons to John Connolly and Ian Rankin for his tight, fast-paced plotting.

In *Gallows Lane*, the Donegal summer dawns unusually hot, and Inspector Devlin returns to the borderlands separating the North and South of Ireland, waiting for a notorious ex-con, James Kerr, to return home on early release. Kerr claims to have found God while in prison, but the superintendent of police wants him to stay on the other side of the border.

When a young woman is found beaten to death on a building site in what appears to be a sexually-motivated killing, Devlin is distracted from his assignment of keeping tabs on Kerr. Enquiries into the murder soon point to a local bodybuilder and steroid addict. But days later, the born-again ex-con Kerr is found nailed to a tree—crucified.

Increasingly torn between his young family and his job, Devlin is determined to apprehend those responsible for the murders before they strike again, even as the carnage begins to jeopardize those he cares about most.

Taking its title from the name of the road down which condemned Donegal criminals were once led, *Gallows Lane* is a sharp, modern thriller; a stunning second installment in what John Connolly says is "set to become one of the great series in modern crime fiction." **HC \$49.95**

Brad Meltzer

The Tenth Justice

A young Supreme Court clerk enlists the help of three strategically placed friends when he is blackmailed with a past indiscretion if he fails to share classified state information. **PB \$21.95**

Denise Mina

Still Midnight

Life ought to be simple for DI Alex Morrow. She's an up-and-coming Glasgow cop, just about to be presented with the case that could make her career. Her half-brother Danny is also on the up. Unfortunately for her, he's making his name on the other side of the tracks - in the murky shadows of Glasgow's criminal underworld. Nearby, a peaceful Sunday evening in a suburban neighbourhood is brutally shattered by a vicious attack. A battered van pulls up to the door of an ordinary-looking home and disgorges a group of armed men in balaclavas. They smash into the house, hold the terrified family within at gunpoint and demand millions of pounds. Baffled, the family protest that they don't have that sort of money. As quickly as they came, the attackers snatch the elderly grandfather and storm off into the night. When DI Morrow arrives she soon realises that there are too many missing links in this seemingly random attack: nothing quite makes sense. Who were the men? And why did they think this normal household concealed untold riches? The family is certainly not talking and as Morrow starts to delve deeper, she realises that there are dark secrets all around... As she searches for answers to one family's secrets, she must protect her own. Can she keep her bosses in the dark about her criminal brother? Or is something going to have to give? **TP \$32.99**

Rick Mofina

Vengeance Road

The murder of a brokenhearted woman...

The body of Bernice Hogan, a troubled young former nursing student with a tragic past, is found in a shallow grave near a forest creek. ...and the chilling disappearance of her friend... Jolene Peller, a single mom struggling to build a new life with her little boy, vanishes the night she tries to find Bernice. ...raise questions about their ties to a respected detective... Hero cop Karl Styebek is beloved by his community, but privately police are uneasy with the answers he gives to protect the life—and the lie—he's lived. ...and lead to one journalist's obsession to find the truth... The case haunts Jack Gannon, a gritty, blue-collar reporter whose own sister ran away from their family years ago. Gannon risks more than his job to pursue the story behind Styebek's dark secret, his link to the women, and the mysterious big rig roaming America's loneliest highways on its descent into eternal darkness. **PB \$19.95**

Richard Montanari

Badlands

Philadelphia police detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano are working a new beat: the Special Investigations Unit, aka the cold case squad. Ironic, given that it's the height of a blazing hot August. But even these hardened homicide veterans are chilled to the bone as a dormant murder case stirs to life—leading Byrne and Balzano into the dark heart of their city, their souls, and a psyche of pure evil.

Months before, a teenage runaway's body was found in the desolate, dangerous North Philly district dubbed the Badlands. Dead runaways were no novelty on these mean streets, but the Caitlin O'Riordan case was different. Her corpse was found in the basement of a rancid tenement apartment, the inexplicable cause of death: drowning. In the end, nothing was solved and the case was closed.

Now a confession to the bizarre murder on the police tipline sends Byrne and Balzano rushing to make an arrest. But instead of a killer, they discover a ghastly scene: a jar containing human remains—along with a cryptic clue leading to an unlikely witness. Laura Somerville lives far from the squalor of the Badlands, and seemingly light-years from any connection to a murdered runaway. But moments after discussing the case with this elegant lady, Byrne and Balzano make another grisly discovery, and find an enigmatic word spelled out in Scrabble tiles.

Across town, another victim's shallow grave reveals deeper mysteries. Her secret diaries portray a woman haunted by a shocking past, and obsessed with finding a depraved killer.

Now, as the body count grows, a terrifying design literally takes shape. Pieces of a gruesome puzzle are being set into place by the cruel hands of a madman using the city as his game board. His playthings are the innocent, and his opponents—and pawns—are Byrne and Balzano, who must, before time runs out, decipher the truth about a shadowy house of horrors and its elusive master.

Internationally acclaimed author Richard Montanari works his black magic to spine-tingling perfection in *Badlands*, conjuring all the relentless suspense, dark twists of intrigue, and full-throttle action that make his brilliant, engrossing novels required reading for thriller fans. **PB \$19.95**

Cyrus Moore*City of Thieves*

Nic Lamparelli works for a leading US investment bank in London. Starting at the bottom, he rises rapidly through the ranks to reach the pinnacle of his profession. Even at the top, he holds true to his principles while those around him abandon theirs. And that's what makes him special. Soon he has it all: a beautiful girlfriend, a high-flying career, an overpaid City job with a reputation as one of the bank's star analysts. Then one day he wakes up to find that things can go wrong - fast. His closest childhood friend Jack, also a star in the City, uncovers a plot to implicate Nic in an insider trading ring. And that is just the start. Before long, everything Nic has built up starts to crumble to pieces - his relationship, his career, his reputation. But can he hold true to his principles in the face of everything? Or will he succumb to temptation like so many others... **TP \$32.99**

David Morrell*The Fraternity of Stone*

Drew MacLane was a star agent--until the day the killing had to stop. He withdrew and for six years lived the life of a hermit in a monastery. But someone has tracked him down, leaving a trail of corpses. Someone who knows all about him, who knows how to draw him back into that electrifying world where no one is as he seems, and where life's most horrifying and harrowing game is played.... **HC \$30.95**

Steve Mosby*Still Bleeding*

Sarah Pepper is dead: killed by her boyfriend in a drunken rage. He's confessed, but can't remember exactly where he dumped her body. The police appeal to the public for help finding Sarah's remains. They're looking for a field with a wooden gate, an empty bottle of vodka by the roadside. She will be partly concealed beneath a hedge... Shocked by the news, Alex Connor travels halfway round the world. He's coming home determined to say goodbye to Sarah, the friend who helped him through his darkest days. When he arrives, however, he finds only a mystery. The field has been located, but using the information provided by the police, someone else has got there first and Sarah's body has been taken. On the other side of the country, a killer is preying on young women. When a girl called Rebecca Wingate vanishes, Detective Paul Kearney knows they only have a week to find her - before her body turns up, drained slowly and completely of blood. Kearney seemingly gets a break when a man is caught and confesses - but Rebecca's body isn't where it should be... In their hunt to find the living and the dead, Kearney and Alex are drawn together into a sinister world of death fetish and 'murderabilia', where relics and mementos of killers are traded and life is only the first thing a victim will lose. **TP \$32.99**

The 50/50 Killer

When a man is found burned to death in his own home, Mackey's team is thrown into an investigation that grows darker and more complex at every turn. The evidence points to a man known as the 50/50 Killer. His targets are young couples, who he stalks and subjects to a single night of torture and manipulation, testing and destroying the love between them. Only one of them ever survives until dawn. And his victims include a former member of Mackey's team. Soon afterwards, a young man walks into a police station badly tortured and with his memory in tatters. He knows only that his girlfriend is still being held captive in the woods he's escaped from. But the team knows that by fleeing, the man has sealed his girlfriend's fate. If they can't piece together his experience by daybreak then she will die in his place... **PB \$22.99**

Tara Moss Australian Author*Covet (Makedde Vanderwall)*

Makedde Vanderwall is back -- and trouble's not far behind... Eighteen months after her ordeal at the hands of the sadistic 'Stiletto Murderer', fashion model and forensic psychology student Makedde Vanderwall must confront her demons when she returns to Sydney for the trial. But just as the verdict is handed down, the unthinkable happens - the killer makes a daring escape, aided and abetted by a twisted accomplice whom no-one suspected. Mak is terrified, and her ex-boyfriend, Detective Andy Flynn, who has a bad habit of employing more madness than method in his work, isn't helping. She decides to leave the country, but the Press dogs her every move, hindering her safe passage and unknowingly helping the Stiletto Murderer, who's busy rekindling an old fetish -- her. Where can she run? Whom can she trust? And have she and the police underestimated Australia's most notorious serial killer yet again? Sharper than a Manolo six-inch heel, sexier than a Versace fashion show, and riskier than all seven deadly sins, COVET will set your pulse racing. **BPB \$24.99**

Fetish (Makedde Vanderwall)

Makedde Vanderwall, part-time model and forensic psychology student always attracts the wrong type of man. When she travels to Sydney on assignment and finds her best friend murdered, she soon discovers a deadly puzzle of suspicious photographers, hired thugs, mysterious lovers and the handsome, jaded Detective Andy Flynn investigating the Stiletto Murders -- the most violent serial killings Australia has ever known. In her quest to uncover the truth behind her best friend's murder, Mak falls headlong into a deadly game of cat and mouse, unaware she has become the obsession of a sadistic psychopath. When a photo from her portfolio disappears, her borrowed flat is ransacked and Andy Flynn suddenly goes underground, Mak knows she must run. But where can she go and to whom can she turn? Mak has scratched the seedy underbelly of a foreign city and is driven into a corner, an evil place where, for her own well-being and state of mind, she must suspect everyone and everything ... **BPB \$24.99**

Hit (Makedde Vanderwall)

She's street-smart, stunning and hoping to leave her troubled past behind her ... Makedde 'Mak' Vanderwall has her PhD and has started a new life in Australia with her detective boyfriend, Andy Flynn. To scrape together extra cash to start her first forensic psychology practice, Mak begins working part-time for an infamous Sydney PI. With a knack for investigation and bending the law, she might just have stumbled across her true calling -- and the career choice that could finally bust up her relationship once and for all. Then Mak is hired by a mysterious client to investigate the murder of A-list PA Meaghan Wallace. The police believe it's an open and shut case: a junkie street-kid is guilty. But the case turns out to be a lot more complicated as Mak uncovers a dangerous web of cover-ups, killers for hire, the powerful and debauched rich, and Australia's sleazy underbelly. If the boy didn't kill Meaghan, then who set him up? And how far will they go to keep their guilt a secret? **BPB \$24.99**

