



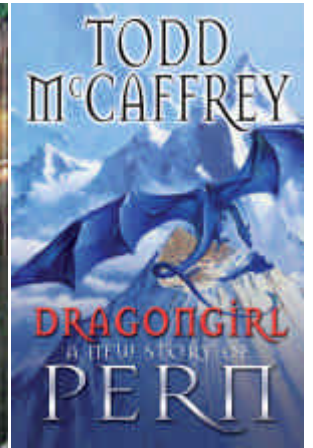
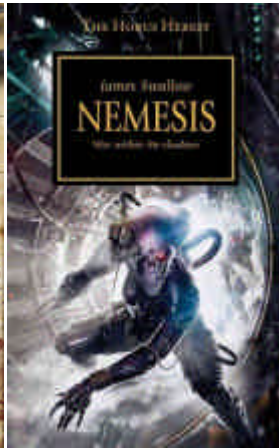
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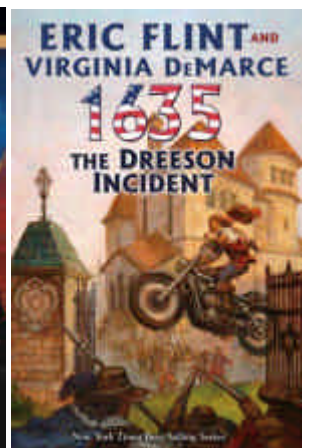
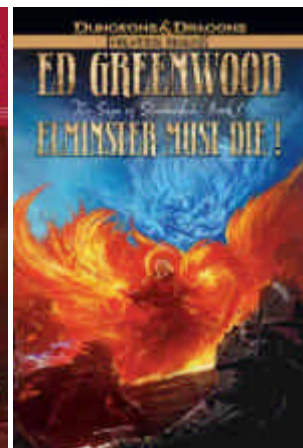
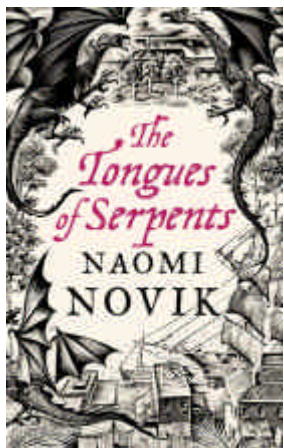
August 2010

Featured Books



Joe Abercrombie
 Warhammer 40 000
 Kylie Chan
 Michelle Sagara
 Todd McCaffrey
 Naomi Novik
 S L Viehl
 Rachel Cain
 Ed Greenwood
 Eric Flint & Virginia DeMarce

Best Served Cold in paperback.
Nemesis the new Horus Heresy paperback.
Hell to Heaven in paperback.
Cast in Chaos in trade paperback.
Dragongirl a new *Pern* novel in hardcover.
The Tongues of Serpents in trade paperback.
Dream Called Time a new *Stardoc* paperback.
Total Eclipse a new *Weather Warden* paperback.
Elminster Must Die! a D&D hardcover novel.
1635: The Dreeson Incident in paperback.



News

Gencon Australia 2010 has been cancelled. We know several Infinitas readers attended this Brisbane games event last year with positive reports, but it is just not economic to run this year. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/forums/viewtopic.php?t=1155>

James P Hogan died 12-07-2010 aged 69 alone in his home in Ireland. Hogan wrote many science fiction novels including *Migration* which was only recently published. <http://www.jamesphogan.com/mailarchive/index.php?issuenumber=59>

David Gemmell Legend Awards for Fantasy 2010 has been awarded to *Empire* by Graham McNeil for his Warhammer novel *Empire*. It is unusual for a games related novel to win a major genre award. *Empire* is published by Black Library whose novels consistently list in our bestsellers. <http://gemmellaward.com/>

Author Visit: Duncan Lay

Duncan Lay visited Saturday 24th July promoting his third novel, *The Radiant Child*. His visit attracted several readers and many books were signed. Duncan (pictured in the light coloured shirt) talked about his plans for more books he hopes to have published, including another trilogy set in a different part of the world of *The Dragon Sword Histories* trilogy with new characters. Book one is to be titled *Empire of Bones*. Duncan also has an as yet unpublished stand alone novel titled *A Game With Death*. Let's hope these projects are bought by Voyager or another publisher and we will see them on our shelves in the not too distant future.



Forthcoming Author Visits

Keri Arthur will be visiting Infinitas at noon on Friday 13th August for a book signing. Keri has written several urban fantasy series.

Nalini Singh will visit Infinitas on Monday August 16th at 1pm, not 17th as previously announced. Nalini is an author of paranormal romance, which is very popular with our readers. For fans of our many romance books who have not yet read Nalini Singh, try a book of hers before August and then come in to chat with the author. If you already have her books, bring them in to be signed.



Tracey O'Hara (pictured) will also be visiting us at 1pm 16-08-2010, the same time as Nalini Singh. Tracey writes urban fantasy, so attend this book signing of two authors together.

Charles Stross (pictured) will visit Infinitas Wednesday evening 25th August at 5pm. He previously visited in 2006 and we expect he will again draw in some enthusiastic readers. His new novel (*The Fuller Memorandum*) is now in stock.



Kate Elliott will be visiting Infinitas Monday evening 30th August at 5pm.

Come along - even if you have not read these authors yet, come along to the book signings. Authors love talking to readers. Much of their work is done alone and getting out to meet readers is great for them. Author visits are always fun. Feel welcome to bring in books by them you already have to be signed.

Forthcoming Role Playing Games at Infinitas

Pathfinder RPG Adventures: Our first Pathfinder game was Saturday 24th July. Thank you to Sebastian for organising and GM'ing 3 players through *Murder on the Silken Caravan*, a 1st level adventure. Pathfinder uses the open gaming licence which is similar to 3.5 edition D&D. Casual players are welcome to come. BYO dice, pencils, rubber and paper. If you have a prepared 1st level character, that's great, or we will have some for you to choose. Next game is Saturday 4th September starting at 9:30am to finish by 2pm.

D&D Games Day will be on again 21st August to launch the new campaign setting Dark Sun. We will run games at the shop. Previous D&D games days launching new releases from Wizards have been very popular. We hope to run several tables of players through the module introducing Dark Sun. Contact us if interested, we will be needing DMs as well as players

D&D adventures continue every second Saturday at the shop. Starting at 9:30am we run one or two tables of 1st or 2nd level characters. BYO dice, paper, etc. These are casual games where all are welcome. We have a regular DM for the 2nd level adventure (thanks Matt) but may need to conscript a DM for the 1st level game (Dark Sun).

For these games we set up tables and chairs in the arcade in front of our shop. The games are a great way to try role playing and to meet other players.



Book Reviews

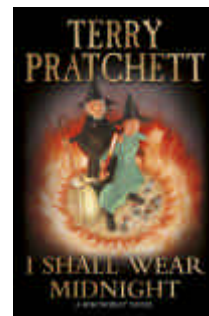
Feel welcome to submit a book review for us to publish here. If you have read a book and have an opinion on it share it with the other readers in our community. Also, in the shop we have several books for which we are seeking reviewers, and would exchange for a review.

I Shall Wear Midnight by Terry Pratchett, reviewed by Anon

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780385611077>

Tiffany Aching is the witch for the Chalk, and she's started getting a handle on being a witch. Admittedly a lot of the job seems to be bandaging people, cutting the toenails of old ladies, keeping an eye on things and making sure that any issues are handled, which doesn't leave a lot for magic, or sleep for that matter. But Tiffany threw a big rock in the calm pond of her life when she kissed the Winter King, and magical creatures have been feeling the ripples in the world ever since. Now something has been woken up again, twisted, evil, malicious and full of hate, and it's started telling the old stories again - where witches are evil, ugly creatures who need to be killed. Throw in the Mac Nac Feegle to really complicate matters, and the fact that the Baron Roland has come home with his new bride, well, Tiffany has a lot to deal with. And it's going to get worse. A lot worse.

As most fans of Pratchett will appreciate, his books tend to be written as related series, ie the Witches books, the Guard novels, etc. This is the latest in the Tiffany Aching books, and personally I think it's nearly up to the standard of *Nightwatch*, which I think is one of the best he has ever written. Tiffany has kissed the Hiver, belted the Faery Queen round the head with an iron saucepan, and faced down the Winter King, but this is worse. The ghost of a witch finder has come back yet again, and he's after Tiffany personally. But how do you kill a man who's already dead, who uses bodies by creeping in via the poison and hatred in their souls, and taking them over? Well written, sophisticated and elegant of prose, this is definitely a Pratchett I'll be coming back and re-reading.



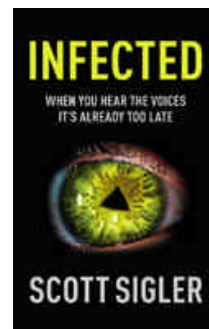
Infected by Scott Sigler, reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780340963531>

Infected is science fiction bordering on bloody and macabre horror. The cover cites "In-your-face, up-to-the-minute terror". Yep. Here's an alien invasion of Earth by the rather horrible method of organic nanomachines "infecting" human victims to produce parasitic creatures that are the vanguard of the invasion. The science behind the "infection" is well presented, author Sigler making the advanced technology status of the nanomachines clear without burdening the reader with biochemical jargon. The book, however, focusses on one human victim going insane as he tries to chop the parasites out of his own body. The sight of a big man going down this way is horror indeed, and I thought it well portrayed.

The book doesn't stand alone. Although the first invasion attempt is thwarted, there's neither story nor substory finality and the main characters are merely left preparing for the Next Exciting Instalment, which is fine except that the publisher doesn't say that this is the first volume of a serial anywhere on or within the cover; the unwarned reader feels let down. The alien voices are printed in fuzzy grey that's easily read in daylight, but you might have difficulty at night. Story telling from the point of view of dying characters is included, which for me was unrealistic story telling. The writing is otherwise easy to read and generally effective, even downright gripping: we want to know what will happen to the big man, and it's a pity his substory isn't finalised in this volume.

It isn't clear whether succeeding volume(s) will continue the horror aspect or employ alternative treatments, but I assume the alien invasion attempts will continue and I hope there'll be more science to reinforce the science fiction aspect. In any case, I'm sure readers of serial fantasy/science fiction will enjoy the complete set.



First Warning by Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough, reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780552152914>

Khorri and her parents, Acorna and Aari, are headed to Maganos Moonbase to visit with Acorna's adoptive fathers aboard Captain Becker's ship, the *Condor*. While on route, they come across a derelict ship that is filled with dead bodies. Captain Becker and RK sicken with a suspected sickness while investigating it for salvage purposes. But the derelict is only the first sign of what is to come. Once again catastrophe looms in the galaxy, and only Acorna and her friends and family can save the day. This time her daughter is in the thick of things.

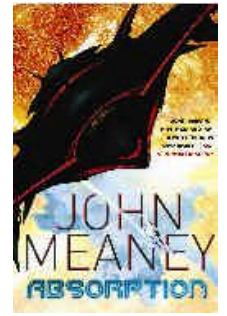
First Warning is a light read that continues the story of Acorna and the unicorn-like Linyarii people.



Absorption by John Meaney reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575085329>

This is classic, larger than life space opera, with players ranging from 8th Century Norse to current days to millennia in the future, all tied together into a single universe and story. The players include Roger Blackstone, son of two mu-space Pilots and spies 600 years from now, Wulf, an 8th Century Norseman, Gavriella Silberstein, a 1920's colleague of Freud & Einstein, and others, who will all come together to form the Ragnarok Council, millennia into the future. All share one thing - they can hear the dischordant notes & see the flickering darkness at the edge of vision, making them question what is the reality. But what can they do, and what exactly is emerging from the darkness?



Similar to Stephenson's *Necromonicon*, Meaney has managed to weave a collection of times, people & cultures together in a way which somehow creates a coherent, logical whole, which draws the reader in. Typical of his work, he manages to depict quantum physics & mythology in a way that the average can understand & appreciate, rather than being completely baffled or incomprehending. Personally, I had some difficulty in getting into the book owing to the ostensibly disparate periods & cultures being described, but appreciated the way in which he wrote about the thought patterns & beliefs of each culture. As I managed to chew through it, however, the strands start to interweave & relate, as if turning a pile of totally mixed up & confused threads into a finished garment. An interesting read, and definitely worth it if you enjoyed the *Paradox* series.

External Events

Gencon cancelled: Gencon Australia has been cancelled. It was to be 23&24-09-2010 in Brisbane and run as previous years with RPG, collectable card games, boardgames cosplay, miniatures games, etc. Even their website is now down, however, their media release about the cancellation may be read at: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/forums/viewtopic.php?t=1155>

Indigenous Literacy Project are running a fundraiser 25-08-10 art auction where **Shaun Tan** will speak about writing and illustrating picture books, called *I Heart Art*.

See: <http://www.indigenoussliteracyproject.org.au/Events/IHeartArtAuction.aspx>

Aussiecon 4 will be the 68th World Science Fiction Convention and to be held in Melbourne over 2nd to 6th September 2010. Guests: Kim Stanley Robinson, Shaun Tan, Robin Johnson. Attending and supporting members can nominate and vote in the Hugo Awards, so be involved. <http://www.aussiecon4.org.au/>

Gate to the Sanctuary is an event run by Culture Shock Events at The Sebal Parramatta (Hotel) 11-12-2010. Guests include Amanda Tapping and Chuck Campbell from *Stargate*.

http://www.cultureshockevents.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=140&Itemid=300088

Event organisers are welcome to contact us with information about their gaming or book event. We will try to include it here. We apologise to anyone who tells us of their event and we fail get it into our newsletter. Please post your news on our forums, which is where we look for listings in the newsletter, and all our customers and visitors can see it regardless of our editorial slip-ups.

Best Sellers for June 2010

General Release

<i>The Radiant Child</i>	Duncan Lay *
<i>After America</i>	John Birmingham *
<i>Mission of Honor</i>	David Weber
<i>Black Magic Sanction</i>	Kim Harrison
<i>The Fuller Memorandum</i>	Charles Stross
<i>Unseen Academicals</i>	Terry Pratchett
<i>Flinx Transcendant</i>	Alan Dean Foster
<i>The Wounded Guardiane</i>	Duncan Lay *
<i>Retribution Falls</i>	Chris Wooding
<i>The Risen Queen</i>	Duncan Lay *

* Australian Authors

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Path of the Warrior</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>The Ghost King</i>	Forgotten Realms
<i>Dead End</i>	Stargate Atlantis
<i>Enforcer</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Bloodborn</i>	Warhammer
<i>Monster Manual 3</i>	D&D
<i>Glamour Chase</i>	Doctor Who
<i>King's Dragon</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Nuclear Time</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Fireborn</i>	Warhammer 40,000



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New Release Information

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

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

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

Thursday 2nd September: Cancelled as several members will be attending AussieCon4 in Melbourne.

Thursday 7th Oct: Stories that initially excite then disappoint

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books 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 19th August 2010:

Retribution Falls by Chris Wooding (Steam Punk)

Thursday 16th September 2010:

Born of Night by Sherrilyn Kenyon (SF Romance)

Shadow of the Scorpion by Neal Asher (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 Thursday of most months. Register as a player for prize support from Privateer Press. Contact the shop for details.



Dungeon & Dragons Delve Days: Play a short game of 4th edition D&D, one or two encounters only. Adventures in the new Dark Sun world setting. We have pre-prepared 1st level Dark Sun characters. Also running is Scepter Tower of Spellguard a Forgotten Realms adventure. Bring your own 2nd level character. Ask us at the shop for details. Every second Saturday morning starting at 9:30am.

Pathfinder: Casual games occasional Saturdays. Next game 4th September 9:30am start. BYO dice.

Magic the Gathering: Play Magic Cards at the shop. Current schedule is booster draft on the fourth Thursday of the Month at 5.30pm. Please contact us if you are running late.

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

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Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Calendar 2011: Pride and Prejudice and Zombies

With zombie action, classic romance, and gruesome decapitations all year long, this calendar features original full-color illustrations and quotes from *Pride and Prejudice* and *Zombies*. Includes both zombie and Jane Austen holidays. **Calendar \$29.95**

Calendar 2011: Alice in Wonderland **Calendar \$29.95**

Calendar 2011: Wizards and Mystics **Calendar \$29.95**

Calendar 2011: Zombies **Calendar \$29.95**

Calendar 2011: Vampire Trivia **Calendar \$29.95**

Calendar 2011: Zombies **Calendar \$24.99**

Joe Abercrombie

Best Served Cold (First Law stand alone sequel)

War may be hell, but for Monza Murcatto, the Snake of Talins, the most feared and famous mercenary in Grand Duke Orso's employ, it's a damn good way of making money too.

Her victories have made her popular - a shade too popular for her employer's taste. Betrayed, thrown down a mountain and left for dead, Monza has only one thing left to live for: Revenge.

Her allies include Styria's least reliable drunkard, Styria's most treacherous poisoner, a mass-murderer obsessed with numbers and a barbarian who just wants to do the right thing. Her enemies number the better half of the nation. And that's all before the most dangerous man in the world is dispatched to hunt her down and finish the job Duke Orso started... **BPB \$24.99**

Cherry Adair

Black Magic

SHE HATES USING MAGIC . . .

Ever since the death of her parents, Sara Temple has rejected her magical gifts. Then, in a moment of extreme danger, she unknowingly sends out a telepathic cry for help—to the one man she is convinced she never wants to see again.

HE'S A POWERFUL WIZARD . . .

Jackson Slater thought he was done forever with his ex-fiancée, but when he hears her desperate plea, he teleports halfway around the world to aid her in a situation where magic has gone suddenly, brutally wrong.

THEY'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO SAVE THE WORLD . . .

But while Sara and Jack remain convinced they are completely mismatched, the Wizard Council feels otherwise. A dark force is killing some of the world's most influential wizards, and the ex-lovers have just proved their abilities are mysteriously amplified when they work together. But with the fate of the world at stake, will the violent emotions still simmering between them drive them farther apart . . . or bring them back into each other's arms? **PB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Amber

Dane (Lords of Satyr)

The dark sensuality of the *Lords of Satyr* returns to 1880s Italy, where these powerful men indulge their lust without inhibition...

An Appetite For Pleasure

When Dane Satyr approaches Eva for her services as a matchmaker, she offers him more than just introductions. Dane has discovered that Eva is a Satyr like himself, full of insatiable passion and dark desires. Their attraction combusts instantaneously, unlocking pleasures that neither can resist repeating...even as Eva seeks out a mortal bride for Dane...

A Demand That Can't Be Denied

Dane knows that the anonymous enemies of his past are now smiling in his face, but unmasking them is no easy task. A ring of sex slavers is at work amidst the high society he courts, and revealing his sensual powers could expose his greatest vulnerability. But having sampled the delights of a satyr mistress, Dane finds his own desires rising against him as well... **TP \$16.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Waking the Witch (Otherworld)

At twenty-one, Savannah Levine-orphaned daughter of a notorious dark witch and an equally notorious cutthroat sorcerer-considers herself a full-fledged member of the otherworld. The once rebellious teen has grown into a six-foot-tall, motorcycle-riding jaw-dropper, with an impressive knowledge of and ability to perform spells. The only problem is, she's having a hard time convincing her adoptive parents, Paige and Lucas, to take her seriously as an adult. She's working as the research assistant at the detective agency they founded, and when they take off on a romantic vacation alone, leaving her in charge, Savannah finds herself itching for a case to call her own. (She's also itching for Adam, her longtime friend and colleague, to see her as more than just a little girl, but that's another matter.)

Suddenly, Savannah gets the chance she's been waiting for: Recruited by another supernatural detective, she travels to Columbus, Washington, a small, dying town. Two troubled young women have been found in an abandoned warehouse, murdered. Now a third woman's dead, and on closer inspection small details point to darker forces at play. Savannah feels certain she can handle the case, but with signs of supernatural activity appearing at every turn, things quickly become more serious- and far more dangerous-than she realizes. **US HC \$52.95 UK HC \$34.99**

Margaret Atwood

The Year of the Flood

The sun brightens in the east, reddening the blue-grey haze that marks the distant ocean. The vultures roosting on the hydro poles fan out their wings to dry them. The air smells faintly of burning. The waterless flood, a manmade plague, has ended the world. But two young women have survived: Ren, a young dancer trapped where she worked, in an upmarket sex club (the cleanest dirty girls in town); and Toby, who watches and waits from her rooftop garden. Is anyone else out there? **BPB \$24.99**

James Axler*Oblivion Stone (Outlanders 54)*

Spread across postapocalyptic North America, the nine great cities ruled by the alien-human hybrid barons have crumbled... ushering in not defeat, but a new epoch of alien rule of Earth. But their assault is threatened by a force of extraordinary humans, the Cerberus rebels, dedicated to freeing humanity from the aeons of slavery that the alien Annunaki race have placed upon it.

In Louisiana, a salvaged piece of sentient spaceship signals the beginning of the long-awaited second salvo. In the wilds of Saskatchewan, an Annunaki prince, genetically engineered as a machine of destruction, returns after 4500 years in solitary confinement to seek vengeance against the father who betrayed him. As the self-proclaimed new warlord of the Earth, his personal mission to harness its citizens to build his city and his army appears unstoppable... as does his hate-filled quest to destroy the god-king Enlil, the mighty father who spawned him in hate and fury. **PB \$17.95**

Kage Baker*The Bird of the River (Children of the Sun 03)*

In this new story set in the world of *The Anvil of the World* and *The House of the Stag*, two teenagers join the crew of a huge river barge after their addict mother is drowned. The girl and her half-breed younger brother try to make the barge their new home. As the great boat proceeds up the long river, we see a panorama of cities and cultures, and begin to perceive patterns in the pirate attacks that happen so frequently in the river cities.

Eliss, the girl, becomes a sharp-eyed spotter of obstacles in the river for the barge, and more than that, one who perceives deeply. A young boy her age, Krelan, trained as a professional assassin, has come aboard, seeking the head of a dead nobleman, so that there might be a proper burial. But the head proves as elusive as the real explanation behind the looting of cities, so he needs Eliss' help. And then there is the massive Captain of the barge, who can perform supernatural tricks, but prefers to stay in his cabin and drink. **HC \$44.99**

Stephen Baxter*Stone Spring*

8 000 years ago Europe was a very different place. England was linked to Holland by a massive swathe of land. Where the North Sea is now lay the landmass of Northland. And then came a period of global warming, a shifting of continents and, over a few short years, the sea rushed in and our history was set. But what if the sea had been kept at bay? Brythony is a young girl who lives in Northland. Like all her people she is a hunter gatherer, her simple tools fashioned from flint cutting edges lodged in wood and animal bone. When the sea first encroaches on her land her people simply move. Brythony moves further travelling to Asia. Where she sees mankind's first walled cities. And gets an idea. What if you could build a wall to keep the sea out? And so begins a colossal engineering project that will take decades... **TP \$35**

C F Bentley*Enigma (harmony 02)*

When an alien ship crashes into the space station and diplomatic post Labyrinthe VII, the precarious balance between Harmony's High Preistess Sissy and Confederated Star System Agent Jake begins to dissolve. Suddenly they are caught in a web of deceit and intrigue as undercover agents for both the humans and the aliens vie for control not only of the space station, but of a new and unclaimed planet that may hold the answers many of them seek-or prove to be a deadly trap. **PB \$19.95**

Laura Bickle*Sparks (Anya Kalinczyk 02)*

Anya Kalinczyk is the rarest type of psychic medium, a Lantern, who holds down a day job as an arson investigator with the Detroit Fire Department—while working 24/7 to exterminate malicious spirits haunting a city plagued by unemployment and despair. Along with her inseparable salamander familiar, Sparky, Anya has seen, and even survived, all manner of fiery hell—but her newest case sparks suspicions of a bizarre phenomenon that no one but her eccentric team of ghost hunters might believe: spontaneous human combustion.

After fire consumes the home of elderly Jasper Bernard, Anya is stunned to discover his remains—or, more precisely, a lack of them; even the fiercest fires leave some trace of their victims—and she is sure this was no naturally occurring blaze. Soon she's unearthed a connection to a celebrity psychic who preys on Detroit's poor, promising miracles for money. But Hope Solomon wants more—she's collecting spirits, and in a frantic race against time, Anya will face down an evil adversary who threatens her fragile relationship with her lover, her beloved Sparky's freshly hatched newts, and the wandering souls of the entire city **APB \$19.95**

John Birmingham Australian Author*After America*

March 14, 2003, was the day the world changed forever. A wave of energy slammed into North America and devastated the continent. The U.S. military, poised to invade Baghdad, was left without a commander in chief. Global order spiraled into chaos. Now, three years later, a skeleton U.S. government headquartered in Seattle directs the reconstruction of an entire nation—and the battle for New York City has begun.

Pirates and foreign militias are swarming the East Coast, taking everything they can. The president comes to the Declared Security Zone of New York and barely survives the visit. The enemy—whoever they are—controls Manhattan's concrete canyons and the abandoned flatlands of Long Island. The U.S. military, struggling with sketchy communications and a lack of supplies, is mired in a nightmare of urban combat.

Caught up in the violence is a Polish-born sergeant who watches the carnage through the eyes of an intellectual and with the heart of a warrior. Two smugglers, the highborn Lady Julianne Balwyn and her brawny partner Rhino, search for a treasure whose key lies inside an Upper East Side Manhattan apartment. Thousands of miles away, a rogue general leads the secession of Texas and a brutal campaign against immigrants, while Miguel Pieraro, a Mexican-born rancher, fights back. And in England, a U.S. special ops agent is called into a violent shadow war against an enemy that has come after her and her family.

The president is a stranger to the military mindset, but now this mild-mannered city engineer from the Pacific Northwest needs to make a soldier's choice. With New York clutched in the grip of thousands of heavily armed predators, is an all-out attack on the city the only way to save it?

From the geopolitics of post-American dominance to the fallout of Israel's nuclear strike, *After America* provides a gripping, intelligent, and harrowing chronicle of a world in the maw of chaos—and lives lived in the dangerous dawn of a strange new future. **HC \$52.95**

Annette Blair*Bedeviled Angel (Works Like Magick 02)*

An enchanting new novel from a national bestselling sensation

At the Works Like Magick employment Agency in Salem, Massachusetts, matching clients in need with magical temps is a piece of cake, especially since sexy Chance Gordricson also happens to be heaven-sent. He's Kenya Saint-Denis's guardian angel. And when he's hired to keep an eye on her and the two surrogate children she's become saddled with, he just might fall prey to temptation. **PB \$19.95**

Alex Bledsoe

Girls with Games of Blood

A tale of vampires and revenge...

Listen to what I tell you, son, every word is true / The sisters haunt the night, and might fight over you

Nothing can steal your soul and stamp it in the mud / Like being the new play-pretty for the girls with the games of blood

The old song warned of the beautiful Bolade sisters, Patience and Prudence, whose undying rivalry was said to stretch even beyond the grave. But Count Rudolfo Zginski has never heard this song. A suave Continental vampire, staked to death more than sixty years ago, he has only recently risen again to stalk the nights of Memphis, Tennessee, circa 1975. Although new to the modern world, he has quickly developed a taste for its luxuries – in particular, high-speed automobiles.

Yet the seventies are not without their perils, even for so cunning a predator. Zginski's pursuit of a cherry 1973 Ford Mustang brings him into conflict with a legendary redneck sheriff with a short temper and a big baseball bat. His fascination with an enticing undead chanteuse and her equally seductive sister threatens not only his own ageless existence, but that of the small coven of modern-day vampires he has grudgingly taken under his wing. Zginski has escaped limbo once, but can he free himself from the tangled web of the girls who play games of blood? **TP \$22.99**

J L Bourne

Beyond Exile (Day By Day Armageddon audio)

A sequel to Day by Day Armageddon is presented in the form of a journal by a struggling survivor who in the midst of a global zombie disaster endeavors to retain his mortality while considering the plausibility of joining the ranks of the undead. Read by Jay Snyder. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Ben Bova

The Return (Voyagers 04)

In the 1980s, an alien starship visited Earth. While investigating what appeared to be a sarcophagus bearing the preserved body of its builder, astronaut Keith Stoner was trapped and cryogenically frozen. After his body was eventually returned to Earth and revived, Stoner discovered that he had acquired alien powers. Using these new powers, he built a new starship and left Earth.

Now, after more than a century of exploring the stars, Keith Stoner returns to find that the world he has come back to does not match the one he left. The planet is suffering the consequences of disastrous greenhouse flooding. Most nations have been taken over by ultraconservative religion-based governments, such as the New Morality in the United States. With population ballooning and resources running out, Earth is heading for nuclear war. Stoner, the star voyager, wants to save Earth's people. But first he must save himself from the frightened and ambitious zealots who want to destroy this stranger—and the terrifying message he brings from the stars. **APB \$19.95**

Sam Bowring Australian Author

Soul's Reckoning (Broken Well 03)

An army of darkness marches on the Shining Mines, stronghold of the light for a thousand years. At their head is the shadowmander, an unstoppable monster created from the souls of the dead. A forgotten race stirs in Whisperwood, led by Corlas, who has been granted ancient powers by a banished god . . . and Fahren journeys with his old enemy Battu to the Morningbridge Peaks, where he is given a task that shakes him to the bones. Meanwhile Bel rides with all the might of Kainordas behind him. He carries the Stone of Evenings Mild, his only means of drawing his counterpart Losara back into himself, this making his soul complete. Prophecy says that a blue-haired man will end the war forever - and the time has come to look oneself in the eye. The time has come for a reckoning. **APB \$19.99**

Charles Brokaw

The Atlantis Code

When the ancient ruins of Atlantis are discovered along the Spanish coast, linguist and archaeologist Thomas Lourds joins a violent competition to be the first of its explorers, an effort marked by a series of puzzles that must be solved in order to gain entry into the lost civilization. **PB \$21.95**

Cheryl Brooks

Hero (Cat Star Chronicles 06)

In each installment of the Cat Star Chronicles the hero comes from a race of men with a feline gene that endows him with remarkable sexual powers. Raised on earth, Micayla is the last living Zetithian female. Typical of her species, she's aloof and uninterested in men, until she meets Trag, the Zetithian pilot for an intergalactic arms dealer and the sexiest, most irksome man she's ever met. Trag has sworn he'll never marry, unless he can find a Zetithian woman. Considering the odds, it's a safe bet, until he encounters Micayla. Fighting the enemies who are determined to wipe out the Zetithian race may be easier than convincing these hardheaded lovers that they were made for each other... **PB \$19.95**

Terry Brooks

A Princess of Landover (Landover 06 Audio)

A first entry in the popular series in more than a decade finds headstrong fifteen-year-old Mistaya kicked out of her prestigious boarding school and assigned by Ben to reopen the kingdom's abandoned library, a task she avoids before discovering a magical plot against Landover. By the best-selling author of the Shannara series. Read by Dick Hill. **CD - Abridged \$30.95**

Nina Bruhns

Lord of the Desert (Immortal Sheikhs)

As the son of a British earl, Lord Rhys had dearly loved his life of action and indulgence as a rogue, a rake, a gambler and a womanizer. But now he loves his life as an immortal even more. Rhys's job is to supply his master—a five-thousand-year-old demigod— with all his heart's desires. Especially women.

When historian Gillian Haliday ventures to Rhys's grave to settle a dispute for his descendants, she is enchanted by this man with stallion-like prowess. She doesn't argue when he vows to keep her for himself. But his master has other plans. Plans that will spell Gillian's doom and—when he unwittingly falls in love with her— the end of Lord Rhys's own earthly existence.... **PB \$14.95**

Jesse Bullington

The Sad Tale of the Brothers Grossbart

In the plague-wracked and devil-haunted darkness of Medieval Europe, an elite few enjoy opulent lives while the majority eke out a miserable existence in abject poverty. Hungry creatures stalk the deep woods and desolate mountains, and both sea and sky teem with unspeakable horrors. For those ill-fated masses not born into wealth, life is but a vicious trial to be endured before the end of days. Hegel and Manfred Grossbart could give a toss. Being of low birth means little, after all, when the riches of the mighty wait just inside the next crypt. The grave-robbing twins know enough about crusading to realise that if one is to make a living from the dead, what better destination than the fabled tomb-cities of Egypt? But the Brothers Grossbart are about to discover that all legends have their truths, and worse fates than death await those who would take the red road of villainy... **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Rhyannon Byrd

Touch of Seduction (Primal Instinct 04)

Sold into slavery as a child to a cruel taskmaster, tiger-shifter Aiden Shrader trusts no one. Not even his own kind. Yet as a member of the Watchmen — the organization of shape-shifters who keep watch over the ancient nonhuman races — Aiden is fiercely protective of the helpless. Especially when he's asked to guard a little girl with witches' blood — and her beautiful human aunt. A woman who arouses all of Aiden's primal urges...he must resist.

To small-town schoolteacher Olivia Harcourt, the massive tiger-shifter with glowing amber eyes is as much a dark mystery as the enemy stalking her. Yet Aiden is her only hope of surviving. Until their intense passion unleashes her own inner tigress with a ferocity that will make the evil Casus rue the day they messed with her family...and will take Aiden by seductive surprise. **APB \$16.99**

Rachel Caine

Total Eclipse (Weather Warden 09)

Weather Warden Joanne Baldwin, her husband, the djinn David, and the Earth herself have been poisoned by a substance that destroys the magic that keeps the world alive. The poison is destabilizing the entire balance of power, bestowing magic upon those who have never had it, and removing it from those who need it. It's just a matter of time before the delicate balance of nature explodes into chaos-and doom. **APB \$19.99**

Jacqueline Carey

Naamah's Curse (Moirin's Quest 02)

Moirin is alone and far from the land of her birth, with nothing but a few resources of her own to draw upon and few friends she can call upon, in what is about to become a nation of enemies. She has her natural ability with a bow, for survival and a facility for languages - and then there are the gifts of her gods: a small ability for foretelling, for concealment and to coax plants to grow. Alongside them all she has the gift of Naamah: the gift of desire. Yet these are small advantages against the challenges she will face - betrayal, treachery and indoctrination - and some of them may not prove to be advantages at all. There is a long, difficult journey ahead of her, in her search for Bao, the young Ch'in warrior who carries a piece of her soul as well as her heart and even harder decisions to make. **TP \$35**

Lee Carroll

Black Swan Rising (01)

New York jeweller Gareth James has her fair share of problems: money, an elderly father, a struggling business. One day she comes across an antiques shop she'd never noticed before. The owner possesses an old silver box that's been sealed shut. Could she open it, perhaps? She does, and that night strange things begin to happen. It's as if her world and our world has shifted slightly, revealing another, parallel place that co-exists without our knowledge: the world of the Fey. Gareth learns that one of her ancestors was 'the Watchtower': an immortal chosen to stand guard over the human and the fey worlds a role that Gareth has, unwittingly, inherited from her mother. But the equilibrium between these two existences is under threat. For the 16th-century magician and necromancer Dr John Dee has returned, the box has been opened and the demons of Despair and Discord released. In a race against time and the impending apocalypse, it is Gareth who must find Dee...and close the box. **TP \$32.95**

Lee Carroll

Black Swan Rising

When New York City jewelry designer Gareth James stumbles into a strange antiques shop in her neighborhood, her life is about to be turned upside down. John Dee, the enigmatic shopkeeper, commissions her to open a vintage silver box for a generous sum of money. Oddly, the symbol of a swan on the box exactly matches the ring given to her by her deceased mother. Gareth can't believe her luck and this eerie coincidence until she opens the box and otherworldly things start happening. . . .

That evening, the precious silver box is stolen. When Gareth begins to investigate, she learns that she has been pulled into a prophecy that is hundreds of years old, and opening the box has unleashed an evil force onto the streets of Manhattan and the world at large. Gradually, Gareth pieces together her true identity—one that her deceased mother desperately tried to protect her from. Generations of women in Gareth's family, including her beloved mother, suffered and died at the hands of this prevailing evil. Does Gareth possess the power to reclaim the box and defeat this devastating force?

On her journey, she will meet the fey folk who walk unnoticed among humans and a sexy vampire who also happens to be a hedge fund manager that she can't stop thinking about. But the fairies reveal a desire to overpower mere humans and the seductive vampire has the power to steal the life from her body. Whom can Gareth trust to guide her? Using her newfound powers and sharp wit, Gareth will muster everything she's got to shut down the evil taking over her friends, family, New York City, and the world. **TP \$30.95**

Kylie Chan Australian Author

Hell to Heaven (Journey to Wudang 02)

Dragons and martial arts, science and magic ... the second fabulous book in this sequel series to the Dark Heavens trilogy that began with 'White Tiger'.

Emma teeters on the edge of becoming fully demon, and must make a journey to the Kunlun Mountains in the West, home of the palaces of Nu Wa and the Yellow Emperor, in an attempt to regain her humanity. Travelling with Emma is Xuan Wu's daughter, Simone, who is struggling with her growing powers and trying to defend herself from the demons who want to destroy her. And Michael is trying to come to terms with the shock of finding out he might be half demon ... **APB \$22.99**

Cabral Ciruelo

Calendar 2011: Dragons by Ciruelo

Calendar \$29.95

Arthur C Clarke

Childhood's End

When the silent spacecraft arrived and took the light from the world, no one knew what to expect. But, although the Overlords kept themselves hidden from man, they had come to unite a warring world and to offer an end to poverty and crime. When they finally showed themselves it was a shock, but one that humankind could now cope with and an era of peace, prosperity and endless leisure began. But the children of this utopia dream strange dreams of distant suns and alien planets and begin to evolve into something incomprehensible to their parents and soon they will be ready to join the Overmind...and, in a grand and thrilling metaphysical climax, leave the Earth behind. **B HC \$24.99**

Eoin Colfer

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

Arthur Dent's accidental association with that wholly remarkable book *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* has not been entirely without incident. Arthur has travelled the length, breadth and depth of known, and unknown, space. He has stumbled forwards and backwards through time. He has been blown up, reassembled, cruelly imprisoned, horribly released and colourfully insulted more than is strictly necessary. And, of course, he has comprehensively failed to grasp the meaning of life, the universe and everything. Arthur has, though, finally made it home to Earth. But that does not mean he has escaped his fate. For Arthur's chances of getting his hands on a decent cuppa are evaporating along with the world's oceans. Because no sooner has he arrived than he finds out that Earth is about to be blown up ...again. **BPB \$24.95**

Deborah Cooke

Whisper Kiss (Dragonfire 05)

The national bestselling *Dragonfire* series continues to heat up...

For millennia, the shape-shifting dragon warriors known as the Pyr have commanded the four elements and guarded the earth's treasures. But now the final reckoning between the Pyr and the dreaded Slayers is about to begin...

Niall Talbot has volunteered to hunt down and destroy all the remaining shadow dragons before they can wreak more havoc. But fate has placed him in the hands of Rox, an unconventional tattoo artist who doesn't even flinch when a shape-shifting dragon warrior suddenly appears on her doorstep. And as a woman who follows her heart in matters of passion, she makes the perfect mate for a firestorm with Niall... **PB \$19.95**

J J Cooper Australian Author

Deadly Trust

White knuckle writing from Australia's answer to Andy McNab

Former army interrogator Jay Ryan is enjoying the quiet life after leaving the military far behind - or so he thinks. Because old habits die hard and he's quickly thrust back into the thick of things when a disgruntled scientist, backed by the Australian security industry, develops a weapon of mass destruction - a hybrid strain of Anthrax - to be used to create panic in a population apathetic to crime prevention.

Only one batch of Anthrax inoculations can resist the deadly new strain, and it was given to five military interrogators. One of them was Jay Ryan. When the other four disappear, Ryan is the last interrogator left with the antibodies to defeat the deadly Anthrax strain.

Racing against time and hunted by rogue soldiers, mad scientists and an organisation that operates beyond the law, Ryan digs deep into his past for a chance at a future.

In this heartstopping thriller, Jay Ryan wages a one-man war against enemies both known and unseen. There's only person he can trust - or can he? Winning the war may have devastating consequences for the last interrogator ... **TP \$32.95**

Rowena Cory Daniells Australian Author

The Uncrowned King (Chronicles of King Rolen's Kin 02)

Rolencia's ancestry enemy, Merofynia, has invaded and marches on King Rolen's castle. Powerless to help, thirteen year old Piro watches as her father, King Rolen, listens to poisoned whispers against Bryen. How could the King doubt his second son? De-termined to prove his loyalty, Bryen races across the path of the advancing army to ask the Abbot to send the warriors monks in defence of the castle. **PB \$19.95**

Charles de Lint

Spiritwalk (Newford)

At the heart of Tamson House is the Wood. And in that Wood is the Mystery

Tamson House, in modern, urban Ottawa, is a rambling, eccentric curiosity of a house—and a place of hidden Power. Built at a point where the leylines meet, upon land that was once a sacred site, it is the gateway to a spirit world where Celtic and Native American magicks mingle and leak into our own.

In the overgrown garden of Tamson House, a Coyote Man waits, green children walk, and music rises to greet the moon. From the garden, a vast and primal wood is just one spirit-step away... and in that wood is something that threatens the very existence of Tamson House, and all who dwell within. **TP \$30.95**

Cory Doctorow

For the Win

A provocative and exhilarating tale of teen rebellion against global corporations from the New York Times bestselling author of *Little Brother* - a call to arms for a new generation.

Not far in the future...In the twenty-first century, it's not just capital that's globalized: labour is too. Workers in special economic zones are trapped in lives of poverty with no trade unions to represent their rights. But a group of teenagers from across the world are set to fight this injustice using the most surprising of tools - their online video games.

In Industrial South China Matthew and his friends labour day and night as gold-farmers, amassing virtual wealth that's sold on to rich Western players, while in the slums of Mumbai 'General Robotwallah' Mala marshalls her team of online thugs on behalf of the local gang-boss, who in turn works for the game-owners.

They're all being exploited, as their friend Wei-Dong, all the way over in LA, knows, but can do little about. Until they begin to realize that their similarities outweigh their differences, and agree to work together to claim their rights to fair working conditions. Under the noses of the ruling elites in China and the rest of Asia, they fight their bosses, the owners of the games and rich speculators, outsmarting them all with their unbeatable gaming skills. But soon the battle will spill over from the virtual world to the real one, leaving Mala, Matthew and even Wei-Dong fighting not just for their rights, but for their lives... **TP \$32.99**

Stephen Donaldson

Daughter of Regals

In his first collection of short fiction, Stephen Donaldson, the bestselling author of the *Chronicles of Thomas Covenant* and the *GAP* series of SF novels, presents eight superb stories, including *Gilden-Fire*, the famous chapter about Korik of the Bloodguard and his mission to Seareach that was part of the original version of *THE ILLEARTH WAR*, the second of the *Covenant* books, but omitted from the published version. Enter a world of mystics and unicorns, angels and kings, all realised with the dazzling style and imagination that has made Stephen Donaldson a modern master of the fantasy genre. **BPB \$24.99**

Debra Doyle & James D MacDonald

Lincoln's Sword

he union is doomed, its death foretold in the fever dreams of Mary Todd Lincoln . . .

As a great nation's destiny is being written in blood on the battlefields of Pea Ridge and Shiloh, a grim tomorrow is foreseen by a deeply troubled first lady and interpreted by her best friend, Mercy, herself an accomplished seer. But hope appears out of the mist with the arrival of Thomas, a mysterious stranger with an astonishing mastery over time and space. Against the backdrop of the Civil War's greatest events, these three must join together to salvage a future with the aid of unlikely collaborators: the uncannily gifted Confederate captain Cole Younger, his notorious career as a bank robber as yet undetermined, and President Lincoln himself, called upon to willingly make the ultimate sacrifice.

And the key to their desperate endeavor lies in a mysterious image from Mrs. Lincoln's tortured visions—a magical sword which, when wielded, will bring redemption . . . or destruction. **APB \$19.95**

Jocelynn Drake

Wait for Dusk (Dark Days 05)

There is no sanctuary in the night . . .

Feared even by her own kind for her mastery of fire, the nightwalker Mira is summoned by the coven to take her rightful place as Elder. But with this honor comes grave responsibility—a commitment to the annihilation of the unleashed naturi. For now the foul creatures walk the earth—and neither vampire nor human will survive their horrific onslaught.

A tide of blood is sweeping relentlessly across the European continent, as Mira is dispatched to Budapest for the most devastating test yet of her astonishing powers—and falls into a well-laid trap. With the dark secrets that haunt her growing darker by the hour, she must confront the terrible truth of her past and protect her fragile sanity in the face of unanticipated treachery—a betrayal by her trusted ally, her beloved enemy, the vampire slayer Danaus. **PB \$19.95**

David Drake

In the Stormy Red Sky (Lt Leary 07)

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

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

From palace to reeking jungle, from gunfights in grimy hangars to the flagship's bridge during a sprawling space battle, Leary and Mundy are in the thick of it again. Watch the galaxy explode—**IN THE STORMY RED SKY APB \$19.95**

Diane Duane

Omnitopia

A near-future techno-thriller from New York Times bestselling author Diane Duane.

In an increasingly wired and computer-friendly world, massive multiplayer online games have become the ultimate form of entertainment. And the most popular gaming universe of all is Omnitopia, created by genius programmer Dev Logan. For millions of people around the world, Omnitopia is an obsession, a passionate pastime, almost a way of life. But there's a secret to Omnitopia, one that Dev would give his life to protect—the game isn't just a program or a piece of code. It's become sentient-alive. And it's Dev's job to keep it that way... **HC \$51.95**

Steven Erikson

Dust of Dreams (Malazan Book of the Fallen 09)

On the Letherii continent the exiled Malazan army commanded by Adjunct Tavore begins its march into the eastern Wastelands, to fight for an unknown cause against an enemy it has never seen. The fate awaiting the Bonehunters is one no soldier can prepare for, and one no mortal soul can withstand the foe is uncertainty and the only weapon worth wielding is stubborn courage. In war everyone loses, and this brutal truth can be found in the eyes of every soldier in every world. Destinies are never simple. Truths are neither clear nor sharp. The Tales of the Malazan Book of the Fallen are drawing to a close in a distant place, beneath indifferent skies, as the last great army of the Malazan Empire seeks a final battle in the name of redemption. Final questions remain to be answered: can one's deeds be heroic when no one is there to see it? Can that which is unwitnessed forever change the world? The answers await the Bonehunters, beyond the Wastelands... **APB \$24.95**

Chris Evans

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. **APB \$19.99**

Kim Falconer Australian Author

The Path of the Stray (Quantum Encryption 01)

The magical lands of Gaela are on the brink of war when Tryn Bistoria finds herself trapped in the taboo caves above Corsanon.

As she and her familiar escape, a terrible power is unleashed from another time. On a distant Earth, Janis the 'techno-witch' must hide Jarrod from those who want to destroy him. But in the crossover to Gaela with the shape-shifting Lupins, Jarrod and a stray pup disappear.

In a desperate search, Janis' daughter Ruby learns what must be done if everyone is to survive. **APB \$22.99**

Christine Feehan

Water Bound (Sea Haven 01)

For Lev Prakenskii, the last thing he remembers is being lost in the swirling currents of the ocean and sucked deeper into the nothingness of a freezing black eddy off the coastal town of Sea Haven. Just as quickly, just as miraculously, he was saved - pulled ashore by a beautiful stranger - but Lev has no memory of who he was - or why he seems to possess the violent instincts of a trained killer. All he knows is that he fears for his life, and the life of his unexpected saviour. Her name is Rikki, a sea-urchin diver in the small town of Sea Haven. She always felt an affinity for the ocean and the seductive pull of the tides - and now, for the enigmatic man she rescued. But soon they will be bound by something even stronger - each other's tantalising secrets that will engulf them both in a whirlpool of dizzying passion and inescapable danger. **APB \$19.99**

Paul Finch*Stronghold (Tomes of the Dead)*

When King Edward 1st of England built Grogen Castle in Wales, he proclaimed it the strongest fortress in the British Isles; impregnable to assault, armed with de-vices so fiendish that would-be attackers would die in multitudes. But the Welsh have had enough of English tyranny. Armed with druidic magic and an ancient, mystical artefact, they summon an army to their banner even the superstitious medieval world could never have imagined. Soon, Grogen Castle finds itself besieged by forces forged from rotten bone and raddled flesh. Just how long can this Strongold hold out against the zombie horde? **TP \$21.95**

Bob Fingerman*Pariah*

After a zombie plague infects most of the world, a New York City apartment building's residents, who have holed up inside and managed to survive, find themselves at each other's throats, until they spy an uninfected teenage girl outside, walking amongst the zombies and not getting attacked. **TP \$30.95 HC \$51.95**

Eric Flint Editor*Grantville Gazette IV (Ring of Fire Anthology)*

After the West Virginia town of Grantville was unceremoniously hurled back through time to the 1630s, the seventeenth century would never be the same. Teenage capitalist girls have formed an investment group; a linotype operator, whose profession was wiped out by computers, finds a new life in an old century; a narrow gauge railroad, with a sit-down mower doubling as a locomotive, revolutionizes military transportation; the proud tradition of the U.S. Marines is started ahead of schedule among downtime Europeans; and what will the master musicians and composers of the pre-Bach era make of heavy metal sounds? On a more personal level, two young lovers celebrate Christmas in a strange land and time, a skilled blacksmith clashes with his guild, and a woman loses her husband in an industrial accident and decides to leave Grantville. Plus factual articles on the problems of beginning an oil industry, building a machine gun, or starting up the manufacture of textiles centuries ahead of their time. All this and more in a new and absolutely indispensable volume for the many followers of the 1632 series. **PB \$19.95**

Max Frei*The Stranger (Labyrinths of Echo 01)*

If it weren't for bad luck, Max Frei wouldn't have any luck at all. A self-described twenty-something 'classic loser', an insomniac, hardened smoker, a glutton and a loafer, there's nothing much going for Max Frei...at least not until he arrives in the magical city of Echo. Summoned to the city by the head of the Department of Absolute Order, Sir Juffin Halli, Max's dreams are becoming a reality. But as with all dreams-come-true its not quite the reality Max expected; he's about to become a secret agent, tasked to solve extravagant, impossible crimes with nothing but his wits and a handful of unexplained magical abilities to recommend him. Max is going to be thrown into the fray - and he can't even have a cigarette first... **BPB \$24.99**

Jeaniene Frost*At Grave's End (Night Huntress 03)*

It should be the best time of half-vampire Cat Crawfield's life. With her undead lover Bones at her side, she's successfully protected mortals from the rogue undead. But though Cat's worn disguise after disguise to keep her true identity a secret from the brazen bloodsuckers, her cover has finally been blown, placing her in terrible danger. And if that wasn't enough, a woman from Bones' past is determined to bury him once and for all. Caught in the crosshairs of a vengeful vamp yet determined to help Bones stop a lethal magic from being unleashed, Cat's about to learn the true meaning of bad blood. And the tricks she's learnt as a special agent won't help her here. She's going to have to fully embrace her vampire instincts if she's going to save herself - and Bones - from a fate worse than the grave. **PB \$22.99**

Eternal Kiss of Darkness (Night Huntress World 02)

An immortal war has been brewing in the darkness . . .

And now one woman has stumbled into the shadows.

Chicago private investigator Kira Graceling should have just kept on walking. But her sense of duty refused to let her ignore the moans of pain coming from inside a warehouse just before dawn. Suddenly she finds herself in a world she's only imagined in her worst nightmares.

At the center is Mencheres, a breathtaking Master vampire who thought he'd seen it all. Then Kira appears—this fearless, beautiful . . . human who braved death to rescue him. Though he burns for her, keeping Kira in his world means risking her life. Yet sending her away is unthinkable.

But with danger closing in, Mencheres must choose either the woman he craves, or embracing the darkest magic to defeat an enemy bent on his eternal destruction. **PB \$19.95**

Brian Froud*Calendar 2011: World of Fairy***Calendar \$29.95****Neil Gaiman***Two Plays for Voices*

Produced by the Sci-Fi Channel and Seeing Ear Theatre - these two plays are adapted for voice by Neil Gaiman from two of his short stories (both stories can be found in *Smoke & Mirrors*).

SNOW GLASS APPLES: Once upon a time there lived a young princess with skin as white as snow, with hair as black as coal, with lips redder than blood. Most people think they know what happens to this young unfortunate girl. Most people are wrong. Tony-award winning actress Bebe Neuwirth (Chicago, Sweet Charity, and TV's Cheers) stars as a wise Queen who wants nothing more than to reign over her kingdom peacefully but is forced to match wits with an inhuman child who has an unnatural taste for blood.

Full Cast List:

Bebe Neuwirth as the Queen ; Martin Carey as the Huntsman; Mark Evans as the Prince; Merwin Goldsmith as the Lord of the Fair; J.R. Horne as the Archbishop & Friar; Alissa Hunnicutt as the Maidservant; Randy Maggiore as a Soldier; Kate Simses as the Princess; Nick Wyman as the King
MURDER MYSTERIES: In this mystery noir set in heaven's City of Angels before the fall, the first crime has been committed. It is an awful one. While the angelic hosts labor to create the world and its workings, one of their number is mysteriously slain by one of their own. Raguel, Angel of Vengeance, is mandated by Lucifer to discover both motive and murderer in this holy dominion that had so recently known no sin.

Full Cast List:

Brian Dennehy as Raguel ; Anne Bobby as Tink's Friend ; Christopher Burns as Saraquael ; Thom Christopher as Lucifer ; Ed Dennehy as Zepkhiel ; Michael Emerson as Narrator ; Traci Godfrey as Tinkerbell Richmond ; Evan Pappas as Phanuel

Spoken word compact disc unabridged. **CD \$47.95**

Neil Gaiman

Neil Gaiman Audio Collection

Four of beloved author Neil Gaiman's delightfully scary, strange, and hilarious children's tales read by the author, now available unabridged. This collection includes:

The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish: An unforgettable story that will take readers on a journey into the murky mind of a young boy and the perils of striking a bargain.

The Wolves in the Walls: Lucy is sure there are wolves living in the walls of their house -- and, as everybody says, if the wolves come out of the walls, it's all over. Her family doesn't believe her. Then one day, the wolves come out.

Cinnamon: This charming fable of an exotic princess who refuses to speak currently exists only on Neil's official website and has never been published in print or any other format.

Crazy Hair: Bonnie tries to comb the narrator's crazy hair -- where gorillas leap and tigers stalk -- and is in for a surprise in this delightful rhyming tale. Spoken word compact disc unabridged. **CD \$28.95**

Speaking in Tongues

Daughter of Owls [5:30]

Instructions [4:58]

The Price [16:00]

The Sea Change [7:16]

The Facts in the Case of the Disappearance of Miss Finch [41:00] **CD \$44.95**

Telling Tales

A Writer's Prayer [1:43]

Harlequin Valentine [23:57]

Boys and Girls Together [2:39]

The Wedding Present [28:32]

In the End [1:58]

Epilogue - Drums [16:18] **CD \$44.95**

Ian Gibson

Stuff of Legends

A true legend rescues maidens...pillages temples...and slaughters evil hordes...

But what does he do when all the fun is over?

When an annoyingly eager young man by the name of Elliott, his Elvish guardian, and a bard-for-hire magically drop into the life of former hero Jordan the Red, the aged warrior wants nothing to do with them. He's had enough of battling the world. But Elliott wants an adventure with the legendary, sword-swinging soldier of fortune-and this hero is about to be forced out of retirement. **PB \$19.95**

Nancy Gideon

Masked By Moonlight (01)

Homicide detective Charlotte Caissie is used to investigating grisly killings and going after the mob. She's not used to working alongside New Orleans' preternatural mob enforcer to keep the city from erupting in violence and she definitely isn't used to falling for a mob boss's sexy, shadowy right-hand man. The dark rumours that swirl about Max Savoie are frightening, but he's a contradiction with his unblinking stare and sly smile, Armani suits and red Converse tennis shoes. There's something endearing about him, something naive and...familiar. One night when Cee-Cee is attacked in a dark alley and Max steps in to rescue her, she realizes he saved her life years ago as a teen.

Max is everything Cee Cee should steer clear of. He's hiding a dangerous secret and some unknown link to her past. But he's the perfect stepping stone in her crusade to bring down New Orleans' mob boss. If only she could get over her annoying aversion to using Max, and could stop falling in love with him - or at least use that love to her advantage... **PB \$16.99**

Captured By Moonlight (Shapeshifter 03)

Returning to New Orleans after burying the mother who abandoned her twenty years ago, Detective Charlotte Caissie has lost the last link to her family. She'd never have thought the plantation hideout of one of the city's most nefarious mobsters would feel like home or that she'd find a warm welcome in the arms of his enigmatic successor. For a woman who's spent a lifetime dedicated to catching criminals, she'd avoided complications of the heart until the most inappropriate man imaginable pushed himself into her thoughts, her life, and her heart. Max Savoie sacrificed everything for her, becoming rescuer, lover, and protector. But he's more than a reformed killer in control of a huge leaning-toward-legitimate empire. He's also the leader of a shadowy clan of shapeshifters who are beginning to feel threatened by Cee Cee's constant presence and her influence over Max. Now, Cee Cee is about to learn that even if loving Max hasn't been easy, holding onto him could be deadly... **PB \$19.95**

Seressia Glass

Shadow Chase (Shadowchaser 02)

In a job like this, one mistake can cost you everything. As a Shadowchaser, Kira Solomon has been trained to serve the Light, dispatch the Fallen, and prevent the spread of chaos. It's a deadly job, and Kira knows the horror of spilling innocent blood. But now she has a new role, as the Hand of Ma'at, the Egyptian Goddess of Truth and Order, and an assignment that might just redeem her.

A fellow Shadowchaser has gone missing, and so has a unique artifact imbued with astonishing magic. Unless the Vessel of Nun is returned, it will cause destruction beyond anything the modern world has seen. Kira's got a team at her back, including Khefar, a near-immortal Nubian warrior who's already died for her once. But as complicated as her feelings for him are, they're nothing compared to the difficulties of the task she faces. And the only way to defeat the enemy is to trust in a powershe can barely control, and put her life—and her soul—on the line. **APB \$14.99**

Christopher Golden & Tim Lebbon

The Chamber of Ten

From two masters of dark fantasy comes a chilling tale of magic and possession, set in—and beneath—fabulous Venice, a city slowly being swallowed by the very waters that have made it one of the wonders of the world. Geena Hodge is an American archaeologist working to salvage Venice's past from the encroaching Adriatic Sea. When she and her lover, Nico, discover the lost library of Petrarch under the Piazza San Marco, they rejoice not only at the historical significance of the find but at the opportunity to bring worldwide attention—and much-needed funding—to their endeavors. But that find soon leads to another, a room buried more deeply still: the fabled Chamber of Ten, where centuries ago the secret rulers of Venice, in their quest for absolute power, met to plot betrayals and murders. After entering the Chamber, Geena and Nico are thrust into the midst of an ancient feud, a deadly battle of wills and black magic that threatens to poison the city's future with the evils of its past. **PB \$19.95**

Heather Graham

Ghost Night (Bone Island 02)

A slasher movie turns real when two young actors are brutally murdered on a remote island film set. Their severed heads and arms are posed in macabre homage to a nineteenth-century pirate massacre.

Two years later, survivor Vanessa Loren is drawn back to South Bimini by a documentary being made about the storied region. Filmmaker Sean O'Hara aches to see how the unsolved crime haunts her...and Sean knows more than a little about ghosts.

Lured by visions of a spectral figurehead, Vanessa discovers authentic pirate treasures that only deepen the mystery. Are the murders the work of modern-day marauders, the Bermuda Triangle or a deadly paranormal echo of the island's violent history? As Vanessa and Sean grow closer, the killer prepares to resume the slaughter...unless the dead can intervene. **APB \$19.95**

Kris Greene

The Demon Hunt (Dark Storm 02)

Soul-sucking demons. Half-human killers. Doomsday prophesies. No, this isn't a late-night movie on cable TV. This is Gabriel's life—or least, what's left of it—ever since he discovered his true destiny as a warrior knight in the battle against darkness. Once an ordinary college kid studying lost legends in books, Gabriel now finds himself face to face with actual demons. As a warrior, he has no choice but to fight them. And if he screws it up, the world is toast...A dimensional rift has opened between worlds. Which means more demons—and more death—than you could shake a proverbial stick at. Luckily, Gabriel has just the stick for the job, an ancient trident that gives him awesome demon-bashing powers. To watch his back he has the butt kicking half Demon De Mona and several unlikely heroes who he's picked up along the way. To make matters more complicated two of Gabriel's college buddies wind up dead and he finds that the demons aren't the only ones who want a piece of his hide. The cops want him too—for murder... **PB \$19.95**

David Gunn

Day of the Damned (Death's Head 03)

Lieutenant Sven Tveskoeg is in disgrace. His victory on Hekati, and the emperors favour, have turned his patron against him: General Indigo Jaxx wants Sven dead. Exiled to Wildeside, Sven waits for Jaxx's assassin. He hunts, he fieldstrips his weapons, he tries not to mind. At the age of 28, he's lived longer than he expected anyway. But then Sven finds himself offering to save the life of Jaxx's son. This means returning to Farlight, where he finds that the emperor is missing, his empire is collapsing, there are murderous riots in the capital and General Jaxx stands on the edge of ruin. All Sven has to do is nothing. But when has he ever done anything that sensible...The devil-may-care, not quite 100% human, mercenary soldier/killing machine known as Lieutenant Sven Tveskoeg and his like-minded team, the Aux, are back in a third explosive, non-stop action-filled adventure. **APB \$24.95**

Tate Hallaway

Almost to Die For (Vampire Princess of St Paul)

Twilight meets The Princess Diaries in the new series from the author of Honeymoon of the Dead

On her sixteenth birthday, Anastasija Parker learns that her so-called deadbeat dad is actually a vampire king. And he wants Ana to assume her rightful position at his side, in spite of the fact that she has witch's blood running through her veins from her mother's side.

Too bad witches and vampires are mortal enemies. And now Ana's parents are at each other's throats over her future. It's up to Ana to make a choice, but deciding your eternal destiny is a pretty big deal for a girl who just wants to get through high school. **TP \$21.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

Blood Noir (Anita Blake 15)

'The ardeur made me a sort of living vampire who fed off sex, but with the downsides came some interesting upsides.' Jason is a werewolf. He's one of my best friends and sometimes a lover. And right now he needs me, Anita Blake - not to be a vampire hunter, or a Federal Marshall, or a necromancer, but because his father is dying. I can help make him look like an everyday guy, help him say goodbye to the abusive father he's never loved. How hard can it be? Really, by now, you'd think I'd know better. Because this is the weekend that Marmee Noir, ancient mother of all vampires, picks to make her move. I've got something she wants - and now she's going to take it. **BPB \$22.99**

Divine Misdemeanors (Merry Gentry 08)

You may know me best as Meredith Nic Essus, princess of faerie. Or perhaps as Merry Gentry, Los Angeles private eye. In the fey and mortal realms alike, my life is the stuff of royal intrigue and celebrity drama. Among my own, I have confronted horrendous enemies, endured my noble kin's treachery and malevolence, and honored my duty to conceive a royal heir—all for the right to claim the throne. But I turned my back on court and crown, choosing exile in the human world—and in the arms of my beloved Frost and Darkness.

While I may have rejected the monarchy, I cannot abandon my people. Someone is killing the fey, which has left the LAPD baffled and my guardsmen and me deeply disturbed. My kind are not easily captured or killed. At least not by mortals. I must get to the bottom of these horrendous murders, even if that means going up against Gilda, the Fairy Godmother, my rival for fey loyalties in Los Angeles.

But even stranger things are happening. Mortals I once healed with magic are suddenly performing miracles, a shocking phenomenon wreaking havoc on human/faerie relations. Though I am innocent, dark suspicions of banned magical activities swirl around me.

I thought I'd left the blood and politics behind in my own turbulent realm. I had dreamed of an idyllic life in sunny L.A. with my beloved ones beside me.

But it becomes time to wake up and realize that evil knows no borders, and that nobody lives forever—even if they're magical. **PB \$19.95**

Molly Harper

And One Last Thing...

A romantic comedy about a woman who publishes the details of her husband's affair in his company newsletter, and then must deal with the consequences. **TP \$30.95**

Harry Harrison

Stainless Steel Rat Returns (Stainless Steel Rat)

After a ten-year absence, the return of one of the most enduring series characters in modern SF

James Bolivar "Slippery Jim" DiGriz, Special Corps agent, master con man, interstellar criminal (retired), is living high on the hog on the planet of Moolaplenty when a long-lost cousin and a shipful of swine arrive to drain his bank account and send him and his lovely wife, Angelina, wandering the stars on the wildest journey since Gulliver's Travels. In this darkly satiric work, Harry Harrison brings his most famous character out of retirement for a grand tour of the galaxy. The Stainless Steel Rat rides again: a cocktail in his hand, a smile on his lips, and larceny in his heart, in search of adventure, gravitons, and a way to get rid of the pigs. **HC \$51.95**

Meagan Hatfield*Shadow of the Vampire*

Vampire princess Alexia Feodorovna has been undead for 125 years, so it's been awhile since any man has made her pulse race. Until Declan Black. One look at his bronzed body and a fire like no other consumes her.

Then she discovers that he's a dragon lord, come to take revenge on the vamps who killed his parents. And claim a crystal said to imbue its owner with incredible powers.

Alexia is ordered to torture and kill the dragon lord. Yet with each reckless encounter, she finds herself consumed by his fiery passion. A passion Declan battles, as well.

Will he be able to resist the fire of lust she kindles within him and keep revenge in his heart? Or will he risk everything to quench the burning desire and claim the vampire as his own? **TP \$32.99**

Robert A Heinlein*The Puppet Masters*

First came the news that a flying saucer had landed in Iowa. Then came the announcement that the whole thing was a hoax. End of story. Case closed.

Except that two agents of the most secret intelligence agency in the U.S. government were on the scene and disappeared without reporting in. And four more agents who were sent in also disappeared. So the head of the agency and his two top agents went in and managed to get out with their discovery: an invasion is underway by slug-like aliens who can touch a human and completely control his or her mind. What the humans know, they know. What the slugs want, no matter what, the human will do. And most of Iowa is already under their control.

Sam Cavanaugh was one of the agents who discovered the truth. Unfortunately, that was just before he was taken over by one of the aliens and began working for the invaders, with no will of his own. And he has just learned that a high official in the Treasury Department is now under control of the aliens. Since the Treasury Department includes the Secret Service, which safeguards the President of the United States, control of the entire nation is near at hand. **PB \$19.95**

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson*Winds of Dune (Dune)*

Between the end of Frank Herbert's DUNE and his next novel, DUNE MESSIAH, lies an intriguing mystery: how a hero adored by a planet became a tyrant hated by a universe.

Paul Atreides is the man who overthrew a corrupt empire and then launched a terrible jihad across the galaxy, shedding the blood of trillions. The now-hated tyrant, the blind emperor Paul Muad'Dib, has walked off into the endless desert of the planet Arrakis, known as Dune, leaving his turbulent empire without guidance.

It's up to his mother Jessica, with her daughter Alia, the brave troubadour-warrior Gurney Halleck, the resurrected Duncan Idaho, the Fremen leader Stilgar, as well as Paul's wife-in-name and biographer, Princess Irulan, to try and hold an empire together even as it tears itself apart from within and without. **BPB \$22.99**

James Herbert*The Fog*

The peaceful life of a village in Wiltshire is suddenly shattered by a disaster which strikes without reason or explanation, leaving behind it a trail of misery and horror. A yawning, bottomless crack spreads through the earth, out of which creeps a fog that resembles no other.

Whatever it is, it must be controlled; for wherever it goes it leaves behind a trail of disaster as hideous as the tragedy that marked its entry into the world. The fog, quite simple, drives people insane. **BPB \$22.99**

The Rats

It was only when the bones of the first devoured victims were discovered that the true nature and power of these swarming black creatures with their razor sharp teeth and the taste for human blood began to be realised by a panic-stricken city. For millions of years man and rats had been natural enemies. But now for the first time – suddenly, shockingly, horribly – the balance of power had shifted... **BPB \$22.99**

Conn Iggulden*Empire of Silver*

Genghis Khan is dead, but his legend and his legacy live on. His son Ogedai has built a white city on a great plain and made a capital for the new nation. Now the armies have gathered to see which of Genghis' sons has the strength to be khan. The Mongol empire has been at peace for two years, but whoever survives will face the formidable might of their enemies, China's Song dynasty.

The great leader Tsubodai sweeps into the west: through Russia, over the Carpathian mountains and into Hungary. The Templar knights have been broken and there is no king or army to stop him reaching France. But at the moment of Tsubodai's greatest triumph, as his furthest scouts reach the northern mountains of Italy, Tsubodai must make a decision that will change the course of history forever. **TP \$32.99**

Syrie James*Dracula, My Love; The Secret Journals of Mina Harker*

The bestselling author of *The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen* has crafted her most powerful novel yet, in which she uncovers the thrilling untold story of Mina Harker and her forbidden love with Dracula. **MP3 CD \$60**

Trent Jamieson Australian Author*Death Most Definite (Death Works 01)*

Steve knew something was wrong as soon as he saw the dead girl in the Wintergarden food court. Nothing new, he saw dead people all the time, but this one was about to save his life... Steve is a necromancer in the family firm, tasked with easing spirits from this dimension to the next after death. And he's kind of OK with that, until someone high up the corporate hierarchy makes a bid to be Australia's new Regional Death. This means killing all of the current Death's staff. After his parents, relatives and pretty much every other necromancer he ever knew has been killed, Steve is left to make a reluctant stand. But to do this he must stay alive. Threatened at every turn, Steve and the dangerously attractive (and dead) Lissa go on the run to save what's left of their world. **APB \$19.99**

Jean Johnson*The Storm (Sons of Destiny)*

Rora isn't a normal girl. She can see past the prickly exterior of Rydan of Nightfall, and only she can persuade him to put right what torments him before it destroys him. But Rora has her own secret... **APB \$12.95**

Stacia Kane*City of Ghosts (Chess Putnam)*

Forced to team up with the Black Squad agency after mangled human corpses show up on the streets of Downside, Chess Putnam, under a binding spell that forbids her to talk about the investigation, must go up against killer wraiths, First Elders, and dark magic to find the truth.

MP3 CD \$60 BPB \$24.99**Paul Kearney***Hawkwood and the Kings (Monarchies of God 01)*

The world is in turmoil. In the east the savage Mer-duks, followers of the Prophet Ahrimuz, have captured the holy city of Aekir. The western kingdoms are too distracted by internecine bickering to intervene and the Church seems more obsessed with rooting out heresy. It is an age where men go to the stake for the taint of magic in their blood, where gunpowder and cannon co-exist with werewolves and sorcerers. It is the turning point when two great religions will fight to the death and the common folk will struggle to merely survive. **PB \$19.95**

Brian Keene*A Gathering of Crows*

As night falls on Brinkley Springs, five shadowy, demonic figures descend on the town to feed on its populace, in a feast of carnage and murder that only the strongest will survive. **APB \$19.95**

Karen Kelley*The Falcon Prince*

After shape-shifting alien Prince Kristor claims that Rianna Lancaster is part-alien and that he has been tasked with taking her back to the home planet, Rianna wonders if she can let go of her inhibitions and take him to places even he has never dreamed of. By the author of *How to Seduce a Texan*. **TP \$28.95**

Erin Kellison*Shadow Fall*

Custo Santovari sacrificed himself for his best friend and earned himself a place in Heaven, but he risks it all to rescue a woman from a soul-sucking wraith, in a sequel to *Shadow Bound*. **PB \$19.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon*No Mercy (Dark Hunter)*

Live fast, fight hard and if you have to die then take as many of your enemies with you as you can. That is the Amazon credo and it was one Samia lived and died by. Now in contemporary New Orleans, the immortal Amazon warrior is about to learn that there's a worse evil coming to slaughter mankind than she's ever faced before.

Shapeshifter Dev Peltier has stood guard at the front of Sanctuary for almost two hundred years and in that time, he's seen it all. Or so he thought.

Now their enemies have discovered a new source of power- one that makes a mockery of anything faced to date.

The war is on and Dev and Sam are guarding ground zero. But in order to win, they will have to break the most cardinal of all rules and pray it doesn't unravel the universe as we know it. **CD - Unabridged \$78 HC \$51.95 TP \$32.99**

Stephen King*Blockade Billy*

Even the most diehard baseball fans don't know the true story of William 'Blockade Billy' Blakely. He may have been the greatest player the game has ever seen, but today no one remembers his name. He was the first - and only - player to have his existence completely removed from the record books. Even his team is long forgotten, barely a footnote in the game's history. Every effort was made to erase any evidence that William Blakely played professional baseball, and with good reason. Blockade Billy had a secret darker than any pill or injection that might cause a scandal in sports today. His secret was much, much worse . . . and only Stephen King, the most gifted storyteller of our age, can reveal the truth to the world, once and for all. Includes a bonus story, entitled *MORALITY* - a riveting short about Chad, an aspiring writer who is teaching in a school until he lands a publishing contract. His wife Nora is working as a home nurse for a retired minister. Like most people these days, they are struggling financially. And then Nora is approached by her employer with a proposition that could make their dream of a home in Vermont a reality. But will it be worth the moral consequences? **HC \$24.99**

Caitlin Kittredge*Night Life (Nocturne City 01)*

Nocturne City could be any big city in the US. Poor areas, rampant drugs and violent crime, witches, demons and were creatures. Homicide detective Luna Wilder is investigating the death of a drug addict and comes across a drug that is more a spell than a chemical. A drug that leads her to the centre of a vicious war being fought between witches, a war that threatens to unleash hell on Nocturne City. Backed by a gritty take on crime and a vivid look inside a police department leading a fight against crime out of our worst nightmares the nocturne city novels bring crime to Dark Fantasy.

PB \$22.99**Sharie Kohler***My Soul to Keep*

Sharie Kohler dazzles with the dark, sensual world of the Moon Chasers, where two half-breed lycans are locked in deadly combat over the fate of the world—and their own hearts.

Sorcha is no longer the pitiful teenage orphan who roamed the streets of Paris after her pack was destroyed, but despite all she now has—wealth, beauty, strength—she is still haunted by memories of Jonah, her fellow half-breed who broke her innocent young heart years before, and who now believes her dead. Determined to drive Jonah from her dreams forever, Sorcha vows to kill the witch whose curse first condemned the lycans to soulless immortality . . . doomed to be ruled by their dark passions, yet never truly able to love or be loved.

Still devastated over the girl he failed, Jonah has found purpose as a demon slayer. When a stranger starts stalking the world's most powerful demon witch, he is assigned to kill the huntress before her meddling releases an evil that threatens all mankind.

Face-to-face again at last, can Sorcha and Jonah put their anger and hurt behind them to defeat the darkness . . . and dare they hope to find a love neither dreamed possible? **PB \$14.99**

Sale Books

We have filled our throw table with books that we have discounted to clear. Now is a good time to visit and rummage through for some bargains.

Rosemary Laurey

Kiss Me Forever

Tall, Dark And Immortal

If there is one thing Dixie LePage does not need in her life, it's complications. And the man sitting across the table from her in a crowded English pub is a major complication. For starters, there's the broad shoulders. The slightly amused smirk. That smoldering look that makes it impossible to concentrate. No doubt about it, the guy is hot and sexy.

Of course, there is one wee little problem: He claims to be a vampire named Christopher Marlowe, as in THE Christopher Marlowe, famous playwright, contemporary of Will Shakespeare. Amend that to hot, sexy, and totally insane. So why can't Dixie seem to resist the warmth of Christopher's charm, the protective feel of his strong hands, or the tempting pull of his full mouth when the sun goes down...? **APB \$12.95**

C S Lewis

Yours, Jack: The Inspirational Letters of C S Lewis

Throughout his life, C.S. Lewis - 'Jack' to his friends - spent a good portion of each day writing letters to people for whom he became a spiritual mentor - literally thousands of them. Contained within this vast body of correspondence is wisdom and personal insight as powerful as anything else he ever wrote or had published.

Jack's famous letters, published in their entirety in a collection consisting of three impressive volumes, reveal much about his private life, reflections, friendships and feelings, as well as all of Lewis's interests: theology, literature, poetry, fantasy, and unknown details about his world-famous Narnia stories and other books. Amongst Jack's correspondents were J.R.R. Tolkien, Dorothy L. Sayers, Owen Barfield, Arthur C. Clarke, Sheldon Vanauken and Dom Bede Griffiths.