Split (Makedde Vanderwall)

Makedde Vanderwall is a woman with a past. She is beautiful, street-smart and single, a model paying her way through a degree in forensic psychology. But behind the wit and winning smile is a woman haunted by violent nightmares and plagued by thoughts of Detective Andy Flynn, the ex-lover who saved her from a serial killer in Sydney. Mak has returned to Vancouver, her hometown in Canada, eager to finish her studies, move on from the ordeal, and find some peace of mind. But instead she walks straight into a city gripped by fear, and a campus where the students are fair game. As winter closes in and the days grow shorter, Mak is drawn into a shifting world of unstable minds and untrustworthy men, where motives are unclear and desires are unchecked. Her past cannot be so easily forgotten, and she must face her greatest challenge yet ... **BPB \$24.99**

Tara Moss Australian Author

Siren (Makedde Vanderwall 05)

ENTER A WORLD OF BEAUTY AND DANGER, OF FRENCH CABARET AND TERRIBLE REVENGE Mak Vanderwall - beautiful, street-wise daughter of a cop, graduate in forensic psychology, and now PI - is hired by a widowed mother to track down her missing nineteen-year-old son. Has he come to harm? Or has he run off with a bizarre troupe of shady French cabaret artists sweeping through Australia? Has the dark beauty of the burlesque, the magic, the mind-bending contortion, beguiled him? Or has he been seduced by the mysterious and amoral older woman who has a terrifying starring role in the troupe's modern performances of the Grand Guignol 'Theatre of Fear', famous in Paris in the early 1900s? And what of the rumours of violence and tragedy that have plagued the troupe for the past decade? Is their horrifying past fact or fiction? Meanwhile, Mak is increasingly obsessed with the powerful Cavanagh family, one of Australia's richest and most ruthless families, whom she believes has got away with murder. And it seems their security advisor Mr White, and his hit man, Luther Hand, may not have forgotten about Mak either ... **TP \$32.99**

Barbara Nadel

Sure and Certain Death

London, 1940: Francis Hancock finds the brutally eviscerated body of a woman in a derelict house in Plaistow. Francis' sister, Nancy, knew the victim. Then, shockingly, two more murders follow; again, the victims are female and also eviscerated. Rumours start to spread through the East End about a modern day Jack the Ripper. When a fourth woman is murdered, Nancy finally admits that she knew all of the victims. They were all White Feather Girls during the First World War; women who spent their time giving any man out of uniform a white feather as a sign of cowardice. Francis is appalled, but also terrified that now his sister might be murdered too. He sets out to find the killer and discovers a trail of murderous resentment that goes back decades... **TP \$32.99**

Camilla Noli Australian Author

Broken Fences

Clair lives in the leafy suburbs and has worked hard to create the perfect life for her husband and her two children. She has devoted herself to creating a safe world for her family - she feeds them well, helps out at school and volunteers on the parents and citizens committee. Clair knows from experience how harsh the world can be for children but in her mind she is able to hold any threats at bay...until a new family arrives in the area. The first time she sees Chelsea she has her pegged as a spoilt only child who has the potential to change the ordered calm that Clair has woven. But she has no idea exactly what events are about to unfold. A tragic accident that Clair interprets as something far more sinister proves to her that she was right to be strict with her children. But as she reacts to what is going on her children start to rebel. The tighter she reins them in, the less control she has. As she loses her grip on them and her ability to govern what happens to them she starts to lose her grasp on reality. Teetering on the edges of madness, Clair will do anything to protect her family...and in so doing risks destroying all their lives. **PB \$24.99**

Still Waters

In the suburbs, a young mother is looking after her two children. She has been a successful career woman in control of her life and used to attracting her husband's undivided attention. But now her control is slipping away. Motherhood is devouring her life. Her two children depend on her and her husband adores her new role in the home. Her own desires are secondary to everyone else's. She is the mother and she's not happy about it. She wants to reclaim her sense of self, her power. Even if that means destroying the people she is meant to protect. Even if it means murder. *STILL WATERS* is a confronting novel with a chilling final twist. **PB \$24.99**

Brenda Novak

The Perfect Liar (Perfect 02)

Obsession leads to lies...

When air force captain Luke Trussell opens his door one Sunday morning, he's shocked to find the police—and even more shocked when they charge him with rape. He knows he made a mistake in judgment the night before, but he certainly didn't force his attentions on the woman who's been stalking him for months.

Problem is...Karina Harter has the bruises—and the DNA evidence—to make her claim convincing.

And lies can lead to murder.

Determined to isolate Luke, Karina goes to victims' rights advocate Ava Bixby of The Last Stand, hoping Ava will help put Luke behind bars. But Ava soon realizes she's defending the wrong victim.

Problem is...switching her support to Luke could be dangerous—especially when she falls for him. Because Karina won't tolerate losing the man she wants to anyone. Least of all Ava... **PB \$19.95**

Watch Me

Someone tried to kill her twelve years ago

Teenagers Sheridan Kohl and Jason Wyatt were parked at the lake in Whiterock, Tennessee, when a stranger wearing a ski mask shot them both. Sheridan lived but Jason died – and the stranger was never caught. Even though Sheridan's family moved away right afterward, she's never been able to put the crime behind her.

And now that particular someone doesn't want her to come home

Because of a new development in the case, Sheridan returns to Whiterock. But when she's attacked a second time, it's only because of Jason's stepbrother, Cain Granger, that she survives – and Cain's the last person she wants to face. If not for their history, if not for her, Jason wouldn't have been in that parked car.

Cain knows that whoever killed his brother probably isn't a stranger at all. But figuring out that person's identity is easier said than done – especially since the killer seems to be taunting them both. **APB \$16.99**

Stewart O'Nan

Song for the Missing

When a popular high-school student goes missing from her small Midwestern community, her loving parents, introverted sister, friends, and boyfriend devote themselves to finding her, an effort that gives way to pleading television appearances, private investigations, and intimate struggles to cling to hope. **TP \$30.95**

Leslie Parish

Black At Heart (Black CATs)

Losing Lily, a brilliant but fragile young agent with whom he fell in love while they tracked down internet criminals together, FBI agent Wyatt investigates the work of a vigilante and begins to fear that Lily has gone rogue. By the RITA-nominated author of *Fade to Black*. **PB \$19.95**

Robert B Parker*Rough Weather (Spenser)*

Reluctantly escorting the gold-digging and recently separated Heidi Bradshaw to her daughter's wedding, Boston private investigator Spenser hopes to reconnect with his beloved Susan but becomes enmeshed in a kidnapping plot involving his nemesis Rugar, in a case that is further complicated by a hurricane. A best-selling novel. **PB \$21.95**

James Patterson & Andrew Gross*3rd Degree (03)*

The third novel in the Women's Murder Club series. One of the best-loved heroines from the Women's Murder Club is about to die. Which one will it be? Detective Lindsay Boxer is jogging along a beautiful San Francisco street as a ferocious blast rips through the neighbourhood. A townhouse owned by an internet magnate explodes into flames, three people die and a sinister note signed August Spies is found at the scene. Soon a wave of violence sweeps through the city and it seems that whoever is behind it is intent on killing someone every three days. Even more terrifying, the four friends who call themselves the Women's Murder Club discover that the killer has targeted one of them. And Lindsay learns that one member of the club is hiding a secret so dangerous and unbelievable that it could destroy them all. **BPB \$22.99**

James Patterson & Richard Dilallo*Alex Cross's Trial (Alex Cross)*

Ben Corbett is a brilliant young lawyer in early-twentieth-century Washington DC. Yet he is a disappointment to his wife and father, who believe he wastes his talents by doing poorly-paid and thankless work helping the poor and downtrodden.

One day, out of the blue, he receives a private invitation to the White House. President Theodore Roosevelt has personally selected Ben to help him investigate rumours of lynchings and a re-emergence of the outlawed Ku Klux Klan in Ben's own hometown of Eudora, Mississippi. Ben accepts the mission handed to him and is given the name of a man in Eudora who will help him in this covert operation the man's name is Abraham Cross, great-uncle of Alex.

As Ben delves into the murky depths of racial hatred that hide beneath the surface of this seemingly sleepy Southern town, people become suspicious of what he is trying to do, and make it very clear to Ben what he is risking if he continues. Ben must decide if he is willing to lose old friends, his family, maybe even his life, for the cause he believes in.

In his quest to bring about justice for the tortured and tormented black community of Eudora, Ben will have to take on the biggest, most difficult, and most dangerous trial of his life. But can one man fight an entire town, an entire state that is stuck in the past and willing to go to any lengths to halt change and the coming of a future that they desperately fear? **TP \$32.95**

James Patterson & Maxine Paetro*4th of July (Women's Murder Club 04)*

In a late-night showdown, Detective Lindsay Boxer has to make an instantaneous decision: in self-defence she fires her weapon and sets off a chain of events that leaves a police force disgraced, a city divided and a family destroyed. Now everything she's worked for her entire life hinges on the decision of twelve jurors. To escape the media circus, Lindsay retreats to the picturesque town of Half Moon Bay. Soon after, a string of grisly murders punches through the community. There are no witnesses; there is no pattern. But a key detail reminds Lindsay of an unsolved murder she worked on years ago. As summer comes into full swing, Lindsay and her friends in the Women's Murder Club battle for her life on two fronts: in court and against a ruthless killer. **BPB \$22.99**

Richard North Patterson*The Spire*

Both a razor-sharp thriller and a poignant love story, this twisting tale of psychological suspense is Patterson's most compelling novel in years. Mark Darrow grew up in a small Ohio town with no real advantages beyond his intelligence and athletic ability. But thanks to the intervention of Lionel Farr—a professor at Caldwell, the local college—Darrow became an excellent student and, later, a superb trial lawyer. Now Farr asks his still-youthful protégé for a life-altering favor. An embezzlement scandal has threatened Caldwell's very existence—would Darrow consider becoming its new president?