Now, this distillation of 365 inspirational readings extracted from the letters offers an easy-to-digest look at this great author's lifetime of correspondence and drives straight to the heart of this insightful and inspirational thinker. **BPB \$27.99**

Marjorie M Liu

Iron Hunt (Hunter Kiss 01)

During the day, Maxine's tattoos are her armour and she is invincible. At night they peel from her skin to take on forms of their own, leaving her human and vulnerable, and revealing themselves to be demons sleeping beneath her skin. But these demons are the best friends and bodyguards a woman could have. And Maxine needs bodyguards. She is the last in a line of women with power in their blood, trained to keep the world safe from malignant beings who would do us harm. But ten thousand years after its creation, the prison dimension that kept the worst of these from us is failing, and all the Wardens save Maxine are dead.

She must bear the burden of her bloodline and join the last wild hunt against the enemy. **APB \$19.99**

Darkness Calls (Hunter Kiss 02)

Nomad born and bred, demon hunter Maxine Kiss has always relied upon herself to fight the darkness that surrounds her, and the predators - human, zombie and otherwise - who threaten the earth. But one man has managed to get through the isolation she uses to protect herself: Grant, the last of his kind. With music he is able to control any living creature . . . including demons. And now his life is in danger. Haunted by the past, and determined to change the future, Maxine soon understands that to save Grant, she has only one choice - to lose control, and release her own powers of darkness. **APB \$19.99**

A Wild Light (Hunter Kiss 03)

Maxine finds herself covered in blood and crouched beside Jack's dead body, with no memory of what happened. Grief-stricken, Maxine isn't sure what to believe - or who to blame. Then an Avatar bounty hunter comes through the veil into our world, investigating a death of his own. Completely ruthless and subservient to those who bred him, his mission is to find Jack - dead or alive. Racing to stop the hunter, Maxine must also deal with the blood on her hands. But the answers she uncovers will be devastating, and the earth's salvation won't wait. **APB \$19.99**

George Mann

The Osiris Ritual

A steampunk mystery adventure featuring immortality, artifacts, and intrepid sleuths Sir Maurice Newbury and Miss Veronica Hobbes

Sir Maurice Newbury, Gentleman Investigator for the Crown, imagines life will be a little quieter after his dual successes solving The Affinity Bridge affair. But he hasn't banked on his villainous predecessor, Knox, who is hell-bent on achieving immortality, not to mention a secret agent who isn't quite what he seems....

So continues an adventure quite unlike any other, a thrilling steampunk mystery and the second in the series of Newbury & Hobbes investigations. **HC \$51.95**

Robert Masello

Blood and Ice

In this haunting and suspenseful thriller, Robert Masello delivers an adventure that spans continents and centuries—a spellbinding story that ranges from Victorian England to a remote antarctic research station, where an ancient glacier yields a shocking prize it has held captive for nearly two hundred years....

Journalist Michael Wilde—his world recently shattered by tragedy—hopes that a monthlong assignment to the South Pole will give him a new lease on life. Here, in the most inhospitable place on earth, he is simply looking to find solace . . . until, on a routine dive in to the polar sea, he unexpectedly finds something else entirely: a young man and woman, bound with chains and sealed forever in a block of ice. Beside them a chest filled with a strange, and sinister, cargo.

Now, in a bleak but breathtaking world of shimmering icebergs, deep blue crevasses, and never-ending sun, Wilde must unravel the mystery of this doomed couple. Were they the innocent victims of fear and superstition—or were they something far darker? His search will lead from the barracks and battlefields of the Crimean War to the unexplored depths of the Antarctic Ocean, from the ill-fated charge of the Light Brigade to an age-old curse that survives to this day.

As the ice around the murdered lovers begins to melt, Wilde will have to grapple with a miracle—or a nightmare—in the making. For what is dead, it turns out, may not be gone. And here, at the very end of the known world, there's nowhere to hide and no place left for the living to run. **PB \$19.95**

Todd McCaffrey*Dragongirl (Pern)*

Shortly after Fiona's return to Fort Weyr, three Turns older and wiser, her queen, Talenth, is infected with the dreaded sickness that has consumed so many of Pern's precious fire-breathing dragons. Talenth's recovery and the recovery of all the other dragons of Pern is delivered by the unflagging efforts of Lorana and Kindan at Benden Weyr - but their one vital clue is only bought with the loss of all the dragons of Telgar Weyr. Fiona is sent to relieve the distressed weyrfolk of the now-dragonless Weyr.

When her queen, Talenth, rises to mate, Fiona finds herself not only Telgar's senior Weyrwoman but in the center of the dilemma that confronts all Pern - how can the one thousand fighting dragons do the job of three thousand? And, if they can't, how long will it be before all of Pern is consumed by Thread? **HC \$49.95**

Lyn McConchie*The Questing Road*

Searching for a stolen foal, several farming folk inadvertently cross through a gateway into a different world. Not long after, the lord and lady of a nearby keep begin a trip to find the sire of the lady's empathic cat. They too traverse a gate unwittingly and find themselves in the same strange world.

On the other side of the gate the two groups meet and discover that the world they have entered is in great danger. The foal has been stolen to be sacrificed as part of a scheme to loose a horde of demons upon the world. Somehow the cat and the foal are the keys to the possible salvation of this world, which may prove a home to them and their owners...or their doom. **HC \$52.95**

Andrew McGahan Australian Author*Wonders of A Godless World*

On an unnamed island, in a Gothic hospital sitting in the shadow of a volcano, a wordless orphan girl works on the wards housing the insane and the incapable. When a silent, unmoving and unnerving new patient - a foreigner - arrives at the hospital, strange phenomena occur, bizarre murders take place, and the lives of the patients and the island's inhabitants are thrown into turmoil. What happens between them is an extraordinary exploration of consciousness, reality and madness. **BPB \$23.99**

Kelly Meding*As Lie the Dead (Dreg City 02)*

Evangeline Stone, a rogue bounty hunter, never asked for a world divided between darkness and light . . . or the power to die and live again in someone else's borrowed body. After a murder plot meant to take her out leaves an entire race of shapeshifters nearly extinct, Evy is gnawed by guilt. So when one of the few survivors of the slaughter enlists her aid, she feels duty-bound to help—even though protecting a frail, pregnant shifter is the last thing Evy needs, especially with the world going to hell around her.

Amid weres, Halfies, gremlins, vamps—and increasingly outgunned humans—a war for supremacy is brewing. With shifters demanding justice, her superiors desperate to control her, and an assassin on her trail, Evy discovers a horrifying conspiracy. And she may be the only person in the world who can stop it—unless, of course, her own side gets her first. **APB \$19.95**

Martin Millar*Curse of the Wolf Girl (02)*

Scottish teenage werewolf Kalix MacRinnalch is in London trying to settle down and live a normal life. Her new friends support her as she goes to college to learn to read and write, but her old enemies won't leave her alone. Many powerful werewolves want Kalix dead, and the Guild of Werewolf Hunters is still dedicated to wiping out the entire MacRinnalch werewolf clan. Life might be easier for Kalix if her werewolf family were able to help, but her sister the Enchantress needs all of her sorcerous powers to locate the perfect pair of high heels, her brother Markus is busy in Scotland organising an opera, and her cousin Dominil is engaged in her own merciless vendetta with her enemies. Kalix must carry on alone but she's finding it difficult enough to pay the rent and cope with her anxiety and depression, while struggling with werewolf hunters and exams at the same time... **BPB \$21.99**

Karen Miller Australian Author*The Reluctant Mage (Fisherman's Children 02)*

Nine months have passed since Rafel disappeared in the expedition over the mountains. Deenie, now eighteen, starts having disturbing dreams about her brother. She comes to believe he's not dead after all, but is in trouble and needs her help.

She enlists the aid of her friend Charis, and the girls hatch a plan to escape from Lur. They succeed and survive the hazardous journey round the coastline past the mountains. But to their dismay, they discover that the lands beyond Lur are blighted with lawlessness and chaos. The remnants of Morg's consciousness that survived his death splintered at his downfall and sought refuge in whatever bodies could be found to host them.

Throughout their travels and adventures they get some answers about the other lost expeditions, and keep hearing about one fearsome mage whose stronghold is in the blighted near-mythical land of Dorana. Deenie knows this is her brother - and that Rafel is not only in danger, but has become dangerous. If he's not stopped he could become a threat to the whole world. Perhaps even another Morg. **HC \$52.95**

L E Modesitt Jr*Imager's Intrigue (Imager 03 Audio)*

A follow-up to Imager and Imager's Challenge finds an adult Rhenn testing the limits of his powers when enemies he made during his journey from apprentice to master threaten his life and family. By the best-selling author of the Recluse series. Read by Willaim Duftris. **MP3 CD \$70**

David Moody*Dog Blood (Hater 02)*

The world has suffered a catastrophe of unknown cause, dividing humankind into two: the Haters and the Unchanged with each group believing the other to be the enemy.

Danny McCoyne has managed to break free and after days of indiscriminate fighting and killing, he is determined to make his way home, to reclaim the only thing of any value to him in this strange new world: his daughter Ellis. Unlike his wife and son, Ellis is like him and he knows, in his heart of hearts, that she is not dead. His dearest wish is for Ellis to be fighting for the world at his side - but Danny soon discovers his daughter is worth far more than just another fighting body. Others like him have discovered that children are absolutely vital to the cause. They are strong, small, fast and they have no inhibitions. They are pure Haters... **TP \$29.99**

A E Moorat

Henry VIII: Wolfman

HENRY VIII: WOLFMAN. DIVORCED. BEHEADED. DIED. MAULED. SAVAGED. SURVIVED. Henry VIII was the best and bloodiest King ever to have sat on the throne of England. This fast-paced, exciting, gory, inventive and just plain gross retelling of his reign will bring to light the real man behind the myth. When it came to his size, Henry VIII was known for being larger-than-life, with a fearsome temper and bloodthirsty reputation to match; more beast than human, some might say... Be dragged kicking and screaming back 500 years into Tudor England. **BPB \$22.99**

Moira J Moore

Heroes Return (Hero 05)

Being a hero is a recession-proof job—from the author of *Heroes at Risk*.

The Emperor has personally selected Shield Lee Mallorough and Source Shintaro Karish to protect the duchy of Westsea-Taro's ancestral lands. But Westsea is suffering from deadly earthquakes that resist Lee and Taro's magic and political unrest that is stoked by their arrival. **PB \$19.95**

Alexis Morgan

Dark Warrior Untamed (Talions 03)

Hired to protect Piper Ryan, the beautiful leader of Tyth, Chief Talion Greyhill Danby must defend the throne from an invisible enemy while trying to keep his hands off of his assignment. **PB \$14.99**

Zandria Munson

Heiress to A Curse

He had to kill her. Yet one look at Alexandra Barret and Marius Drakon was a man possessed by a hunger he'd never known. Keeping his family curse a secret from the woman whose death would end it would take all of his stone-cold strength, and protecting his family's enemy might be the death of him. But protect her he must.

Alexandra's charismatic new neighbor intrigued her as no man had. What secrets was he keeping, and what did he know of the mysterious winged creature rumored to be haunting the night skies? The truth would be her undoing—or her destiny.... **PB \$14.95**

Elisabeth Naughton

Entwined (Eternal Guardians 02)

As the forces of daemons gather inside the Underworld, Zander, the most feared of all Eternal Guardians, yearns for the bewitching physician he once regarded as his soul mate. By the author of *Marked*. **PB \$19.95**

Mark Charan Newton

Night of Villjamur

The ancient city of Villjamur is threatened by a long-expected ice age, and thousands of refugees from the coming freeze are camped outside its gates, causing alarm and the threat of disease for the existing population. When the Emperor commits suicide, his elder daughter, Rika, is brought home to inherit the Jamur Empire, but the sinister Chancellor plans to get rid of her and claim the throne for himself.

Meanwhile an officer in the Inquisition, in pursuit of a mysterious killer, also uncovers a conspiracy within the Council to solve the refugee crisis by wholesale slaughter, and a cultist magician is causing a trail of havoc in his search for immortality and his obsessive quest to gain access into another world. To the far fringes of the Empire is despatched military commander to investigate a mysterious new race of undead that seems intent on genocide of the most gruesome nature.

Gradually the separate strands of romance, jealousy, political intrigue and dark violence converge in a superb new action series of enthralling fantasy. **BPB \$22.99**

Lisanne Norman

Shades of Gray (Sholan Alliance 08)

The highly-anticipated new novel in the Sholan Alliance series

A new alliance has formed among the feline Sholans, the humans, and the Valtegan Primes. Determined to retake the Valtegan planet that is the seat of the empire, the alliance seeks to reinstate the rightful heir to the throne and restore peace in the galaxy. Branded as a traitor by his own people, Sholan telepath and warrior Kuscak must join forces with a former enemy, but now they have become true allies in the campaign to reclaim the empire-or die trying. **PB \$19.95**

Naomi Novik

Tongues of Serpents (Temeraire 06)

A dazzling blend of military history, high-flying fantasy, and edge-of-your-seat adventure, Naomi Novik's *Temeraire* novels, set in an alternate Napoleonic era in which intelligent dragons have been harnessed as weapons of war, are more than just perennial bestsellers they are a worldwide phenomenon. Now, in *Tongues of Serpents*, Naomi Novik is back, along with the dragon *Temeraire* and his rider and friend, Capt. Will Laurence.

Convicted of treason despite their heroic defense against Napoleon's invasion of England, *Temeraire* and Laurence stripped of rank and standing have been transported to the prison colony at New South Wales in distant Australia, where, it is hoped, they cannot further corrupt the British Aerial Corps with their dangerous notions of liberty for dragons. *Temeraire* and Laurence carry with them three dragon eggs intended to help establish a covert in the colony and destined to be handed over to such second-rate, undesirable officers as have been willing to accept so remote an assignment including one former acquaintance, Captain Rankin, whose cruelty once cost a dragon its life.

Nor is this the greatest difficulty that confronts the exiled dragon and rider: Instead of leaving behind all the political entanglements and corruptions of the war, Laurence and *Temeraire* have instead sailed into a hornet's nest of fresh complications. For the colony at New South Wales has been thrown into turmoil after the overthrow of the military governor, one William Bligh better known as Captain Bligh, late of HMS *Bounty*. Bligh wastes no time in attempting to enlist *Temeraire* and Laurence to restore him to office, while the upstart masters of the colony are equally determined that the new arrivals should not upset a balance of power precariously tipped in their favor.

Eager to escape this political quagmire, Laurence and *Temeraire* take on a mission to find a way through the forbidding Blue Mountains and into the interior of Australia. But when one of the dragon eggs is stolen from *Temeraire*, the surveying expedition becomes a desperate race to recover it in time a race that leads to a shocking discovery and a dangerous new obstacle in the global war between Britain and Napoleon. **HC \$52.95 TP \$32.99**

Pamela Palmer*Rapture Untamed (Feral Warriors 04)*

They are called Feral Warriors—an elite band of immortals who can change shape at will. Sworn to rid the world of evil, consumed by sorcery and seduction, their wild natures are primed for release . . .

The most combative—and tormented—of all the Ferals, Jag is a predator who hunts alone—until demons terrorize the human population. To stop them, he partners with Olivia, a flame-haired Therian temptress as strong as she is beautiful. But Olivia is no ordinary immortal. The survivor of a vicious supernatural attack, she possesses a deadly and forbidden skill—one that must remain hidden, especially from the powerful Feral Warriors.

As Jag and Olivia's sensual dance of dominance and seduction gets wilder and hotter, a dark force sets its sights on Olivia, threatening to destroy everything she has vowed to protect.

And the only one who can save her soul is the arrogant jaguar shifter she lusts for but dares not love. **APB \$14.99**

K J Parker*The Folding Knife*

Basso the Magnificent. Basso the Great. Basso the Wise. Basso the Murderer. The First Citizen of the Vesani Republic is an extraordinary man. He is ruthless, cunning and, above all, lucky. He brings wealth, power and prestige to his people. But with power comes unwanted attention, and Basso must defend his nation and himself from threats foreign and domestic. In a lifetime of crucial decisions, he's only ever made one mistake. One mistake, though, can be enough. **BPB \$22.99**

Kate Pearce*Kiss of the Rose (Tudor Vampire Chronicles 01)*

First in a sexy new series that takes a bite out of the court of King Henry VIII

Desperate to defeat King Richard III and gain the crown, Henry Tudor made a pact with the Druids binding him and his heirs to the Druids' struggle against vampires. Ever since, the Llewellyns, a vampire-slaying family, have been in the king's employ. Now Henry VIII reigns, and his father's bargain has been almost forgotten—until bloodless corpses turn up in the king's bedchamber. To save the king, Vampire hunter Rosalind Llewellyn must form an uneasy alliance with Druid slayer Sir Christopher Ellis. But soon, Rosalind must face an unthinkable truth: that her sworn enemy may be her soulmate... **PB \$17.95**

Nicole Peeler*Tempest Rising (Tempest 01)*

Living in small town Rockabill, Maine, Jane True always knew she didn't quite fit in with so-called normal society. During her nightly, clandestine swim in the freezing winter ocean, a grisly find leads Jane to startling revelations about her heritage: she is only half-human. Now, Jane must enter a world filled with supernatural creatures that are terrifying, beautiful and deadly - all of which perfectly describe her new 'friend' Ryu, a gorgeous and powerful vampire. It is a world where nothing can be taken for granted: a dog can heal with a lick; spirits bag your groceries; and whatever you do, never - ever - rub the genie's lamp. **BPB \$22.99**

Tracking the Tempest (Tempest 02)

Jane True has almost come to terms with her supernatural heritage...almost. Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and Ryu - Jane's bloodsucking boyfriend - can't let a major holiday go by without getting all gratuitous. An overwhelming dose of boyfriend interference and a last-minute ticket to Boston later, and Jane's life is thrown off course. Ryu's well-intentioned plans create mayhem, and Jane winds up embroiled in an investigation involving a spree of gruesome killings. All the evidence points towards another Halfling, much to Jane's surprise... **BPB \$22.99**

Vicki Pettersson*Cheat the Grave (Sign of the Zodiac 05)*

Las Vegas socialite and otherworldly avenger Joanna Archer gave up everything when she embraced mortality—abandoning her powers and altering her destiny to save a child . . . and a city. Now her former allies are her enemies—and her enemies have nothing to fear.

Yet still she is bound to a prophecy that condemns her to roam a nightmare landscape that ordinary humans cannot see and dare not enter. And a beast is on her trail—an insane killer blinded by bloodlust, who's determined to rip much more from Joanna than merely her now-fragile life. Survival is no longer an option in this dark realm where good and evil have blurred into confusing shades of gray—unless she can gather together an army of onetime foes and destroy everything she once believed in. **APB \$19.99**

Devyn Quinn*Siren's Call (Dark Tides 01)*

A new paranormal romance series that follows desire into the depths of the ocean

Lighthouse keeper Tessa Lonike savors her solitude on Little Mer, an island off the coast of Maine, guarding her true identity as a mermaid. But when Tessa spots a man thrashing around in the ice cold waters during a storm, she must use her ability as a mermaid to pull him to shore. And a year later, when Kenneth meets her again, he's determined not to let Tessa slip away. But when Tessa's archaeologist ex-lover comes back to town with a clue to her heritage, she may be forced to leave her happiness behind... **PB \$19.95**

Laura Resnick*Unsympathetic Magic (Esther Diamond 03)*

From the award-winning author of Doppelgangster comes the newest novel in the popular Esther Diamond series

Acting jobs don't grow on fire escapes, so struggling actress Esther Diamond is outraged when her guest role as a hooker on controversial TV drama The Dirty Thirty is jeopardized by zombies, angry spirits, and a voodoo curse. But will Esther's courage backfire and end up leading her to become a human sacrifice on the altar of the sinister supernatural powers that are taking over New York City? **PB \$19.95**

Kat Richardson*Labyrinth (Greywalker 05)*

Harper Blaine was your average small-time P. I. until she died—for two minutes. Now she's a Greywalker, walking the line between the living world and the paranormal realm. There are others who know about her new powers—others with powerful tools and evil intentions, and now that the man who "killed" her has been murdered, the police are also paying close attention. That means Harper has to watch her step while searching for the ghost of her "killer"—who could be a valuable clue in the puzzle of Harper's past and her father's death, as well as a key to figuring out who's trying to manipulate her new powers and why.

But with her growing powers pulling her into the Grey, Harper might not be able to come back out... **HC \$51.95**

J D Robb*Fantasy in Death (Eve Dallas 30)*

They were best friends, driven by one shared vision - to rule the world of virtual reality games. Cill, hard-edged and beautiful, Var and Benny, brains and business acumen, and Bart, the genius behind the idea. Their newest invention, developed to transport the player into a fantastical virtual world, is just about to be launched. Then, suddenly, Bart is found brutally killed, defeated by their own game. Their close-knit group is torn apart. Who could have engineered a virtual death with such devastating consequences? Even Eve Dallas, New York City's most cunning investigator, is hard-pressed for an answer. But as she digs deeper, peeling back layers of secrets, revenge and misplaced allegiances, she realises with growing dread the depth of the killer's master plan. And she knows his game is far from over... **PB \$19.99**

Kim Stanley Robinson*Galileo's Dream*

Late Renaissance Italy abounds in alchemy and Aristotle, yet it trembles on the brink of the modern world. Galileo's new telescope encapsulates all the contradictions of this emerging reality. Then one night a stranger presents a different type of telescope for Galileo to peer through, enabling him to see the world of humans three thousand years hence.

Galileo will soon find himself straddling two worlds, the medieval and the modern. By day his life unfurls in early seventeenth century Italy; by night he is transported through dimensions of time and space no other man of his time could possibly comprehend. Inexorably, Galileo faces trial for religious crimes in his own time, while in the new world he discovers where science assures men that they can perform wonders, but does not tell them what wonders to perform, he is revered.

This sumptuous, gloriously thought-provoking and suspenseful novel recalls Robinson's magnificent Mars books as well as bringing to us Galileo as we have always wanted to know him. **BPB \$24.99**

Patrick Rothfuss*The Adventure of the Princess and Mr. Whiffle*

This is not a book for children.

It looks like a children's book. It has pictures. It has a saccharine-sweet title. The main characters are a little girl and her teddy bear. But all of that is just protective coloration. The truth is, this is a book for adults with a dark sense of humor and an appreciation of old-school faerie tales. There are three separate endings to the book. Depending on where you stop, you are left with an entirely different story. One ending is sweet, another is horrible. The last one is the true ending, the one with teeth in it. *The Adventures of the Princess and Mr. Whiffle* is a dark twist on the classic children's picture-book. I think of it as Calvin and Hobbes meets Coraline, with some Edward Gorey mixed in. Simply said: This is not a book for children. **HC \$51.95**

Michelle Sagara*Cast in Chaos (Chronicles of Elantra 06)*

Kaylin Neya is a Hawk, part of the elite force tasked with keeping the City of Elantra safe. Her past is dark, her magic uncontrolled and her allies unpredictable. And nothing has prepared her for what is coming, when the charlatans on Elani Street suddenly grow powerful, the Oracles are thrown into an uproar and the skies rain blood.

The powerful of Elantra believe that the mysterious markings on Kaylin's skin hold the answer, and they are not averse to using her however they have to in order to discover what it is.

Something is coming, breaking through the barriers between the worlds. But is it a threat that Kaylin needs to defend her city against or has she been chosen for another reason entirely? **TP \$30.95**

R A Salvatore*The Bear (Saga of the First King)*

The war of Honce drags on, and the roads and seas are littered with bodies. To everyone's stunned disbelief, Yeslnik the Fool has tipped the war's scales in his favor. The reign of the newly self-appointed King Yeslnik is already distinguished as the most bloody and merciless in Honce history.

Trapped, Dame Gwydre and Father Artolivan concoct a desperate plot to join forces with Laird Ethelbert, the lesser of two vicious evils. But Ethelbert's paid assassins slew Jameston Sequin and nearly did the same to Bransen.

Embittered by it all, Bransen seeks to extricate himself from the selfish goals of all of combatants. But in an odd twist of fate and crossed loyalties, Bransen sees in his old nemesis, Bannagran--the Bear of Honce and the man who slew his adoptive father - a darker image of his own heart. Allies and battle lines become tangled, motives indistinguishable as old friends become enemies and old enemies become allies. **HC \$54.95**

Brandon Sanderson*The Way of Kings (Stormlight Archive 01)*

The Way of Kings introduces the three protagonists who will be our windows on the strange and wondrous world of Roshar and the drama about to unfold there:

* Dalinar, the assassinated king's brother and uncle of the new one, is an old soldier who is weary of fighting. He is plagued by dreams of ancient times and legendary wars, visions that may force him into a new role he could never have imagined.

* Kaladin, a highborn young man who has been brought low, indeed to the most miserable level of military slavery, and like Ben Hur must suffer and struggle to survive and rise again.

* Shallan, a naïve but brave and brilliant young woman who will do anything to save her impoverished noble house from ruin.

These are people we will come to know deeply and take to our hearts. But just as important to *The Way of Kings* is a fourth key "character," the unique world of Roshar itself, a richly imagined setting as real as science fiction's Dune, as unforgettable as epic fantasy's Middle Earth. Through all the volumes of *The Stormlight Archive*, Brandon Sanderson will make Roshar a realm we are eager to visit. **HC \$56.95**

Karl Schroeder*Varga: Cities of Air*

It is the distant future. The world known as Virga is a fullerene balloon three thousand kilometers in diameter, filled with air, water, and floating chunks of rock. The humans who live in this vast environment must build their own fusion suns and towns - enormous wood and rope wheels that are spun for centripetal gravity.

This complex and fascinating world is the setting for the novels of Virga, Karl Schroeder's interstellar far-future space habitat sealed off from contamination by the rest of the inhabited universe. These books have set a high standard for hard SF adventure in the last decade, and now the first two novels, *Sun of Suns* and *Queen of Candescence*, are brought out for the first time in one paperback omnibus. **BPB \$26.99**

Will Shetterly

The Gospel of the Knife

Christopher Nix is 14 years old, and it's 1969. His life is a turbulent echo of the times as he discovers sex, drugs and rock 'n roll in the heart of Florida. But into this struggle between the young long-haired hippie and the rednecks who'd just as soon kill him comes a strange offer that will completely change his life.

The Nix family is contacted by a mysterious benefactor who wants to send Chris to an exclusive private school, no expense spared. Mr. Jay Dumont claims that Chris' grandfather saved his life during WWI, and though Grandpa Uvdall is dead, the debt remains to be paid. But as Chris will discover, there is a great deal more to it than that. He will have to accept and understand the Powers that have surrounded his family all his life, and learn to use his own magical gifts, if he is to survive Dumont's plan.

As he did with Dogland, Will Shetterly has used a deceptively simple tale to explore some very deep issues. The Gospel of the Knife explores questions of faith and responsibility, and the always complex relationship between man and God and the world. **BPB \$22.99**

Gena Showalter

The Vampire's Bride (Atlantis)

Enter a world of Dragons, Demons and Nymphs...

Enter a world of dark seduction and powerful magic...

Enter Atlantis...

He is Layel, king of the vampires, a master seducer no woman can deny. But since a rogue horde of dragons killed his beloved over two centuries ago, Layel has existed only for vengeance...until he meets Delilah. Wary of love, the beautiful Amazon wants nothing to do with the tormented vampire. Yet there is no denying their consuming desire every time he hears her.

Neither trusts the other nor can they survive alone. For in an impossible game of the gods devising, they've been trapped on an island, about to face the ultimate challenge — surrender to the passion that will bind them forever...or be doomed to an eternity apart. **BPB \$22.99**

Eve Silver

Sins of the Heart (Otherkin 01)

Half human, half god, Dagan Krayl is the Underworld's most powerful soul reaper. When one of his brothers is murdered, Dagan must use every ounce of his power to hunt down those responsible for his brutal death. But he must move swiftly and carefully—if he's to have any chance of resurrecting his brother.

Yet that resurrection could wreak havoc on the mortal world. As an Otherkin, Roxy Tam has sworn to protect the human race, and it's her mission to stop Dagan. But when she sees him face-to-face, she realizes that she has seen him once before—a meeting that changed her life forever.

Neither Dagan nor Roxy expect to join forces for the sake of mankind. Or to have their loyalties tested as they struggle against the potent desire that threatens to consume them both. **PB \$19.95**

Gavin G Smith

Veteran

Three hundred years in our future, in a world of alien infiltrators, religious hackers, a vast convoying nation of Nomads, city sized orbital elevators, and a cyborg pirate king who believes himself to be a mythological demon Jakob is having a bad day:

"Nothing gets in the way of a hangover like being reactivated by your old C.O and told to track down an alien killing machine. The same kind of killing machine that wiped out my entire squad. And now it's in my hometown.

My name is Jakob Douglas, ex-special forces. I fought Them. Just like we've all been doing for 60 bloody years.

But I thought my part in that was done with. My boss has other ideas. If I didn't find the infiltrator then he'd let the Grey Lady loose on me.

And believe me; even They've got nothing on her. So I took the job. It went to shit even faster than normal.

And now I'm on the run with this teenage hacker who's had enough of prostitution. The only people I can rely on want to turn the internet into God.

And now it turns out that They aren't quite what we'd all thought.

I've been to the bottom of the sea and the top of the sky and beyond trying to get to the truth. And I still can't get far enough away from the Grey Lady. All things considered I'd rather be back at home deep in a whiskey bottle."

Veteran is a fast paced, intricately plotted violent SF Thriller set in a dark future against the backdrop of a seemingly never ending war against an unknowable and implacable alien enemy. **TP \$32.99**

Jeri Smith-Ready

Bring on the Night (03)

Recovering con artist Ciara Griffin seems to finally have it all. A steady job at WVMP, the Lifeblood of Rock 'n' Roll. A loving relationship with the idiosyncratic but eternally hot DJ Shane McAllister. A vampire dog who never needs shots or a pooper-scooper. And after nine years, it looks as if she might actually finish her bachelor's degree!

But fate has other plans for Ciara. First she must fulfill her Faustian bargain with the Control, the paranormal paramilitary agency that does its best to keep vampires in line. Turns out the Control wants her for something other than her (nonexistent) ability to kick dead ass. Her anti-holy blood, perhaps? Ciara's suspicions are confirmed when she's assigned to a special-ops division known as the Immanence Corps, run by the Control's oldest vampire and filled with humans who claim to have special powers. To a confirmed skeptic like Ciara, it sounds like a freak fest. But when a mysterious fatal virus spreads through Sherwood—and corpses begin to rise from their graves—Ciara will not only get a crash course in zombie-killing, but will be forced to put her faith, and her life itself, in the hands of magic. **PB \$14.99**

Terry Spear

Seduced by the Wolf

Fascinating aspects of real-life wolf behavior based on extensive research on how wolves live in the wild make Terry Spear's werewolf paranormal series stand out and attract a growing audience. The fifth in the series features heroine Cassie Roux, a biologist who has studied wolves for years, trying to prove to the world they're not evil predators. A red lupus garou (werewolf), who lost her pack and was raised by real wolves, she has dedicated her life to their preservation. Leidolf Wildhaven is a red lupus garou pack leader who has more troubles than he ever thought possible, what with running a pack, a ranch, and other businesses. When Cassie - a rare red female - is spotted in his territory, Leidolf figures he's found the answer to his pack's threatened extinction. Only the headstrong woman has other priorities **PB \$19.95**

Peter Straub

Special Place (Dark Matter)

A Special Place, Peter Straub's first published novella, will come to stand as one of the author's most deeply unsettling works of fiction. A rumination on the nature of evil, the story centers on a boy, Keith Hayward, who is drawn by his nature to an irresistible fascination with death and the taking of life. His father's brother, the good-looking, suave Uncle Till—the infamous ladykiller, who has led a shadowy career as a local celebrity—recognizes his nephew's innermost nature and gleefully tutors him in art of doing ill without getting caught.

Even a cold-blooded sociopath must learn some lessons in survival, in seems, and Uncle Till is only happy to provide a tutorial, in the latest imaginative and disturbing work from one of America's most celebrated horror writers. **TP \$26.95**

S Andrew Swann

Wolf's Cross (Wolfbreed 02)

Maria lives a simple life in a small Polish village, working for the lord of the nearby fortress. Motherless since birth, Maria has been raised by her father and stepmother. Around her neck she wears—as she has always worn—a silver crucifix, to protect her from the devil. Or so her father tells her.

But when a contingent of badly mauled Teutonic knights, including a handsome and gravely wounded young man named Josef, ask for succor at the fortress, Maria's quiet and comfortable world shatters. For the knights are Wolfjägers, an order dedicated to the extermination of werewolves, and Maria, unknowingly, is one of the creatures they hunt. Only the crucifix about her neck prevents her body from changing into a lethal killing machine.

When Maria meets Darien, a wolfbreed bent on exacting a terrible revenge on humans, she will learn the truth about herself, and find her loyalties—and her heart—torn in two. **TP \$30.95**

J R R Tolkien

Hobbit / Lord of the Rings Boxed Set (Lord of the Rings)

Since it was first published in 1954, THE LORD OF THE RINGS has been a book people have treasured. Steeped in unrivalled magic and otherworldliness, its sweeping fantasy has touched the hearts of young and old alike. Well over 100 million copies of its many editions have been sold around the world, and occasional collectors' editions become prized and valuable items of publishing.

With the epic trilogy now being released on film, images of the characters and landscapes have become eagerly sought after. Much of the look of the movies is based on Alan Lee's paintings, giving this Centenary edition of Tolkien's great work new relevance for the ever-growing number of fans.

BPB \$89.99

Harry Turtledove

West and East (War That Came Early 02)

In 1938, two men held history in their hands. One was Adolf Hitler. The other was British prime minister Neville Chamberlain, who, determined to avoid war at any cost, came to be known as “the great appeaser.” But Harry Turtledove, the unrivaled master of alternate history, has launched a gripping saga that springboards from a different fateful act: What if Chamberlain had stood up to Hitler? What would the Nazis' next move have been? And how would the war—which Hitler had always regretted waiting eleven months to start—have unfolded and changed our world?

Here, Turtledove takes us across a panorama of conflict fueled by ideology and demagoguery. Nations are pitted against nations, alliances are forged between old enemies, ordinary men and women are hurled into extraordinary life-and-death situations. In Japanese-controlled Singapore, an American marine falls in love with a Russian dance hall hostess, while around him are heard the first explosions of Chinese guerilla resistance. On the frontlines of war-ravaged rural France, a weary soldier perfects the art of using an enormous anti-tank gun as a sniper's tool—while from Germany a killer is sent to hunt him down. And in the icy North Atlantic, a U-boat bearing an experimental device wreaks havoc on British shipping, setting the stage for a Nazi ground invasion of Denmark.

From an American woman trapped in Germany who receives safe passage from Hitler himself to a Jewish family steeped in German culture and facing the hatred rising around them, from Japanese soldiers on the remote edge of Siberia to American volunteers in Spain, West and East is the story of a world held hostage by tyrants—Stalin, Hitler, Sanjuro—each holding on to power through lies and terror even in the face of treacherous plots from within.

As armies clash, and as the brave, foolish, and true believers choose sides, new weapons are added to already deadly arsenals and new strategies are plotted to break a growing stalemate. But one question looms over the conflict from West to East: What will it take to bring America into this war?

HC \$54.95

Catherynne Valente

Palimpsest (Audio)

The lives of four strangers—a locksmith, a bookbinder, a lost girl, and a beekeeper—linked by an enigmatic tattoo intertwine as they search for their shared destiny during nighttime visits to the fantastical and hallucinogenic city of Palimpsest, a world visited only in dreams. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Mark L van Name

Children No More (Jon and Lobo)

No child should ever be a soldier. Jon Moore knew that better than most, having learned to fight to survive before he'd hit puberty. So when a former comrade, Alissa Lim, asks for his help in rescuing a group of children pressed into service by rebels on a planet no one cares to save, he agrees. Only later does he realize he's signed up to do far more than he'd ever imagined. Jon's commitment hurtles him and Lobo, the hyper-intelligent assault vehicle who is his only real friend, into confrontations with the horrors the children have experienced and with a dark chapter from his past. The mission grows ever more complicated as they deal with:

An assault on a rebel fortress deep in the jungle

A government whose full agenda is never clear

A woman Jon once loved and who still loves him—but who will sacrifice anything for her cause

The best con man they've ever known

And, toughest of all, their own demons, as we learn for the first time what happened after his home planet's government yanked Jon's sister out of his life

Jon and Lobo rush straight into the darkness at the heart of humanity to save a group of child soldiers—and then face an even tougher challenge:

When we've trained our children to kill, what do we do with them when the fighting is over? **HC \$45.95**

Mary Victoria

Tymon's Flight (Chronicles of the Tree 01)

The World Tree rises up out of the seething clouds like a green mountain. All creation nestles in its green branches. There is no world besides this one ... or so the people believe.

Tymon grows up at Argos seminary in the lush heart of the Central Canopy, where science is a heretical pursuit and travel beyond the Tree is banned. But he yearns to break free of these rules and discover new horizons. When he meets a despised Nurian slave in the city baths, his dreams of freedom take on a completely different meaning.

Banished to a drought-ridden colony, Tymon falls in with a group of Nurian rebels and finds himself facing difficult choices. Fighting for freedom and power is not so enticing when it may mean betraying his own people and severing all ties to the world he knows ... **APB \$22.99**

S L Viehl

Dream Called Time (Stardoc 10)

Dispatched to investigate an unidentified ship that has emerged from a mysterious rift in space, Cherijo discovers technology far more advanced than anything she's ever seen. Before she can unravel the alien ship's mystery, Cherijo's own ship is sucked into the rift and transported through time. Unless she can find a way to reopen the rift, they will remain trapped in another time. And Cherijo will never see her family—which she's only just been reunited with—again... **PB \$19.95**

H G Wells

The Time Machine / The Invisible Man / The War of the Worlds

Gathered together in one hardcover volume: three timeless novels from the founding father of science fiction.

The first great novel to imagine time travel, *The Time Machine* (1895) follows its scientist narrator on an incredible journey that takes him finally to Earth's last moments—and perhaps his own. The scientist who discovers how to transform himself in *The Invisible Man* (1897) will also discover, too late, that he has become unmoored from society and from his own sanity. *The War of the Worlds* (1898)—the seminal masterpiece of alien invasion adapted by Orson Welles for his notorious 1938 radio drama, and subsequently by several filmmakers—imagines a fierce race of Martians who devastate Earth and feed on their human victims while their voracious vegetation, the red weed, spreads over the ruined planet.

Here are three classic science fiction novels that, more than a century after their original publication, show no sign of losing their grip on readers' imaginations. **HC \$55.95**

The Island of Doctor Moreau

Edward Prendick is shipwrecked and finds himself stranded on an island in the Pacific. Here he meets the sinister Dr Moreau, a vivisectionist driven out of Britain in disgrace. And soon strange events cause Prendick to uncover the full horror of Dr Moreau's activities on the island. *THE ISLAND OF DR MOREAU* mixes discussion on the divide between humans and the animal kingdom and chilling macabre horror in an unrivalled fashion. Its question on how far science should go is one that rings true today as it did when it was first published. **B HC \$24.99**

Stephen White

The Last Lie (Alan Gregory)

Shortly after Alan and Lauren welcome their affluent new neighbors—a legal legend in women's rights law and his beautiful wife—the couple hosts a housewarming party that ends in quiet disaster. One of their guests, a young widow, elects to spend the night after indulging in too much wine, only to wake the next morning with no memory beyond getting ready for bed. Was she drugged? Raped? Lauren, a deputy district attorney, and detective Sam Purdy are both privy to facts they can't share with Alan, but Alan soon discovers that he has a most unusual perspective into what truly happened after the housewarming party. Before Alan can discover all the pieces of the puzzle, an important witness to the events is murdered. Alan fears that other witnesses—people he loves—will be next. Smart, topical, and deftly plotted, *The Last Lie* delivers the pulse-pounding return of one of contemporary fiction's most enduring heroes. **HC \$54.95**

Michael Z Williamson

Do Unto Others

The Prescott family were miners. At one time, they were contracted to develop technology for a mineral rich but uninhabitable system. Gradually, all the investors shied away. Then the Prescotts broke through with the technology needed to exploit entire planets, and incidentally develop domed playgrounds for the perversely rich, including indoor ski slopes and cable cars over megavolcanos, casinos and rides. This created the economic problem of being the richest people in the universe, having more money than most governments and effectively unlimited resources.

Money is a small blessing when enemies are quite willing to spend billions for the chance at trillions. Bryan Prescott and his daughter might as well have targets painted on their backs for the thugs, kidnappers and assassins their competitors would throw at them. Bodyguards were necessary—Highly trained bodyguards who could be bought once and be utterly loyal no matter the circumstances.

The altercation comes to a head inside the domes and mines of Govannon, with their enemy desperate to do anything to save their own lives, now that the gloves are off. Caron Prescott has only six bodyguards against an army, but she has two aces in the hole: The miners are on her side, and Elke, Ripple Creek's psychotic demolition expert, has a nuke.

The problem with Elke having a nuke is that Elke WILL use it. **HC \$45.95**

Patricia C Wrede

A Matter of Magic

When a stranger offers her a small fortune to break into a traveling magician's wagon, Kim doesn't hesitate. Having grown up a waif in the dirty streets of London, Kim isn't above a bit of breaking-and-entering. A hard life and lean times have schooled her in one lesson: steal from them before they steal from you. But when the magician catches her in the act, Kim thinks she's done for. Until he suggests she become his apprentice; then the real trouble begins.

Kim soon finds herself entangled with murderers, thieves, and cloak-and-dagger politics, all while trying to learn how to become both a proper lady and a magician in her own right. Magic and intrigue go hand in hand in *A Matter of Magic*, a fast paced novel filled with mystery and romance, set against the intricate backdrop of Regency England. **BPB \$24.99**

Anthologies

Charlaine Harris & Toni L Kelner *Editor*

Death's Excellent Vacation

The editors of *Many Bloody Returns*, including New York Times best-selling authors Charlaine Harris, Katie MacAlister and Jeaniene Frost, present 12 original tales featuring supernatural beings going on vacation, including an all-new Sookie Stackhouse story. **HC \$51.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Keith Laumer

Bolos: Their Finest Hour (Bolos)

Controlled by their tireless electronic brains which were programmed to admit no possibility of defeat, the gigantic robot tanks known as Bolos were almost indestructible, and nearly unstoppable. Their artificial intelligences were designed to make them selflessly serve and protect humans throughout the galaxy and made each Bolo the epitome of the knight sans peur et sans reproche, and often far more noble than the humans who gave them their orders.

Created by Keith Laumer, the saga of the Bolos has been extended by several of the best writers in science fiction. Now, the best stories of the saga are collected in one Omni-Trade volume, including work by New York Times best-selling writers David Weber, Mercedes Lackey and S. M. Stirling, military science fiction grand master David Drake, and Laumer himself, who recount the exploits of the dauntless Bolos in *Their Finest Hour*. **PB \$24.95**

Jacqueline Simpson

Haunted England: Penguin Book of Ghosts

Watch out for a ghostly ship and its spectral crew off the coast of Cornwall

Listen for the unearthly tread and rustling silk dress of Darlington's Lady Jarratt

Shiver at the malevolent apparition of 50 Berkeley Square that no-one survives seeing

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Nalini Singh, Erin McCarthy, Lora Leigh & Linda Winstead Jones

The Magical Christmas Cat

A collection of special holiday short stories features tales of romance, paranormal adventure, and Christmas surprises with a feline touch in an anthology featuring contributions by four popular authors--Lora Leigh, Erin McCarthy, Nalini Singh, and Linda Winstead Jones. **TP \$29.95**

Nalini Singh, Maggie Shayne, Erin McCarthy & Jean Johnson

An Enchanted Season

From a shape-shifting leopardess who wants a pack-mate to be her soulmate, to a snowstorm that brings a surprise gift, these four tales will stir readers' spirits in all the right places. **PB \$19.95**

Nalini Singh, Angela Knight, Virginia Kantra & Meljean Brook

Burning Up

Bring these four authors together and it's sure to ignite a spark...

Angela Knight pairs a vampire warrior and his seductive captor in a battle against demonic predators.

Nalini Singh returns to the world of her *Psy-Changeling* series as a woman in lethal danger finds an unlikely protector-and lover.

Virginia Kantra continues the haunting tales of the *Children of the Sea* in her story of a wounded soldier rescued by an enigmatic young woman.

Meljean Brook launches a bold new steampunk series about a woman who strikes a provocative-and terrifying-bargain for freedom. **PB \$19.95**

Tricia Telep *Editor*

Kiss Me Deadly: 13 Tales of Paranormal Love

A collection of short stories combining dark seduction and modern romance presents a variety of tales featuring the romantic lives of humans and werewolves, ghosts, fallen angels, zombies, and shape-shifters.

Full of dark seduction and modern romance, this short story collection presents a variety of talented voices sure to satisfy every werewolf, ghost, fallen angel, zombie and shape-shifter's dark desires.

If you can possibly thirst for more mysterious metaphysical accounts of love, Trisha Telep has organized some of the greatest and most thrilling tales of paranormal paramours since *The Eternal Kiss*. She presents the acclaimed literary talent of thirteen unique authors, creating a collection of stories that will undoubtedly capture the imagination of every soul who dares to read them. Werewolves, ghosts, zombies, vampires, and fallen angels drive the plot of these riveting romances.

Kiss Me Deadly includes the exceptional writings of several authors, including:

- Sarah Rees Brennan (faeries)
- Becca Fitzpatrick (angels)
- Caitlin Kittredge (witches)
- Karen Mahoney (vampires: sequel to story from *The Eternal Kiss*)
- Daniel Marks (ghost kids)
- Justine Musk (sorcerers)
- Diana Peterfreund (unicorns)
- Michelle Rowen (demons)
- Carrie Ryan (zombies)
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Young Adult

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is a tale of childhood whimsy that can enthrall anyone with a curiosity to follow Alice down the rabbit-hole. This calendar is created with the art from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and the forthcoming sequel Through the Looking Glass, both illustrated by award-winning artist Iassen Ghiuselev. His extraordinary illustrations take viewers into perspective distortions that defy logic and invite them to journey through time and space like Alice herself. **Calendar \$24.95**

Deborah Abela *Australian Author*

Grimsdon

Grimsdon is in ruins. Three years ago a massive wave broke its barriers and the sea flooded this grand city. Most were saved, others were lost and some were left behind. Isabella Charm and her best friend Griffin live with three other children in the top of an opulent mansion. They've survived with the help of Griffin's brilliant inventions, Isabella's survival skills and their vow to look after each other. But what will happen when a thrill-seeking newcomer arrives in his flying machine? When bounty hunters attempt to capture them? When Byron P. Sneddon, the self-appointed protector of the flooded harbour, demands obedience? What if the danger is even greater? Something they can't see coming - something below the floodwaters? **BPB \$16.95**

Alexandra Adornetto *Australian Author*

Halo (01)

Nothing much happens in the sleepy town of Venus Cove. But everything changes when three angels, Ivy, Bethany and Gabriel are sent from heaven to protect the town against the gathering forces of darkness. They work hard to conceal their true identity and, most of all, their wings. But the mission is threatened when the youngest angel, Bethany, is sent to high school and falls for the handsome school captain, Xavier Woods. Will she defy the laws of Heaven by loving him? Things come to a head when the angels realize they are not the only supernatural power in Venus Cove. There's a new kid in town and he's charming, seductive and deadly. Worst of all, he's after Beth.

The angels and Xavier must work together to overcome the dark forces - but will Beth survive the battle? **TP \$24.99**

Lloyd Alexander

The Book of Three (Prydain Chronicles 01)

Taran is desperate for adventure, something in short supply for a lowly assistant pig-keeper. When the famous oracular pig Hen Wen vanishes, Taran begins a perilous quest which demands all his courage and strength. Accompanied by his larger-than-life band of followers including hot-headed Eilonwy and the disgruntled dwarf Doli, Taran confronts the evil forces of the Horned King, the witch Achren, and their army of lifeless cauldron-born warriors. **BPB \$14.99**

The Black Cauldron (Prydain Chronicles 02)

The evil death-lord Arawn is once again threatening the peaceful land of Prydain. Taran, pig-keeper and hero of the Chronicles, must find and destroy the powerful black cauldron. Arawn's cauldron creates an army of warriors, who cannot be killed as they have no life. Can Taran overcome the huntsman of Annvin and the enchantresses Orddu, Orwen and Orgoch to fulfil his mission and protect Prydain? **BPB \$14.99**

The Castle of Lyr (Prydain Chronicles 03)

The time has come for Eilonwy, Princess of the Royal House of Llyr, to become a lady - although she would much rather be seeking adventures with assistant pig-keeper Taran. Will Taran lose Eilonwy to the arms of the feeble Prince Rhun or worse still to the clutches of the evil enchantress Achren? Along with his faithful companions, Taran must negotiate the lair of the giant cat Llyan and the cavern of the King of Stones in his quest to win her back. Age: 10+ **BPB \$14.99**

Taran Wanderer (Prydain Chronicles 04)

Assistant pig-keeper Taran's many adventures have seen him become a hero and fall in love with a princess, but he is yet to discover the truth about himself. Determined to prove himself worthy in the eyes of Princess Eilonwy, he sets off on a quest for knowledge of his birthright. Accompanied by his loyal friends, Taran meets the three enchantresses of the Marshes of Morva, who send him to consult the mysterious Mirror of Llnunet. With the help of the people of Prydain, he must learn the secret of the Mirror to find the truth about himself. Age: 10+ **BPB \$14.99**

The High King (Prydain Chronicles 05)

In this thrilling climax of The Chronicles of Prydain, Death Lord Arawn has stolen the black sword Dyrwyn, the most powerful weapon in the kingdom. At the request of Prince Gwydion, Taran rallies friends both old and new to raise an army to march against Arawn's terrible warriors. Together, they must battle through a frozen wasteland to Mount Dragon, where a deadly confrontation awaits and Taran's true destiny will at last be fulfilled. Age 10+ **BPB \$14.99**

Michael Buckley

The Fairytale Detectives (Sisters Grimm 01)

For Sabrina and Daphne Grimm, life hasn't been a fairytale. After the mysterious disappearance of their parents, the sisters are sent to live with their grandmother, Relda Grimm-a woman they believed was dead! They begin to unravel a mystery that reveals a family secret-they are descendants of the Brothers Grimm, whose famous book of fairytales is actually a history book. Snow White, the Three Little Pigs, the Big Bad Wolf-they're all alive and living in New York as Everafters. There is a giant loose in the town, and the sisters have to take on the family responsibility of being fairytale detectives. **PB \$15.99**

The Unusual Suspects (Sisters Grimm 02)

For Sabrina Grimm something is definitely wrong at her new school. The adults seem too angry, the kids seem too sleepy and the gym teacher likes dodgeball far too much. Of course, her little sister, Daphne, is having the time of her life. (Who wouldn't with Snow White for a teacher-she's so good with little people!) But when Sabrina's teacher, Mr Grumpner, is found dangling in a giant spider web, even sunny Daphne's convinced that Ferryport Landing Elementary has a monster problem. Can the Sisters Grimm solve the crime? **PB \$15.99**

Elizabeth C Bunce

A Curse Dark as Gold

The gold thread promises Charlotte Miller a chance to save her family's beloved woollen mill. It promises a future for her sister, jobs for her townsfolk, security against her grasping uncle-maybe even true love. To get the thread, Charlotte must strike a bargain with its maker, the mysterious Jack Spinner. But the gleam of gold conjures a shadowy past - secrets ensnaring generations of Millers. And Charlotte's mill, her family, her love-what do those matter to a stranger who can spin straw into gold? This is an award-winning retelling of 'Rumpelstiltskin'. **PB \$16.99**

Patrick Carman*The Dark Hills Divide (Land of Elyon 01)*

Inquisitive twelve-year-old Alexa Daley is spending another summer in the walled town of Bridewell. This year, she is set on solving the mystery of what lies beyond the walls. Legend says the walls were built to keep out an unnamed evil that lurks in the forests and The Dark Hills. But what exactly is it that the townspeople are so afraid of? As Alexa begins to unravel the truth, pushing beyond the protective barrier she's lived behind all her life, she discovers a strange and ancient enchantment-and exposes a danger that could destroy everything she holds dear. **BPB \$12.99**

Patrick Carman*Beyond the Valley of Thorns (Land of Elyon 02)*

Alexa thought her troubles were over when she defeated the man who had threatened to bring down Bridewell from within. But now that the walls around her land have fallen, a new and unexpected threat has risen from outside. Suddenly, Alexa is involved in a battle much, much larger than her own life . . . a battle in which she is destined to play a key role. In order to help good defeat evil, Alexa and her friends must venture farther than they've ever gone before-confronting giants, bats, ravenous dogs and a particularly ghoulish mastermind in order to bring back peace. **PB \$12.99**

Trackers

In the 21st-century landscape of bits and bytes, everyone leaves a digital footprint . . . even the most advanced cyber criminals. And that's where the Trackers come in. Four tech-savvy kids armed with high-tech video cameras and esoteric coding skills, the Trackers can find almost anyone, anywhere. Told through a collage of videos, text and websites, Trackers #1 follows Adam, Finn, Lewis and Emily as they become entangled in a high-tech, high-stakes game of cat and mouse with Shantorian, the world's most dangerous hacker. At least, that's who they think they're tracking . . . As the four dig deeper into the shadowy world of online crime, they soon learn that things aren't always as they seem. **HC \$19.99**

Elizabeth Chandler*No Time to Die / The Deep End of Fear (Dark Secrets 02)**No Time to Die*

When Jenny plans to spend the summer undercover at the theatre camp where her sister was murdered she had no idea the drama would be quite so deadly. Still grieving and trying to cope with the loss of her sister, Liza, Jenny feels completely out of place on stage, unlike the rest of her theatrical family. But she is determined to understand why her sister was murdered, and more importantly, find out who killed her. So when Jenny thinks she hears Liza speaking to her, and suspects that someone might be following her, she is sure the truth will unfold...but, the drama that follows is even more twisted than she thought.

The Deep End of Fear

After her childhood best friend, Ashley, tragically drowns in an icy pond, Kate thought she was done with daring adventures for good. But now she has to return to her childhood home and it all comes flooding back. And the scary thing is, the neighbour that she's tutoring claims he can see Ashley...and, that she's been daring him to go on potentially fatal adventures. Can Kate face up to her childhood fears to stop history from repeating itself? **BPB \$16.99**

Eoin Colfer*Artemis Fowl and the Atlantis Complex (Artemis Fowl 07)*

ARTEMIS FOWL'S CRIMINAL WAYS HAVE FINALLY GOT THE BETTER OF HIM . . .

Young Artemis has frequently used high-tech fairy magic to mastermind the most devious criminal activity of the new century. Now, at a conference in Iceland, Artemis has gathered the fairies to present his latest idea to save the world from global warming. But Artemis is behaving strangely – he seems different. Something terrible has happened to him . . . Artemis Fowl has become nice.

The fairies diagnose Atlantis Complex – that's obsessive compulsive disorder to you and me – dabbling in magic has damaged his mind. Fairy ally Captain Holly Short doesn't know what to do. Because the subterranean volcanoes are under attack from vicious robots and Artemis cannot fight them. Can Holly get the real Artemis back ---before the robot probes destroy every human and life form. **TP \$22.95**

MaryJanice Davidson & Anthony Longi*Rise of the Poison Moon (Jennifer Scales 05)*

As dashers and beaststalkers feed off Winoka's fear and desperation, Jennifer Scales, born of both dragon and beaststalker, must choose sides when she discovers that her ex-boyfriend is responsible for trapping the town in a web of terror and dark magic. **PB \$19.95**

Joseph Delaney*The Spook's Sacrifice (Wardstone Chronicles 06)*

As the Spooks apprentice Toms first duty is to protect the County from the dark. But now Mam needs his help in her homeland of Greece. One of the most dangerous of the old gods, the Ordeen, is about to return there, bringing slaughter and devastation. Meanwhile, the Devil himself is still loose and if he and the Ordeen join forces, a new age of darkness will descend. Mam has summoned a powerful group to her side but among them are Toms old enemy, the Pendle witches, including the assassin Grimalkin, and the cunning clan leader Mab Moldheel. Can Tom go against all the Spook has taught him and ally himself to the witches? What is the secret that Mam is keeping from him? And what sacrifices must be made in the battle against the dark? **BPB \$17.95**

The Spook's Nightmare (Wardstone Chronicles 07)

The Spook, Tom and Alice return from Greece to find the County under siege – and the Spook's home burnt to the ground. With his precious library of knowledge destroyed, they seek refuge on the nearby island of Mona. But with Mona in the thrall of a twisted Shaman there is little respite from hostility or denizens of the dark. And as Alice dodges the ever-tightening net of the island's witch hunters, a more deadly enemy emerges...

Bony Lizzie, freshly-escaped from the Spook's bonds, has grand ambitions: to take for herself the throne of isle. She has harnessed the services of a tunnel-dwelling buggane, an evil creature which thrives on stealing the animas, or life force, from its unsuspecting victims. With the buggane as her secret weapon can she become an all-powerful Witch Queen? **HC \$29.95**

Neil Gaiman*Coraline (CD)*

When Coraline explores her new home, she finds a door. through the door is another house just like her own...except that it's different. It's a marvelous adventure until Coraline discovers that there's also another mother and another father in the house. They want Coraline to be their little girl and they want to keep her forever! Coraline must use all of her wits and every ounce of her courage to save herself and return home.

Spoken word compact disc unabridged. **CD \$21.95**

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The end of the Ice Age: A time of melting glaciers, mass extinctions, unpredictable dangers... and young heroes

Though only 12 summers old, Twig is a talented Dreamer. Sometimes she has spirit dreams – dreams that come true. But her mother has always discouraged Twig from exploring her powers for fear that they would turn her strange, like the reclusive witch-woman Cobia.

When Twig begins to have recurring nightmares about a green light exploding from the sky and causing widespread destruction, she must find the courage to defy her mother and learn to become a Spirit Dreamer. Helping Twig on her quest are her best friend, Greyhawk, and Screech Owl, a shaman who has been banished from the village. Together, they must persuade their people to leave the land of their ancestors and journey to the mysterious Duskland, far from only home they've ever known. Can Twig convince the Elders that she is a true Spirit Dreamer – before it's too late?

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Leanne Hall

This is Shyness

A guy who howls. A girl on a mission to forget.

In the suburb of Shyness, where the sun doesn't rise and the border crackles with a strange energy, Wolfboy meets a stranger at the Diabetic Hotel. She tells him her name is Wildgirl, and she dares him to be her guide through the endless night.

But then they are mugged by the sugar-crazed Kidds. And what plays out is moving, reckless...dangerous. There are things that can only be said in the dark. And one long night is time enough to change your life. **BPB \$19.95**

Frances Hardinge

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Discover a dazzling world, a breathtaking heroine... and an incredible adventure! **BPB \$16.99**

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Tonya Hurley

Lovesick (Ghostgirl 03)

Before she can rest in peace, Charlotte Usher must return to the tragic site of her death: High School. On the brink of Dead Ed graduation, Charlotte and her fellow classmates learn they have one last mission to complete before gaining entrance to the much-anticipated afterlife: Observe one designated teen with an unexplained problem and help said-troubled teen by Prom. For the life of her, Charlotte can't imagine why she has been assigned to help Damen, last year's Homecoming King and her former fatal crush. To make matters worse, her boyfriend Eric is sent to look after her best (breathing) friend Scarlet, who has since ditched her goth girl image for a girlier look that turns more heads than just her boyfriend Damen's. Charlotte would die (again) for love. But when her only chance at an afterlife means having to face the dreaded, all-too-familiar pains of being invisible, it may be too much for her to handle. **HC \$26.99**

Pete Johnson

The Vampire Blog

Marcus was convinced that vampires didn't exist. He was very wrong . . .

On his thirteenth birthday, Marcus Howlett is faced with a bombshell. His parents are half-vampire. And, although he hates the thought of it, he is about to become one too. But, as he secretly blogs about the horrors of his new fangs, bad breath and cravings for blood, Marcus is unaware that his life is in serious danger . . . **BPB \$14.95**

Julie Kagawa

The Iron Daughter (Iron Fey 02)

Half Summer faery princess, half human, Meghan has never fit in anywhere. Deserted by the Winter prince she thought loved her, she is prisoner to the Winter faery queen. As war looms between Summer and Winter, Meghan knows that the real danger comes from the Iron fey — ironbound faeries that only she and her absent prince have seen. But no one believes her.

Worse, Meghan's own fey powers have been cut off. She's stuck in Faery with only her wits for help. Trusting anyone would be foolish. Trusting a seeming traitor could be deadly. But even as she grows a backbone of iron, Meghan can't help but hear the whispers of longing in her all-too-human heart. **BPB \$19.99**

Marilyn Kaye

Now You See Me (Gifted 05)

Meadowbrook Middle School is an ordinary school with ordinary students – queen bees, jocks, nerds, brains, all the usual suspects. With nine exceptions. These students look like the others, but they're not. You could call it a skill, a talent or a disadvantage, but each of these students is unique – they're gifted.

The Gifted class are getting suspicious that there's a spy in their midst. But who? The chief suspect is queen-of-mean Amanda, who's started acting out of character and volunteering in the school office. Tracey and Jenna join forces – and gifts – to try to find out more. But when mind-reader Jenna is framed for a crime she didn't commit and sent to an institution, Tracey is on her own. Using her ability to become invisible, Tracey searches for answers and finds out more than she bargained for... **BPB \$16.99**

Anna Kendall

Crossing Over

Whether it's a curse or a blessing the fact remains: whenever Roger is in enough pain he can cross over to the Land of the Dead and speak to the people there. It's an unexpected gift - and one that, throughout Roger's life, his violent uncle has taken advantage of. Roger has been hauled from fairground to fairground and beaten into unconsciousness, in order to bring word of the dead to the recently bereaved. It's a hard, painful way of life, deceiving the living for a crust of bread. So when Roger has the chance of a new life, it seems a gift. He has a chance at safety and at living a life of his choosing, tucked away in the royal court. But life is unexpected and when Roger falls in love with the bewitching, willful Lady Cecilia he has no idea what he is letting himself in for. With every step he takes towards her, he is drawn deeper into court intrigue, into politics and even into war... **TP \$29.99**

Celine Kiernan

The Rebel Prince (Moorehawke Trilogy 03)

The gripping finale of the addictive romantic medieval trilogy that began with *The Poison Throne* and continued with *The Crowded Shadows*.

Who will survive the final battle?

Set in a fantastical medieval Europe, this is the final book in a compelling trilogy of court intrigue, adventure and romance.

After a joyful reunion, it seems that the years of war have left their scars on brothers Alberon and Razi, and it is not long before their differences come between them.

Alberon is determined to protect the kingdom by strength rather than diplomacy. He proudly reveals his great hope - Lorcan Moorehawke's Bloody Machine. But Razi fears the machine will rot the kingdom's soul and undo all the good that their father has achieved in his short reign.

Despite her qualms about Alberon's choice of allies, Wynter finds herself siding with him against her friends. But when the last envoys to Alberon's camp arrive, Wynter's loyalty to the kingdom and its future is stretched to its limit. How can she stand by as Alberon negotiates with those who represent everything she despises? **PB \$19.99**

Andrew Lane

Death Cloud (Young Sherlock Holmes 01)

The world's most famous detective. The most brilliant mind in fiction. But before he became the great detective, who was young Sherlock Holmes?

The year is 1868, and Sherlock Holmes is 14. His life is that of a perfectly ordinary army officer's son: boarding school, good manners, a classical education - the backbone of the British Empire. But all that is about to change. With his father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell", Sherlock is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Hampshire. So begins a summer that leads Sherlock to uncover his first murder, a kidnap, corruption and a brilliantly sinister villain of exquisitely malign intent...

The *Death Cloud* is the first in a series of novels in which the iconic detective is reimagined as a brilliant, troubled and engaging teenager - creating unputdownable detective adventures that remain true to the spirit of the original books. **BPB \$16.99**

Kathryn Lasky & Kathryn Huang

Lost Tales of the Great Tree (Guardians of Ga'Hoole)

Guided by the Knower, Otulissa has studied long in the libraries of the Others; she has probed the ancient lore of the strange and powerful dire wolves of the Beyond. And at the Great Ga'Hoole tree itself she has uncovered secret histories of Guardians she thought she knew well! Attention, Dear Reader! Great mysteries will be revealed to the attuned mind in these last *Lost Tales of the Great Tree*! **BPB \$12.99**

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 the 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.

Top of page **PB \$15.99**

Gabrielle Lord Australian Author

August (Conspiracy 365 08)

Buried alive in a coffin, Cal's chances of survival are running out as fast as the air around him. Thanks to his unknown attackers, he's lost the Jewel and the Riddle, and now his life hangs in the balance. Six feet under. Boges and Winter are frantically trying to find him before it's too late. Meanwhile, Gabbi-Cal's comatose little sister has been kidnapped, and he is the prime suspect! Some seriously daring and dangerous tactics are needed to save her this time . . . The clock is ticking. Any second could be his last. Callum Ormond has been warned. He has 153 days. The countdown continues . . . **BPB \$14.99**

Dave Lockett Australian Author

Paladin

Neither Sam nor Finny, the girl who seems to be hanging around him, are enjoying their lives in Warramar. But Sam could never have imagined how one good deed would take him far, far away from everything he ever knew. Although he doesn't know it yet, he has a gift, and he will need to know how to use it. **BPB \$17.99**

John Marsden Australian Author

Tomorrow When the War Began (Film Tie In) (Tomorrow 01)

Somewhere out there Ellie and her friends are hiding.

They're shocked, they're frightened, they're alone.

Their world has changed, with the speed of a slamming door.

They've got no weapons - except courage.

They've got no help - except themselves.

They've got nothing - except friendship.

How strong can you be, when the world is full of people trying to kill you?

Tomorrow, When the War Began is the first of an enormously popular series that has been translated and published all over the world. It is the book that started the series that became the legend... **BPB \$18.99**

John Marsden Australian Author

Dead of the Night (Tomorrow 02)

Hell is still the safest place on earth.

When you've run out of choices, you've only got yourself.

As war rages, as the enemy closes in, as Ellie and her friends fight for their lives, they are left with nothing.

Nothing but courage, spirit and pride.

The Dead of the Night is the second volume in the award-winning Tomorrow series. **BPB \$18.99**

Third Day, The Frost (Tomorrow 03)

Live what you believe in... die fighting for it.

The third day comes a frost... a killing frost.

The enemy spreads across the land, cold and relentless. They invade. They destroy. They kill.

Only the heroism of Ellie and her friends can stop them.

When hot courage meets icy death, who will win through?

The Third Day, The Frost is the third volume in the award-winning Tomorrow series. **BPB \$18.99**

Darkness, Be My Friend (Tomorrow 04)

Nowhere to run; one place left to hide. You're running from bullets through the streets of your own town. Your life's on the line and no-one's there to help.

What's happened?

When did safety turn to fear, peace turn to war, happiness turn to panic? When did your normal day become a nightmare?

Ellie and her friends struggle with the biggest questions life can offer in Darkness, Be My Friend, the fourth book in the award-winning Tomorrow series. **BPB \$18.99**

Burning For Revenge (Tomorrow 05)

The world is in flames...

You look behind – there's nothing but smoke. Ahead of you the future has just burst into flames.

Your life is on fire. The world's an inferno.

You're burning... with passion and fear, with love and rage.

You're burning for revenge.

Burning For Revenge is the fifth volume in the award-winning Tomorrow series. **BPB \$18.99**

The Night Is For Hunting (Tomorrow 06)

Hunting and being hunted. Sometimes life seems to offer nothing more than a chase to the death. The fight to survive has never been fiercer.

But as they wage war, Ellie and her friends still find time for other things: friendship... loyalty... even Christmas.

If only they can withstand another night.

The Night is for Hunting is the sixth volume in the award-winning Tomorrow series. **BPB \$18.99**

The Other Side of Dawn (Tomorrow 07)

Daylight couldn't be far away, and if they hadn't found me by then, it wouldn't take long once the sun came up. The drops of blood would be a dead give-away. "Dead" in every sense of the word.

With a roar like a train in a tunnel, the war enters its final days. Ellie has to be on that train. There's no more sitting around, no more waiting. There's only fast decisions, fast action, fast thinking.

And she'd better get it right. With all their being, Ellie and her friends want to stay alive. But there's a war out there. And it has to be won. The end is here... **BPB \$18.99**

Amy Meredith

The Hunt (Dark Touch 02)

A spooky romance series aimed at the pre-Twilight age group.

Something is hunting. Something that will kill to get what it wants. And it isn't human. Eve knows that her supernatural powers are called for, but she'd rather focus on dating than demons and gorgeous Luke is, frankly, pretty distracting. He's already a friend – but could he be something more?

Do Luke and Eve really have a future? And with demons on the hunt, will either of them live long enough to find out? **BPB \$17.95**

Kyle Mewburn

A Crack in the Sky

When is a sofa not a sofa? When it is the entry to another world . . . Nine-year-old Conor's day doesn't start well. His right arm seems to be missing! Then he appears to have grown horns. But it's the next event that proves fateful. His mum catches her skirt on a loose spring in the sofa. It's time to replace the sofa . . . obviously. But money is tight. So when Conor sees an old sofa bobbing in the tide as he walks to school, about to strand itself on the muddy shore, it seems like fate is working in his favour. But there's something very strange about this particular sofa . . . **BPB \$14.99**

Susan Pfeffer

Life As We Know It (Last Survivors 01)

What if the world as you know it ceased to exist? When a freak asteroid knocks the moon from its orbit, horrific tides engulf parts of the globe, and life on Earth changes overnight. For 15-year-old Miranda, as power, communications and food supplies start to break down, a desperate battle for her family's survival begins. A ferociously gripping story of human courage in the face of catastrophic disaster. **BPB \$16.99**

The Dead and the Gone (Last Survivors 02)

Only the unlucky survive. . . At the moment the asteroid hits the moon, Alex Morales' young life changes. Forever. As freak weather engulfs the globe, New York is plunged into a nightmare from which many will never wake. With no food, no electricity and no parents, Alex must keep himself and his sisters alive . . . whatever the cost. **PB \$16.99**

This World We Live In (Last Survivors 03)

Our family has escaped death . . . But for how long? It's been a year since a meteor collided with the moon, catastrophically altering the Earth's climate. For Miranda Evans life as she knew it no longer exists. Her friends and neighbours are dead, the landscape is frozen and food is increasingly scarce. Miranda and her family are on the edge. And then a small party of survivors arrives on their doorstep, threatening to stretch supplies to dangerous limits. Alex Morales is among them, and he and Miranda must put aside their differences in order to fight for food-with all of the odds against them. . . **PB \$16.99**

Dav Pilkey

The Adventures of Ook and Gluk

Meet Ook and Gluk, the stars of this sensationally silly graphic novel from the creator of Captain Underpants! It's 500,001 BC, and Ook and Gluk's hometown of Caveland, Ohio, is under attack by an evil corporation from the future. When Ook, Gluk, and their little dinosaur pal Lily are pulled through a time portal to 2222, they discover a future world that's even more devastated than their own. Luckily, they find a friend in Master Wong, a martial arts instructor who trains them in the ways of kung fu.

Now all they have to do is travel back in time 502,223 years and save the day! **BPB \$14.99**

Michael Pryor Australian Author

Moment of Truth (Laws of Magic 05)

The unthinkable has happened: Albion is at war. Aubrey and George are swept up into the military - but not in the way they expect. With Caroline drafted into the Special Services, Aubrey is sure the combination of his magic, George's practical skills and Caroline's fighting secrets will make them a formidable team. But what if the military hierarchy has other ideas? When Aubrey's top secret espionage unit is sent to Gallia to investigate mysterious magical emanations, what they discover is intelligence gold. Holmland is about to unleash an unstoppable horror upon the world. It could win the war within weeks. Aubrey is in a dilemma: should he obey orders and simply observe, or should he and his friends do their best to stop a bloodbath? Saving thousands of lives could cost Aubrey his own. But that's never stopped him before. **BPB \$17.95**

Rob Reger

Strange and Stranger (Emily the Strange 02)

Emily the Strange stands for: Do it yourself; think for yourself; be yourself.

With her trademark long black hair with bangs, dark eyes, and iconoclastic style, Emily the Strange is anti-cool, a subculture of one, and a follower of no one but herself. With over 2.5 million fans, Emily the Strange clothing and accessories are sold around the world-from high fashion in Italy, to the "Emily the Strange" stores in Asia, to her roots in the Bay Area. Emily the Strange is also the star of comic books and a line of stationery products as well as the anti-hero of upcoming feature film. Our four book deal marks her debut as literary character.

In her second adventure, Emily finds that she has created her own nemesis when she accidentally clones herself. Again told in diary format, like EMILY THE STRANGE: THE LOST DAYS, this second novel features strong, unique first-person narrative along with her penchant for Top 13 lists. The books are illustrated with black-and-red art representing Emily's own sketches, doodles, and archival photographs.

The hallmarks of the Emily the Strange brand are quality manufacturing, attention to details, and unique formatting. The commitment to individuality and to excellence carries over to the novels which, in addition to being engaging stories in their own right, are books noted for their collectability. Age 12+ **HC \$19.99**

Serena Robar

Dating for Demons

I just started to grasp that my best friend is a half-blood vampire, and now I'm facing demons of my own. Colby needs my help with an ancient prophesy, and a mysterious loner, Hunter, has been kind enough to take me under his wing. But is he teaching me or studying me? Usually I'm on the sidelines but have been thrust into the thick of things by a zombie vampire attack and a surprising declaration revealing that I'm a Demon Hunter. Too bad no one buys it. If I could only get my best friend to believe in me before an ancient evil destroys her and her half-blood sisters, I might actually get the guy and save the world. **PB \$21.95**

Emily Rodda Australian Author

The Valley of the Lost (10th Anniversary) (Deltora Quest 1 07)

Lief, Barda and Jasmine, searching for the seven lost gems of the magic Belt of Deltora, have almost reached their goal. Six gems now gleam in the Belt, but the last must be found before Deltora can be freed from the tyranny of the evil Shadow Lord. The companions have faced many terrors with strength and courage. Now they are about to meet dark mysteries that strength and courage alone cannot defeat. If they fail, their quest will be lost, and they will remain forever trapped in the swirling mists of the Valley of the Lost. **BPB \$14.99**

Return to Del (Deltora Quest 1 08)

The seven lost gems have been restored to the Belt of Deltora. Now Lief, Barda and Jasmine must find the heir to the kingdom's throne. They know that only the true heir can use the Belt's magic to overthrow the evil Shadow Lord. But the heir has been in deepest hiding from birth and only the Belt can reveal the hiding place. Shock follows shock as the Deltora quest rushes to its thundering climax and the fury and power of the Shadow Lord himself threaten to destroy its three heroes and everything they love. **BPB \$14.99**

The Last Fairy-Apple Tree (Fairy Realm 04)

The gnomes of the magical Fairy Realm are in trouble, and not even the Queen's magic can help them!

Jessie and her friends must travel to the Hidden Valley to solve the gnomes' terrible problem. Along the way, they journey through a part of the Realm Jessie's never seen before -- and meet the delightful furrybears of Brill. Ages 7-12. **BPB \$12.99**

The Magic Key (Fairy Realm 05)

It's Jessie's birthday, so her magical grandmother decides to surprise her -- with some new Fairy Realm friends.

Before Jessie knows it, she's on an adventure that whirls her to the end of a rainbow. Along the way, she discovers a part of the Realm she's never seen before -- and meets the amazing rainbow fairies. Ages 7-12. **BPB \$12.99**

The Unicorn (Fairy Realm 06)

The Fairy Realm and the human world are both in great danger! The wicked Outland creatures are planning an attack. Yet Jessie can only save one of her two worlds. So she must make a terrible decision -- unless she can convince the secretive and powerful unicorns to help her.

Ages 7-12. **BPB \$12.99**

Roland Smith

Jungle Hunters

When 13-year-old twins Grace and Marty lose their parents in a freak accident, they are sent to live on a secret island with their mysterious Uncle Wolfe. He is a scientist obsessed with dinosaurs and cryptids-animals that have never been proved to exist. And he needs the twins' help-a dinosaur egg has been discovered in the Congo and Marty and Grace must track it down. But Uncle Wolfe's nemesis, the evil Dr Blackwood, will do anything to find it first and steal it for himself . . . **PB \$16.99**

Lili St Crow

Jealousy (Dru Anderson 03)

Love is a battlefield.