Darrow accepts, but returning to his alma mater opens old wounds. Sixteen years ago, on the night of his greatest triumph as Caldwell's star quarterback, he discovered the body of a black female student named Angela Hall at the base of the Spire, the bell tower that dominates the leafy campus. His best friend, Steve Tillman, was charged with Angela's murder and ultimately sent to prison for life. But now, even as Darrow begins the daunting task of leading Caldwell, he discovers that the case against his friend left crucial questions unanswered. Despite his new obligations—and his deepening attachment to Farr's beautiful though troubled daughter—Darrow begins his own inquiry into the murder. Soon he becomes convinced that Angela's killer is still at large, but only when another mysterious death occurs does he understand that his own life is at risk. **HC \$52.95**

George Pelecanos*The Turnaround*

On a hot summer afternoon in Washington DC 1972, three white teenagers, stoned and fearless, drive a stolen car into a rough, black neighbourhood. Taunting local black kids through the car window, they speed off to what they think is safety. They find themselves trapped in a dead-end street whilst an angry mob gathers. In the ensuing chaos, two of the white boys manage to escape, but Billy - the third friend - is shot dead. Thirty-five years later, one of these men reaches out to another, opening a door that could lead to salvation. However, another survivor of that day is now out of prison and is looking for reparation in any form he can find it... **PB \$22.99**

Don Pendleton*Dark Alliance (Executioner 370)*

From the lazy heat of Miami to the steamy Colombian jungles, Mack Bolan is on the trail of a missing American journalist. The woman was close to exposing the key players in a dangerous drug cartel, and Bolan figures they snatched her to protect their illicit empire. Each step pulls him further into an unforgiving world of guns and violence until he himself is captured.

The vicious drug czar responsible for Bolan's plight reveals a carefully planned conspiracy that could topple a government...and an entire nation. Tortured and beaten, Bolan is only seconds away from escape...or death. His only advantage: the enemy isn't banking on the unrelenting force known as The Executioner. **PB \$13.95**

Mission: Apocalypse (SuperBolan 128)

Deep inside Mexican cartel country, a dirty bomb is making its way north across the U.S. border. The location and eventual destination remain uncertain, but Mack Bolan is closing in on the radioactive caravan with luck and some dubious associates as his only allies. Bolan's orders are to find and take out the immediate threat, but he soon discovers that his mission doesn't end there—it's just the beginning of a bigger, grimmer picture that involves an international New Age cult. Across the globe, a self-styled guru has enlisted a massive army of disaffected Soviet and South American veterans as his shock troops in a new and apocalyptic war—against the world. **APB \$17.95**

Louise Penny*A Rule Against Murder (Chief Inspector Gamache)*

It is the height of summer, and Armand Gamache and his wife are celebrating their wedding anniversary at an isolated, luxurious inn not far from the village of Three Pines. But they're not alone. The Finney family—rich, cultured, and respectable—has also arrived for a celebration of their own... As the heat rises and the humidity closes in, some surprising guests turn up at the Finney reunion...and a terrible summer storm leaves behind a dead body. Now it's up to Chief Inspector Gamache to unearth long-buried secrets and hatreds hidden behind polite smiles. The chase takes him to Three Pines—into the dark corners of his own life, and finally to a harrowing climax. **PB \$19.95**

Snake in the Glass (Glassblowing Mysteries)

Allowing a nervous stranger to use her kiln for an experimental gem treatment, Tucson glassblower Em Dowell is horrified when a subsequent murder is tied to both the stranger and Em's missing brother. By the author of *Pane of Death*. **PB \$17.95**

Barbara Pope*Cezanne's Quarry*

Investigating the strangling murder of a mysterious young woman in Aix-en-Provence, inexperienced magistrate Bernard Martin finds the case hampered by local beliefs that the woman deserved her fate because of her relationship with a radical Darwinian scholar. **TP \$30.95**

Mario Puzo*The Godfather (Godfather 01)*

Tryant, blackmailer, racketeer, murder, his influence reaches every level of American society. Meet Don Corleone, a friendly man, a just man, a reasonable man. The deadliest lord of the Cosa Nostra. The Godfather.

A modern masterpiece, *The Godfather* is the epic story of organised crime in the 1940s. It is also the intimate story of the Corleone family, at once drawn together and ripped apart by its unique position at the core of the American Mafia. Still shocking more than a quarter-century after it was first published, this compelling tale of blackmail, murder and family values is a true classic. **PB \$24.95**

The Last Don (Godfather 02)

In a corrupt world where crooked cops and desperate gamblers play dangerous games of betrayal, one man has power over them all

The Last Don is Mario Puzo at his finest – a masterful saga of the last great American crime family, the Clericuzios, and their powerful reach into Hollywood and Las Vegas. Domenico Clericuzio is a wise and ruthless man who in his old age is determined to create a life free from criminal activities for his grandchildren. But as he strives to establish his heirs in legitimate society, secrets from his family's past spark a vicious and bloody war between cousins ... **PB \$24.95**

Omertà (Godfather 03)

Omertà, the Sicilian code of silence, has been the cornerstone of the Mafia's sense of honour for centuries. Born in the Sicilian hills, omertà carried the Mafia through a hundred years of change, but now at the century's end it is becoming a relic from a bygone age. Honour may be silent – but money talks.

New York – a mob boss is assassinated. His nephew Astorre Viola and the head of the city's FBI both launch investigations into the murder. But this time silence spreads like a contagion: the silence of rival gangs, the silence of crooked bankers, even the silence of the courts. The world of the Mafia is riven with greed, and Viola knows that now is the time to claim his destiny... **PB \$24.95**

The Family (Godfather 04)

'We are a family,' Alexander told his children. 'And the loyalty of the family must come before everything and everyone else. We must learn from each other, protect each other, and be bound first and foremost to each other. For if we honour that commitment, we will never be vanquished – but if we falter in that loyalty, we will all be condemned'

In a tale of brutality and betrayal that crowns Mario Puzo's remarkable career, he brings us the story of the greatest crime family in Italian history – the Borgias. **PB \$24.95**

Robert J Randisi*You're Nobody Til Somebody Kills You (Rat Pack Mystery)*

In a latest work set in the Golden Era world of *Hey There (You With the Gun in Your Hand)* finds Eddie G.'s services enlisted by a frantic Marilyn Monroe, who believes she is being followed. **HC \$51.95**

Ian Rankin*Doors Open*

Mike Mackenzie is a self-made man with too much time on his hands and a bit of the devil in his soul. He is looking for something to liven up the days and settles on a plot to rip-off one of the most high-profile targets in the capital - the National Gallery of Scotland. So, together with two close friends from the art world, he devises a plan to lift some of the most valuable artwork around. But of course, the real trick is to rob the place for all its worth whilst persuading the world that no crime was ever committed... **BPB \$22.99**

Sarah Rayne*Ghost Song*

The old Tarleton music hall is the subject of a mysterious building restriction that has kept it closed for more than 90 years. When Robert Fallon is asked to survey the structure, he finds clues indicating that its long twilight sleep may contain a sinister secret. Joining forces with researcher Hilary Bryant, Robert discovers the legend of the Tarleton's ghost, a mysterious figure that was first glimpsed during the era of Toby Chance, a charismatic performer who vanished suddenly and inexplicably in the early 1900s. After almost a century the Tarleton's dark silence is about to end, but there are those who find its reopening a threatening prospect. As Robert and Hilary delve into the macabre history, they both become menaced by the secrets of the past. **TP \$29.99**

Kathy Reichs*206 Bones (Temperance Brennan 12)*

When Dr Temperance Brennan is called to Chicago to answer questions on an old case involving the death of a lonely but wealthy woman, the last thing she expects is to have her professional assessment questioned by a lawyer who barely knows his X from X [arse from elbow].

Taking the opportunity to catch up with family while in Chicago, Tempe then ends up being drawn into a missing person's case that she fears will only end in bad news.

Meanwhile, back in Montreal the bodies of a trio of elderly women have been discovered. One is found in a shallow grave. One in the woods. One burned in her country cabin. Tempe's convinced there must be a link between their violent deaths.

But it's difficult to focus on the case while tensions run high at the lab and it becomes increasingly apparent that someone is attempting to sabotage her professional reputation, and they're willing to take any measures necessary to knock out the competition ... **TP \$34.95**

Kathy Reichs

206 Bones

There are 206 bones in the human body. Forensic anthropologists know them intimately, can read in them stories of brief or long lives, and use them to reconstruct every kind of violent end.

The twelfth Temperance Brennan novel from Kathy Reichs, *206 Bones* opens with Tempe regaining consciousness and discovering that she is in some kind of very small, very dark, very cold enclosed space. She is bound, hands to feet. Is she buried alive? In some kind of cell? Who wants Tempe dead, or at least out of the way, and why? Tempe begins slowly to reconstruct...

Tempe and Lieutenant Ryan had accompanied the recently discovered remains of a missing heiress from Montreal to the Chicago morgue. Suddenly, Tempe was accused of mishandling the autopsy -- and the case. Someone made an incriminating phone call. Within hours, the one man with information about the call was dead. Back in Montreal, the corpse of a second elderly woman was found in the woods, and then a third.