Just when Dru thought she was safe, everything exploded her face. Her mom and dad are long gone, her protectors Graves and Christophe kinda want to rip each other's throats out, and a four-hundred-year-old nosferat named Sergej won't stop hunting her until his bloodthirsty army of suckers has torn her to shreds. Dru's finally made it to the Schola Prima - the Real Deal djamphir training facility and home of the Order - and life is about to get even more Real World. There's a brand new svetochoa in town - a readheaded vixen named Anna who's got the Order wrapped around her pretty little finger, and who'd rather kill Dru than share the spotlight. Turns out Dru's got something Anna wants. And his name just happens to be Christophe Reynard. **BPB \$16.95**

Briony Stewart

Kumiko and the Dragon

Aurealis Awards 2008 for Speculative Fiction Children's Fiction

Kumiko doesn't like going to bed. she can't sleep. The reason she can't sleep is the giant dragon that sits outside her bedroom window every single night. so one night she plucks up the courage to ask the dragon to leave, not knowing that the truth she is about to discover is more thrilling than anything she could ever have imagined.

This delightful story will take young readers on a soaring dragon adventure, as Kumiko discovers a strength she never knew she had. **BPB \$16.95**

Kumiko and the Dragon's Secret

Kumiko and the Dragon's secret continues the fantasy adventure of Kumiko, a young Japanese girl who is guarded by the dragon, Tomodo.

Danger surrounds Kumiko's family. The sinister shadow catchers kidnap Kumiko's sister, Arisu, seeking to absorb the dragons' magical powers through the royal human bloodline of Kumiko's family.

Kumiko is the only one who can defeat the shadow catchers. She alone has the power to rescue her little sister and to restore order to the magical world of the dragons. But can she get there in time? **BPB \$14.95**

Maggie Stiefvater

Shiver (Shiver 01)

For years, Grace has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house. One yellow-eyed wolf-her wolf-is a chilling presence she can't seem to live without. Meanwhile, Sam has lived two lives: in winter, the frozen woods, the protection of the pack, and the silent company of a fearless girl; and in summer, a few precious months of being human . . . until the cold makes him shift back again. Now, Grace meets a yellow-eyed boy whose familiarity takes her breath away. It's her wolf. It has to be. But as winter nears, Sam must fight to stay human-or risk losing himself, and Grace, forever. **BPB \$19.99**

Linger (Shiver 02)

In Maggie Stiefvater's Shiver, Grace and Sam found each other. Now, in Linger, they must fight to be together. For Grace, this means defying her parents and keeping a very dangerous secret about her own wellbeing. For Sam, this means grappling with his werewolf past . . . and figuring out a way to survive into the future. Add into the mix a new wolf named Cole, whose own past has the potential to destroy the whole pack. And Isabel, who already lost her brother to the wolves . . . and is nonetheless drawn to Cole. **HC \$29.99**

R L Stine

Heads, You Lose! (Goosebumps Horrorland 15)

Jessica Bowen and Ryan Chang bring home a two-headed 'joke' coin from the HorrorLand souvenir shop. A simple coin toss transports them to a world of terror. They find themselves back in time, being chased by guards who accuse them of beheading the prince. Unless they can avenge him and reunite him with his head, their own heads will be on the chopping block! **BPB \$9.99**

Dom Testa

The Web of Titan (Galahad 02)

The second gripping installment of the epic SF adventure that began with The Comet's Curse

After triumphing over a saboteur bent on destroying the Galahad, Triana and her Council are eager to avoid any further complications. But as the Galahad swings around the ringed planet Saturn, they encounter a mysterious metal pod orbiting the moon of Titan. As the teens prepare to bring the pod and its contents aboard, the crew is swept by an illness that is beyond their medical experience. Dozens of crew members fall into a comatose state, only to awaken with strangely glowing eyes. To make matters worse, the systems of the Galahad begin to fail. With time running out, can Triana and her shipmates escape the Web of Titan? **BPB \$16.99**

Daniel Waters

Passing Strange (03)

Karen DeSonne always passed as a normal teenager - and now that she's dead, she's still passing - this time, as alive. When her dead friends are accused of a high profile murder and forced into hiding, she has to prove their innocence. Which means doing the unthinkable and becoming the girlfriend of bionist zealot Peter Martinsburg, who she suspects of framing them. But if he finds out who Karen really is, the consequences for her will be worse than death... **BPB \$16.99**

Michelle Zink

Prophecy of the Sisters (01)

Without the Keys, something terrible will happen. Something that cannot be undone. And with them, I might bring an end to the riddle of the Prophecy and my strange part in it. If Alice and I are on conflicting sides of the Prophecy, the Keys would be dangerous in her hands. Which means I have to find them. And I have to do it before my sister. This is the story of sixteen-year-old Lia Milthorpe's quest to discover her role and her twin sister's in a powerful prophecy that has affected twin sisters for generations. But nothing can prepare her for what she discovers - about herself, about her family, and about the danger that goes from haunting her dreams to becoming her reality. **BPB \$17.99**

Guardian of the Gate (02)

Sixteen-year-old Lia Milthorpe must journey to the uncharted isle of Altus to continue her search for the missing pages of the Book of Chaos - the pages that could tell her how to end the prophecy that has turned generations of sisters against each other. But the journey will test more than just her courage, it will also test her loyalty to her beloved boyfriend, James. Meanwhile, twin sister Alice will stop at nothing to reclaim Lia's role as the Gate. And that's not the only thing she wants from her sister: there's also Lia's true love. The outcome of their battle could have consequences of Biblical proportions and, in the end, only one sister will be left standing. **BPB \$17.99**

Television, Movie and Comic Related

Futurist: The Life and Films of James Cameron

Rebecca Keegan

With the release of Avatar, James Cameron cements his reputation as king of sci-fi and blockbuster filmmaking. It's a distinction he's long been building, through a directing career that includes such cinematic landmarks as The Terminator, Aliens, The Abyss, and the highest grossing movie of all time, Titanic.

The Futurist is the first in-depth look at every aspect of this audacious creative genius—culminating in an exclusive behind-the-scenes glimpse of the making of Avatar, the movie that promises to utterly transform the way motion pictures are created and perceived. As decisive a break with the past as the transition from silents to talkies, Avatar pushes 3-D, live action, and photo-realistic CGI to a new level. It rips through the emotional barrier of the screen to transport the audience to a fabulous new virtual world.

With cooperation from the often reclusive Cameron, author Rebecca Keegan has crafted a singularly revealing portrait of the director's life and work. We meet the young truck driver who sees Star Wars and resolves to make his own space blockbuster—starting by building a futuristic cityscape with cardboard and X-Acto knives. We observe the neophyte director deciding over lunch with Arnold Schwarzenegger that the ex-body builder turned actor is wrong in every way for the Terminator role as written, but perfect regardless. After the success of The Terminator, Cameron refines his special-effects wizardry with a big-time Hollywood budget in the creation of the relentlessly exciting Aliens. He builds an immense underwater set for The Abyss in the massive containment vessel of an abandoned nuclear power plant—where he pushes his scuba-equipped cast to and sometimes past their physical and emotional breaking points (including a white rat that Cameron saved from drowning by performing CPR). And on the set of Titanic, the director struggles to stay in charge when someone maliciously spikes craft services' mussel chowder with a massive dose of PCP, rendering most of the cast and crew temporarily psychotic.

Now, after his movies have earned over \$3 billion at the box office, James Cameron is astounding the world with the most expensive, innovative, and ambitious movie of his career. For decades the moviemaker has been ready to tell the Avatar story but was forced to hold off his ambitions until technology caught up with his vision. Going beyond the technical ingenuity and narrative power that Cameron has long demonstrated, Avatar shatters old cinematic paradigms and ushers in a new era of storytelling.

The Futurist is the story of the man who finally brought movies into the twenty-first century. **HC \$49.95**

Werewolves of Montpellier

After an omnibus collection of earlier books (Almost Silent) and a new collection of short stories (Low Moon), Jason returns with another full-length, full-color graphic novella—his first since the 2008 Eisner Award-winning The Last Musketeer.

Sven, a semi-aimless Scandinavian artist who has ended up in Montpellier, France on a futile romantic pursuit, enjoys nocturnal raids into other people's homes, disguised as a werewolf. The way he figures it, the disguise will give him an extra few moments' advantage vis-a-vis any startled home owner if things get ugly...but he hasn't taken into account the existence of a society of real Montpellier-based werewolves who do not take kindly to this new pretender. So while Sven spends his days playing chess and poker with his friends, sketching his way through his picturesque hometown, and coping with romantic dilemmas—both his and those of his best friend, the Breakfast at Tiffany's-obsessed Audrey, who has girl troubles of her own—little does he realize that a genuine threat to his life, and for that matter his humanity, is closing in on him.

Werewolves of Montpellier is a lycanthropic thriller, a romantic comedy, and an existential drama—basically, your typical Jason book. Beware the full moon! **TP \$26.95**

Shaun of the Dead: Special Collector's Edition

Shaun's a man lacking direction. Happy to sit around his filthy flat with his filthy flatmate Ed, his vision rarely extends further than the pub. But when Liz, his girlfriend, leaves him - and Britain is swept by a devastating plague of zombies - there's only one thing to do: get the girl, kill the zombies, and save the day! **TP \$30.95**

Avatar

The Science of Avatar

Stephen Baxter

In the Science of Avatar, bestselling science-fiction author Stephen Baxter examines James Cameron's epic. Over twelve years, the Director created richly imagined world that had its roots in real scientific discovery. From journeys into deep space to anti-gravity nobotanium, from Pandora's extraordinary flora and fauna to transferring consciousness, Baxter reveals that we are closer to world of Avatar than we know. Stephen Baxter is the master of what-if? science fiction. In the Science of Avatar he's written a book that will appeal to fans of both science-fiction and popular science. And a book that provides a glimmer of hope to those poor film-fans bemoaning their return to the earth after time spent on Pandora. **HC \$45**

Calendar 2011: Avatar

Calendar \$29.95

Doctor Who

Doctor Who: Official Annual 2011

This title features the full first series of Matt Smith starring as the Eleventh Doctor, in BBC One's hit television show, "Doctor Who!". This title includes original comic strips and an exciting new story, as well as puzzles and features on all your favourite episodes, characters and aliens. "The Official Doctor Who Annual 2011" is a must for any fan and a true collector's item! **HC \$19.95**

10th Doctor Audio Dead Air

James Goss

' Hello, I'm the Doctor. And if you can hear this, then one of us is going to die. '

At the bottom of the sea, in the wreck of a floating radio station, a lost recording has been discovered. After careful restoration, it is played for the first time -to reveal something incredible.

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Una McCormack

In the idyllic city-state of Geath, the Doctor and Amy become embroiled in an ancient civil war

'They called it the Enamour. It turned minds, sold merchandise, and swayed elections. And it did its job far too well...'

In the city-state of Geath, the King lives in a golden hall, and the people want for nothing. Everyone is happy and everyone is rich. Or so it seems.

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Oli Smith

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'My watch is running backwards.'

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During Magroth's reign, rumors of necromancy and demon worship were rampant, but the truth was far worse. Thanks to deals he made, pacts he agreed to, and rituals he performed, death was not the end Emperor Magroth. Instead, a piece of him was drawn into the Shadowfell where he became the ruler of a domain of dead. From this vantage, the old king prepared for his return—and the new empire he would forge from the ruins of old. Now Magroth has made a new deal with Orcus, the Demon Prince of Undeath, that frees him from his eternal prison for a year and a day. In that time, Magroth must re-establish his ancient kingdom while also accomplishing a series of terrible tasks for Orcus. To this end, Magroth's plans intersect with two other threats that are rising in the world. Where these threats meet, the world shudders. And it falls to our heroes to keep the fragile lights of civilization burning for another day **PB \$19.95**

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Mass Effect

Revelation

Drew Karpysyn

Humanity has reached the stars, joining the vast galactic community of alien species. But beyond the fringes of explored space lurk the Reapers, a race of sentient starships bent on “harvesting” the galaxy's organic species for their own dark purpose.

The Illusive Man, leader of the pro-human black ops group Cerberus, is one of the few who know the truth about the Reapers. To ensure humanity's survival, he launches a desperate plan to uncover the enemy's strengths—and weaknesses—by studying someone implanted with modified Reaper technology. He knows the perfect subject for his horrific experiments: former Cerberus operative Paul Grayson, who wrested his daughter from the cabal's control with the help of Ascension project director Kahlee Sanders.

But when Kahlee learns that Grayson is missing, she turns to the only person she can trust: Alliance war hero Captain David Anderson. Together they set out to find the secret Cerberus facility where Grayson is being held. But they aren't the only ones after him. And time is running out.

As the experiments continue, the sinister Reaper technology twists Grayson's mind. The insidious whispers grow ever stronger in his head, threatening to take over his very identity and unleash the Reapers on an unsuspecting galaxy.

This novel is based on a Mature-rated video game. **PB \$19.95**

Retribution

Drew Karpysyn

Mass Effect: *Retribution* follows soon after the events of Mass Effect: *Ascension*. The Illusive Man, leader of the pro-human paramilitary organization Cerberus, is attempting to learn more about the Reapers, an advanced race of sentient machines that periodically purges the galaxy of all organic civilizations.

Having obtained Reaper technology, the Illusive Man decides to implant a human with it to learn more about the Reapers. Paul Grayson, a major character in Mass Effect: *Ascension* and former Cerberus operative, is kidnapped to become the Illusive Man's test subject. **APB \$19.99**

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Brad Wardell

At a frontier outpost on the fringes of the civilized world, an orphaned messenger named Xander witnesses the destruction of all he knows at the hands of the Fallen, the great enemy thought vanquished during the War of Magic.

Abruptly, Xander's life is changed forever. Now he must seek out an ancient artifact of legendary power in the hopes that it can stop the Fallen hordes from destroying the entire kingdom. Little does he realize that the hope of all mankind rests on his young shoulders, as powers of unimaginable might set out to stop him at all costs. Aided by his friend Genica, a mysterious thief named Vreen, and a crafty Sion of unknown loyalty, Xander journeys into the heart of the world, where long-hidden secrets will be revealed that could shatter the delicate balance established by the great Cataclysm a thousand years earlier. **TP \$32.95**

Warhammer 40,000

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James Swallow

When Horus declares outright war against the Imperium, a secret group of powerful figures plot his execution to end the war for the galaxy of mankind before it's even begun, but, unbeknownst to them, an assassin is already in their midst tasked with killing the Emperor. **APB \$18**

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Aaron Dembski-Bowden

The Night Lords are among the most feared Chaos Space Marines in the universe. They prey on their victims from the shadows, stalking the faithful of the False Imperium in their ultimate quest to destroy the Emperor. The warband of the Exalted, travelling aboard *The Covenant of Blood*, are recovering from the events at *Crythe Primus*.

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Audio CD **CD \$25**

Warhammer

Empire Army: Grimblades

Nick Kyme

Left to defend the Reikland alone from orcs and goblins, Prince Wilhelm and the Grimblades engage in a desperate war across the empire while Emperor Dieter IV does nothing. **APB \$18**

World of Warcraft

Arthas 02: The Shattering

Christie Golden

A follow-up to *Arthas* is an official novelization based on the *Cataclysm* expansion of the multi-million-player online game and features an epic background story depicting key characters from the latest regions. **HC \$52.95**

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This is the first of a series of releases which will provide adventures and sourcebooks for the Clockwork & Chivalry background - from Cakebread & Walton: Purveyors of Fine Imaginings. **TP \$56**

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Arkham Horror

The Lurker at the Threshold

Across Arkham, strange doors to other worlds have been opening. They seem to be a living part of an ancient and arcane creature that has been reaching out, tempting the unwary with eldritch power. Now people are vanishing without a trace and it's up to a handful of bold investigators to confront the profane

being who dwells just beyond these passages. But even working together, will they be able to destroy these unnatural and deadly gates without themselves striking a terrible bargain with the Lurker at the Threshold?

The Lurker at the Threshold is an expansion for the Arkham Horror board game by Fantasy Flight Games.

This expansion features 1 Herald Sheet, 18 new Gate markers, 110 new Ancient One cards, and 56 new Investigator cards, including new items, new spells, Relationship cards, and horrific Dark Pacts made with the powers beyond. **\$40**

d20 Pathfinder

Pathfinder Roleplaying Game: Gamemastery Guide

This comprehensive guide to the art of Game Mastering goes beyond the Core Rulebook to offer tips, guidelines, and additional rules destined to take your Pathfinder Roleplaying Game campaign to the next level. Containing the accumulated knowledge and best practices of Paizo's award-winning creative staff and cadre of regular freelancers, this 320-page hardcover book is filled to bursting with encounter charts, idea lists, encounter design advice, tips for using and adapting published products to your personal campaign, and top-to-bottom guidelines for building a campaign from scratch. The Pathfinder RPG GameMastery Guide includes:

Campaign basics such as choosing a tone, getting players together (and working together), and guidelines to establish exciting narrative techniques.

An extensive chapter on handling players and their characters, from balancing a party to handling PC death and new characters to common house rules and solo campaigns.

Tips for creating memorable Non-Player Characters, guidelines for followers, cohorts, sages, and hirelings, and more than 100 stat blocks for common NPCs such as guardsmen, knights, bandits, pirates, villagers, and nobles.

Mountains of advice for handling treasure and rewards, from extensive lists of sample treasures to guidelines for nonstandard rewards like NPC favors, adjudicating wish spells, and making magic items.

Rules and suggestions for world building, including community generation, overviews of different culture and technology paradigms, dealing with terrain, building calendars, and planar considerations.

Advanced GM techniques such as fixing a "broken" game, using accessories, converting content from other systems, using props and handouts, when to "cheat," and how to prep a game from scratch in 15 minutes.

Additional advanced rules including chases, sanity, hauntings, mysteries and investigations, research, weather, diseases, hazards, curses, poisons, traps, and much more. As many idea-generating and time-saving charts and tables as we can manage to fit between two covers! **HC \$64**

Advanced Players Guide (Pathfinder)

This invaluable hardcover player reference for the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game provides a wealth of new ideas and options for players, including six completely new 20-level character classes, expanded rules for the 11 core classes, innovative new feats and combat abilities, a wealth of fantastic equipment, dozens of new spells, and more! Conceived by Pathfinder lead designer Jason Bulmahn and written with input from a huge open playtest involving thousands of gamers, the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game Advanced Player's Guide gives players the edge they need to make the most of their characters and ensure they survive to defeat the next monster, claim the next treasure, and form legends of their own that will endure the ages!

New Classes in the Advanced Player's Guide include:

The Alchemist: An arcane mystic who brews salves and unguents to modify his body in freakishly effective ways.

The Cavalier: A noble warrior who weaves through high society as easily as he does the most treacherous battles.

The Inquisitor: An agent of faith trained to root out the dark secrets and even darker monsters that haunt the forgotten corners of the world.

The Oracle: A divine mystic dedicated to a mysterious occult tradition that grants her fantastic powers-but at great cost.

The Summoner: An arcane spellcaster who conjures powerful servitor creatures from beyond the veil of reality to serve his whims.

The Witch: A versatile caster who gains her spells from the eldritch whispers of her bonded familiar and casts potent hexes to aid allies and vex foes.

With a cover from fan-favorite artist Wayne Reynolds and lavish full-color interior illustrations, the 320-page hardcover Pathfinder RPG Advanced Player's Guide is an essential volume for gamers eager to take the next step in their Pathfinder journey. **HC \$62**

Pathfinder Companion Orcs of Golarion

The vile, hated orcs are the most common evil humanoid race of the Pathfinder world, the sword fodder of countless celebrated heroes and daring adventurers. But they're also among the most populous civilized creatures on the planet, and their centuries spanning conflicts with dwarves, elves, and humans form the pages upon which the history of mankind is written in blood. Pathfinder Companion: Orcs of Golarion provides Pathfinder RPG players everything they need to fight or play orc and half orc characters, bringing this shadowy race to the savage forefront!

Learn the secret history of this brutish race, from their first emergence from the Darklands into the sunlit world to the latest reports from the orcish realm of Belkzen and other important orc strongholds. Discover the physical and mental qualities of orcs and their half breed kin, explore their unusual culture, and choose an appropriate campaign trait for your orc or orc slaying player character. With extensive notes on orc religion and worship practices, orc tribal magic, and orc weapons, combat tactics, and rage powers, this Pathfinder Companion is an absolute necessity for any who would battle orcish evil or revel in it! **\$19**

Souls for the Smugglers Shiv

The jungle nation of Sargava is a colony on the verge of the vast jungle wildlands of the Mwangi Expanse, a place where numerous powerful factions clash for control. When rumors of a route to a mythical lost city surface, four factions (the Red Mantis assassins, the Pathfinder Society, the Aspis Consortium merchant league, and the Pirate Lords of the Shackles) engage in a race to be the first to claim this lost city's treasures—and the first step in this quest is to solve the ancient mysteries of the notorious island known as Smuggler's Shiv, laden with shipwrecks and crawling with treacherous beasts! Your new campaign begins right here!

A Pathfinder Roleplaying Game adventure for 1st-level characters, this volume of Pathfinder kicks off the highly anticipated Serpent's Skull Adventure Path, in which the heroes brave a trackless jungle to discover the legacy of lost empires. Supplemental articles contain rules for the four competing factions in the campaign, with tips on how the heroes can join forces with them or contest their goals, as well as an overview of the ancient serpentfolk of the Mwangi Expanse and their eerie magic. The Pathfinder Bestiary section introduces five all-new monsters perfect for Serpent's Skull adventuring. Award-winning author and gaming icon Robin Laws (*Dungeon Master's Guide II*, *The Dying Earth Roleplaying Game*) provides an exciting installment of a new fiction arc for the Pathfinder Journal.

Pathfinder Adventure Path is Paizo Publishing's monthly 96-page, perfect-bound, full-color softcover book printed on high-quality paper. It contains an in-depth Adventure Path scenario, stats for several new monsters, and support articles meant to give Game Masters additional material to expand their campaign. Pathfinder Adventure Path volumes use the Open Game License and work with both the Pathfinder RPG and the standard 3.5 fantasy RPG rules set. **TP \$31**

Kingmaker 06: *Sound of a Thousand Screams*

The heroes have seized the bandit town of Pitax to cement their control over the fledgling nation of the Stolen Lands. Yet while one enemy has been cowed and defeated, the greatest foes still remain! Insurgent saboteurs still lurk in the darkened alleyways of Pitax, but solidifying their hold on this new settlement becomes the least of the heroes' worries when sudden blooms of riotous and deadly life from the near-mythical First World of the fey erupt throughout the Stolen Lands! The Kingmaker Adventure Path draws to a close as the heroes face a foe eager to bring the full fury of this strange and violent realm into the world of Golarion. With a vividly imagined, terrifying adventure from fan-favorite author Richard Pett, the Kingmaker campaign ends not just with one scream, but a thousand!

A Pathfinder Roleplaying Game adventure for 16th-level characters, this volume of Pathfinder concludes the popular Kingmaker Adventure Path, in which the heroes win and defend a small kingdom from threats foreign and domestic. This volume of Pathfinder also includes extensive guidelines for expanding your Kingmaker campaign beyond the climax of the Adventure Path, as well as a detailed exploration of the mysterious dimension of the First World, several new monsters, new fiction in the Pathfinder Journal, and more! **TP \$31**

Hordes

Hordes Primal Mk II

Rulebook for the miniatures game. **HC \$60**

Circles Orboros Faction Deck 2010

\$25

Monsterpocalypse Voltron

Monsterpocalypse: Voltron Battle Miniatures Game

The evil Drule Empire threatens to enslave the entire galaxy. Against this evil stands the Galaxy Alliance, led by the legendary Voltron, Defender of the Universe! Now in the darkness of space, the fate of untold galaxies is about to be decided. Which side will you choose?

Take control of the mighty Voltron and the Galaxy Alliance or Lo-Tron of the fiendish Drule Empire as you wage battle across the unforgiving reaches of space. Launch searing energy blasts, smash your opponent into rogue asteroids, and form blazing sword as you unleash the awesome power of two of the universe's mightiest beings to achieve total victory!

To set the stage for the face-off between the forces of good and evil, you'll lay out the specially designed gridded space battle mat, which conveniently references all the ability text needed to play the game. The mat is double-sided so you will have a choice between two different scenarios: Cosmic Influx or Solar Conflict. Various elements on the battle maps bring different special effects to the game: asteroids to maneuver through, enhancing power crystals, a dangerous comet and super nova, and a dampening ion field. You will also struggle with your opponent for control of key points on the battle map to give your force an edge. If you can, you'll secure a targeting satellite or fueling station to bolster your attack capabilities or speed, hold special relay positions to slow down the opposing force, take control of a solar amplifier to enhance your power, and access a navigational probe to assist your battle map maneuvering.

In the midst of this space scene, Voltron and Lo-Tron collide in battle. With an arsenal to choose from, the gigantic robots exchange devastating brawl, blast, and power attacks. Brawl attacks are used against adjacent enemies, while blast attacks are used against enemies at a distance. Various power attacks may be used when aligned with the enemy not only to cause damage but also to change his position on the battle map. This aspect of attacking in the Voltron: Defender of the Universe battle miniatures game—actually taking the opponent's miniature and placing it somewhere else on the battle map—makes for some very dynamic combat sequences.

And there's the additional action in the game with Galaxy Garrison Cruisers and Skull Ships dog fighting through asteroid fields. Although you have just five of these units in your reserves, they are an unlimited resource of combat support, since a unit can be re-spawned onto the battle map even after being destroyed. The outcome of Voltron and Lo-Tron's fight will determine the fate of the universe. When either Voltron or Lo-Tron is defeated, the game ends. Only the victor is left standing!

1 Voltron figure

5 Voltron Lion figures

5 Voltron force Galaxy Garrison Cruiser figures

1 Lo-Tron figure

1 Lotor's Command Ship figure

4 Robeast figures

5 Lo-Tron Skull Ship figures

4 health tracking tokens

4 dice tracking tokens

24 dice

1 double-sided game mat

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Will Adams

The Lost Labyrinth

On the trail of a Dead Sea Scroll, Daniel Knox finds himself at an excavation just outside Alexandria, where an evangelical Christian archaeologist has just discovered an undeclared Jewish Temple. Knox takes photographs and sends them to his partner Gaille. Moments later Knox's jeep is forced off the road killing his friend and head of the SCA -- Omar.

Meanwhile in Egypt, Gaille is baby-sitting a television documentary crew. When she receives Dan's pictures she quickly realises that one of them has a link to the Copper Scroll, one of the Dead Sea Scrolls. But more importantly the link is also attached to the one time Pharaoh Akheneaten in Amarana -- the very place the crew are filming. Whilst following up the connections Gaille unwittingly draws the attention of Khaled and tomb robber and army officer. Khaled soon realises that Gaille has what he wants and suddenly she and the television crew are in mortal danger from a greedy and deranged individual.

Back in Alexandria Knox is under investigation for the murder of his colleague and then sees a broadcast showing a kidnapped Gaille. It's obvious only to him that Gaille is trying to send him a coded message but Knox is now imprisoned and Gaille's time is running out. What's worse, a new and even more dangerous foe is about to make its mark... **APB \$19.99**

Donna Andrews

Swan For the Money (Meg Langslow Mystery)

Meg Langslow's eccentric parents have a new hobby: growing roses and entering them in highly competitive shows. Dad's gardening skill and Mother's gift for selecting and arranging the blossoms should make them an unbeatable team—and Meg is relieved they've taken up such a safe, gentle hobby. She even volunteers to help when the Caerphilly Garden Club sponsors its first annual rose show. But after a few hours of dealing with her parents' competitors, Meg sees trouble...

Rose growers are so cut-throat that they will do nearly anything to win the Black Swan trophy—making them all prime suspects when Meg discovers that someone is attempting to kill the wealthy woman on whose estate the competition is being held. Meg tries to leave the detecting to the local police and focus on the competition. But she just can't help getting her hands dirty when lives are at stake... **PB \$19.95**

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Michael Atkinson

Hemingway Cutthroat

A literary twist on what really happened while Hemingway was in '30s Spain, developing the story of For Whom the Bell Tolls and solving a murder with John dos Passos

When one of Fascist Spain's political officials is found dead on a hillside, his own government colleagues suspiciously take little interest in finding the culprit. Hemingway, in the country as a journalist, can't let the murder go. Despite the other deaths everywhere around him—it is wartime, after all—he sets out to discover not just who killed the man but also the reason for the cover-up. **HC \$51.95**

Tom Bale

Terror's Reach

Terror's Reach: an exclusive island on the south coast of England, home to rival business tycoons Valentin Nasenko and Robert Felton. On a sweltering weekend in May, the island is targeted by a team of ruthless killers. Its residents are facing annihilation, and only one man stands a chance of saving them.

Four years ago, after an undercover police operation went disastrously wrong, Joe Clayton lost his career and his family. Forced to adopt a new identity, he drifted from job to job and ended up on the Reach, working as a bodyguard to Nasenko's wife, Cassie, and her children. Now he must draw upon all his experience and reserves of strength to bring them out alive.

But the situation is far more complex than anyone realises, and soon Joe is caught up in an explosive feud between two immensely powerful forces. What gradually becomes clear is that the fortune hidden away on Terror's Reach is not a prize at all. **TP \$32.95**

Nevada Barr

Burn (Anna Pigeon 16)

Anna Pigeon, a Ranger with the National Park Service, is newly married but on administrative leave from her job as she recovers from the traumas of the past couple of months. While the physical wounds have healed, the emotional ones are still healing. With her new husband back at work, Anna decides to go and stay with an old friend from the Park Service, Geneva, who works as a singer at the New Orleans Jazz NHP. She isn't in town long before she crosses paths with a tenant of Geneva's, a creepy guy named Jordan. She discovers what seems to be an attempt to place a curse on her—a gruesomely killed pigeon marked with runic symbols; and begins to slowly find traces of very dark doings in the heart of post-Katrina New Orleans. Tied up in all of this is Jordan, who is not at all what he appears to be; a fugitive mother accused of killing her husband and daughters in a fire; and faint whispers of unpleasant goings-on in the heart of the slowly recovering city.

Now it will take all of Anna's skills learned in the untamed outdoors to navigate the urban jungle in which she finds herself, to uncover the threads that connect these seemingly disparate people, and to rescue the most vulnerable of creatures from the most savage of animals. **HC \$52.95**

Lorna Barrett

Chapter & Hearse (Booktown 04)

Mystery bookstore owner Tricia Miles has been spending more time solving whodunits than reading them. Now a nearby gas explosion has injured Tricia's sister's boyfriend, Bob Kelly, the head of the Chamber of Commerce, and killed the owner of the town's history bookstore. Tricia's never been a fan of Bob, but when she reads that he's being tight-lipped about the "accident", it's time to take action. **PB \$19.95**

Jessica Beck*Fatally Frosted (Donut Shop 02)*

A local busy body has dropped dead after eating one of Suzanne's famous treats. A forensic team is soon swarming through the Donut Hearts kitchen, dusting for clues, sifting through sugar, and suspecting the worst of Suzanne. But with the help of police inspector Jake Bishop and her ex-husband Max, Suzanne hopes to clear her good name—before another bad donut is fatally frosted... **PB \$19.95**

Alex Berenson*The Midnight House*

John Wells is asked to investigate the murders of a secret American interrogation squad that was running a black site in Poland in 2007 and 2008 and has since been disbanded. And what he discovers is that while the squad came up with some very valuable intel, its tactics were questionable at best... **TP \$32.95**

The Silent Man

After two high-risk missions, CIA special agent John Wells is living on the edge, his nights filled with disturbing dreams. He knows he has no time for rest - and he has made many enemies.

But what happens next shocks him to the core. First, he is targeted by assassins sent by a psychotic arms dealer out for revenge. His girlfriend is left for dead. Then, in vengeful pursuit of his assailants in Moscow, he stumbles on a terrifying plot. Terrorists have successfully targeted Russia's nuclear complex and are planning an attack on America's shores.

With the clock ticking, Wells realises that to stand a chance of preventing it, he mustn't let a personal vendetta get in his way - the future of the West depends upon him. **APB \$21.95**

Tony Black*Gutted*

The blistering follow-up to *Paying For It* from Scotland's brightest new crime talent, now in paperback

When the gangland owner of a pit bull that killed a three-year-old girl is found gutted on an Edinburgh hill Gus Dury is asked to investigate, and soon finds himself up to his neck in the warring underworld of the city's sink estates. Amidst illegal dog fights, a missing fifty grand and a police force and judiciary desperate to cover their links to a brutal killing, Gus must work fast to root out the truth, whilst the case sinks its teeth ever deeper into him. **BPB \$21.95**

Alix Bosco*Slaughter Falls (Cut and Run 02)*

When Anna Markunas comes to Brisbane to watch a rugby test, two members of her tour party die sudden, violent deaths. Anna tries to track down the elusive family of one man, but each discovery about his past leads her further into the dark world of Queensland's corrupt underbelly. Soon Anna is running for her life - she has discovered the secrets of those who will stop at nothing to silence her. **TP \$32.95**

Joan Brady*Venom*

In the aftermath of a man's flight from a secret organization that wants him dead, a physicist discovers a colony of bees with unique venom and is alarmed by a series of murders targeting her colleagues as she gets nearer to finding a cure for radiation poisoning. **HC \$54.95**

Christopher Brookmyre*Pandaemonium*

The senior pupils of St Peter's High School are on retreat to a secluded outdoor activity centre, coming to terms with the murder of a fellow pupil through the means you would expect: counselling, contemplation, candid discussion and even prayer - not to mention booze, drugs, clandestine liaisons and as much partying as they can get away with. Not so far away, the commanders of a top-secret military experiment, long-since spiralled out of control, fear they may have literally unleashed the forces of Hell. Two very different worlds are on a collision course, and will clash in an earthly battle between science and the supernatural, philosophy and faith, civilisation and savagery. The bookies are offering evens. **BPB \$24.99**

Sandra Brown*Smash Cut*

Hired by a woman who believes that the accidental shooting of her Atlanta businessman friend was actually orchestrated by the victim's depraved nephew, famed defense lawyer Derek Mitchell comes to realize that the nephew is a psychotic movie buff who enjoys acting out favorite violent film plots. **PB \$21.95**

Tough Customer

Entreated by his former lover, Dodge, to help protect her daughter from a depraved man who has been stalking her, staff investigator Derek Mitchell teams up with a small-town sheriff and enlists methods from his own shady past to find answers. **HC \$54.95**

Elizabeth Brundage*A Stranger Like You*

A taut and terrifying thriller about the lengths to which we'll go to make our dreams come true

Hedda Chase is a top-flight executive producer at Gladiator Films, fast-tracked in the business since she graduated from Yale. An aggressive businesswoman, she recently pulled the plug on a film project initiated by one of her predecessors. The screenwriter on the project was Hugh Waters, a wannabe with a dead-end marriage and a day job at an insurance company. This script was his ticket out-until Hedda tampered with his plans, claiming his violence was over the top, his premise not credible, and his ending implausible. Hugh decides to prove otherwise by staging his script's ending and casting Hedda Chase as the victim. He flies to Los Angeles and finds Hedda, kidnaps her, and locks her in the trunk of her vintage BMW in the parking lot at LAX. He leaves the keys in the ignition, the parking ticket on the dash, and lets "destiny" take its course.

This is the set-up for a troubling, smart, deadly look at women and images of women, at media as a high-stakes game and the selling of a war as theatre. (One key character is an Iraq veteran, and one of Hedda's projects is a film about women in Iraq). Brundage's Los Angeles is a casual battleground that trades carelessly in lives and dreams. As always, her characters are complicated, surprising, and intense in this high velocity, provocative novel. **HC \$52.95**

Kenneth Cameron*The Bohemian Girl*

1901. Denton, a writer with a reputation for involving himself in murder cases, is used to getting unconventional mail. But one particular letter gets his attention: a note from a young woman, Mary, saying she's in terrible danger and needs his help. The letter is months old and was only forwarded to him when the buyer of a painting found it stuck behind the frame. Presumably whatever Mary was frightened of has already happened. So why did she hide the note behind this particular painting, instead of sending it? The search for answers leads Denton into the heart of Bohemian London - the world of artists and their models, a world of brilliance and depravity, of unconventional morals and shifting sexual identities, where the border between genius and madness is hard to discern but easy to cross. And before he has learned the shocking truth, Denton will discover what it's like to be the object of a lethal obsession and endure a terrifying confrontation with his own demons. **PB \$22.99**

Andrea Camilleri *Italy**August Heat*

"Montalbano quickly slammed the trunk shut and sat down on top of it. When the beam from Livia's torch shone on his face, he automatically smiled.

'What's in the trunk?' Livia asked.

'Nothing. It's empty.'

How could he possibly have told her there was a corpse inside?"

The lazy, slow month of August at the height of the Sicilian summer is, Montalbano assures his girlfriend Livia as they prepare for a relaxing holiday in a villa he has found for them, far too hot for any murders to be committed. But when Livia's friends' young son goes missing, a chain of events is sparked which will certainly ruin the Chief Inspector's pleasant interlude.