Seamlessly weaving between Tempe's present-tense terror and her memory of the cases of these murdered women, Reichs conveys the incredible devastation that would occur if a forensic colleague sabotaged work in the lab. The chemistry between Tempe and Ryan intensifies as this complex, riveting tale unfolds. **HC \$54.95**

Anthony Riches

Wounds of Honour (Empire 01)

Marcus Valerius Aquila has scarcely landed in Britannia when he has to run for his life - condemned to dishonorable death by power-crazed emperor Commodus. The plan is to take a new name, serve in an obscure regiment on Hadrian's Wall and lie low until he can hope for justice. Then a rebel army sweeps down from the wastes north of the Wall, and Marcus has to prove he's hard enough to lead a century in the front line of a brutal, violent war. **TP \$32.99**

Peter Robinson

Price of Love

When DCI Alan Banks arrived in Eastvale his life was every bit as much of a mess as it is now. But he is holding an envelope that could change everything he understood about the events that sent him north twenty years ago. Walking again the narrow alleys and back streets of his mind, he remembers the seedy Soho nights of his last case - dubious businessmen in dodgy clubs, young girls on the game. And a killer on the loose. In addition to the brand new novella that fills in the gaps in Banks's life before Yorkshire, Peter Robinson gives us ten more brilliant and eclectic stories that have never before been published. The Eastvale Ladies' Poker Circle finds that murder may be just another game of risk. Is a suitcase of cash worth a man's head on a plate? And tragedy leads a young boy to learn the price of love . . . **TP \$32.99**

Karen Rose

I Can See You

In Karen Rose's brilliant new thriller a killer is targeting the participants of an online role playing game called Shadowland. Each of the victims is befriended by the killer online. He then stalks them in real life, murdering them in the way that they worst fear. Eve Wilson, who we previously met in *NOTHING TO FEAR*, is researching the game as part of her thesis on how self-esteem is affected by violence. Now she must work with Detective Noah Webster to find the murderer before the killings escalate out of all control and Eve herself becomes a target. **TP \$32.99**

Kill for Me

In Karen Rose's brilliant sequel to *SCREAM FOR ME*, a paedophile ring is kidnapping young girls. Will one of its victims be able to break the ring before it's too late? For years District Attorney Susannah Vartanian has refused to allow anyone close to her. Her life changed overnight when as a teenager she was brutally raped by a vicious gang of youths. Detective Luke Papadopoulos is fast approaching burn-out. As a detective working on sex-crimes against children, he will do anything to find those responsible for such evil atrocities. Monica Cassidy is terrified. Kidnapped and held in a bunker with eleven other girls, all victims of a paedophile ring started by Susannah's rapists, she barely escaped with her life when her kidnappers panicked and fled, killing five of the girls as they left. Now Monica is the only one who can identify the ring's members and they know where she is. Will Luke and Susannah be able to keep Monica safe and crack the ring before the remaining girls disappear forever? **APB \$19.99**

David Rosenfelt

Play Dead

Andy Carpenter rescues a golden retriever from being put down and finds that the dog was supposed to have died five years before during an incident that resulted in his master being convicted of murdering his fiancée at sea. Encouraged by the prisoner's sister, Andy endeavours to reopen the case by using the dog as a witness in court. He finds himself the object of violent interest by persons unknown who very much do not want a new trial, resulting in car chases, attempted assassination and dog-napping. Andy displays his usual court-room theatrics, but he has to bring in the Mafia before he gets to the bottom of a remarkable chain of impersonations and murder. **APB \$19.99**

Sheldon Russell

The Yard Dog

The Yard Dog takes place near the close of World War II, when a large number of Nazi POWs were incarcerated in camps scattered across the prairies of the United States.

At Waynoka Divisional Point, near POW Camp Alva, the disillusioned Hook Runyon is assigned by the railroad to run off hobos and arrest pickpockets. Left behind in the war because of the loss of his arm in a car accident, Hook lives in a caboose, collects rare books, and drinks busthead liquor. When a coal picker by the name of Spark Dugan is found run over by a reefer car, Hook and his sidekick, Runt, the local moonshiner, suspect foul play and are drawn into a scheme far greater than either could have imagined. This conspiracy reaches the highest echelons of the camp and beyond and will push Hook and Runt to their physical and mental limits.

Hook is a complex character, equal parts rough and vulnerable, an unlikely and unwilling hero. He is more than matched by Dr. Reina Kaplan, a Jewish big-city transplant to Camp Alva who is battling her own demons and has been put in charge of educating the Nazi inmates in the basics of democracy before their eventual return to Germany.

Vivid descriptions of period detail, stark landscapes, and unique characters make this first book in the Hook Runyon series a fascinating mystery full of tension and deep insight. **HC \$51.95**

Hank Phillippi Ryan

Air Time (Charlotte McNally 03)

When savvy TV reporter Charlotte McNally enters the glamorous world of high fashion, she soon discovers that when the purses are fake—the danger is real. And no one can be trusted!

Now Charlotte can't tell the real from the fake as she goes undercover to bring the couture counterfeiters to justice—and in her struggle to answer an all-important, life-changing question from a certain handsome professor...

The one thing Charlotte knows for sure is that the wrong choice could be the last decision she ever makes! **PB \$19.95**

Hank Phillippi Ryan

Face Time

Veteran TV reporter Charlotte McNally fights for justice, journalism—and the battle against on-air aging. The good news: she's got explosive evidence to free an innocent woman from prison. The bad news: that makes Charlotte—and someone she loves—the real killer's next target.

Charlotte knows she has what it takes to get the story. Unfortunately, the more Charlotte snoops around, the more people turn up dead. **PB \$19.95**

Annelise Ryan

Working Stiff

A first installment in a new series finds wisecracking nurse-turned-coroner Mattie Winston leaving her unfaithful husband only to find herself implicated in the murder of his girlfriend, a situation for which she struggles to clear her name before falling for a handsome detective. **HC \$45.95**

Fay Sampson

In the Blood

The first in a fascinating new series combining mystery and genealogy - Keen family history researcher Suzie Fewings is delighted when she discovers an ancestor with the same name as her teenage son. But what she finds out about the seventeenth-century Thomas casts a darker shadow than she expected. Then her own Tom's girlfriend is found dead in mysterious circumstances, and Suzie finds it hard to suppress her growing fears that Tom has inherited more than a name from his predecessor . . . **HC \$56.95**

Stephen Jay Schwartz

Boulevard

Hayden Glass never had it easy. After losing his father at a young age, he fought hard for everything he got, haunted by a shame that he could never define or conquer. Now a Los Angeles Police Robbery and Homicide detective, Glass is still haunted by the scars that formed in his childhood and left a permanent void in his soul. He deals with it in a very defeating way . . . he strolls Sunset Boulevard, picking up prostitutes. Hayden Glass is a sex addict.

Called to investigate a heinous crime scene involving the daughter of prominent LA politician, Glass is quickly overwhelmed by the spotlight. When new murders arise, Glass sees a link where no one else does--this is the work of a vicious, sadistic sexual predator. Forced to use the support rooms that keep him from acting out as an investigative tool, Glass finds himself alienated by everyone he needs: his ex-wife, his sponsor, even his fellow detectives. Glass must call on the services of ex-FBI profiler, turned private investigator Kennedy Reynard, who is as tempting as she is helpful. But the tide turns quickly when Glass discovers that his quarry has his sights set on an ultimate target--Glass himself. **HC \$51.95**

Lisa Scottoline

Lady Killer

Mary DiNunzio is strong, smart and has plenty of attitude. She's become a big-time business-getter at Rosato & Associates, but the last person she expects to walk into her office one morning - in six-inch stilettos - is super-sexy Trish Gambone, her old high school rival. Trish was the head Mean Girl who flunked religion and excelled at smoking in the bathroom. Trish's life has taken a horrifying turn. She's terrified of her live-in boyfriend who is an abusing, gun-toting drug dealer for the South Philly mob. Mary remembers the guy from high school too - she had a major crush on him. Before Mary knows it, Trish vanishes. A dead body turns up in an alley, and Mary is plunged into a nightmare - that threatens her family, her job and even her life. Mary goes on a one-woman crusade to unmask the killer, and finds love in a very unexpected place. Along the way, she's forced to confront some very uncomfortable truths about her past and the profound effects of lifelong love - and hate. **BPB \$22.99**

James Sheehan

Law of Second Chances

Jack Tobin, a Florida trial lawyer, is committed to justice for the innocent. But when he's presented with Henry Wilson's case, he has reasons to believe that the convict is guilty. Wilson has eight weeks to live...and Jack must decide whether he can—and will—help him...

Benny Avriole is a small-time thief with his eye on an oil man's big billfold. But Benny is in way over his head on this one. The robbery goes bad, and the oil man ends up dead. Just when Benny's fate is all but sealed, an old friend from Jack Tobin's past reaches out. The question is: Why? And: What does he expect in return? Meanwhile, the clock is still ticking on Henry Wilson's life... **PB \$19.95**

Sidney Sheldon

Mistress of the Game

It began with Jamie MacGregor, stealing diamonds in Africa. It continued with his daughter, the powerful Kate Blackwell who grew her father's company into a world wide conglomerate, Now the story passes to the next generation.

Spanning the decades and picking-up exactly where Sidney Sheldon's bestselling Master of the Game finished, Mistress of the Game follows the Blackwell family as they, Love, and lose, scheme and murder through the 80's up until the present day.

Heart-stopping and glamorous, tense and provocative, Mistress of the Game is the sequel that Sheldon fans have been waiting for... **TP \$32.99**

Stav Sherez

The Black Monastery

When Nikos, a detective in the final years of his career, is persuaded back to his home town he is faced with the gory murder of a young boy near the old monastery. Echoing two murders committed 33 years previously in the exact same spot, and a mass cult suicide, it brings back a part of the island's history that it has tried hard to forget. There is a lot at stake - the island's lucrative tourist trade and the open secret of the drugs trade that goes hand in hand with the hordes of mainly young British holiday makers. As Nikos begins his investigation, two British crime writers arrive on the island. The best selling Kitty Carson, on a break from the pressures of writing and her strained relationship, and Jason an aspiring writer whose aim is to strike up a friendship with her and convince her to help him get published. As the two writers are thrown together in an unexpected way, another murder is committed and Jason and Kitty are drawn into an investigation of their own. As they discover more about the island's dark past what began as a diversion becomes a dangerous pursuit. **TP \$32.99**

Mariah Stewart

Acts of Mercy (Mercy Street 03)

Taking as a first assignment an investigation into a soup-kitchen volunteer's cold-case murder, FBI agent-turned-Mercy Street Foundation operative Sam Delvecchio teams up with agent Fiona Summers when they discover that a still-at-large serial killer is responsible. **PB \$19.95**

Rex Stout

Black Orchids / Silent Speaker (Nero Wolfe Mysteries)

A two-in-one omnibus includes Black Orchids, in which the reclusive Wolfe's pursuit of an elusive flower is thwarted by a diabolical murder; and The Silent Speaker, in which Wolfe lays out a trap for a murderer among a group of powerful millionaires. **TP \$32.95**

James Swain*The Night Monster*

Witnessing the violent kidnapping of his daughter's basketball teammate, abduction specialist Jack Carpenter recognizes the snatcher from an unsolved case and sets out to rescue the girl before it is too late. By the author of *The Night Stalker*. **HC \$52.95**

Marcia Talley*Without a Grave*

The new Hannah Ives mystery - Hannahs in paradise, enjoying Bahamian island life. When controversy arises over the construction of a luxury resort that could devastate the coral reef, Hannah dives in. Acts of vandalism, a deadly wildfire, a missing scientist Hannah suspects a connection, but her investigation stalls when Hurricane Luis slams into the island. Before the skies clear, a dynasty is threatened by a venomous sibling rivalry, environmentalists face-off against progressive island fathers, and death pays a call . . . **HC \$56.95**

Johan Theorin*Echoes From the Dead*

Can you ever come to terms with a missing child?