A secret apartment and a grisly find in an old trunk are just the beginning, as Montalbano navigates his way through the case, as well as coping with the sweltering heat, the suspicious death of an Arab labourer and the tempting lure of a beautiful girl... **BPB \$22.99**

Donato Carrisi*The Whisperer*

Six buried arms. Six missing girls. A team led by Captain Roche and internationally renowned criminologist Goran Gavila are on the trail of a serial killer whose ferocity seems to have no limits. And he seems to be taunting them, leading them to discover each small corpse in turn; but the clues on the bodies point to several different killers. Roche and Gavila bring in Mila Vasquez, a specialist in cases involving children, and Mila discovers that the real killer is one who has never lifted a finger against the girls - but merely psychologically instructs others to do his work: a 'subliminal killer' - the hardest to catch... **TP \$32.99**

Richard Castle*Heat Wave (Nicki Heat)*

NYPD detective Nikki Heat must deal with the continual presence of magazine journalist Jameson Rook as she works to solve the murder of a real estate magnate, in this New York Times best-selling story written by the title character from ABC's hit television series Castle. **APB \$19.95**

Chris Cavender*Pepperoni Pizza Can Be Murder (Slice of Delight 02)*

After the body of her delivery driver's brother ends up on the floor of her pizzeria, Eleanor Swift enlists the help of her sister Maddy in searching for the real killer, all while trying to keep her pizza business afloat. By the author of *A Slice of Murder*. **HC \$44.95**

Rajorshi Chakraborti*Shadow Play*

An international conspiracy thriller in the vein of *The Parallax View*— a Salman Rushdie-esque figure uses his latest novel to explain his own disappearance after a journalist's murder

Raj Chakraborti, internationally renowned novelist and commentator, has disappeared from public view. What's worse, the police want to question him about the murder of a young journalist. Raj claims to explain everything in chapters from his latest work of fiction about a serial-killer-turned-hired-assassin. Is Raj right to believe that he is being hunted, or is it his past that has finally borne down to haunt him? **HC \$51.95**

James Church*The Man With the Baltic Stare (Inspector O)*

From the author of the critically acclaimed Inspector O series comes another riveting novel set in the mysterious world of North Korea

Autumn brings unwelcome news to Inspector O: he has been wrenched from retirement and ordered back to Pyongyang for a final assignment. The two Koreas, he learns, are now cooperating—very quietly—to maintain stability in the North. Stability requires that Inspector O lead an investigation into a crime of passion committed by the young man who has been selected as the best possible leader of a transition government. O is instructed to make sure that the case goes away. Remnants of the old regime, foreign powers, rival gangs—all want a piece of the action, and all make it clear that if O values his life, he will not get in their way. O isn't sure where his loyalties lie, and he doesn't have much time to figure out whether 'tis better to be noble or be dead. **HC \$51.95**

Judy Clemens*The Grim Reaper's Dance (Grim Reaper Mysteries)*

When Casey Maldonado and Death hitch a desperate ride away from one disaster, they throw themselves right into the middle of another one. The semi in which they are traveling crashes, and before the Grim Reaper takes Evan the Trucker away, Evan whispers to Casey about a stash hidden in the truck that she should keep away from them.

Them turns out to be a band of men who want that package no matter what it takes, and they believe Casey knows where – and what – it is. Alone and injured, with neither money nor identification, Casey escapes from under the noses of the ER doctors and her pursuers, and hides out in the cornfields of Kansas. The valuable stash turns out to be photos, truck manifests, and other information pointing Casey toward something big and complicated – a conspiracy? Smuggling? Blackmail? She can't be sure.

Casey, uncertain how to proceed, is led by Death to a group of teenagers looking for something other than dust and crops to fill their days – and their nights. Using their limited resources, she finds her way into a maze of greed and desperation – and into the clutches of people who don't care who gets hurt as long as they get what they want.

Casey is determined that no one else should die because of the desires of one group of criminals, and finds herself defending not only herself, but the teenagers, a few other kind locals, and perhaps even the trucking industry itself. **HC \$51.95**

Harlan Coben*Play Dead*

Ex fashion model and successful business woman Laura Ayers' perfect world is shattered at a time which should have been the happiest of her life. On her honeymoon, her sports superstar husband goes for a swim - and never returns. But what has happened to David - can he really be dead? Whilst struggling to cope with her almost overwhelming grief, Laura is plagued by questions and doubts. Was it an accident? Or suicide? Or is it some terrible, ill-judged hoax? As events begin to unfold, Laura starts to question David's mysterious disappearance. She begins to uncover a conspiracy which reaches deep into the past and is now slowly beginning to destroy everyone involved. Someone will do anything to keep Laura away from the awful truth - and she has no idea who she can trust... **TP \$22.99**

Thomas H Cook*The Last Talk with Lola Faye*

Lucas Page, a once ambitious historian now resigned to mediocrity, visits St. Louis to give a sparsely attended reading—nothing out of the ordinary. Except among the yawning attendees is someone he did not expect: Lola Faye Gilroy, the “other woman” he has long blamed for his father’s murder decades earlier.

Reluctantly, Luke joins Lola Faye for a drink. As one drink turns into several, these two battered souls relive, from their vastly different perspectives, the most searing experience of their lives, one that destroyed them both in very different ways. Slowly but surely, the hotel bar dissolves around them and they are transported back to the tiny southern town where this defining moment—a violent crime of passion—is taken up once again and turned in the light to reveal flaws in the old answers. As it turns out, there is much Luke doesn’t know. And what he doesn’t know can hurt him. Trapped in an increasingly intense emotional exchange, and with no place to go save back into his own dark past, Luke desperately struggles to gain control of an ever more threatening conversation, to discover why Lola Faye has come and what she is after—before it is too late. **HC \$51.95**

Robin Cook*Cure*

With her young son's potentially fatal neuroblastoma in complete remission, New York City medical examiner Laurie Montgomery returns to work, only to face the case of her career. The investigation into the death of CIA agent Kevin Markham is a professional challenge-and has Laurie's colleagues wondering if she still has what it takes after so much time away.

Markham's autopsy results are inconclusive, and though it appears he's been poisoned, toxicology fails to corroborate Laurie's suspicions. While her coworkers doubt her assassination theory, her determination wins over her husband, fellow medical examiner Jack Stapleton, and together they discover associations to a large pharmaceutical company and several biomedical start-ups dealing with stem-cell research. Laurie and Jack race to connect the dots before they are consumed in a dangerous game of biotech espionage. **HC \$54.95**

Colin Cotterill*Love Songs From a Shallow Grave (Dr Siri)*

Seventy-four-year-old Laotian coroner Dr. Siri seeks to find the killer behind the deaths of three women from fencing-sword wounds, but first he must extricate himself from a Cambodian prison, where he faces beatings, torture, and possible death. **HC \$51.95**

Cleo Coyle*Roast Morten (Coffee House Mystery)*

After being rescued by local firefighters while caught in a blazing restaurant, Clare investigates a series of suspicious café fires around New York City and must defend her detective boyfriend, Mike, from false accusations. **HC \$51.95**

Bill Crider*Murder in the Air (Sheriff Dan Rhodes)*

There’s a big stink in Blacklin County, and everyone seems to think Sheriff Dan Rhodes should do something about it. The smell is coming from the giant chicken farm owned by Lester Hamilton. Rhodes sees this as a matter for the state’s air-quality enforcement agency, not the county sheriff. That all changes, however, when Hamilton is found dead, floating in an old rock pit not far from the town of Clearview. Hamilton had probably been engaged in the act of noodling for catfish, which is not only highly dangerous but illegal in Texas.

Rhodes suspects that Hamilton didn’t die by accident, though. There are plenty of suspects, including an eccentric community college professor and one of his colleagues, who lives near the chicken farm and has to wear a respirator mask to ward off the smell. Also, someone known in the county as Robin Hood is going around shooting arrows into utility poles as a protest. When semi-nude protestors arrive at the chicken farm, things really begin to get out of hand. **HC \$51.95**

Ellen Crosby*The Voigner Vendetta (Wine Country)*

When her reunion with an old friend in Washington, D.C. is derailed by the friend's suspicious disappearance along with an invaluable antique, Lucie Montgomery follows elusive clues to discern her friend's fate and the truth about a billionaire philanthropist's involvement. By the author of *The Bordeaux Betrayal*. **HC \$49.95**

Ellen Crosby*The Reising Retribution (Wine Country Mystery)*

When a tornado destroys some of her newest grapevines and unearths the grave of a murdered man, Lucie Montgomery finds herself having to defend her father's innocence in the face of increasing evidence, a situation that is further complicated by abuse allegations that target winemaker Quinn Santori. **PB \$19.95**

Mary Daheim*Loco Motive (Bed and Breakfast Mystery)*

Accompanying her cousin Renie on a cross-country train trip to Boston, Judith McMonigle Flynn is disgusted by the antics of daredevil and fellow passenger Wee Willie Weevil, whose untimely death following the train's collision with a truck identifies the work of a murderer. **HC \$49.95**

Mark Dapin*Australian Author**Kings of the Cross*

Violently funny, brutally incorrect, sly and subversive and addictive... A killer read from a writer who punches both hands and winks at the crowd while he's at it. His protagonist is part punk, part pug, part poet – an anti-hero who reveals his own back story as he gets the King of the Cross to unravel the eerily familiar tale of his unlikely rise from schoolboy pornographer to millionaire philanthropist. Truth might be stranger than fiction but in the hardened artery of Dapin's "King's Cross", alleged fiction rings truer than the alleged facts. A cunning stunt that could get him knee-capped. (Andrew Rule, author of *Underbelly*)

King of the Cross is a dazzling novel that explores the criminal world of Jacob Mendoza: legendary Godfather of Kings Cross and for more than four decades, Australia's most powerful and notorious crime figure. To record his epic life story he employs a hapless young reporter from the Australian Jewish Times. As Mendoza unfolds his seductive story of thugs and drugs, murders and mysteries, bikers, bent cops and girls, girls, girls, it emerges that he's not the only one with a past. And as the memoir takes shape, other more terrifying criminals are circling the kingdom that Mendoza built. This is crime fiction as it's never been written before. Funny, edgy, violent, subversive and utterly compelling, King of the Cross is wickedly entertaining. **BPB \$22.99**

Lindsey Davis*The Jupiter Myth (Falco)*

Marcus Didius Falco is about to get involved in a Londinium noir tale of gangsters, gladiators and love...For Falco, a relaxed visit to Helena's relatives in Britain turns serious at the scene of a downtown murder. The renegade henchman of Rome's vital ally, King Togidubnus, has been stuffed head-first down a bar-room well - leading to a tricky diplomatic situation which Falco must diffuse.

One murder leads to others, and with his vigiles pal Petronius, Falco leads the hunt for gangsters who are intent on taking over, while danger and death lurk throughout their pursuit... **BPB \$24.95**

Falco The Official Companion (Falco)

As the girl came running up the steps, I decided she was wearing far too many clothes...So, in 1989, readers were introduced to Marcus Didius Falco, the Roman informer, as he stood on the steps of the Temple of Saturn, looking out across the Forum: the heart of his world. Twenty years and twenty books later, Falco fans want a companion volume. Only here will you learn the author's private background, including her descent from a failed assassin and how atheism improved her knitting.

Here too are the real glories and heartache involved in research and creation: why the baby had to be born in Barcelona, which plots evolved from intense loathing of management trainees, what part a thermal vest played in the iconic Falco's conception. It can't be a complete handbook to ancient Rome, but it covers perennial issues. There are a hundred illustrations, some specially commissioned, others from family archives.

Enlightening quotations come from the Falco books and from eminent sources: Juvenal, through Chandler, to 1066 and All That. Readers have asked for this book. Their paranoid, secretive author agrees it is now or never.

Time to spill beans on the travertine... **HC \$52.95**

The Silver Pigs (Falco)

Discover one of the world's favourite detectives, as his first case leads him into conspiracy, murder and adventure ...

In 1989 THE SILVER PIGS introduced the world to laid-back first-century detective Marcus Didius Falco, his partner Helena Justina, his law and order pal Petronius, and his indomitable Mother – who became some of the most celebrated characters in historical fiction. Now reissued in a special new edition to celebrate publication of Falco's twentieth investigation, THE SILVER PIGS sees Falco cynically eyeing up the new Roman emperor, Vespasian. Our hero, a private informer, rescues a young girl in trouble and is catapulted into a dangerous game involving stolen imperial ingots, a dark political plot and, most hazardous of all, a senator's daughter connected to the traitors Falco has sworn to expose ... **BPB \$24.95**

Nemesis (Marco Didius Falco 20)

In the high summer of 77AD, Roman informer Marcus Didius Falco is beset by personal problems. Newly bereaved and facing unexpected upheavals in his life, it is a relief for him to consider someone else's misfortunes. A middle-aged couple who supplied statues to his father, Geminus, have disappeared in mysterious circumstances. They had an old feud with a bunch of notorious freedmen, the Claudii, who live rough in the pestilential Pontine Marshes, terrorising the neighbourhood. When a mutilated corpse turns up near Rome, Falco and his vigiles friend Petronius investigate, even though it means travelling in the dread marshes. But just as they are making progress, the Chief Spy, Anacrites, snatches their case away from them. As his rivalry with Falco escalates, he makes false overtures of friendship, but fails to cover up the fact that the violent Claudii have acquired corrupt protection at the highest level. Making further enquiries after they have been warned off can only be dangerous but when did that stop Falco and Petronius? Egged on by the slippery bureaucrats who hate Anacrites, the dogged friends dig deeper while a psychotic killer keeps taking more victims, and the shocking truth creeps closer and closer to home **TP \$32.95**

Brian DeLeeuw*In This Way I Was Saved*

Witnessing the dissolution of his parents' marriage at the age of 6, Luke Nightingale increasingly succumbs to a dangerously violent alter ego who makes cynical and cruelly perceptive observations about his fragile mother, suicide-victim grandmother and other members of their privileged Central Park West family. **TP \$30.95**

Daniel Depp*Babylon Nights (David Sapandau)*

A follow-up to Loser's Town finds the intrepid private investigator working to protect a suicidal A-list actress from a stalker who launches a deadly cat-and-mouse game that takes them from the streets of Hollywood to the chaos of the Cannes Film Festival. **HC \$49.95**

Adrian d'Hage*The Maya Codex*

Deep in the Guatemalan jungle lies the Maya Codex, an ancient document containing a terrible warning for civilisation. Archaeologist Dr Aleta Weizman is desperately searching for the codex, but powerful forces in Washington and Rome will do anything to stop her. When CIA agent Curtis O'Connor joins Aleta in her dangerous quest, he also becomes a target.

Both Weizman and O'Connor know that the earth will align with a massive black hole at the centre of the galaxy on the winter solstice, December 2012 - just as the Mayans predicted. Might a geographic pole shift be on the way? But if discovering the codex can avert this global catastrophe, why are some within the Vatican and the CIA determined it should never be found? The race is on for Weizman and O'Connor, and the very future of our planet is at stake. From the corridors of power in Nazi Germany to modern-day Washington, from the secret archives of the Vatican to the Temple of the Lost World pyramid in the jungles of Central America, The Maya Codex takes us on a heart-stopping journey to find the codex before it's too late. **TP \$32.95**

Richard Doetsch*The 13th Hour*

A tale told in reverse finds an innocent man sitting in jail after being accused of his wife's murder and given an opportunity by a gray-haired stranger to go back in time on an hour-by-hour basis to discover what happened, an opportunity that poses a painful dilemma. **PB \$19.95**

Harry Dolan*Bad Things Happen*

David Loogan is leading a new and quietly anonymous life in a new town. But his solitude is broken when he finds himself drawn into a friendship with Tom Kristoll, the melancholy publisher of the crime magazine *Gray Streets* - and into an affair with Laura, Tom's sleek blond wife.

When Tom offers him a job as an editor, Loogan sees no harm in accepting. What he doesn't realise is that the stories in *Gray Streets* tend to follow a simple formula:

PLANS GO WRONG. BAD THINGS HAPPEN. PEOPLE DIE.

Then one night David's new boss phones him in a panic, asking him to come to his house immediately. And bring a shovel... **BPB \$21.95**

Carole Nelson Douglas*Cat in an Ultramarine Rage (Midnight Louie 22)*

Temple Barr, publicist extraordinaire, is itching to bring off her most dangerous and exciting assignment, helping to launch an endeavor that many a Vegas showmen have dreamed of: a Las Vegas mob museum/casino.

While city powers-that-be hem and haw over doing an official project on the subject, the Family Fontana plans to connect two hotels with a "Chunnel of Crime" featuring an underground speakeasy, a fast "ride" through Vegas crime history by Gangsters custom limo service, and other fun attractions.

Temple's grand scheme to do a live "opening Bugsy Siegel's vault" media event built around a huge safe found buried underground produces a two-day-old body wearing white tie and tails.

With Temple's magician-counterterrorist ex-lover, Max, gone missing and her new fiance, radio shrink Matt Devine, in Chicago for week-long media gig, Temple must depend on "the Vegas Strip Irregulars," a posse of cats, to solve murders old and new that smack of mobs vintage and all too contemporary. Success, or failure, could cost Temple her life, and all nine of Louie's. **HC \$51.95**

Ruth Downie*Persona Non Grata (Gaius Petreius Ruso 03)*

At long last, Gaius Petreius Ruso and his companion, Tilla, are headed home to Gaul. But with Tilla getting icy greetings from Ruso's relatives, a family member having mysteriously drowned at sea, and the whole Ruso household teetering on the edge of bankruptcy, it's hard to imagine an unhappier reunion. That is, until Severus, the family's chief creditor, winds up dead, and the real trouble begins... **TP \$30.95**

Alex Dryden*Moscow Sting*

When Finn, a former British spy, is poisoned by a Russian assassin, his ex-boss Adrian, the chief of MI6, wants vengeance. He also wants answers—information that only Finn's widow knows. But Anna, a former KGB colonel who betrayed her country for love, vanished with her child shortly after Finn's death.

Adrian isn't the only one eager to find Anna. Finn accessed intelligence so sensitive that the KGB killed to protect it—and now Anna is in the KGB's crosshairs, as the only person who knows the true identity of the Kremlin insider, superspy, and double agent called Mikhail. The CIA and Cougar, a giant American private intelligence company, are also hunting her. With the Kremlin still in the grasp of all-powerful Vladimir Putin, Mikhail is the West's best hope for revealing Russia's obscure intentions for its newfound oil wealth.

Anna holds the key to the secrets of her motherland, and now the former Russian agent faces her greatest test. To secure her freedom and protect her child, she must uncover the full truth before anyone else does—even as friend and foe set her in their sights.

Moving from Paris to New York, from the Kremlin to the American Southwest, *Moscow Sting* is an absorbing and timely tale of intrigue, betrayal, fatal lies, and complex truths, told with the authentic detail and chilling insight of an experienced insider. **HC \$51.95**

Elizabeth J Duncan*A Brush With Death*

When Penny Brannigan inherits a charming, old-fashioned cottage in the North Wales town of Llanelen, she soon realizes she has come into more than what real estate agents like to describe as a desirable period property: She's also acquired memories, mystery, and an unsolved, decades-old crime.

As Penny sorts through the belongings of her benefactor, a deceased teacher, she comes upon a packet of letters from a promising young Liverpool artist, A. Jones, who was killed in an accident in 1970. An artist herself, Penny sets out to discover who killed this painter, and is helped by a small group of townsfolk, including her business partner, Victoria Hopkirk. While at a retrospective art exhibition in Liverpool, Penny recognizes what she believes to be a watercolor painted by Jones. But it is attributed to another artist, leading her to suspect that art theft was at the heart of the case, and that Jones's death was no accident. **HC \$51.95**

Aaron Elkins*Skull Duggery (Skeleton Detective 16)*

Gideon is happy to be in Mexico with his wife—until he's asked to examine the mummified corpse of a drifter thought to be shot to death. Gideon's findings reveal that the cause of death is far more bizarre. Then he's asked to examine the skeleton of a murder victim found a year earlier—only to discover another coroner error. The *Skeleton Detective* knows that two "mistakenly" identified bodies are never a coincidence. But if he isn't careful, unearthing the connection between them could make him another murder statistic in Mexico. **PB \$19.95**

Dianne Emley*The Deepest Cut*

Back from the dead. That's how it feels for Nan Vining, a Pasadena homicide cop determined to find the brutal madman who attacked her a year ago. Nan's daughter calls the unknown assailant T. B. Mann—The Bad Man. On the job, Nan breaks rules and steals evidence, building a case file based on the certainty that T. B. Mann is obsessed with women who wear uniforms, that he hunts them, kills them, then adorns them with a pearl necklace.

At the crime scene of her official assignment, the murder of an ex-con, Nan spots a graffiti tag and is sure, against all reason, that T. B. Mann was there, too. Further complicating matters is Nan's developing relationship with Detective Jim Kissick, but she knows that opening her heart means losing control. Then T. B. Mann reemerges from the shadows for a final confrontation, bringing Nan to the sudden, horrifying realization that her killer has baited the perfect trap. **PB \$12.95**

Chris Ewan

The Good Thief's Guide to Vegas (Good Thief's Guides)

Charlie Howard isn't only a part-time crime writer and part-time thief; he's also a magician. For his next trick, he'll relieve Josh Masters, the famous illusionist vying for the affections of Charlie's friend Victoria, of \$60,000 in casino chips stashed in his hotel safe.

Revenge would be sweet—if there weren't a dead redhead floating in Masters' bathtub and if Masters hadn't just disappeared in a puff of smoke after cheating at roulette. Convinced that Charlie was in on the scam, the casino's owners give him an impossible mission: either pull off an elaborate heist to reimburse the house for every dollar his "accomplice" made off with, or enjoy a one-way trip into the desert. **HC \$51.95**

Ann Featherstone

Walking in Pimlico

To 'walk in Pimlico' is, according to the Penguin Dictionary of Historical Slang, the colloquial expression 'to be handsomely dressed'. Comedian, clog dancer, comic vocalist, actor and all-round funny fellow Corney Sage is treading the boards at the Constellation in Whitechapel when he stumbles across the body of an actress outside the theatre and catches sight of the killer as he escapes. Corney was not the only witness. Fellow actress Lucy Strong also saw what happened and when the murderer returns to the scene of the crime that same night, both fear for their lives. Corney and Lucy flee London separately, keeping in touch with each other through a series of advertisements in the trade paper, the Era. Certain they have escaped the same fate as Bessie, they settle into their new lives away from London. But the murderer - a master of disguise - is slowly closing in on them and it is only a matter of time before he pounces...

From the drawing rooms of polite society to the back rooms of brothels, through music halls, circus rings and freak shows, Ann Featherstone brilliantly reconstructs 19th century England in this gripping psychological thriller. **BPB \$24.99**

Zoe Ferraris

City of Veils

When the body of a brutally beaten woman is found on the beach in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Detective Osama Ibrahim dreads investigating another unsolvable murder--chillingly common in a city where the veils of conservative Islam keep women as anonymous in life as the victim is in death.

But Katya, one of the few females in the coroner's office, is determined to identify the woman and find her killer. Aided by her friend Nayir, she soon discovers that the victim was a young, controversial filmmaker named Leila. Was it Leila's connection to an incendiary Koranic scholar or a missing American man that got her killed?

Combines a suspenseful and tightly woven mystery with an intimate and nuanced portrait of women's lives in the Middle East. **HC \$51.95**

Dan Fesperman

Arms Maker of Berlin

A ruthless arms billionaire and a disgraced history professor share a terrible secret. Nat Turnbull is dragged abruptly from his quiet academic life when his former mentor Professor Gordon Wolfe is arrested for stealing top secret archive documents dating back to the Second World War. Coerced into examining the archives for the FBI, Nat finds intriguing references both to Wolfe's activities in an Allied intelligence office in Switzerland during the war, and to a mysterious student resistance group in Berlin known as the White Rose. Following Wolfe's cryptic clues to Europe, soon Nat is in a desperate race to unlock the truth, before it gets him killed. **PB \$22.99**

Gillian Flynn

Dark Places

Libby Day was just seven years old when her older brother massacred her family while she hid in a cupboard. Her evidence helped put him away. Ever since then she has been drifting, surviving for over twenty years on the proceeds of the 'Libby Day fund'. But now the money is running out and Libby is desperate. When she is offered \$500 to do a guest appearance, she feels she has to accept. But this is no ordinary gathering. The Kill Club is a group of true-crime obsessives who share information on notorious murders and they think her brother Ben is innocent. Ben was a social misfit, ground down by the small-town farming community in which he lived. But he did have a girlfriend - a brooding heavy metal fan called Diondra. Through her, Ben became involved with drugs and the dark arts. When the town suddenly turned against him, his thoughts turned black. But was he capable of murder? Libby must delve into her family's past to uncover the truth. **PB \$22.99**

Allan Folsom Australian Author

The Hadrian Memorandum

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

The President of the USA sends Marten to the West African country of Equatorial Guinea to gain information on alleged collusion between a US oil company and mercenaries hired to protect its workers. Marten is caught up in a bloody civil war between rebellious tribesmen and a merciless dictator. He meets a priest who has clandestine photographs that show the mercenaries supplying arms to the rebels. When the priest is captured by army troops, Marten is determined to find the photographs and turn them over to the president before they are made public and ignite a global firestorm of protest and propaganda. But others are close on his heels...

Murder, suspense and deceit shadow Marten every inch of the way as his harrowing journey. At stake are thousands of human lives caught in the struggle for control of an ocean of oil. The cause is a top secret agreement called The Hadrian Memorandum. **APB \$19.99**

Dick Francis

Even Money

On the first day of Royal Ascot, the crowd rejoices in a string of winning favourites. Ned Talbot has worked all his life as a bookmaker - taking over the family business from his grandfather - so he knows not to expect any sympathy from the punters as they count their winnings, and he counts his losses. He's seen the ups and downs before - but, as the big gambling conglomerates muscle in on small concerns like his, Ned wonders if it's worth it any more.

When a grey-haired man steps forward from the crowd claiming to be his father, Ned's life is thrown into far deeper turmoil. He'd been told since he was a baby that his parents had died in a car crash.

Barely an hour later his newly found father is stabbed by an unknown assailant in the Ascot car park. Blood oozing from his abdomen, he warns Ned: 'Be very careful'. But of whom? Of what? Ned finds himself in a race to solve his father's riddles, a race where coming second could cost him more than even money, it could cost him his life. **APB \$19.95**

Brian Freemantle*Red Star Rising*

The body of a murdered, tortured Russian has been found in Moscow. Sadly, this isn't unusual. But unlike most corpses, this one has been found on the lawn of the British Embassy.

London sends special agent Charlie Muffin to investigate. It's been years since he last came to Russia, but he finds that little has changed in the post-Soviet era. The espionage performed by Russian, British, and American spies continues unabated. While trying to ferret out the identities of the killers, Charlie faces down greater dangers that threaten to throw foreign relations between the world powers into turmoil.

Red Star Rising is an intriguing update on the classic spy thriller, set in a modern-day Russia where the only thing that has changed about the KGB is its name. **HC \$52.95**

Tana French*Faithful Place*

The course of Frank Mackey's life was set by one defining moment when he was nineteen. The moment his girlfriend, Rosie Daly, failed to turn up for their rendezvous in Faithful Place, failed to run away with him to London as they had planned. Frank never heard from her again. Twenty years on, Frank is still in Dublin, working as an undercover cop. He's cut all ties with his dysfunctional family. Until his sister calls to say that Rosie's suitcase has been found. Frank embarks on a journey into his past that demands he reevaluate everything he believes to be true. **TP \$32.99**

In the Woods

When he was twelve years old, Adam Ryan went playing in the woods one day with his two best friends. He never saw them again. Their bodies were never found, and Adam himself was discovered with his back pressed against an oak tree and his shoes filled with blood. He had no memory of what had happened. Twenty years on, Rob Ryan - the child who came back - is a detective in the Dublin police force. He's changed his name. No one knows about his past. Then a little girl's body is found at the site of the old tragedy and Rob is drawn back into the mystery. Knowing that he would be thrown off the case if his past were revealed, Rob takes a fateful decision to keep quiet but hope that he might also solve the twenty-year-old mystery of the woods. **PB \$19.99**

Jamie Freveletti*Running From the Devil (Emma Caldrige 01)*

A chemist for a cosmetics company and an ultramarathon runner, Emma Caldrige is en route from Miami to Bogotá when her plane goes down in the mountains near the Venezuelan border. Thrown unhurt from the wreckage, she watches in horror as guerrillas drag the other passengers into the jungle. Stranded and alone in a deadly environment, Emma has no choice but to follow—and stumbles across Cameron Sumner, an injured government agent who was left behind to die.

As a Washington, D.C., task force races to the crash site in hopes of finding survivors, Emma and Cameron creep closer to a nightmare they may be powerless to prevent. But Emma is no ordinary woman—and she guards a secret both powerful and deadly that her adversaries would gleefully kill to possess.

And now she must run . . . **APB \$19.99**

Scott Frost*Wait for Dark*

Scott Frost is back with another explosive crime novel featuring Alex Delillo. As the heat rises, LA begins to experience a series of power blackouts. As the situation worsens, LAPD is put on tactical alert in preparation for nightfall. With every available cop on the streets, Lt. Alex Delillo and her partner, Harrison, are holding the fort at headquarters, waiting for the first homicide call. But when that call comes in, the voice on the other end isn't a victim pleading for help. It's a voice talking in riddles, pointing to a murder that is about to be committed once night falls. Delillo and Harrison pinpoint the call to an office in a brokerage firm in the building across the street. But as they arrive, only a ringing phone awaits them. It's the caller again, warning them that it's almost dark, and they don't have much time to stop what is about to happen to the office's occupant. Now the killer has Delillo's attention and his plan is in motion. Dark is coming and it doesn't wait for anyone. Can Delillo find the killer before it's too late? **TP \$32.99**

Lisa Gardner*Live to Tell*

Danielle often thinks about that night when her childhood her ended. The sound of her father shooting her mother and then hunting down her brother, as she covered under her duvet, trying to drown out the sound. She can remember the sound her brother made as he was killed. And she can remember her father standing in the doorway of her bedroom, saying 'I'm sorry, Danielle...' before he turned the gun on himself. Haunting enough for any child, but Danielle has always wondered, why not her too? Why did her father let her go? Years later, Danielle is working in a hospital that deals with the most violent and damaged of children - someone there knows something about her past and is prepared to kill to keep it quiet... **TP \$32.99**

Tess Gerritsen*The Killing Place*

Something terrible has happened in the snowbound village of Kingdom Come, Wyoming. Twelve eerily identical houses stand dark and abandoned. Meals remain untouched on dining room tables. Cars are still parked in garages. The human occupants have vanished, seemingly into thin air.

This is the unsettling place where Maura Isles finds herself trapped during a snowstorm. She has joined a group of friends on a drive to an isolated ski lodge, but when a wrong turn leaves her car stranded in deep snow, she stumbles down a private road into the valley of Kingdom Come, where she takes shelter - and disappears.

Days later, Jane Rizzoli flies to Wyoming to search for her missing friend. A crashed vehicle has been found with four badly burned bodies still inside. The authorities assume that one of the women is Maura. But is it?

Jane Rizzoli's search for the truth leads her to Kingdom Come, where a terrifying and gruesome discovery lies buried beneath the snow ... **TP \$32.95**

Daniel Lynn Golemon*Primeval (Event Group)*

Twenty thousand years ago, when man crossed the land bridge to North America, creatures called They Who Follow made the great trek as well. But once in the new continent, the giant beasts disappeared, whether into hiding or extinction, no one knew.

Centuries later, a battered journal – the only evidence left from the night of the Romanovs' execution – turns up in a rare bookstore. As the U.S. and Russians vie for the truth, and the lost Romanov treasure, they collide with a prehistoric predator thought long-extinct.

It's up to the Event Group to lay to rest the legends. On an expedition into the wilds of British Columbia, Colonel Jack Collins and his team make a horrifying discovery in the continent's last deep wilderness, where men have been vanishing for centuries. **HC \$44.99**

David Goodwillie

American Subversive

As the twenty-first century enters its second decade, foreign wars, the lingering recession and a caustic political environment are taking their toll on Americans. But the party hasn't ended for Aidan Cole and his friends, a band of savvy -- if cynical -- New York journalists and bloggers who thrive at the intersection of media and celebrity. At wine-sodden dinner parties or in dimly lit downtown bars, their frenetic talk -- of scoops and page views, sexual adventures and trendy restaurants -- continues unabated. Then, without warning, the specter of terrorism reenters their lives. A bomb rips through the deserted floor of a midtown office tower. Middle Eastern terrorists are immediately suspected. But four days later, with no arrests and a city on edge, an anonymous email arrives in Aidan's in-box. Attached is the photograph of an attractive young white woman, along with a chilling message: "This is Paige Roderick. She's the one responsible."

So begins an extraordinary journey into the dark soul of modern America -- from a back-to-the-land community in the Smoky Mountains to a Weather Underground-like bomb factory in Vermont; from Fishers Island, isolated getaway of the wealthy elite, to the hip lofts of Manhattan's Meatpacking District. *American Subversive* is David Goodwillie's sharp and penetrating take on the paranoia of our times -- and its real, untold dangers. In examining the connection between our collective apathy and the roots of insurrection, Goodwillie has crafted an intoxicating story of two young Americans grasping for a foothold in a culture -- and a country -- that's crumbling around them.

Hailed as a "clever, compelling, page-turner" in the *Washington Post*, Goodwillie's memoir *Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time* was a "breakout first book" (*Elle*) and a "searing sketch of a decade in decline" (*Louisville Courier-Journal*). Now, with his debut novel, David Goodwillie announces himself as a major new voice in American fiction. Expertly written, relentlessly suspenseful, and bitingly funny, *American Subversive* is both an unnervingly realistic tale of domestic terrorism and a perfectly observed portrait of Manhattan in the digital age **TP \$32.99**

Nancy Grace

Death on the D-List

After she moves to New York City and becomes a TV crime fighter, former felony prosecutor Hailey Dean learns that the television industry is filled with treachery when a killer targets a series of beautiful actresses, each one a former star struggling to get back into the limelight. **HC \$52.95**

Shawn Grady

Tomorrow We Die

Jonathan Trestle is a paramedic who's spent the week a few steps behind the angel of death. When he responds to a call about a man sprawled on a downtown sidewalk, Trestle isn't about to lose another victim. CPR revives the man long enough for him to hand Trestle a crumpled piece of paper and say, "Give this to Martin," before being taken to the hospital. The note is a series of dashes and haphazard scribbles. Trestle tries to follow up with the patient later, but at the ICU he learns the man awoke, pulled out his IVs, and vanished, leaving only a single key behind. Jonathan tracks the key to a nearby motel where he finds the man again--this time not just dead but murdered. Unwilling to just let it drop, Jonathan is plunged into a mystery that soon threatens not only his dreams for the future but maybe even his life. **TP \$30.95**

Andrew Grant

Die Twice

Cooler than Bond. Deadlier than Bourne. The second spy thriller in the David Trevelyan series.

Obligated to leave New York City in the aftermath of his previous mission, David Trevelyan is summoned to the British Consulate in Chicago. To the same office where, just a week before, his new handler was attacked and shot by a Royal Navy Intelligence operative gone bad. Assigned the task of finding the rogue agent, and putting an end to his treacherous scheme, Trevelyan soon finds that once again his only hope of saving countless innocence lives lies not within the system, but in his instinctive believe -- you're bound to do what's right, whatever the cost may be. **TP \$32.99**

Even

A dazzling high-impact spy thriller debut introducing David Trevelyan.

David Trevelyan takes a lonely late-night walk between a restaurant and his New York City hotel. A familiar huddled shape in the mouth of an alley catches his eye. A homeless man has been shot dead. As David steps forward, a police car arrives. And a second too late he realizes he's been set up. Trevelyan isn't worried. He's a survivor from the shadowy world of Royal Navy Intelligence. He's been in and out of trouble a thousand times before. But when the police hand the case to the FBI, he's sucked deeper into the system.

With no idea who is friend and who is foe, he penetrates deep into a huge international conspiracy, which spans from war-torn Iraq to the very heart of the USA. He knows that the price of failure will be death, but the reward for success will be redemption -- for himself as well as for the huddled corpse from the alley. His motivation is his cherished life-long belief: you don't get mad -- you get EVEN. **BPB \$22.99**

Singapore Sling Shot

Former British agent Daniel Swann is living in semi-retirement in Hong Kong when he receives a call for help from his old friend Thai drug lord Sami Somsak. Sami's stepbrother and his family have been murdered, and Sami's brainchild, the \$6-billion Intella Island project, Singapore's largest offshore construction, is in jeopardy. When Swann attempts to retrieve vital evidence hidden in Fort Siloso, a bloody gun battle erupts on Sentosa island, and staid, quiet Singapore becomes a raging battlefield.

Chinese Triads, a ruthless Colombian drug cartel and a shipping container holding \$2 billion dollars converge on Singapore as Swann and his associates battle to save the Intella Island project and seek their revenge on Singapore's unscrupulous Thomas Lu -- the man they call The Undertaker. **BPB \$22.99**

Jordan Gray

Stolen (Blackpool Mystery)

A cozy English seaside town built on secrets and smugglers, Blackpool is a haven for tourists and home to generations of locals who like their privacy. American Molly Graham and her British husband, Michael, are considered outsiders, but feel irresistibly drawn to this town...and its darker curiosities. Because Blackpool harbors dangerous mysteries.

And murder is just the beginning....

A shattering scream outside the old theater leads to the victim, a woman whose past in Blackpool is linked to a seventy-year-old train wreck, a lost child and a cache of valuable paintings smuggled out of London during World War II. After a number of frustrating missteps, can Molly and Michael discover the killer in their midst? In Blackpool they know secrets run deep. And some want them hidden forever--at any cost. **PB \$19.95**

George Dawes Green

Ravens

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

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

That night, he visits the Boatwright home and takes the family hostage, while Romeo patrols the streets nearby, prepared to murder the Boatwrights' loved ones at any sign of resistance. At first, the family offers none. But Shaw's plot depends on maintaining constant fear-merciless, unfaltering terror-and soon, under the pressure, everyone's sanity begins to unravel . . . At once frightening, comic, and suspenseful, RAVENS is a wholly original and utterly compelling novel from one of our most talented writers. **TP \$28.95**

W E B Griffin & William E Butterworth IV

The Vigilantes (Badge of Honor)

There's a sudden spike in murders in Philadelphia, but no one seems to mind much because the victims all seem to be lowlifes. The more Homicide Sergeant Matthew Payne investigates, however, the more he gets a bad feeling-one that only gets worse when vigilante groups spring up claiming credit for some of the hits, even though Payne knows it can't be true. As the targets get bigger and events start moving out of control, Payne realizes that if he and his colleagues can't figure out who's behind this very soon, the violence could overtake them all.

Filled with authentic color and detail, this is a riveting novel of the men and women who put their lives on the line-storytelling at its absolute best. **HC \$54.95**

Peter Grimsdale

Just Watch Me

When Dan Carter is forced to miss a much-needed family holiday, his wife and children go ahead without him. Within hours, their plane has disappeared over the Atlantic and his life is changed for ever. Stricken by grief, Dan goes in search of answers. Was this simply a terrible tragedy or something more sinister - something personal? For the Carters are not a normal family. Perhaps they never were... Shadows from the past gather around him as Dan edges closer to the truth and a chilling conspiracy threatens to engulf him. But in a world where nothing is as it seems, who can he really trust...? **PB \$22.99**

Michael Gruber

The Good Son

Somewhere in Pakistan, Sonia Laghari and eight fellow members of a symposium on peace are being held captive by armed terrorists. Sonia, a deeply religious woman as well as a Jungian psychologist, has become the de facto leader of the kidnapped group. While her son Theo, an ex-Delta soldier, uses his military connections to find and free the victims, Sonia tries to keep them all alive by working her way into the kidnappers' psyches and interpreting their dreams. With her knowledge of their language, her familiarity with their religion, and her Jungian training, Sonia confounds her captors with her insights and beliefs. Meanwhile, when the kidnappers decide to kill their captives, one by one, in retaliation for perceived crimes against their country, Theo races against the clock to try and save their lives. **TP \$29.99**

Jane Haddam

Wanting Shiela Dead (Gregory Demarkian)

Sheila Dunham is a gossip columnist's dream—she's famous, loud and, to most who meet or see her, deeply offensive. As a result, she's been fired from every job on television she's ever had—first as a serious journalist, then as a personality, finally as a reality show judge. Now she's producing and hosting her own reality show, "America's Next Top Anchor," shot in her hometown of New Fenwick, Connecticut. Everyone she employs is terrified of her; everyone else hates her. And everybody seems to want Sheila dead.

Finally it seems someone has decided to try. After millions of dollars of jewels are stolen from her home, she is found beaten into unconsciousness, next to the murdered body of a local girl. If nothing else, her show's ratings are going to improve.

Gregor Demarkian, a retired FBI agent, is already scheduled to appear on her show but he's going to consult on the biggest murder case to hit that part of Connecticut since the Revolutionary War. But how do you narrow down the suspects when the victim was hated by everyone? **HC \$52.95**

Brian Haig

The Capitol Game

It was the deal of the decade, if not the century. A small, insignificant company on the edge of bankruptcy had discovered an alchemist's dream; a miraculous polymer, that when coated on any vehicle, was the equivalent of 30 inches of steel. With bloody conflicts surging in Iraq and Afghanistan, the polymer promises to save thousands of lives and change the course of both wars.

Jack Wiley, a successful Wall Street banker, believes he has found a dream come true when he mysteriously learns of this miraculous polymer. His plan: enlist the help of the Capitol Group, one of the country's largest and most powerful corporations in a quick, bloodless takeover of the small company that developed the polymer. It seems like a partnership made in heaven...until the Pentagon's investigative service begins nosing around, and the deal turns into a nightmare. Now, Jack's back is up against the wall and he and the Capitol Group find themselves embroiled in the greatest scandal the government and corporate America have ever seen... **HC \$52.95**

The Hunted

In 1987, Alex Konevitch was thrown out of MoscowUniversity for "indulging his entrepreneurial spirit." But by 1991, he was worth \$300 million. On track to become Russia's wealthiest man, he makes one critical mistake: he hires the former deputy director of the KGB to handle his corporate security. And then his world begins to fall apart. Kidnapped, beaten, and forced to relinquish his business and his fortune, Alex and his wife escape to the United States, only to be accused by his own government of stealing millions from his business. With a mob contract out on his life and the FBI hot on his trail, Alex is a desperate man without a country -facing the ultimate sacrifice for the chance to build a new life for himself and his family. **PB \$19.95**

C S Harris

What Remains of Heaven (Sebastian St Cyr 05)

Reinhardt and Kristine Ris, a married couple, are out for a Sunday walk when they discover the body of a boy and see the figure of a man limping away. They alert the police, but not before Reinhardt, to Kristine's horror, kneels down and takes photographs of the dead child with his cell phone. Inspectors Konrad Sejer and Jakob Skarre begin to make inquiries in the little town of Huseby. But then another boy disappears, and an explanation seems more remote than ever. Meanwhile, the Rises' marriage unravels as Reinhardt becomes obsessed with the tragic events and his own part in them. **TP \$28.95**

Michael Harvey*The Fifth Floor*

Michael Kelly, a tough-talking Irish cop turned Private Investigator, is hired by an ex-flame to tail her abusive husband. But what looked like a bread-and-butter domestic dispute will turn out to be more than he bargained for. The tail leads him to an old house on Chicago's North Side. Here he finds a body and what looks like the answer to one of Chicago's most enduring mysteries: who started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and why. As he explores further he is drawn into a web of corruption and intrigue that reaches right to the top. The Mayor of Chicago is hiding secrets that date back to the Fire and beyond. Soon Kelly finds himself in the last place he wants to be - City Hall's fifth floor, where the Mayor is feeling the heat and looking to silence any investigations. **BPB \$24.95**

Reginald Hill*The Woodcutter*

Wolf Hadda's life has been a fairytale. From humble origins as a Cumbrian woodcutter's son, he has risen to become a hugely successful entrepreneur, happily married to the girl of his dreams.

A knock on the door one morning ends it all. Universally reviled, thrown into prison while protesting his innocence, abandoned by friends and family, Wolf retreats into silence. Seven years later prison psychiatrist Alva Ozigbo makes the breakthrough. Wolf begins to talk and under her guidance gets parole, returning to his rundown family home in rural Cumbria.

But there is a mysterious period in Wolf's youth when he disappeared from home and was known to his employers as the Woodcutter. And now the Woodcutter is back, looking for the truth -- and with the truth, revenge. Can Alva intervene before his pursuit of vengeance takes him to a place from which he can never come back ...? **TP \$32.99**

Adimchinma Ibe*Treachery in the Yard (Detective Peterside 01)*

A stunning police procedural debut from one of Nigeria's young up-and-coming talents, Treachery in the Yard introduces an electrifying new setting to the world of international crime fiction

Detective Peterside is drawn into the politics of Nigeria when a bomb goes off at Mr. Pius Okpara's home. Mr. Okpara is locked in a conflict with a political rival, as both men are seeking their party's nomination prior to the general election.

As Detective Peterside investigates, one murder leads to another and soon events appear to be spiraling out of control. The more he digs, the more corruption surfaces. Soon he is not sure whom to trust, including even his own mentor.

An intriguing blend of locale and familiar police procedure, Treachery in the Yard provides a unique brand of international suspense. **HC \$45.95**

Lisa Jackson*Running Scared*

Haunted by the fear that her adopted son Jon, who is now 15, will be taken away, Kate Summers finds herself trapped in a living nightmare when someone will go to any lengths—including murder—to claim him, forcing her to trust a mysterious stranger who has secrets of his own. **PB \$19.95**

Miranda James*Murder Past Due (Cat in the Stacks 01)*

There's a cat in the stacks...

...and he makes the purr-fect partner for a librarian-turned-sleuth.

Everyone in Athena, Mississippi, knows librarian Charlie Harris-and his Maine coon cat named Diesel that he walks on a leash. They also know his former classmate-turned-famous bestselling novelist, Godfrey Priest.

But someone in Athena took Godfrey off the bestseller lists- permanently, and with extreme prejudice. Now, Charlie and Diesel must browse through the history section of the town's past to find a killer. **PB \$19.95**

P D James*The Lighthouse*

Combe Island off the Cornish coast offers rest and seclusion to over-stressed professionals who have paid the price of getting to the top. But when one of these distinguished visitors is found hanging from the top of the island's lighthouse, murder – not suicide – is suspected.

Commander Adam Dalglish and his team are immediately called in: the investigation must be swift, discreet, decisive. However, Dalglish has his work cut out, since both residents and visitors to Combe Island guard their privacy well – even when murder makes them a suspect. Does the islanders' reticence betray a knowledge of the crime? Another death and Dalglish's own life in danger throws the entire investigation into jeopardy .

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J A Jance*Fire and Ice (Beaumont and Brady)*

In Seattle . . . six women have died terrible deaths—wrapped in tarps, doused with gasoline, and set on fire—their charred remains unceremoniously scattered in various dump sites around the city. Investigator J. P. Beaumont is working overtime to unravel a killer's grisly pattern.

In the Arizona desert . . . Sheriff Joanna Brady of Cochise County investigates the cold-blooded slaying of the elderly caretaker of an ATV park, heartlessly run over and left to die—the innocent victim in a brutal turf war . . . or possibly something far more sinister.

Two cases separated by thousands of miles are drawing closer together by the hour—and drawing Beau once more into Brady country. Sparks flew the last time they joined forces. This time, it'll be murder . . . **PB \$21.95**

Quintin Jardine*Blood Red*

From Scotland's King of Crime comes a thrilling Primavera mystery... Primavera is enjoying the quiet life in an idyllic village on the Catalan coast of Spain. The attractive single mother and eight-year-old Tom, son of the late and still lamented Oz Blackstone, are popular figures in the tiny community. But her close friendship with the parish priest has eyebrows rising and tongues wagging. Then a dispute explodes with a powerful councillor who refuses to allow the village wine fair to go ahead.

When his body is found, head caved in, some ominous questions are asked... **PB \$22.99**

Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen

Storm Cycle

Rachel Kirby is a computer genius whose personal life is falling apart. While her beloved younger sister is dying of a rare illness, Rachel is running out of time to connect the intricate pieces of a technological puzzle that will keep her alive. When a call comes from thousands of miles away, she is shocked to learn that a mysterious man named John Tavak has unearthed a stunningly important secret in an Egyptian tomb. It's a discovery that humankind has been seeking for centuries—one that may save the life of Rachel's sister and many thousands more.

But a powerful enemy is also in white-hot pursuit. Desperate to protect Tavak's find, Rachel adds her own cutting-edge expertise to his, joining forces—across three continents—to bring to light an ancient civilization's amazing legacy. As their lethal adversary draws closer, Rachel and Tavak will face murder and deceit at every turn as they race to unravel a 4,500-year-old secret...before it is lost to the ages. **PB \$19.95**

Andrea Kane

Drawn In Blood

No stranger to the destructiveness of twisted minds, former FBI Special Agent Sloane Burbank never expected evil to invade the lives of her family. When her mother is viciously attacked in her posh Manhattan apartment, Sloane realizes this was no ordinary robbery. The thieves came for something special—willing to brutalize, even kill for it, if necessary—and though it's clear Sloane's father is somehow involved, he isn't talking. Then a mysterious message left for the respected art dealer sets Sloane on a dangerous course to uncover a deadly secret hidden in her father's past . . . while carefully guarding secrets of her own.

A sadistic, power-mad monster is focusing his attention on the people Sloane cherishes, and not even Special Agent Derek Parker, the man she loves, can help her. She alone must uncover a shocking truth before time runs out.

Because suddenly a killer is tightening the noose . . . **PB \$19.95**

Alex Kava

Black Friday (Maggei O'Dell 07)

On the busiest shopping day of the year, a group of idealistic college students believe they're about to carry out an elaborate media stunt at the largest mall in America. They think the equipment in their backpacks will disrupt stores' computer systems, causing delays and chaos, disrupting capitalism, if only for a moment.

What they don't realize is that instead of jamming devices, their backpacks contain explosives. And they're about to become unwitting suicide bombers.

FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell must put her own political troubles aside to work with Nick Morrelli and figure out who's behind this terrorist plot—a massacre that's all the more frightening when a tip reveals that Maggie's brother is one of the doomed protestors. **PB \$19.95**

Damaged

Special Agent Maggie O'Dell has seen a lot in her career, and amidst the killers, psychos and criminals she has hunted, she's delved deep into the darkest, most shockingly evil recesses of the human mind. But when a cool box filled with body parts washes up on the shore of Florida's Pensacola Beach, even Maggie isn't prepared for what she is about to get into. While across the state, people brace themselves against the onslaught of a hurricane advancing across the Gulf of Mexico, Maggie begins the laborious process of tracking down the cooler's origins. Tracing the butchered corpse back to a missing persons case weeks earlier, Maggie uncovers the gruesome network of an underground cadaver trade. Little does she know that things are about to take an even darker turn... **TP \$29.99**

Jessie Keane

Jail Bird

Blonde and beautiful Lily King is back on the scene -- and not in a good way. Her family haven't missed her. Her husband, London villain Leo King, certainly hasn't, because he's dead. Lily killed him and did time for it.

At least, that's the story. Everyone believes it. But Lily knows it's not true. She knows she was fitted up by someone close to her.

Now, she's just hit thirty, she's out, and she doesn't do forgiveness.

But in her absence, things have moved on, the old order has changed, and now she's ready to reclaim her position as head of the King family.

Fuelled by vengeance and power, Lily King is back.

London won't know what hit it. **BPB \$24.99**

Faye Kellerman

Hangman

Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus face a familiar sociopath in this electrifying new tale of suspense from NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author Faye Kellerman.

Obsessive and duty-bound, LAPD Lieutenant Peter Decker reluctantly agrees to do a big favour for old friend, Teresa McLaughlin, knowing full well that it will bring her sociopathic husband, Chris Donatti, back into his life. When Terry goes missing, and Donatti's disappearance follows, their 14-year-old son Gabe has no one to turn to except Peter and his wife, Rina Lazarus.

Then a neo-natal nurse at St. Timothy's hospital, Adrianna Blanc, is found swinging from the rafters of a house in a wealthy suburban area. A popular party-girl, to the disgust of her close friends and family she indulged in recreational drugs and casual sex. Her boyfriend, Garth Hammerling, a nurse at the same hospital, is no angel either, and the discovery that Adrianna's final phone-call announced their split only adds to the police's suspicions.

With lives hanging in the balance, both at home and at work, Decker and his team need to find answers and fast. Since Donatti is still at loose, no one can ever be really safe ... **TP \$32.99**

Patrick Larkin

The Lazarus Vendetta (Robert Ludlum's Covert One 05)

In the increasingly turbulent atmosphere of international politics, the once grassroots anti-globalisation movement has been slowly taken over by the underground radical anti-technology group fronted by a mysterious figure known only as Lazarus. All attempts to infiltrate the group have failed and the intelligence agents involved have all disappeared without a trace.

Now Lazarus is preparing to make his boldest move yet. Lt. Col. Jon Smith is activated by Covert-One to bring his skills to bear in uncovering the truth behind the terrorists. For, unbeknownst to the world at large, the Lazarus Movement is on the brink of setting in motion a deadly scheme that will risk the lives of billions and forever change the nature of the world. **BPB \$22.99**

Louisa Larkin *Australian Author*

The Genesis Flaw

He kicked the leather chair away and instantly the rope snapped tight. His lungs burned and the veins in his face felt close to bursting. His brown eyes bulged as if in surprise. Which, of course, it wasn't. He had to die: it was his only option.

Human experiments in Zimbabwe. An Australian farmer's death. A Sydney CEO's suicide. These events are linked in the mind of one woman, Serena Swift, a ballsy advertising director with a guilty conscience, when decides to take on one of the world's most powerful producers of genetically modified food, Gen-Asis. Serena disguises herself to infiltrate Gen-Asis in an attempt to expose the company's horrific genetic experiments but little realises her investigations are being watched by those most powerful in the company. Suddenly Swift's informants disappear, she is hunted by a hired killer, and framed for murder. Chased from Sydney to New York, she must face the man she fears most, on his own turf. If she fails, nothing can stop a global catastrophe. And nobody can help her - except a dead man. The Genesis Flaw is an environmental thriller that is spine-chillingly pertinent for our times, and will grip readers from beginning to end. **TP \$32.95**

Stephen Leather

Rough Justice

Villains across London are being beaten, crippled and killed by vigilante cops. Crime rates are falling, but the powers that be want Dan 'Spider' Shepherd to bring the wave of rough justice to an end. Shepherd has always known that there are grey areas in the fight against crime. And that sometimes justice gets lost in the process. He has never been comfortable investigating cops, but working for the Serious Organised Crime Agency means that he has no choice. He has to go undercover with an elite group of officers who are at the sharp end of policing, risking their lives daily on the toughest streets in the Capital. But Shepherd has hard decisions of his own to make when his family is in the firing line. **TP \$32.99**

Amanda Lee

The Quick and the Thread (Embroidery Mystery 01)

First in a new mystery series that will have readers stitching-and itching for more

When Marcy Singer opens an embroidery specialty shop in quaint Tallulah Falls, Oregon, she throws a soiree and a Stitch-In. Soon, Marcy's sign-up sheet for embroidery classes fills up and everyone in town seems willing to raise a glass-or a needle-to support the newly-opened Seven Year Stitch. Then Marcy finds the shop's previous tenant dead in the store-room, a message scratched with a tapestry needle on the wall beside him. Now Marcy's shop has become a crime scene, and she's the prime suspect. She'll have to find the killer before someone puts a final stitch in her. **PB \$17.95**

Kevin Lewis

Scent of a Killer

THE HUNTER HAS BECOME THE PREY . . .

The headless corpses of three men are found in a London side street. Their mutilated torsos are witness to the unspeakable agony of a hard death. It becomes chillingly clear that this discovery is a horrific message to the Metropolitan Police, and to one officer in particular.

DI Stacey Collins finds herself on the hunt for a psychopathic killer. But it would seem that this is no ordinary homicide . . . all the victims had themselves been predators, terrorising the innocent. Is this a twisted vigilante mission, or something far more sinister?

Meanwhile, Collins must also battle her own demons, as the MET's Internal Affairs department investigate her past and her connections to London's underworld.

Collins faces her toughest challenge yet - torn between justice and revenge. **APB \$19.95**

Laura Lippman

I'd Know You Anywhere

The acclaimed New York Times bestselling author returns with a new stand-alone novel—a powerful and utterly riveting tale that skillfully moves between past and present to explore the lasting effects of crime on a victim's life...I'd Know You Anywhere

Eliza Benedict cherishes her peaceful, ordinary suburban life with her successful husband and children, thirteen-year-old Iso and eight-year-old Albie. But her tranquillity is shattered when she receives a letter from the last person she ever expects—or wants—to hear from: Walter Bowman. There was your photo, in a magazine. Of course, you are older now. Still, I'd know you anywhere.

In the summer of 1985, when she was fifteen, Eliza was kidnapped by Walter and held hostage for almost six weeks. He had killed at least one girl and Eliza always suspected he had other victims as well. Now on death row in Virginia for the rape and murder of his final victim, Walter seems to be making a heartfelt act of contrition as his execution nears. Though Eliza wants nothing to do with him, she's never forgotten that Walter was most unpredictable when ignored. Desperate to shelter her children from this undisclosed trauma in her past, she cautiously makes contact with Walter. She's always wondered why Walter let her live, and perhaps now he'll tell her—and share the truth about his other victims.

Yet as Walter presses her for more and deeper contact, it becomes clear that he is after something greater than forgiveness. He wants Eliza to remember what really happened that long-ago summer. He wants her to save his life. And Eliza, who has worked hard for her comfortable, cocooned life, will do anything to protect it—even if it means finally facing the events of that horrifying summer and the terrible truth she's kept buried inside.

An edgy, utterly gripping tale of psychological manipulation that will leave readers racing to the final page, I'd Know You Anywhere is a virtuoso performance from acclaimed, award-winning author Laura Lippman that is sure to be her biggest hit yet. **HC \$52.95**

Toby Litt

King Death

Kumiko saw it first. A heart - a human heart - slithering down outside the window of a train travelling between London Bridge and Blackfriars. Someone must have thrown it out from a carriage in front. Kumiko is determined to find out who - and why.

But Skelton was sitting next to Kumiko on the train and he saw it too, so he also wants to get to the bottom of the mystery. Or he says he does, but really he just wants Kumiko back, because she's walked out on him, just like that, and left him heartbroken. Each for their own reasons, Kumiko and Skelton set out - separately - on a bizarre trail of discovery. Darting between dingy student pubs, the roofs of Borough Market and the corridors and car-parks of Guy's Hospital, they become embroiled in the seedy world of young medical students, until eventually the gossip and the stories lead them both to the hospital's infamous dissection lecturer - known behind his back as 'King Death' . . . **APB \$19.95**

Robert Ludlum

The Aquitaine Progression

It begins in Geneva. There American lawyer Joel Converse meets a man he hasn't seen in twenty years, a covert operative who dies violently at his feet, whispering words that hand Converse a staggering legacy of death: 'The generals...they're back... Aquitaine!' Suddenly Converse is running for his life, alone with the world's most shattering secret. Pursued by anonymous executioners to the darkest corners of Europe, he is forced to play a game of survival by blood-rules he thought he'd long left behind. And only Converse and the woman he once loved and lost, can wrest the world from the iron grasp of Aquitaine... **BPB \$22.99**

Robert Ludlum

The Holcroft Covenant

The Second World War is over. Three top Nazis have embezzled \$780 million from Nazi funds - and then committed suicide. Their Covenant, to be inherited by their three eldest children, is to redistribute this vast wealth amongst the survivors of the Holocaust. Reparation must be made. Conventional Noel Holcroft is one of the inheritors and his mission is to find the other two 'children' and prove himself worthy of his task. But the Sonnenkinder, the Children of the Sun, are determined to gain control of the millions and establish a Nazi Fourth Reich. As Holcroft tries to carry out his destiny, he finds himself enmeshed in a bewildering, horrifying nightmare... **BPB \$22.99**

The Icarus Agenda

In the Sultanate of Oman over two hundred hostages are being held at gunpoint. And the world watches helplessly as the madness begins. The spirit of the Mahdi is abroad, intent on complete financial and political domination. Evan Kendrick, a quiet Congressman, is an unlikely hero. But in his past is a violence that he cannot forget. On the other side of the world, five very eccentric, very rich people are meeting. They are the Inheritors of Inver Brass. Their aim - to utterly transform the world. They seek a new saviour, an innocent messiah. Evan Kendrick is to be their unwilling victim... **BPB \$22.99**

The Osterman Weekend

In a secret room in Washington DC John Tanner is asked to stake his life - and his wife and children - on a gamble whose goals and risks no one will fully reveal to him. In a small suburban town, where only the nicest people live, friends, neighbours, everyone and anyone could be part of a monstrous conspiracy of international evil. The machinery has already been set in motion. And at stake is the very existence of America - and the future of the entire free world... **BPB \$22.99**

The Rhinemann Exchange

David Spaulding is the most feared and efficient Allied agent in wartime Europe. Expert, deadly and professional, he is also high on the Gestapo's 'most wanted' list. Now Spaulding has been selected by the Allied Command to transact an undercover deal in Argentina involving top secret Nazi scientific plans. The dealer is Erich Rhinemann, an exiled German Jew who is awaiting the end of the war with his millions in an impenetrable retreat near Buenos Aires. But there's something Spaulding doesn't know. The other side of the deal. And it involves the most bizarre, horrific intrigue of the Second World War... **BPB \$22.99**

Trevayne

Trevayne was a self-made millionaire by the time he was thirty. Then he went into government, carving out a brilliant and honourable career. Now he is head of one of the biggest foundations in the USA. Fearless, intelligent and incorruptible, he thought no one could touch him... Then his investigation into the 'secret government' led him beyond the corridors of official power into a nightmare maze where Mafia leaders and 'legitimate' billionaires mixed, where even the Presidency can be bought and sold. And where a man like Trevayne could be a dreaded enemy, a duped victim, or maybe, just maybe, a king. **BPB \$22.99**

Gayle Lynds

The Altman Code (Robert Ludlum's Covert One 04)

On the dark waterside docks of Shanghai, a photographer records cargo being secretly loaded. He's brutally killed and his camera destroyed. Two weeks later on the dangerous high seas, the U.S Navy covertly tracks a Chinese ship rumoured to carry tons of chemicals to create biological weapons of mass-destruction. The President cannot let the ship reach its destination - a rogue Middle East nation. But he doesn't want the navy to attack and board it either, because decades of negotiations with China have at long last yielded a landmark human rights agreement that China is willing to sign. Covert-One operative Jon Smith is brought in to find solid proof of what the Chinese ship is ferrying. Then an agent is murdered and vital evidence destroyed. Smith must find the truth about the ship, a truth that probes the deepest secrets of the Chinese ruling party... **BPB \$22.99**

Barry Maitland Australian Author

Dark Mirror

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

Marion's research on the intriguing, adulterous circle of artists, wives, lovers and muses around Victorian artist Dante Gabriel Rossetti seems irrelevant until the use of arsenic arises. As Brock and Kolla get closer to the truth, another victim dies an excruciating death by poison in a library, and it looks like a serial poisoner is on the loose. **PB \$19.99**

Mack Maloney

The Pirate Hunters

The pirate brandished an AK-47 And his band of desperate thieves and cutthroats is ready to take down a cargo ship containing a fortune in expensive cars... and a hundred fortunes in heroin and black market weapons. Zeke Kurjan has done this before, terrorizing the Somali coast, ransoming the crews and contents of ships for millions of dollars.

But now they have to contend with Team Whiskey, a hard-bitten cadre of ex-Delta Force vets whose leader, Phil Snake Nolan, was given a dishonorable discharge for pursuing Osama bin Laden at Tora Bora. They might not be U.S. warfighters anymore, but Team Whiskey still cares about freedom and protecting the innocent. And they've got the know-how and the weapons to fight these pirate scum.

Team Whiskey has the pirates in their sights, but their foes, fueled by greed and revenge, are hellbent on their own deadly mission. Whiskey's in for a hell of a fight on the high seas! **APB \$16.99**

Valerio Massimo Manfredi

The Ancient Curse

In the middle of the night at the Museum of Volterra, young archeologist Fabrizio Castellani is immersed in his work - research into the famous Etruscan statue known as "The Night Shadow". Completely engrossed, he is startled by the phone ringing. An icy female voice warns him to abandon his work at once.

A series of gruesome killings shortly follow, throwing the people of Volterra into a panic. The victims - all involved in the desecration of an unexplored tomb - have been torn to pieces by a beast of unimaginable size. Fabrizio is in charge of excavating this Etruscan tomb.

Fabrizio is joined in his fearless investigation of the past by Francesca Dionisi, a vivacious young researcher, and foremost by Lieutenant Reggiani, a brilliant carabinieri officer assigned to the case. Fabrizio is convinced that a single event has set off the entire chain of events.

What is hiding inside the enigmatic statue? What lies behind the bloodthirsty rage that has lain in wait for all these centuries? What tragedy is hidden behind the inscription? Will Fabrizio manage to unravel these secrets without being sucked into the spiral of violence himself? **TP \$32.99**

Keith McCarthy

Dying to Know

A new Dr Lance Elliot mystery from the author of the John Eisenmenger and Helena Flemming series - October, 1975. When Dr Lance Elliot receives a call from his elderly father to say he has been arrested for arson, he can hardly believe it. Especially when he discovers that the intended victim was his father's neighbour, Oliver Lightoller, with whom his father has a long-running feud. But things take an even darker turn when Lightoller is slain with a sword, and the police seem certain that Lance and his father are involved. Can Lance get to the bottom of the mystery and prove their innocence? **HC \$58.95**

Val McDermid

Fever of the Bone

'You should have been a detective. If there's one thing the last year has proved, it's how good you are at finding things out. Not simple things. Hard things. Things that nobody is supposed to be able to find out. Things that are buried so deep nobody even thinks twice about them. The sort of things that turn people's lives inside out once they're exposed.' Meet Tony Hill's most twisted adversary - a killer with a shopping list of victims, a killer unmoved by youth and innocence, a killer driven by the most perverted of desires. The murder and mutilation of teenager Jennifer Maidment is horrific enough on its own. But it's not long before Tony realises it's just the start of a brutal and ruthless campaign that's targeting an apparently unconnected group of young people. Struggling with the newly-awakened ghosts of his own past and desperate for distraction in his work, Tony battles to find the answers that will give him personal and professional satisfaction in his most testing investigation yet. **BPB \$19.99**

Trick of the Dark

Death is a hollow drum whose beat has measured out my adult life.' So writes Jay Macallan Stewart in her latest volume of memoirs. But nobody has ever asked whether that has been by accident or design. Nobody, that is, until Jay turns her sights on newly-wed and freshly-widowed Magda Newsam. For Magda's mother Corinna is an Oxford don who knows enough of Jay's history to be very afraid indeed. Determined to protect her daughter, Corinna turns to clinical psychologist Charlie Flint. But it's not the best time for Charlie. Her career is in ruins. Pilloried by the press, under investigation by her peers, she's barred from the profiling work she loves. What Corinna's asking may be her last chance at redemption. But as Charlie digs into the past and its trail of bodies she starts to realise the price of truth may be more than she wants to pay. **TP \$32.99**

Andy McDermott

Sacred Vault

The world is in shock when Michelangelo's David is stolen from a museum in Florence, Italy. The latest in a series of audacious thefts of historical treasures, it's only a matter of time before another priceless artefact is targeted. When the Talonor Codex - a great Atlantean explorer's account of his travels - is stolen, it becomes clear that the thefts form only part of the raiders' ultimate plan. The codex holds clues to the location of the Vault of Shiva and its fabled contents - the legendary Shiva-Vedas, the chronicles of the ancient Hindu god of destruction. Witnesses to the latest daring robbery, archaeologist Nina Wilde and former SAS soldier Eddie Chase are forced into a treacherous hunt across the world to discover the vault before its secrets fall into dangerous hands.

The vault's prize is a treasure beyond price, but it may also be the catalyst for global annihilation... **TP \$32.99**

Cody McFadyen

Abandoned (Smoky Barret 04)

For FBI Special Agent Smoky Barrett, the wedding of one of their own was cause for celebration. Until a woman staggered down the aisle, incoherent, emaciated, head shaved, and wearing only a white nightgown.

No one knows who she is or where she's come from—or why she's chosen to appear in a church filled with law enforcement agents. Then a fingerprint check determines that the woman has been missing for nearly eight years—that once she was someone's wife, someone's mother...and a cop. Imprisoning her in a dark cell, depriving her of any contact with the outside world, her enigmatic captor was a man she didn't know and who seldom spoke, who punished her only when she failed to follow his most basic instructions designed to keep her alive.

Cold, businesslike, seemingly indifferent to his victims, he's a predator with an M.O. as terrifyingly inscrutable as any Smoky has ever encountered. As she fits together the pieces of what remains of his victim's fractured life, a chilling picture emerges of a killer every bit as calculating, masterful, and professional as Smoky and the team she leads—a professional psychopath who doesn't take murder personally and never makes a mistake.

There's a reason he let one of his victims go free. And by the time Smoky pierces the darkness of his twisted mind, it may cost her more than she can bear to lose to escape. For a trap snapped closed the moment she took this case too much to heart. **PB \$19.95**

Nora McFarland

A Bad Day's Work

Ostracized by reporters for her anti-social temperament, hard-working camerawoman Lilly gets an assignment filming a local crime scene and achieves the biggest scoop of her career before her video is sabotaged and she is attacked by two police officers. A first novel. **HC \$30.95**

Hilary Norman

Caged (Detective Sam Becket)

The new 'Detective Sam Becket' novel - Life is good in the Becket household. Sam is planning a surprise for Grace's birthday, Cathy's back from California and Grace is seeing patients again. And then the killings begin. A newly-wed couple is found horribly slain in Miami Beach. As Detective Sam Becket's investigation gets into stride, a second couple is abducted. Soon, couples all over Miami-Dade are fearing for their lives, and Sam and the squad are battling an unseen enemy, against whom no one is safe. **HC \$58.95**

Sharon Pape

Sketch Me If You Can (Portrait of a Crime 01)

She's a police sketch artist. He's a dead lawman. Together, they put a face on murder.

When her uncle dies, police sketch artist Rory McCain gets a list of clients from his private detective business and a beautiful, old house with a ghostly inhabitant: Federal Marshal Ezekiel Drummond, aka Zeke.

Having a ghost as a housemate is bad enough, but as Rory's drawn into one of her uncle's unsolved cases and faces a cold-blooded killer, she may need the marshal's supernatural help to stay alive. **PB \$19.95**

Sara Paretsky

Hardball

When V.I. Warshawski is asked to find a man who's been missing for four decades, a search that she thought would be futile turns lethal. Old skeletons from the city's racially charged history rise up to force her back with a vengeance - a nun who marched with Martin Luther King Jr. dies without revealing crucial evidence, and on the city's South Side, people spit when she shows up. The elderly sisters who hired her are also keeping important information to themselves. Then V.I. finds that her family is keeping secrets of their own. A young cousin whom she's never met arrives from Kansas City to work on a political campaign, but disappears under mysterious circumstances. Afraid to learn that her adored father might have been a bent cop, deception and corruption following her at every step, V.I. finds all her certainties under threat, but takes the investigation all the way to its frightening end. **BPB \$19.99**

Robert B Parker

Night and Day

Jesse Stone is an ex LA cop who has taken the job of police chief in Paradise, Massachusetts and things are getting strange in Paradise. Stone is called to the junior high school when reports of lewd conduct by the school's principal, Betsy Ingersoll, filter into the station. Ingersoll claims she was protecting the propriety of her students when she inspected each girl's undergarments in the locker room. Jesse would like nothing more than to see Ingersoll punished, but her high-powered attorney husband stands in the way. **BPB \$24.95**

James Patterson

Cat and Mouse (Alex Cross 04)

Psychopath Gary Seneji is back - filled with hatred and obsessed with gaining revenge on detective Alex Cross. Soneji seems determined to go down in a blaze of glory and he wants Alex Cross to be there. Will this be the final showdown? **BPB \$22.99**

Pop Goes the Weasel (Alex Cross 05)

In POP GOES THE WEASEL, James Patterson has created a formidable villain every reader will see in the shadows when the lights are out, a tender love story, a plot powered by relentless suspense and psychological thrills kicked up to an all-time high 'It's all just a game, darling. I play with three other men. Their names are FAMINE, WAR and CONQUEROR. My name is DEATH. You're a very lucky girl - I'm the best player of all.' Geoffrey Shafter: a man who never loses, he is prepared to play the game of games for the highest stakes of all. Alex Cross: senior Washington, DC, homicide detective, he is determined, whatever the consequences, to unmask the man he has nicknamed the weasel, the prime suspect for a spate of killings that Cross has been forbidden to investigate. **BPB \$22.99**

Roses Are Red (Alex Cross 06)

A series of meticulously planned bank robberies ends in murder, and detective Alex Cross must pit his wits against the bizarre and sadistic mastermind behind the crimes. Although torn between dedication to his job and commitment to his family, Cross cannot ignore the case, despite the risks he knows will come with hunting down a killer - and the heartbreaking cost. James Patterson's bestseller takes us from deep inside the crazy world of a psychopath's masquerade right to the heart of fiction's most brilliant detective. Alex Cross is back in an explosive tale where mind games lead to violence and the slightest mistake will be punished with death. **BPB \$22.99**

Violets Are Blue (Alex Cross 07)

The Mastermind is back - and he's hot on detective Alex Cross's trail. His cold, taunting threats leave Alex angry and deeply concerned for his family's safety while he is away from home. Two joggers have been found dead in San Francisco - bitten and hung by their feet to drain the blood. Further murders in California, and then on the East Coast as well, completely baffle Alex and the FBI. Is this the work of a cult, or role players, or even of modern-day vampires? Desperate to stop the deaths, Alex teams up with Jamilla Hughes, a savvy woman detective, and the FBI's Kyle Craig. But Alex has never been closer to defeat, or in greater danger. He must survive a deadly confrontation - only to learn at last the awful secret of the Mastermind. **BPB \$22.99**

Four Blind Mice (Alex Cross 08)

Alex Cross is preparing to resign from the Washington Police Force. He's enjoying the feeling; not least because the Mastermind is now in prison. And Alex has met a woman, Jamilla Hughes, and he is talking about the future. Then John Sampson shows up at the house, desperate for Alex's help. Three young military wives have been brutally killed during a 'girls' night out' and Sampson's friend, a master sergeant at the army base, stands accused. Uncovering evidence of a series of suspicious murder convictions, Alex and Sampson are determined to infiltrate the closed world of the military. But what is the army trying to hide? And do the mysterious symbols daubed on the house of the accused mean that there are more sinister forces at work? **BPB \$22.99**

Big Bad Wolf (Alex Cross 09)

Alex Cross's first case since joining the FBI has his new colleagues perplexed. Across the country, men and women are kidnapped in broad daylight and then disappear completely. These people are not being taken for ransom, Alex realises. They are being bought and sold. And it seems The Wolf is the master criminal behind this terrible trade and who is bringing a new reign of terror to organised crime. Even as he admires the FBI's vast resources, Alex is impatient with the Bureau's clumsiness and caution when it is time to move. A lone wolf himself, he has to go out alone to track his new prey and try to rescue some of the victims while they are still alive. As the case boils over, Alex is in hot water at home, too. His ex-fiancee, Christine Johnson, comes back into his life - and not for the reasons Alex might have hoped. **BPB \$22.99**

London Bridges (Alex Cross 10)

Alex Cross, FBI agent, is back in his most explosive adventure yet. And so is the Wolf. And so is the Weasel. Alex Cross is on vacation when he gets the call. A town in Nevada has been annihilated and the Russian super-criminal known as the Wolf is claiming responsibility. Major cities around the globe are threatened with total destruction and the thought of such dark genius at work makes Alex's blood run cold. Cross is catapulted into an international chase of astonishing danger. Full of the high-voltage action and enthralling intrigue for which James Patterson is best known, LONDON BRIDGES is an unforgettable thriller that will grip you from cover to cover. **BPB \$22.99**

Double Cross (Alex Cross 13)

Alex Cross faces his most diabolical villain - a serial killer with a hunger for celebrity. Just when Alex Cross's life is calming down, he's drawn back into the game to confront the Audience Killer - a terrifying genius who stages his killings as public spectacles in Washington, DC and broadcasts them live on the net. In Colorado, another criminal mastermind is planning a triumphant return. From his maximum-security prison cell, Kyle Craig has spent years plotting his escape and revenge. Craig prefers to work alone, but if joining forces with DC's Audience Killer helps him to get the man who put him away - Alex Cross - then so be it. **BPB \$22.99**

James Patterson

Alex Cross's Trial

From his grandmother, Alex Cross has heard the story of his great-uncle Abraham and his struggles for survival in the era of the Ku Klux Klan. Now, Alex passes the family tale along to his own children in a novel he's written – a novel called Trial.

As a lawyer in early-twentieth-century Washington DC, Ben Corbett represents the toughest cases. Fighting against oppression and racism, he risks his family and his life in the process. When President Theodore Roosevelt asks Ben to return to his hometown to investigate rumours of the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan there, he cannot refuse.

Arriving in Eudora, Mississippi, Ben meets the wise Abraham Cross and his beautiful daughter, Moody. Ben enlists their help, and the two Crosses introduce him to the hidden side of the idyllic Southern town. Lynchings have become commonplace and residents of the town's black quarter live in constant fear. Ben aims to break the reign of terror – but the truth of who is really behind it could break his heart.