Julia Davidsson has not. Her five-year-old son disappeared twenty years previously on the Swedish island of Oland. No trace of him has ever been found. Until his shoe arrives in the post. It has been sent to Julia's father, a retired sea-captain still living on the island. Soon he and Julia are piecing together fragments of the past: fragments that point inexorably to a local man called Nils Kant, known to delight in the pain of others. But Nils Kant died during the 1960s. So who is the stranger seen wandering across the fields as darkness falls?

It soon becomes clear that someone wants to stop Julia's search for the truth. And that he's much, much closer than she thinks . . . **PB \$24.95**

Victoria Thompson*Murder on Astor Place (Gaslight Mystery 01)*

While attending to a patient in a boardinghouse, midwife Sarah Brandt discovers the body of a girl from one of the most prominent families in New York, and investigates despite the family's refusal for fear of a scandal. **TP \$28.95**

Brad Thor*The Apostle*

A new administration and a new approach to dealing with America's enemies have left covert counterterrorism operative Scot Harvath without a job. But when American doctor Julia Gallo is kidnapped in Afghanistan, the terms of her ransom leave the president with only one course of action.

In a dangerous assignment that the United States government will deny any knowledge of, Scot Harvath must secretly infiltrate Kabul's notorious Policharki Prison and free the man the kidnappers demand as ransom - al-Qaeda mastermind, Mustafa Khan.

But when Harvath arrives, he quickly learns that there is more to the kidnapping than anyone dares to admit. And as the subterfuge is laid bare, Harvath must examine his own career of hunting down and killing terrorists, and ask himself if he has what it takes to help one of the world's worst go free. Brimming with the kind of ripped-from-the-headlines authenticity Brad Thor's internationally bestselling novels are known for, *The Apostle* doubles down on the blockbuster success of *The Last Patriot* and reaffirms Thor's status as the master of the political thriller. **TP \$29.99**

Lisa Tucker*The Promised World*

Lisa Tucker captures the hidden heart of the modern family. In her widely acclaimed novels, she has established her unique gift for depicting the bewildering nature of love, the poignant quest to belong, and the deep desire for a place to call home.

Now from the bestselling author of *The Cure for Modern Life* and *Once Upon a Day* comes a riveting story of suspense about a literature professor whose carefully constructed life is shattered after the death of her twin brother and the unraveling of the secret world they shared.

On a March afternoon, while Lila Cole is working in her quiet office, her twin brother Billy points an unloaded rifle out of a hotel window, closing down a city block. "Suicide by police" was obviously Billy's intended result, but the aftermath of his death brings shock after shock for Lila when she discovers that her brilliant but troubled twin -- the person she revered and was closer to than anyone in the world -- was not only estranged from his wife, but also charged with endangering the life of his middle child and namesake, eight-year-old William.

As Lila struggles to figure out what was truth and what was fiction in her brother's complicated past, her job, her marriage, and even her sanity will be put at risk. And when the hidden meaning behind Billy's stories comes to light, she will have to act before Billy's children are destroyed by the same heartbreaking reality that shattered her protector and twin more than twenty years ago.

A love song to the redemptive power of books and stories, *The Promised World* is a mesmerizing tale of intimacy, betrayal, and lost innocence that will haunt readers long after they have turned the final page. **HC \$51.95**

Nicola Upson*Angel With Two Faces*

Inspector Archie Penrose invites Josephine Tey down to his family home in Cornwall so she can recover from the traumatic events depicted in *An Expert in Murder*. Josephine welcomes the opportunity, especially since Archie's home is near the famous Minack open-air theatre perched on the cliffs overlooking the sea. However, Josephine's hopes of experiencing a period of rest are dashed when her arrival coincides with the funeral of a young man from the village who had drowned when his horse inexplicably leapt into the nearby lake.

When another young man disappears and the village's curate falls from the cliffs of the Minack Theatre onto the rocks below, Josephine and Archie begin to suspect the involvement of a cold-blooded murderer. As Josephine and Archie try to unravel the mystery, they begin to see death as an angel with two faces - one gazing at the violence of the present, the other looking back to the crimes hidden in the past. **TP \$32.99**

Norb Vonnegut*Top Producer*

In a world that moves as fast as finance does, top producers have to think three steps ahead and make snap decisions. There's a blurred version of reality, one that conceals moves as much as it rewards the bold ones. All too easily, scams can be disguised as success; plotting can be mistaken for killer instincts. And as Grove O'Rourke finds out, "Nothing obscures vulnerability like success. Nothing that is, except for friendships."

But this book isn't about stocks and bonds—it's about people. About Grove O'Rourke, top producer at the investment firm of Sachs, Kidder, and Carnegie, and about his best friend, Charlie Kelemen, whose spectacular murder is carried out in front of hundreds of horrified party-goers at the opening of the novel. It's about Charlie's widow, who comes to Grove for help after her husband's death, even though she's hiding a dark secret. And it's about how money—vast sums of money—can cover up even the most glaring imperfections in relationships, and fool everyone. Well, almost everyone.

With the ease of someone who has lived in the world of top producers, Norb Vonnegut has crafted a sharp, dark thriller that will make you think—and then double-check your investments. **HC \$51.95**

Martyn Waites*Bone Machine (Joe Donovan)*

With the mutilated body of a woman discovered in an abandoned burial ground and her boyfriend, Michael Nell, the main suspect, Joe Donovan's inquiries lead him on a path of a serial killer that taunts with cryptic clues, as a second body appears and time runs out for the next victim. **TP \$30.95**

Michael Walsh*Hostile Intent*

In the wake of the most horrific act of terrorism ever committed on American soil, covert NSA agent realizes that someone is trying to force him to reveal himself by targeting innocent citizens. By the best-selling author of *As Time Goes By*. **PB \$17.95**

Michael White Australian Author*The Borgia Ring (Medici Secret 02)*

When builders dig up an ancient skeleton in the City of London, they have no idea of the poisonous legacy they have just unleashed.

For on the skeleton's finger is a beautiful emerald ring that once belonged to Lucrezia Borgia, the most powerful - and most evil - woman of the Renaissance. Hours later the skeleton has vanished and one man is dead.

For DCI Jack Pendragon - newly transferred from Oxford to Brick Lane - it's a first case he could have done without. And with two more gruesome deaths in quick succession, it's clear there's a killer out there with a deadly compulsion.

A killer drawing his murderous inspiration from a 15th-century family whose cruelty and depravity knew no limits. **TP \$34.95**

Laura Wilson*An Empty Death*

Summer, 1944. After almost five years of conflict, London's exhausted inhabitants, pounded by the menace of Hitler's V1 bombs, are living in a world of dereliction. War-weary DI Ted Stratton is no exception, but he cannot help being drawn in by his latest case. Called on to investigate when a doctor is found dead in Fitzrovia's Middlesex Hospital, Stratton soon realizes that someone involved is not who they appear to be. Someone who has discarded their own identity and can move and kill freely. Meanwhile Jenny, Ted's wife, is working at the local Rest Centre, although her spirit of make-do is wearing thin. When a bombed-out woman appears at the centre, declaring that the man claiming to be her husband is an imposter, Jenny thinks that it must be due to shock. The reality, however, is much stranger and far more dangerous... Ultimately, for Stratton and Jenny perhaps there is only one thing they can trust: their fear. And for one of them, that fear may prove all too real. AN EMPTY DEATH is a compelling exploration of identity, memory and trust and is perfect for fans of Foyle's War. **TP \$32.99**

Stuart Woods*Hothouse Orchid*

Taking a sabbatical in the Florida town where she was once a police chief, Special Agent Holly Barker remembers her unsuccessful charges against a commanding officer who attempted to rape her and considers leaving the CIA to challenge the corrupt man for control of the police department. By the best-selling author of *Iron Orchid*. **HC \$52.95**

Mounting Fears

In the aftermath of the vice president's unexpected death, President Will Lee finds his efforts to select a replacement hampered by a contender's secret misdeeds, a rogue CIA agent's vengeful plot against the first lady, and a nuclear threat in Pakistan. A best-selling novel. **PB \$21.95**

Anne Zouroudi*The Doctor of Thessaly (Mysteries of the Greek Detectives 03)*

A jilted bride weeps on an empty beach, a local doctor is attacked in an isolated churchyard - trouble has come at a bad time to Morfi, just as the backwater village is making headlines with a visit from a national government minister. Fortunately, where there's trouble there's Hermes Diaktoros, the mysterious fat man whose tennis shoes are always pristine and whose investigative methods are always unorthodox.

In the latest instalment of the *Mysteries of the Greek Detective*, Hermes must solve a brutal crime that the victim does not seem to want solving, thwart the petty machinations of the town's ex-mayor and his cronies and pour oil on the troubled waters of a sisters' relationship.

The Doctor of Thessaly is a gripping, darkly enchanting tale of envy, revenge and retribution, set against a sparkling Mediterranean backdrop and served up with a splash of ouzo. **TP \$32.99**

Anthony E Zuiker with Duane Swierczynski*Level 26: Dark Origins*

Heading a sophisticated black ops branch, Steve Dark applies methods that require the suppression of his own personality and off-the-record statuses in order to bring justice to a horrific serial murderer who has tortured dozens of victims throughout the world. By the creator of *CSI*. **HC \$54.95**

Other Books

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

Where's Stig? (Top Gear)

The mysterious Stig, Top Gear's resident racing driver and one of the most popular members of the TG team, has finally got a book of his own. But you'll have to work hard to find him, as he's been cleverly concealed in a series of brilliantly drawn scenes. You might spot him in the crowds at an F1 race, surrounded by famous racing drivers; or mixing with celebrities at the Oscars. He could be one of the spectators lining the route of the London Marathon; or hanging out with the stunt drivers on the set of *Bullitt*. In one of the most testing challenges he's almost completely lost amongst hordes of Stig-a-likes who've turned up in the audience at Top Gear live. Filled with visual jokes and references to the TV series, *Where's the Stig?* will give Top Gear fans hours of fun. **HC \$29.95**

1001 Ridiculous Sexual Misadventures **HC \$22.95***Dark Side of the Moon* **\$42.95***Essential PHP Security**A Guide to Building Secure Web Applications*

Shiflett, a PHP consultant, explains the most common types of attacks on web sites developed with PHP and shows how to write code to withstand such attacks. Each chapter of the book covers an aspect of a web application, such as form processing, database programming, and authentication, then provides examples of potential attacks and outlines prevention techniques. **TP \$60**

Guinness Book of Records 2010

Ten years since the Millennium Edition of Guinness World Records.

REVEALED: The top 50 record-breakers of the decade

INSIDE THE RECORDS VAULT: Download free never-before-seen video clips and images. The "unbreakable" records that have never been beaten. Find the records broken on your birthday. Sports reference, GWR day, and how to be a record breaker.

Find out about the Australian man with the most tattooed record; details of the most expensive bathroom; and the 8ft 11in tallest man ever – the record has been unbroken for 69 years! Fully updated regular sections of the most fascinating records include Space, Planet Earth, The Animal Planet, The Body, Human Achievements, Engineering and Technology, The Modern World, Arts and the Media and, of course, Sports. **HC \$49.99**

Little Book of Father's Wit

PB \$8.95

Living Large

Living Large explores Harold Mitchell's remarkable personal journey from son of a sawmiller to the owner of a \$100 million business, rubbing shoulders with Australia's most powerful people. It traces Mitchell's philosophies about business and life, and presents guidance for young business executives trying to make it in the corporate jungle.

Part autobiography, part guidebook, Living Large gets into the mind of one of Australia's most intriguing figures. With his willingness to speak candidly to the media on any subject and his piercingly astute newspaper columns, Mitchell is a most unusual and multi-faceted business identity. **HC \$49.99**

PHP Cookbook 2/e

Updated for PHP 5 with new sections on objects & classes

In this book for web programmers using PHP, the authors address frequently encountered challenges in the form of approximately 250 "recipes"--each a complete PHP template for achieving a specific result. The recipes are easily navigated and grouped by functions such as dates and times, graphics, error management, security and encryption, and web automation. Some specific tasks include finding and fixing parse errors; drawing lines, rectangles and polygons; getting and putting up files with FTP; and processing variable-length text fields. Updates in this second edition include new sections on processing XML, and building web services using PHP. **TP \$95**

Programming PHP 2/e

Creating Dynamic Web Pages

This edition of the comprehensive guide focuses on the "mature" PHP 5 but also takes into consideration the real world: over 40 percent of all web applications are written in PHP, and it is installed on over 22 million domain servers. The authors cover the basics of language, functions, strings, arrays, objects, web techniques, databases, graphics, PDF, XML, security, application techniques, extending PHP, and PHP on Windows. Within these categories they include information on interacting with relational databases and the new PDO library, advanced topics such as creating secure scripts, and quick reference guides to all the core functions and standard extensions. **TP \$78**

Apuleius

The Golden Ass

Written towards the end of the second century AD, The Golden Ass tells the story of the many adventures of a young man whose fascination with witchcraft leads him to be transformed into a donkey. The bewitched Lucius passes from owner to owner encountering a desperate gang of robbers and being forced to perform lewd human tricks on stage until the Goddess Isis finally breaks the spell and Lucius is initiated into her cult.

Apuleius enchanting story has inspired generations of writers such as Boccaccio, Shakespeare, Cervantes and Keats with its dazzling combination of allegory, satire, bawdiness and sheer exuberance, and remains the most continuously and accessibly amusing book to have survived from Classical antiquity. **BPB \$19.95**

David Barrett

Atlas of Secret Societies

Throughout history secret societies have exerted a powerful hidden influence on our culture, politics and spirituality. This comprehensive book explores quasiritual political movements, revolutionary causes and secret sects from ancient times to the present day. Often underpinned by mystical or religious principles, each society had clear political aims and sought to bring about social, moral and political change. From Chinese Triads to the Knights Templar, and from the Thuggee Cult to the Freemasons, The Atlas of Secret Societies explores the motives of each society, their purpose and what we know of their mysterious practices. Lavish artwork reconstructions depict the ancient rites and practices of selected societies, and take you into a fascinating and hidden world. **HC \$49.99**

Steve Bedwell

Holden vs Ford

PB \$29.99

Steve Biddulph & Gisela Preuschoff *Australian Author*

Raising Boys 3rd Edition

TP \$24.95

Douglas Carswell

The Plan: Twelve Months to Renew Britain

PB \$49.95

Robin S Corfield

The Battle of Fromelles

This is a definitive history of the Battle of Fromelles, a revised edition of the previously self-published and much acclaimed history of the battle.

Fromelles is a small town west of Lille, France's fourth largest city. It is also the site of the first Australian Imperial Force (AIF) action in France in World War I. The Battle of Fromelles (19-20 July, 1916) was a disaster from a military planning perspective – the Germans had the high ground and knew in advance that the attack would take place. Despite this, Australian Major-General McCay, a man obsessed with ambition and glory, continued with the attack.

The recent discovery of a mass grave near the site of the battle has brought Fromelles into sharp focus and renewed interest in this book. **HC \$59.99**

Sylvia Day

Pride and Passion

Determined to figure out who has been setting up compromising accidents to force her into marriage, heiress Eliza Martin enlists the aid of handsome Jasper Bond, who finds Eliza impossible to resist. By the RITA-nominated author of Ask for It. **TP \$28.95**

Gary Crew *Australian Author*

The Children's Writer

Charlie Bloome wants to be a writer. Twenty-three years old, he is studying literature and living with his gamine partner, Alice -- 'Lootie' -- who plans to be a teacher and is less than supportive of Charlie's dreams. Into their lives comes the flamboyant Sebastian Chanteleer, an ageing but internationally acclaimed children's writer. Upon meeting, Lootie and Chanteleer establish an immediate bond. As the children's writer makes his presence felt in the younger couple's lives, Charlie struggles to come to terms with his own past and identity, and with what is happening to Lootie. Does Charlie have what it takes to be a writer? Does Chanteleer represent the best or worst a writer can be? And what happens to those caught up in a writer's world? Gary Crew has crafted a compelling and superbly written study of passions and ambitions, and an insider's look at the creative process and the foibles and delusions of those who practise it. **TP \$27.99**

Keith Fennell

Warrior Brothers

For the first time, an ex-SAS soldier tells all: what it means to be a member of an elite group, the challenges, the highs and the lows - and the sense of duty, honour and brotherhood that never dies.

In 1995, aged just 21, Keith Fennell was accepted into the Australian Special Air Service Regiment, the SAS. Over the next 11 years, operations took him from the jungles of East Timor to the rugged mountains of Afghanistan, from the southern Indian Ocean to Iraq. What he learned about friendship, and about himself, changed him forever.

Fennell's missions forced him to stare death in the face many times. From dodging mines and bullets in Iraq's Anbar province to assisting the recovery effort after the Asian tsunami, his experiences are shocking and confronting - but also inspiring.

An unflinching look inside the action and the fear, the tragedy and the bravery of one soldier's service in the Australian SAS, WARRIOR BROTHERS is also an edge-of-your-seat adrenaline ride with a group of men you will never forget. **PB \$24.95**

Warrior Training: The Making of an Australian SAS Soldier

What makes a warrior? In this action-packed new book, acclaimed SAS soldier Keith Fennell recounts his development as a soldier and as a man, revealing the challenges he overcame in order to perform at the highest level.

At just 21 years of age, Fennell became one of the youngest soldiers to have passed the SAS selection course, perhaps the most demanding challenge an Australian soldier will ever face. The gruelling three-week course requires extreme fitness, mental excellence and total commitment. Many soldiers don't make it, but those that do are then subjected to intense resistance-to-interrogation training -- including waterboarding and sleep deprivation -- as well as a prisoner-of-war camp and other punishing ordeals. The pain is intense; the rewards immeasurable. Fennell takes the reader inside these extreme experiences, all narrated with his trademark honesty and wit.

Having survived the immense privation and physical stresses of SAS selection, Fennell served in war zones and humanitarian operations around the world, from a medical deployment in East Africa to facing down Somali pirate ships in the Gulf of Aden. Yet conquering his addiction to the adrenalised lifestyle of the Regiment in order to become a better husband and father would be his greatest test of all.

Thrilling, insightful and inspirational, WARRIOR TRAINING takes you into the very heart of the Australian SAS. **TP \$32.95**

Anna Fienberg

Escape

Rachel Lambert can escape from a Bohemian Torture Crib, but she can't leave her marriage. 'You're stuck,' says the voice inside her head. 'And you'll never get out.'

Her whole life she's tried to be a good girl - she considers others first and she's never missed a deadline. Now her family's doing a vanishing act, her book on magic is a year late to the publishers, and Rachel's losing her grip on reality. She's even taken to fantasising about Harry Houdini in the grocery aisle at the supermarket.

Guido, her husband, is spending more and more time with his star pupil, Silvia, and her daughter, Clara, has run off to Italy, seeking independence and adventure. From Florence, Clara sends news like mysterious puzzle pieces, forming a disturbing picture of Guido's past and exploding her mother's illusions. Yet sometimes truth is the key to freedom - and possibly our salvation . . .

Anna Fienberg's new novel is a wry and wrenchingly honest look at the pitfalls of motherhood and modern marriage - and one woman's attempt to escape them. **TP \$32.95**

Leon Ford *Australian Author*

What Doesn't Kill You

"We stand in the front yard, looking at our marriage like it's a kangaroo we just hit on the highway. Is it dead? I don't know. Kick it."

If you'd asked Simon yesterday how he'd rate his life, he'd say better than perfect. He loves his wife and son, he enjoys his job, he lives in a great house and he's got good friends.

But that was before the worst day of his life.

Today he woke up on a stranger's couch, hungover, having discovered his wife is not in love with him, his job has disappeared and one of his friends has betrayed him in the worst possible way. If his car hadn't exploded, he'd drive it into a wall.

But you know what they say, what doesn't kill you... **TP \$25**

Timothy Freke & Peter Gandy

Jesus Mysteries: Was the "Original Jesus" a Pagan God?

What if . . .

* there were absolutely no evidence for the existence of a historical Jesus?

* for thousands of years Pagans had also followed a Son of God?

* this Pagan savior was also born of a virgin on the twenty-fifth of December before three shepherds, turned water into wine at a wedding, died and was resurrected, and offered his body and blood as a Holy Communion?

* these Pagan myths had been rewritten as the gospel of Jesus Christ?

* the earliest Gnostic Christians knew that the Jesus story was a myth?

* Christianity turned out to be a continuation of Paganism by another name? **TP \$30.95**

Iain Gale

Alamein

TP \$32.99

Thomas J Glover

Pocket Ref

PB \$26.95

Graham Freudenberg

Churchill and Australia

Winston Churchill was a titan of the 20th century, universally acknowledged as one of the greatest leaders of his age. Yet his relationship with Australia was a troubled one, marred by conflict from the time Churchill was a junior minister in 1907 to bitter disputes over the use of Australian troops in the Second World War. The connection between the two would span the first 50 tumultuous years of the 20th century, from the Boer War through to opening salvos of the Cold War, and act as a fascinating backdrop to Australia's march from a collection of dependent colonies to full nationhood.

Graham Freudenberg's *Churchill and Australia* is the grand story of this relationship. Written with extraordinary narrative verve, and relying on exhaustive research and a true insider's knowledge of the political world, this is history written at its compelling best. **TP \$34.99**

Barbara Hambly

Homeland

Exchanging letters throughout the devastation of the American Civil War, southerner Susanna Ashford and northerner Cora Poole share their thoughts about their husbands' military service, literature, and the prospects of nineteenth-century women. **HC \$52.95**

Richard Hammond

A Short History of Caravans in the UK

Richard Hammond has had a longstanding love affair, bordering on the obsessive some might say, with caravans. He has researched their origins and history, celebrity owners, the uses to which they have been put, their place in history, names, jargon, games with, things to do in, recipes to cook in and future of. He also gives sound practical advice on how to use them to best advantage, race them (ensuring first they are of the non-static variety) and how to destroy them in interesting ways (of which he has much experience - 80 or so at the last count). An essential guide for any owner or prospective owner or indeed anyone with even a passing interest in caravans, of whatever sex or age, or race, or inclination. Or even perhaps someone with apparently no interest in caravans who might have a previously latent interest aroused. Some even talk in hushed tones of a parallel universe, though he has no personal experience of this, yet. Anything is possible. **HC \$35**

As You Do

The wry, honest and often hilarious chronicles of a very brave and clever TV presenter, Arctic Explorer and general drawer of the Short Straw. Moving quickly on from the devastating crash that nearly killed him he ranges widely over his life and times: a visit to Glastonbury with James May reminds of him of his early years of playing in a band and how and why he never quite made it as a rock star; the stunts and other perils that come his way like the TopGear North Pole race (why is it Richard who is out in the howling elements in a dog sled whilst the others are in the heated cab of an all-terrain vehicle?), Africa where he falls in love with and repatriates a stray car, and the US (once to be chased by Rednecks in middle America, the other in pursuit of his mad hero Evel Knievel); his passion for cars, what he owns and why and although he loves his wife why it is a toss-up whether he says hello to the wife or the cars first. Balancing home and family with a crazy, peripatetic working life (or not, sometimes), the hamster is well and truly back... **PB \$24.99**

Russ Harris

Stand Up Strummer

It's time to enter the world of Max Strummer, a 30-something doctor who moonlights as a stand-up comedian. His medical practice is booming, his comedy career is taking off, and his three-year relationship with Sarah is thriving. But everything crashes the night he catches Sarah in bed with another woman.

Following a painful break-up, Max slumps into a deep depression, from which nothing can lift him. Until he meets Orlanda. Stunning, vivacious, sexy, a successful photographer with a penchant for erotic pictures, Orlanda seems like the woman of Max's dreams. But as their relationship develops, Max begins to have doubts - and finds himself pulled between Sarah's desperate attempts to win him back and Orlanda's determined efforts to expand his sexual comfort zone.

As he tries to cope with the problems of his private life, the mishaps of his medical practice, the chaos of his comedy career, and the trauma of his best friend's struggle with cancer, Max finds himself sinking into a sticky mess of sexual hang-ups, embarrassing medical conditions, and disastrous pharmaceutical side-effects. **TP \$24.99**

Rosalind Hearder

Keep the Men Alive

The moving and remarkable stories of the 106 Australian doctors who were prisoners of war under the Japanese in World War II.

'The thing that haunts me most to this day is that blokes were dying and I could do bugger all about it - do you look after the bloke who you know is going to die or the bloke who's got a chance?' - Australian ex-POW doctor, 1999

During World War II, 22 000 Australian military personnel became prisoners of war under the Japanese military. Over three and a half years, 8000 died in captivity, in desperate conditions of forced labour, disease and starvation. Many of those who returned home after the war attributed their survival to the 106 Australian medical officers imprisoned alongside them. These doctors varied in age, background and experience, but they were united in their unflinching dedication to keeping as many of the men alive as possible.

This is the story of those 106 doctors - their compassion, bravery and ingenuity - and their efforts in bringing back the 14 000 survivors.

'You are unfortunate in being prisoners of a country whose living standards are much lower than yours. You will often consider yourselves mistreated, while we think of you as being treated well.' - Japanese officer to Australian POWs, 1943 **TP \$35**

Sandra Hill

So Into You

Angel Sabato has been in love with best friend Grace O'Brien for 10 years--but he's only just realized it. Too bad she doesn't take him seriously when he tells her about his feelings. Reeling from the rejection, Angel hightails it out of town.

Now Grace is left to wonder if her problems from the past are keeping her from opening herself to love. But she brushes these "useless" musings aside, concentrating instead on the work she's doing as an apprentice to folk healer Tante Lulu and keeping up with the old woman's good deeds.

Such as starting a foundation to help families still homeless after Hurricane Katrina. One family consists of 5 children who lost their parents. The eldest, only seventeen, has been struggling to take care of her siblings and lying like heck to the state agencies in order to keep everyone together. Tante Lulu and Grace take the children under their wings and decide the foundation will build a house for them.

Re-enter Angel, who helps with the construction. Unbeknownst to Grace, Tante Lulu has decided to try her hand at matchmaking again. And Tante Lulu has never failed before! **APB \$19.95**

Glyn Iiffe

The Gates of Troy

It was a time of warriors...

It was ten years ago since Odysseus started his rule of Ithaca and his reign has been one of peace and plenty. But across the seas, eyes meet across a burning fire and a long-forgotten oath begins to surface.

When Paris of Troy meets Helen of Sparta, the love affair of centuries begins. For the rest of Greece – it means war. Reminded of the sacred oath sworn, Odysseus and his captain of the guard, Eperitus, must gather their troops and journey to Aulis where the fleet of Greeks is gathering to begin their legendary journey to Troy. But a sleight to the gods keeps their ships trapped at harbour and only the greatest of sacrifices can set them free – the slaughter of an innocent girl.

In a race against time, Odysseus and Eperitus pit themselves against Kings and Gods in an attempt to prevent the greatest war in history. But the gates of Troy are looming... **TP \$32.99**

Frank Joseph

Survivors Of Atlantis: Their Impact on the World

Archaeologists have long puzzled over evidence suggesting sophisticated copper mining activities in the Great Lakes area some 5,000 years ago. Menomonic Indian tradition speaks of fair skinned mariners from the past who came to "dig out the shiny bones" of the Earth Mother.

In this sequel to *The Destruction of Atlantis*, Frank Joseph contends that the mariners described by the North American Menomonic Indians were Atlanteans. **TP \$34.95**

Ben Kane

The Silver Eagle (Forgotten Legion 02)

The Forgotten Legion – ten thousand legionaries made captive by the Parthians – has marched to Margiana on the edge of the known world. In its midst are Romulus, Brennus and Tarquinius, all men with good reason to hate Rome. Together the trio must face the savage tribes which constantly threaten the area. But other, more treacherous enemies lurk within the ranks of the Forgotten Legion itself. When all hope is lost, the three friends' character will be tested to the utter limit.

Meanwhile in Rome, Fabiola, Romulus' twin sister, also fights to survive. Beset by enemies on all sides, she must travel to Gaul to find her lover, Caesar's right-hand man. There tribal rebellion under the charismatic chieftain Vercingetorix threatens not just Caesar's route to power, but his life and the lives of all who support him. **TP \$34.95**

Paul Kelly Australian Author

The March of Patriots

The March of Patriots looks at the creation of a new Australian Settlement during the 1991-2003 era of Paul Keating and John Howard.

Keating and Howard were the first two Australian prime ministers of the globalised age. They were raised together, fashioned by the same forces with careers that paralleled each other. They sought to create a new set of faiths for their parties, Labor and Liberal, in an age where the old beliefs were obsolete. In this sense they were prophets for their tribes offering a fresh interpretation of Labor and Liberal ideology for a new century.

Keating and Howard are best understood as change agents, adapting their parties and their nation to a new course. This is the story of two experiments in prime ministerial power and of two leaders divided by temperament, cultural outlook and perceptions of national identity, yet united in much of their economic and social policy. It describes their efforts to devise a fresh policy framework for Australia and to invest their decaying parties with new faiths. **HC \$59.99**

Tom Keneally Australian Author

Australians: Origins of Eureka

Thomas Keneally is one of Australia's most renowned novelists and historians. For novels including *Bring Larks and Heroes*, *Gossip from the Forest*, *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* and *Schindler's Ark* he has received awards including the Booker Prize, the Miles Franklin Award, the Los Angeles Book Prize and numerous others. His history of Irish convictism *The Great Shame* was published internationally, and *The Commonwealth of Thieves* brought our convict origins vividly to life. **HC \$59.99**

Robert Lee

Railways of Victoria 1854-2004

Victoria was the first Australian colony to open a steam railway, in 1854, and for the rest of the 19th century it remained the continent's most advanced and intensive railway. Melbourne was Australia's first city to have suburban railways, which were also the first to be electrified, beginning in 1919.

This book tells the story of the early railways opened in the wake of the gold rush to Ballarat and Bendigo, extravagantly engineered as none ever would be in the future. It then moves on to examine the role of railways in the development of the colony during the 19th century, when railway policy often dominated political discourse. Railway history both reflected and made Victorian history as a whole, especially during the boom and bust of the 1880s and 1890s.

During the Clapp era of the 1920s and 1930s, Victorian railways projected an aura of sophisticated and style, whereas after World War II there was constant challenge and readjustment, as other transport modes became dominant. This culminated in a long crisis through the last decades of the 20th century, of which emerged a railway system radically restructured in almost every way.

The colourful characters, political intrigues and enormous social impact of Victoria's railways, as well as their constantly changing and fascinating technology, are major themes of this book. **PB \$39.99**

Maria Lima

Matters of the Blood

If you thought your family was strange...

Try being Keira Kelly. A member of a powerful paranormal family, Keira elected to stay among humans in the Texas Hill Country when the rest of the clan moved (lock, stock, and grimoire) to Canada. But family duty means still having to keep an eye on cousin Marty -- a genetic aberration who turned out 100% human, poor guy. And recently Keira's been having violent dreams -- or are they visions? -- featuring Marty as the victim of a vicious murder. Something sinister seems to be brewing in little Rio Seco. Can Keira get to the bottom of it all while avoiding entanglement with her former lover, Sheriff Carlton Larson? And what does she plan to do about the irresistible and enigmatic Adam Walker? When this old friend shows up as the new owner of a local ranc and wants to get better acquainted, Keira is more than happy to be welcoming...until she suspects that Adam could be intimately connected to the dangerous doings in Rio Seco. **APB \$19.95**

Julia London

Summer of Two Wishes

Whose wife was she?

Macy Lockhart's life shattered in a moment with the news that her husband, Finn -- serving in the military overseas -- has been killed in the line of duty. Their ardent and devoted marriage is over, leaving Macy alone, empty, directionless. But while she tries to sustain herself with memories of Finn, the quiet, strong man who made her and their small Texas ranch the center of his life, it is wealthy Wyatt Clark who slowly brings joy back into her life. Her love for Wyatt may be less romantic than the breathless passion she'd once shared with Finn, but she vows to cherish him, and their marriage is happy and as solid as a rock. Until the day that Finn, miraculously spared from death, returns home to claim his bride....

How can a woman choose between the two men she loves? And how will she make the right choice -- for herself and everyone involved? In a deeply moving, passionate novel, New York Times bestselling author Julia London illuminates the questions hidden in a woman's heart. **APB \$14.95**

Michelle Malkin

Culture of Corruption: Obama and His Team of Tax Cheats, Crooks, and Cronies

A syndicated conservative columnist and cable-news commentator asserts her opinion on President Barack Obama, his Cabinet, and other members of his circle. **HC \$56.95**

Valerio Massimo Manfredi

The Lost Army

The fourth century BC: In a village in Syria, a woman, dressed in rags and covered in blisters and sores, is seen approaching on the road coming from the north. Suspicious of her, the villagers shout and throw rocks at her. She is struck and falls. She seems dead... Her story encompasses one of the great collective acts of heroism of the ancient world. She was the mistress of Xenophon, a general in the vast army of ten thousand Greek mercenaries from virtually every Greek city state that was employed by Cyrus the Younger, in his quest to seize the throne of Persia from his brother, Artaxerxes II. Manfredi, one of the world's experts, has created a rip-roaring adventure seen from the perspective of the women who accompanied the soldiers on their long journey. A new and intense account of the most celebrated march in man's history, by the acclaimed author of the Alexander trilogy. **BPB \$22.99**

Jack Marx

Australian Tragic

AUSTRALIAN TRAGIC is about a nation that began its life as a stage for misfortune and ever since has struggled to outgrow its birthright. These are gripping tales that take us into the heart of this country: tales of genuine catastrophe, of grand chances gone astray, of fools and their plans pathetically undone, of heartbreaking sadness and violent loss, and of both goodness and human evil. From Aboriginals being curios in an American circus to the story of Martin Bryant at Port Arthur, and from Bob Bungey, who survived The Battle of Britain, but couldn't face life when his young wife suddenly died soon after he came home to the doctor who died minutes before he was to deliver a paper revealing the secret of using monkey glands to improve human health and stamina, and sexual virility all these stories are told in a gripping narrative style, driven by eyewitness testimony, a solid sense of place, and a mood of impending doom. And we thought we knew our history **TP \$35**

Charles McCormac

You'll Die in Singapore

This is the true account of one of the most amazing POW escapes in WWII. Weakened by hunger, thirst and ill-treatment, author Charles McCormac, then a World War Two prisoner-of-war in Japanese-occupied Singapore, knew that if he did not escape he would die. With 16 other Australian and British prisoners, he broke out of Pasir Panjang camp and began an epic two-thousand-mile escape from the island of Singapore, through the jungles of Indonesia to Australia.

With no compass and no map, and only the goodwill of villagers and their own wits to rely on, the Australian and British POWs' escape took a staggering five months and only two out of the original 17 men survived: one Australian, Donaldson, and one Brit, McCormac (the author).

You'll Die in Singapore is Charles McCormac's compelling true account of one of the most horrifying and amazing escapes in World War Two. McCormac and his taciturn Aussie sidekick Donaldson completely outwitted the enemy despite extraordinary odds against them. It is a story of courage, endurance and compassion and makes for a very gripping read. **BPB \$22.99**

Nathan Mullins Australian Author

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

I remember the advertisement to join the Army. It asked for guys who were fit, committed, tough, volunteer parachutists, comfortable in the ocean, and mature. As a surfer, that sounded like me - except for the mature bit.

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. **BPB \$24.99**

William Philpott

Bloody Victory

1 July 1916: the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the hot, hellish day in the fields of northern France that has dominated our perception of the First World War for just shy of a century. The shameful waste; the pointlessness of young lives lost for the sake of a few yards; the barbaric attitudes of the British leaders; the horror and ignominy of failure. All have occupied our thoughts for generations. Yet are we right to view the Somme in this way? Drawing on a vast number of sources such as letters, diaries and numerous archives, Bloody Victory describes in vivid detail the physical conditions, the combat and exceptional bravery against the odds but it also, uniquely, captures how the Somme defined the twentieth century in so many ways. Moreover, it was the fundamental turning point of WW1 in the same way Stalingrad was in WW2. This is an utterly gripping new analysis of one of the most iconic campaigns in history. **TP \$35**

Justin Pollard

Charge!

War brings out the very best and worst in people although, frankly, it's usually the latter. But for all our thousands of years of practice at this most dangerous art there is precious little evidence that we're either outgrowing it or getting any good at it. It is an occupation filled with heroism, genius, hubris, idiocy and blind panic all bought on at least in part by large measures of astonishingly good and bad luck - and they're all here in Charge! This is not a book filled with battle diagrams swarming with arrows or 100,000 word descriptions of the tactical basis for the Pastry War. It is a book about the smaller tragedies and triumphs that actually go to make up the big picture - toilets that sink U-boats, unsporting attacks on Christmas day, armies that stop for tea, bombs on renegade balloons, drunk generals, blind kings, blind drunk generals, circular warships, and all the joy and misery that such things bring with them. And an interesting bit about the Pastry War. **PB \$24.99**

Edward Rutherfurd

New York

New York: the world's greatest city; the city that never sleeps; the city of opportunity; the gateway to America and freedom for the successive waves of immigrants who have landed on its shores; whose motto is Ever Upwards; a city whose skyscrapers touched the sky and then tragically fell to earth.

Edward Rutherfurd tells the story of this magical city as no other author could, through the interwoven tales of its populace, from its Seventeenth Century origins as a small trading post to the present where it is the centre of world business. The story of New York is also the story of its symbolic buildings and places: Wall Street, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and the doomed Twin Towers.

And through the lens of New York he tells too the story of all of America: from its Indian Wars, the Revolution, the abolitionists, the mass immigrations from Ireland and Italy, the Civil War, to the coming of the railways and the expansion West, to the fortunes beyond the dreams of avarice that saw its buildings rise higher than any in the world before, to the turmoil of the World Wars and the tragedy of the terrorist attack of 9/11. In all this he never loses sight of the common man: the early English and Dutch traders, the slaves, the migrants, the politicians, society ladies, the whores and publicans, the soldiers, the artists and the financiers.

Edward Rutherfurd is considered one of the world's leading historical writers and New York is his most ambitious novel to date **TP \$34.95**

Alan Saffron

Gentle Satan

Abe Saffron was Australia's most notorious underworld figure, for decades known as 'Mr Sin' and the 'King of King's Cross'. His wife called him something different: 'Gentle Satan'. This fascinating memoir by his son Alan tells us why, for the first time revealing the truth about the man and his crimes – both professional and personal.

Growing up, Alan counted the money from Abe's brothels and hotels, and frequented his illegal bars and strip clubs, including the famous Les Girls, The Roosevelt and the Pink Pussycat. He describes Abe's corrupt deals with premiers, police commissioners and a prime minister – many of whom he met – as well as the real estate deals that 'legitimised' Abe's fortune.

But Alan's most compelling stories are about his own highly volatile relationship with his authoritarian father, and his mother's struggle to deal with Abe's affairs, including the attention he gave to his 'second family', up till his death and beyond.

An incredible story of family loyalties, betrayals, illegitimate siblings and contested inheritance, all in the powerful grip of a flawed millionaire patriarch. **BPB \$26.95**

Leonard Susskind

The Black Hole War

At the beginning of the 21st century, physics is being driven to very unfamiliar territory - the domain of the incredibly small and the incredibly heavy. The new world is a world in which both quantum mechanics and gravity are equally important. But mysteries remain. One of the biggest involved black holes. Famed physicist Stephen Hawking claimed that anything sucked in a black hole was lost forever. For three decades, Leonard Susskind and Hawking clashed over the answer to this problem. Finally, in 2004, Hawking conceded. **THE BLACK HOLE WAR** will explain the mind-blowing science that finally won out, and the emergence of a new paradigm that argues the world - this catalog, your home, your breakfast, you - is actually a hologram projected from the edges of space. **TP \$29.99**

Julian Thompson

Dunkirk

In May 1940, the small British Expeditionary Force was sent to help the Belgians and French hold back the German army. Ill-equipped and under-trained, they fought hard for three weeks, from the German invasion of France to the rescue of the last British troops from the beaches at Dunkirk. Remarkably, they conducted a successful fighting withdrawal in the face of a formidable foe.

Drawing on previously unpublished and rare material, Major-General Julian Thompson recreates the action from the misunderstandings between the British and French generals to the experiences of the ordinary soldier. Unlike other books on the subject he gives full weight to the fighting inland as the BEF found itself in mortal danger thanks to the collapse of the Belgian army on one flank and the failure of the French on the other, and corrects popular myths about the evacuation. **BPB \$26.99**

J R R Tolkien & Ted Nasmith

Calendar: 2010 Tolkien Calendar (Lord of the Rings)

J R R Tolkien's SILMARILLION is the core work of the Middle-earth canon. It is in this complex masterpiece that the history and background for **THE HOBBIT** and, particularly, **THE LORD OF THE RINGS** is documented.

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