Written in the fearless voice of Detective Alex Cross, Alex Cross's Trial is a gripping story of murder, love, and, above all, bravery. **PB \$21.95**

Mary, Mary

Somebody is intent on murdering Hollywood's A-list. A well-known actress has been shot outside her Beverly Hills home. Shortly afterwards, the Los Angeles Times receives an email describing the murder in vivid detail. It is signed Mary Smith. More killings and emails follow - the victims are all major Hollywood players. Is it the work of an obsessed fan or a spurned actor, or is it part of something far more terrifying? As the case grows to blockbuster proportions, Washington, DC, FBI agent Alex Cross and the LAPD scramble to find a pattern before Mary can send another chilling update. Filled with the ruthless and shocking twists that make his fans hunger for more, MARY, MARY is James Patterson's most sophisticated thriller yet. **BPB \$22.99**

James Patterson & Howard Roughan

Don't Blink

New York's Lombardos Steak House is famous for three reasons the menu, the clientele, and now the gruesome murder of an infamous mob lawyer. Effortlessly, the assassin slips through the police's fingers, and his absence sparks a blaze of accusations about who ordered the hit. Seated at a nearby table, reporter Nick Daniels is conducting a once-in-a-lifetime interview with a legendary baseball bad-boy. Shocked and shaken, he doesn't realise that he's accidentally captured a key piece of evidence. Ensnared in the city's most sensational crime in years, Nick investigates for a story of his own. Back off or die is the clear message as he closes in on the facts. Heedless, and perhaps in love, Nick endures humiliation, threats, violence, and worse in a thriller that overturns every expectation and finishes with the kind of flourish only James Patterson knows. **TP \$32.95**

James Patterson & Liza Marklund

Postcard Killers

NYPD detective Jack Kanon is on a tour of Europe's most gorgeous cities. But the sights aren't what draw him—he sees each museum, each cathedral, and each restaurant through a killer's eyes.

Kanon's daughter, Kimmy, and her boyfriend were murdered while on vacation in Rome. Since then, young couples in Paris, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, and Stockholm have become victims of the same sadistic killers. Now Kanon teams up with the Swedish reporter, Gabby Larsen. Every killing is preceded by a postcard to the local newspaper—and Kanon and Larsen think they know where the next victims will be. With relentless logic and unstoppable action, The Postcard Killers may be James Patterson's most vivid and compelling thriller yet. **HC \$54.95**

Justin Peacock

Blind Man's Alley

A concrete floor three hundred feet up in the Aurora Tower condo development in SoHo has collapsed, hurling three workers to their deaths. The developer, Roth Properties (owned by the famously abrasive Simon Roth), faces a vast tangle of legal problems, including allegations of mob connections. Roth's longtime lawyers, the elite midtown law firm of Blake and Wolcott, is assigned the task of cleaning up the mess. Much of the work lands on the plate of smart, cynical, and sea-soned associate Duncan Riley; as a result, he falls into the powerful orbit of Leah Roth, the beautiful daughter of Simon Roth and the designated inheritor of his real estate empire.

Meanwhile, Riley pursues a seemingly small pro bono case in which he attempts to forestall the eviction of Rafael Nazario and his grandmother from public housing in the wake of a pot bust. One night Rafael is picked up and charged with the murder of the private security cop who caught him, a murder that took place in another controversial "mixed income" housing development being built by . . . Roth Properties. Duncan Riley is now walking the knife edge of legal ethics and personal morality. **HC \$52.95**

Iain Pears

Stone's Fall

In his most dazzling and brilliant novel since *An Instance of the Fingerpost*, Iain Pears tells the story of John Stone, financier and armaments manufacturer, a man so wealthy that in the years before World War One he was able to manipulate markets, industries and indeed whole countries and continents. A panoramic novel with a riveting mystery at its heart, *Stone's Fall* is a quest to discover how and why John Stone dies, falling out of a window at his London home.

Chronologically, it goes backwards – London in 1909, then Paris in 1890, and finally Venice in 1867 – and Stone's character and motivation deepen as the book progresses; in the first part he is almost an abstraction, existing only in the memory of those who knew him; in the second he is a character, but only a secondary one; in the third he is the narrator of the story. A quest, then, but also a love story and a murder mystery, set against the backdrop of the evolution of high-stakes international finance, Europe's first great age of espionage and the start of the twentieth century's arms race. Like *Fingerpost*, *Stone's Fall* is an intricate and richly satisfying puzzle, completely engaging on many levels, a triumphant return for one of the world's great storytellers. **BPB \$24.95**

Ridley Pearson

The Garden of Betrayal (Sun Valley)

After a stunning debut with *Restitution*, Vance makes a triumphant return: a whip-smart, fast-paced, and eerily timely thriller that ties the 2008 global economic meltdown and international energy wars to the heartbreaking story of one family's loss and slow re-formation.

Manhattan, 2002: Mark Wallace appears to have it all—married to the love of his life with two bright, beautiful children and a job that keeps them all living in style—until one winter night when his twelve-year-old son, Kyle, is snatched off the street.

Seven years later: Kyle was never found, and the loss has almost destroyed the Wallaces' marriage, as well as Mark's career. Personal connections have enabled him to recast himself as an energy consultant to the hedge fund community. Now, on the same day that a natural gas pipeline in remote western Russia is blown up by suspected terrorists, a new lead opens up in the case of Kyle's disappearance. When a colleague slips him classified information on Saudi oil production and then suddenly commits suicide, it remains for Mark, with the help of his tech-savvy daughter and still-grieving wife, to find the sinister connections between everything that's happening. **HC \$52.95**

Ridley Pearson

In Harm's Way (Sun Valley)

Sun Valley sheriff Walt Fleming's budding relationship with photographer Fiona Kenshaw hits a rough patch after Fiona is involved in a heroic river rescue and she attempts to duck the press. Despite her job and her laudable actions, she begs Walt to keep her photo out of the paper, avoiding him when he can't.

Then Walt gets a phone call that changes everything: Lou Boldt, a police sergeant out of Seattle, calls to report that a recent murder may have a Sun Valley connection. After a badly beaten body is discovered just off a local highway, Walt knows there is a link-but can he pull the pieces together in time? **HC \$52.95**

Don Pendleton

Extreme Instinct (Stony Man 108)

Hidden in the rolling hills outside Washington, D.C., is the hardsite of America's ultra-covert antiterrorist organization, Stony Man. A force of dedicated commandos and cyberwarriors, this elite, handpicked unit effects surgical strikes against the many faces of evil. Their jurisdiction is anywhere trouble takes them. Their duty to serve and protect. Their missions—completely deniable.

It begins with a tactical nuclear explosion in Russia. Evidence points to the Chinese, who claim it's a Russian trick. For Stony Man, it's the start of the ultimate nightmare as the two countries amass firepower and troops. Soon more staggering explosions rock nations around the globe. At the heart of the horror is stolen tech—a nonnuclear Fuel-Air explosive "T-bomb." Cheap, powerful and clean, it's fallen into enemy hands. As cities crumble under its force, the teams track the covert and traitorous factions wreaking havoc in a game of world domination. **PB \$17.95**

Henry Perez

Mourn the Living

While tracking an elusive serial killer, reporter Alex Chapa, following the lead of a murdered colleague, garners the attention of this psychopath who makes him--and the ones he loves--the target of his murderous rage. **PB \$17.95**

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Fever Dream

At the old family manse in Louisiana, Special Agent Pendergast is putting to rest long-ignored possessions reminiscent of his wife Helen's tragic death, only to make a stunning - and dreadful -discovery. Helen had been mauled by an unusually large and vicious lion while they were big game hunting in Africa. But now, Pendergast learns that her rifle - her only protection from the beast - had been deliberately loaded with blanks. Who could have wanted Helen dead and why? With Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta's assistance, Pendergast embarks on a quest to uncover the mystery of his wife's murder. It is a journey that sends him deep into her past where he learns much that Helen herself had wished to keep hidden. **TP \$29.99**

Thomas Pynchon

Inherent Vice

Part noir, part psychedelic romp, all Thomas Pynchon- private eye Doc Sportello surfaces, occasionally, out of a marijuana haze to watch the end of an era

In this lively yarn, Thomas Pynchon, working in an unaccustomed genre that is at once exciting and accessible, provides a classic illustration of the principle that if you can remember the sixties, you weren't there.

It's been a while since Doc Sportello has seen his ex-girlfriend. Suddenly she shows up with a story about a plot to kidnap a billionaire land developer whom she just happens to be in love with. It's the tail end of the psychedelic sixties in L.A., and Doc knows that "love" is another of those words going around at the moment, like "trip" or "groovy," except that this one usually leads to trouble. Undeniably one of the most influential writers at work today, Pynchon has penned another unforgettable book. **TP \$32.95**

Kwei Quartey

Wife of the Gods

Lyrical and captivating, Kwei Quartey's debut novel brings to life the majesty and charm of Ghana—from the capital city of Accra to a small community where long-buried secrets are about to rise to the surface.

In a shady grove outside the small town of Ketanu, a young woman—a promising med student—has been found dead under suspicious circumstances. Eager to close the case, the local police have arrested a poor, enamored teenage boy and charged him with murder. Needless to say, they are less than thrilled when an outside force arrives from the big city to lead an inquiry into the baffling case.

Detective Inspector Darko Dawson, fluent in Ketanu's indigenous language, is the right man for the job, but he hates the idea of leaving his loving wife and young son, a plucky kid with a defective heart. Pressured by his cantankerous boss, Dawson agrees to travel to Ketanu, sort through the evidence, and tie up the loose ends as quickly and as efficiently as possible. But for Dawson, this sleepy corner of Ghana is rife with emotional land mines: an estranged relationship with the family he left behind twenty-five years earlier and the painful memory of his own mother's sudden, inexplicable disappearance. Dawson is armed with remarkable insight and a healthy dose of skepticism, but these gifts, sometimes overshadowed by his mercurial temper, may not be enough to solve this haunting mystery. In Ketanu, he finds that his cosmopolitan sensibilities clash with age-old customs, including a disturbing practice in which teenage girls are offered by their families to fetish priests as trokosi, or Wives of the Gods.

This is a compelling and unique mystery, enriched by an exotic setting and a vivid cast. And Inspector Darko Dawson—dedicated family man, rebel in the office, and ace in the field—is one of the most appealing sleuths to come along in years. **TP \$30.95**

Peter Quinn

The Man Who Never Returned

Judge Joe Crater's disappearance in 1930 spawned countless conspiracy theories and captured the imagination of a nation caught in the grip of The Depression. Twenty-five years later, Fintan Dunne, the detective encountered in Quinn's Hour of the Cat, recently retired and bored, answers a summons to New York where he is asked to solve the old case for a newspaper magnate only interested in making a profit from the story.

This is a compelling blend of history and fiction. **HC \$51.95**

William Rabkin

A Fatal Frame of Mind (Psych 04)

The popular tie-in novels to the USA Network series Psych

When the Santa Barbara art museum unveils its newest acquisition, the long-lost masterpiece by Dante Gabriel Rossetti isn't the only surprise behind the red curtain—so is the museum's curator. Dead. The case has everything Shawn likes: it's bizarre, it's baffling, and there's a snack bar at the crime scene. But the investigation gets a lot less fun as he and Gus begin to realize that the clues are leading them towards a centuries-old cabal desperate to hide a terrible secret—and more than willing to kill the two detectives who are trying to reveal it. **PB \$17.95**

Caro Ramsay

Singing to the Dead

It's Christmas, and half the Partickhill police squad is down with flu. Not good timing, with a series of cyanide poisonings in the area, plus two small boys reported missing in the space of a few days. And then there's the monumental task of providing concert security for rock legend Rogan O'Neill .

But for Detective Inspector Colin Anderson, the nightmare is about to get terrifyingly close to home. For a third boy has now gone missing – Colin's own son, Peter.

The team race to find the boys before it is too late. But how long will it be before they realize the key is hidden in the lyrics of a rock song – 'Tambourine Girl' by Rogan O'Neill? **APB \$19.95**

Ian Rankin

Black and Blue (Rebus 08)

Rebus is juggling four cases trying to nail one killer - who might just lead back to the infamous Bible John. And he's doing it under the scrutiny of an internal inquiry led by a man he has just accused of taking backhanders from Glasgow's Mr Big. As if this wasn't enough, there are TV cameras at his back investigating a miscarriage of justice, making Rebus a criminal in the eyes of a million or more viewers. Just one mistake is likely to mean an unpleasant and not particularly speedy death or, worse still, losing his job. **PB \$22.99**

The Complaints

Nobody likes The Complaints - they're the cops who investigate other cops. Complaints and Conduct Department, to give them their full title, but known colloquially as 'the Dark Side', or simply 'The Complaints'. Malcolm Fox works for The Complaints. He's just had a result and should be feeling good about himself. But he's middle-aged, sour and unwell. He also has a father in a care home and a sister who persists in an abusive relationship. In the midst of an aggressive Edinburgh winter, the reluctant Fox is given a new task. There's a cop called Jamie Breck and he's dirty. Problem is, no one can prove it. But as Fox takes on the job, he learns that there's more to Breck than anyone thinks. This knowledge will prove dangerous, especially when murder intervenes. **BPB \$22.99**

Nikki Rshan

Cyber Case

After criminal attorney Melanie receives an unanticipated and provocative online invitation, it threatens to destroy her friendship with mortgage broker Jovanna. By the author of Double Pleasure, Double Pain. **TP \$30.95**

Kathy Reichs

Deja Dead

The bones of a woman are discovered in the grounds of an abandoned monastery. The case is given to Dr Temperance Brennan of the Laboratoire de Medecine Legale in Montreal: 'too decomposed for standard autopsy. Request anthropological expertise. My case.' Brennan becomes convinced that a serial killer is at work, despite the deep cynicism of Detective Claudel who heads the investigation. Dr. Brennan's forensic expertise and contacts at Quantico finally convince him otherwise, but only after the body count has grown and the lives of those closest to her are more than just endangered. This edition while stocks last only. **APB \$5**

Ruth Rendell

The Monster in the Box

'He had never told anyone. The strange relationship, if it could be called that, had gone on for years, decades, and he had never breathed a word about it. He had kept silent because he knew no one would believe him. None of it could be proved, not the stalking, not the stares or the conspiratorial smiles, not the killings, not any of the signs Targo had made because he knew Wexford knew and could do nothing about it.'

Wexford had almost made up his mind that he would never again set eyes on Eric Targo's short, muscular figure. And yet there he was, back in Kingsmarkham, still with that cocky, strutting walk.

Years earlier, when Wexford was a young police officer, a woman called Elsie Carroll had been found strangled in her bedroom. Although many still had their suspicions that her husband was guilty, no one was convicted.

Another woman was strangled shortly afterwards, and every personal and professional instinct told Wexford that the killer was still at large. And it was Eric Targo. A psychopath who would kill again...

As the Chief Inspector investigates a new case, Ruth Rendell looks back to the beginning of Wexford's career, even to his courtship of the woman who would become his wife. The past is a haunted place, with clues and passions that leave an indelible imprint on the here and now. **BPB \$24.95**

Tigerlily's Orchids

When Stuart Font decides to throw a house-warming party in his new flat, he invites all the people in his building. After some deliberation, he even includes the unpleasant caretaker and his wife. There are a few other genuine friends on the list, but he definitely does not want to include his girlfriend, Claudia, as that might involve asking her husband. The party will be one everyone remembers. But not for the right reasons. All the occupants of Lichfield House are about to experience a dramatic change in their lives. Living opposite, in reclusive isolation, is a young, beautiful Asian woman, christened Tigerlily by Stuart. As though from some strange urban fairytale, she emerges to exert a terrible spell. And Mr and Mrs Font, the worried parents, will have even more cause for concern about their handsome but hopelessly naive son. Darkly humorous, piercingly observant of human behaviour, Ruth Rendell has created here another compelling fable of our lives and crimes. **TP \$32.95**

Michael Ridpath

Where the Shadows Lie (Fire and Ice 01)

Amid Iceland's wild, volcanic landscape, rumours swirl about the secret sale of a long-lost ancient manuscript containing a saga about a ring of terrible power. The manuscript, guarded by one family for nearly eight centuries, was shown to J.R.R. Tolkien in the 1930s and was the spark that inspired *The Lord of the Rings*. That alone is enough to make the manuscript worth killing for ... but what if, as some think, the ring exists too?

Untangling murder from myth is Iceland-born, Boston raised homicide detective Magnus Johnson. Seconded to the Icelandic police force for his own protection after he runs afoul of a drug cartel back in Boston, Magnus also has his own reasons for returning to the country of his birth for the first time in nearly two decades - to investigate the unsolved murder of his father.

Binding Iceland's landscape and history, secrets and superstitions in a strikingly original plot that will span several volumes, *Where the Shadows Lie* is a thrilling new series from an established master. **TP \$32.99**

Paul Robertson*Dark in the City of Light*

The climate is tense in 1870s Europe as mistrust and suspicion rule the day. When the wife of Baron Harsanyi—a well-connected military attache—found murdered, it is only the first in a series of evil acts committed by a shadowy enemy bent on destroying the baron. As nations ready for war, the baron must uncover the truth as he and his two adult children are launched straight into the maelstrom that will engulf the continent. **TP \$30.95**

Peter Robinson*Bad Boy*

When Juliet Doyle finds a gun in her daughter's bedroom, she turns to old friend DCI Alan Banks for advice. But Banks is on a much-needed holiday, and it's left to DI Annie Cabbot to deal with the removal of the firearm. No one can foresee the operation's disastrous consequences, or that the Doyle's will not be the only family affected. Banks's daughter Tracy has fallen for the wrong boy. Her flatmate's boyfriend is attractive, ambitious, and surrounded by an intoxicating air of mystery. He's also very dangerous. When Tracy warns him the police might be on his tail, he persuades her to go on the run with him, and flattered by his attention, she agrees. Before she knows it, a deadly chase across the country is set in motion. And on his return, unsuspecting of Tracy's precarious situation, Banks is plunged into his most terrifying, personal case yet. **TP \$32.99**

Jack Rogan*The Ocean Dark*

In the uncharted waters of the Caribbean, far from the usual shipping lanes, lies a mysterious island surrounded by a graveyard of sunken ships—an island so remote that it's the perfect rendezvous point for a handful of Central American arms dealers and the Antoinette, a gun-smuggling cargo ship out of Miami. Amid the wreckage of ships new and old, the crew of the Antoinette—and the undercover FBI agent on board—enter what looks like a haven for modern pirates, only to discover that it hides something far more terrifying.

In Washington, two Department of Defense scientists might understand what is about to happen. On an FBI ship monitoring the Antoinette's illegal trade, armed agents might be able to intervene. But this assumes that the Antoinette's crew survives their first encounter with a creature virtually unknown to man, yet whose eerie songs nevertheless echo down the corridors of mankind's darkest legends. **PB \$19.95**

James Rollins*Ice Hunt*

Buried deep in the polar ice cap, Ice Station Grendel has been abandoned for more than seventy years. The twisted brainchild of the finest minds of the former Soviet Union, it was designed to be inaccessible and virtually invisible. But an American research vessel has inadvertently pulled too close - and something has been sighted moving inside the allegedly deserted facility, something whose survival defies every natural law... And now, as scientists, soldiers, intelligence operatives and unsuspecting civilians are drawn into Grendel's lethal vortex, the most extreme measures possible will be undertaken to protect its dark mysteries - because the terrible truths submerged under the ice could end human life on Earth. **BPB \$19.99**

A E Roman*The Superman Project (Chico Santana)*

After a series of low-paying jobs, Chico Santana, PI, is living in his tiny office on 149th Street in the Bronx. He's in an absolutely foul mood when Pablo Sanchez and his mother drop in, seeking help for one of Chico's old childhood pals---the handsome and charismatic Joey Ventura. Chico has not seen Joey since Joey disappeared from St. Mary's Home for Boys, headed for Tahiti. He ended up, instead, on the island of TSP---The Superman Project. The Superman Project peddles German philosophy, Hinduism, and American comic book mythology as a method toward self-improvement, but its members are hiding more than a few secrets. The leader of TSP is a man named Father Ravi. One of his daughters, Gabby, who is also Joey's wife, is missing. Joey was accused by the TSP leaders of killing Gabby and has fled the police. Pablo and his mother insist he is innocent.

Compelled to believe in his old friend, and by the promised payment of a very valuable Superman comic, Chico investigates the competing interests in the organization, falling for a beautiful suspect and trying to look out for a friend's troubled niece in the process. **HC \$52.95**

Gabe Rotter*The Human Body*

His idyllic career, dream home and loving family destabilized by a kiss from an old flame, Bobby Flopkowski finds himself living in a tent on the beach and struggling with an addiction before stumbling on the possible identity of a man who kidnapped his son. **TP \$30.95**

Gary Ruffin*Hot Shot*

Detective Samuel Cooper, "Coop" to all who know him, is the Chief of Police in Gulf Front, Florida, a sleepy little town with nothing to recommend it to tourists save a beautiful beach the locals are happy to keep a secret. Indeed, Chief of Police is quite a title given he is the sole detective on the force. It's a pretty easy gig all and all-in fact, there has never been a serious crime in Gulf Front. Until now.

When a young woman's body is found on the shore and an abandoned new Cadillac is found nearby, it causes a furor like nothing the town has ever seen. And that's before they've identified her. She turns out to be the daughter of a Louisiana Senator, and with her passing comes the Feds, the mob, and Agent Shelley Brooke. Things are never going to be the same again. **HC \$51.95**

Sharon Sala*Swept Aside (Storm Front 03)*

Shell-shocked after a nightmarish school shooting, Amalie Pope retreats to an aging plantation house near Bordelaise, Louisiana, to heal, physically and emotionally. She's there barely an hour when a tornado rips through bayou country, mercifully leaving the house intact. She's stranded, but unafraid—until a knock on the door.

Four escaped prisoners barge inside, and in an instant Amalie is a hostage again. These men are wounded, desperate and dangerous—with one exception. Undercover DEA operative Nick Aroyo is on the run with the gang he's infiltrated. The only thing he wants more than this collar is to protect fragile, frightened Amalie, who has surrendered herself to his care, body, soul...and heart. But he'll have to play the thug in order to keep her—and his secret—safe, because even though the storm has passed, the danger remains.... **PB \$19.95**

Jonathan Santlofer & S J Rosan *Editor*

The Dark End of the Street

A strong, aggravated man fingers the knife in his pocket while considering a pretty woman at the bar. But what becomes of his prey when they move to the bedroom? Elsewhere, a man discovers he visits the same hair salon as the victim of a gruesome murder. And a modern-day Don Juan has a hobby of marrying vulnerable women, getting access to their bank accounts, and then robbing them blind.

A glittering line-up of our best writers (including Lee Child, Michael Connelly, Val McDermid, Edmund White and Patrick McCabe) weave fresh and memorable stories from a pair of classic themes: sex and crime. This tantalising collection abounds in dark-haired vixens and crimes of passion. Some stories are brooding, others twisted; some offer righteous satisfaction while others linger long in the mind. This innovative, exciting and intriguing book is a rare treat for fans of great fiction, whether it's high literature, good old-fashioned suspense, or anything in between. **PB \$19.99**

David J Schow

Interneccine

"Inter-what?" When advertising executive Conrad Maddox returns from a redeye flight and finds a mysterious locker key waiting in his rental car, he discovers a briefcase loaded with guns and money. Several hours later, his entire life tumbles down a rabbit hole when he meets Dandine, owner of the case and former contract assassin for a shadowy organization called Norco, which is now out to nail both of them.

"Interneccine" means conflict, mutual destruction, and slaughter-or, as Dandine tells Conrad, they are now inadvertently at play in a field of "terrorism, counter-assassination, military coups, dirty tricks, Watergate, spy vs. spy, murky secret organizations, that sort of thing." A world in which being innocent can't save you, the police can't help you, and your only hope of getting out alive is to risk unheard-of dangers against opponents with nearly unlimited power. To free themselves from the spider web of black ops, murder, madness and betrayal, Dandine and Conrad must delve ever-deeper into the spiraling, dangerous maze that is Norco, where everyone seems to be in on the most lethal of games-except you. **HC \$51.95**

Stephen Jay Schwartz

Boulevard

Haunted by painful childhood events including the early death of his father, LA detective Hayden Glass hides private struggles about his sex addiction while investigating the murder of a politician's daughter by a sexual predator, a case for which he taps the resources of his support groups. **TP \$30.95**

A D Scott

A Small Death in the Great Glenn

Investigating the suspicious death of a 1950s Highlands youth, a seasoned journalist and a receptionist caught in an abusive marriage discover links between the killing and a foreign sailor, Scotland's traveling tinkers and the secretive residents of a neighboring glen. A first novel. **TP \$30.95**

John Shannon

On the Nickel (Jack Liffey)

The new novel in the critically acclaimed Jack Liffey series - Private Investigator Jack Liffey has been confined to a wheelchair, unable to walk or speak, for more than a month, due to a freak accident that may have damaged his spine. So when an old friend calls asking for help in finding his missing sixteen-year-old son, Jack's teenage daughter, Maeve, intercepts the call and decides to take on the case. But it's not long before she finds herself in deep trouble, and soon many lives are hanging in the balance . . . **HC \$58.95**

Maggie Shayne

Kill Me Again (Secrets of Shadow Falls 02)

I'm not who they say I am. Trust me. But can she? Reclusive novelist Aaron Westhaven, a man she's admired—and more—for years, has accepted Olivia Dupree's invitation to speak at a local fundraiser. But the day he's due to arrive, she gets a call summoning her to the bedside of a John Doe whose sole possession is her business card.

Can this undeniably compelling man—survivor of an execution-style gunshot wound—really be the novelist the lonely Olivia has grown to think of as a near soul mate? If not, he can be in Shadow Falls for only one reason: to kill her.

Olivia, too, has secrets. And discovering the truth about the man in the hospital bed means dredging up her own past—a past she's been hiding from for sixteen years. **PB \$19.95**

Kiss Me, Kill Me (Shadow Falls 03)

She's protected him since the day he was born. Since the day the lie began.

A long-ago act of kindness to a desperate woman changed Dr. Carrie Overton's life forever. Before disappearing, the grateful stranger gave Carrie her newborn son. When the woman is murdered, the secret becomes Carrie's alone.

She has kept both it and her son, Sam, safe for sixteen years. But now a friend of Sam's has gone missing. The police believe he's a runaway, until he's found dead, another teen disappears and talk turns to that long-ago murder.

Newcomer Gabriel Cain is asking too many questions, befriending Sam, getting too close. Carrie distrusts him even as she finds herself falling for him. But Gabriel has secrets, too...

Will his arrival mark the day the lie finally ends and real life begins? **APB \$16.99**

Daniel Silva

The Confessor (Gabriel Allon)

Art restorer and former secret agent Gabriel Allon hasn't been back to Vienna since a terrorist bomb tore his family apart. But when an old friend is almost killed there in an explosion at the Wartime Claims and Inquiry Office, Allon is compelled to investigate.

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Daniel Silva

The Rembrandt Affair (Gabriel Allon)

Over the course of a brilliant career, Daniel Silva has established himself as 'the gold standard' of thriller writers (Dallas Morning News) who 'has hit upon the perfect formula to keep espionage-friendly fans' fingers glued to his books, turning pages in nearly breathless anticipation' (BookPage). But now, having reached 'the pinnacle of world-class spy thriller writing' (The Denver Post), Silva has produced his most extraordinary novel to date—a tale of greed, passion, and murder spanning more than half a century, centered on an object of haunting beauty.

Two families, one terrible secret, and a painting to die for ...

Determined to sever his ties with the Office, Gabriel Allon has retreated to the windswept cliffs of Cornwall with his beautiful Venetian-born wife Chiara. But once again his seclusion is interrupted by a visitor from his tangled past: the endearingly eccentric London art dealer, Julian Isherwood. As usual, Isherwood has a problem. And it is one only Gabriel can solve.

In the ancient English city of Glastonbury, an art restorer has been brutally murdered and a long-lost portrait by Rembrandt mysteriously stolen. Despite his reluctance, Gabriel is persuaded to use his unique skills to search for the painting and those responsible for the crime. But as he painstakingly follows a trail of clues leading from Amsterdam to Buenos Aires and, finally, to a villa on the graceful shores of Lake Geneva, Gabriel discovers there are deadly secrets connected to the painting. And evil men behind them.

Before he is done, Gabriel will once again be drawn into a world he thought he had left behind forever, and will come face to face with a remarkable cast of characters: a glamorous London journalist who is determined to undo the worst mistake of her career, an elusive master art thief who is burdened by a conscience, and a powerful Swiss billionaire who is known for his good deeds but may just be behind one of the greatest threats facing the world.

Filled with remarkable twists and turns of plot, and told with seductive prose, *The Rembrandt Affair* is more than just summer entertainment of the highest order. It is a timely reminder that there are men in the world who will do anything for money. **TP \$32.95**

Prince of Fire

On a bright morning in Rome, a terrible explosion rips a hole in the Israeli embassy. Moments later, four gunmen cut down survivors as they stagger from the burning building. Gabriel Allon is hastily recalled to Israel and drawn once more into the heart of the secret service he'd hoped to leave behind. For the blast has led to a disturbing revelation: a dossier that strips away Allon's secrets and lays bare his history. A dossier that had fallen into terrorist hands. **BPB \$24.95**

Elizabeth Sims

On Location (Rita Farmer)

When her sister goes missing in the wilds of Washington while scouting for film sets, sometime actress and full-time single mom Rita Farmer launches a determined search, in a latest work by the Lambda Award-winning author of *The Extra*. **HC \$52.95**

Tom Rob Smith

The Secret Speech

Soviet Union, 1956: Stalin is dead. With his passing, a violent regime is beginning to fracture - leaving behind a society where the police are the criminals, and the criminals are innocent. The catalyst comes when a secret manifesto composed by Stalin's successor Khrushchev is distributed to the entire nation. Its message: Stalin was a tyrant and a murderer. Its promise: The Soviet Union will transform. But there are forces at work that are unable to forgive or forget Stalin's tyranny so easily, that demand revenge of the most appalling nature.

Meanwhile, former MGB officer Leo Demidov is facing his own turmoil. The two young girls he and his wife Raisa adopted have yet to forgive him for his involvement in the murder of their parents. They are not alone. Now that the truth is out, Leo, Raisa and their family are in grave danger from someone with a grudge against Leo. Someone transformed beyond recognition into the perfect model of vengeance.

From the streets of Moscow in the throes of political upheaval, to the wintry Siberian gulags and to Budapest, where a revolution will destroy as many innocent lives as the regime it is attempting to end, *The Secret Speech* is another stunning thriller from the author of the Booker-longlisted *Child 44*. **BPB \$22.99**

Mark Haskell Smith

Baked

Miro Basinas is an experimental botanist who sells his rarefied product to a discerning clientele. Only Miro's not growing heirloom tomatoes or making organic wine—he's growing weed. And when Miro hits the big time by winning Amsterdam's famed Cannabis Cup, cannasseurs and ganjaficionados aren't the only people who want a piece of him and his mind-blowing pot that tastes like mangoes. A wickedly funny crime novel, *Baked* opens with a bang as Miro is cut down by a bullet. A mild-mannered hipster who doesn't know the first thing about revenge—or even who shot him—Miro is soon on a quest to recover his prize invention and to secure his place as the Floyd Zaiger (creator of the pluot) of weed. It's a journey packed with a delicious cast of characters, including a string-theory obsessed cop, a kinky paramedic, a Mormon missionary struggling to keep his "sap" under control in a city that is the personification of sex, a half-Irish-half-Salvadoran drug dealer and his dim-witted associates, a cougar starlet, and an entrepreneur who wants to turn his medical marijuana Compassion Centers into the Starbucks of pot. *Baked* is a hilarious, rip-roaring romp from a talented, utterly original novelist. **TP \$28.95**

Chevy Stevens

Still Missing

On the day she was abducted, Annie O'Sullivan, a 32-year-old real estate agent, had three goals - sell a house, forget about a recent argument with her mother, and be on time for dinner with her ever-patient boyfriend. The open house is slow, but when her last visitor pulls up in a van as she's about to leave, Annie thinks it just might be her lucky day after all.

Interwoven with the story of the year Annie spent as the captive of a psychopath in a remote mountain cabin, which unfolds through sessions with her psychiatrist, is a second narrative recounting events following her escape - her struggle to piece her shattered life back together and the ongoing police investigation into the identity of her captor. **TP \$32.99**

Marc Strange

Body Blows

Ex-boxer Joe Grundy is embroiled in the intrigues of his own boss, millionaire Leo Alexander, the owner of Vancouver's Lord Douglas Hotel. Somebody has murdered Leo's live-in servant and not-so-secret lover, and Grundy has to get to the bottom of the incident in order to clear the man he's forged a bond with since first coming to work for him as security for the hotel. But Leo's past serves up more surprises than Grundy bargained for. 2010 Edgar award winner for best original paperback. **TP \$24.95**

Joseph Teller*Overkill (Jaywalker)*

Harrison J. Walker—Jaywalker, to the world—is a frayed-at-the-edges defense attorney with a ninety-percent acquittal rate, thanks to an obsessive streak a mile wide. But winning this case will take more than just dedication.

Seventeen-year-old Jeremy Estrada killed another boy after a fight over a girl: shot him point-blank between the eyes. No one disputes those facts. This kid is jammed up big-time, but almost unable to help himself. He's got the face of an angel but can hardly string together three words to explain what happened that day...yet he's determined to go to trial.

All they've got is a "yesbut" defense, as in: "Did you kill him?" "Yes, but..." Jaywalker is accustomed to bending the rules—this case will stretch the law to the breaking point and beyond. **PB \$19.95**

James L Thane*No Place to Die*

While she waits for homicide detectives to chase down leads, kidnap victim Beverly fights against dwindling odds to stay alive and see the deranged killer that abducted her brought to justice. **PB \$19.95**

Terri Thayer*False Impression (Stamping Sisters 03)*

Third in the Stamping Sisters mystery series. Professional rubber stamper April Buchert is shocked to discover that the brother of one of the Stamping Sisters faked his own death, only to really die in a tragic car accident—that was not an accident at all. Now this heated family drama could cause one cold winter if the killer isn't found. **PB \$19.95**

Donald Thomas*Sherlock Holmes and the King's Evil and Other New Tales (Sherlock Holmes)*

In these five tales of intellectual derring-do, Sherlock Holmes is shown at the height of his powers: he co-operates with a young Winston Churchill in the famed siege of Sydney Street; helps defeat a plan for a German invasion outlined in the Zimmerman Telegram; establishes a link between two missing light-housekeepers and the royal treasures of King John; contends with a supernatural curse placed upon an eccentric aristocrat and discovers a lost epic of Lord Byron.

But it is all in a day's work for the great detective, who continues to defy the odds and lives to ratiocinate another day. **TP \$30.95**

Paul Thomas*The Ihaka Tirlogy*

Maverick Maori cop Tito Ihaka, is a detective sergeant in the Auckland CID. Despite treading on numerous toes and breaking most of the rules in the book, Ihaka eventually gets his man - and sometimes his woman. OLD SCHOOL TIE is about the unlocking of a dark 25-year-old secret relating to a teenage girl's mysterious suicide at a private school ball. Freelance journalist Reggie Sparks' investigation spills over into an underworld turf war involving the Sydney mafia and a ferocious Maori gang, the Blood Drinkers. INSIDE DOPE involves a race for the lost treasure of the Mr Asia drug syndicate which attracts the attention of a rogue American narcotics agent and the CIA, while GUERRILLA SEASON pits Ihaka against a shadowy and sinister terrorist group in a case which turns out to have links to the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior. **TP \$35**

Kristen Tranter*The Legacy*

A thrilling and addictive novel about three unlikely friends and the web of lies that unravels after one of them goes missing. At the center of The Legacy is the story of Julia Alpers, her friend Ralph, and the beautiful and wealthy Ingrid. As students in Sydney, the bond that ties this threesome together is complex—delicate and intense, shaped by intellect, and defined by desire. When Ingrid falls in love and marries the much older and very handsome Gil Grey, she decides to leave her friends and settle in New York City, where Gil is a major player in the art world. It is here that she becomes stepmother to Gil's teenage daughter, a former child prodigy, and begins her own work on rare, ancient texts called "curse scrolls" at Columbia University. But on the morning of September 11, 2001, she has an appointment downtown. And is never seen again. Devastated and heartsick, Ralph sends Julia to New York to investigate Ingrid's last days. What Julia discovers plunges her more deeply into Ingrid's life than she could ever imagine. As Julia grows closer to unearthing the truth about Ingrid's death, she is forced to confront her conflicted feelings about her former friend and to make a crucial decision about her own future. **TP \$30.95**

Lisa Unger*Die For You*

Isabel Raine thought she had everything—a successful career, a supportive family, and a happy marriage to the man she loved. Then one ordinary morning, her husband, Marcus, picks up his briefcase, kisses her good-bye, and simply vanishes.

That day, all her calls to him go straight to voice mail; the messages she leaves at his office go unreturned, too. Panicking after finally receiving a call from his cell phone in which all she can hear is a man's terrified cry, Isabel calls the police. But they aren't interested. Men leave, they tell her. They leave all the time. Desperate to find her husband, Isabel races to his office. But instead of finding him, she finds herself in the middle of an FBI raid. Hours later, she awakens in the hospital with a severe concussion and a homicide detective by her bedside waiting to question her about Marcus Raine—the real Marcus Raine.

Now the only thing Isabel knows for sure is that her husband of five years is gone. Where is he and who is he are questions no one seems able to answer. But Isabel will not rest until she discovers the truth about the man she loves, even if it means risking everything—including her own life.

Bestselling author Lisa Unger takes us on a nightmarish journey from bustling, glamorous New York City to the murky, twisted streets of Prague, seeking the answer to one bone-chilling question: What if the man you love, the one sleeping beside you, is a stranger? **PB \$19.95**

Fragile

Despite their mostly happy marriage, when their son Ricky's girlfriend vanishes, Maggie and Jones find themselves at odds—Maggie is positive Ricky had nothing to do with Charlene's disappearance, while Jones isn't as sure. With Charlene gone, the memory of another young girl who went missing some twenty years ago is haunting the town. That story didn't have a happy ending, and almost everyone has an unrevealed reason to keep the horror of it firmly in the past.

As Jones and the police turn their focus on Ricky, Maggie must find out the truth about what happened all those years ago. In order to save her son and the young woman whose life hangs in the balance, she'll test the bonds of her community—and find out just how fragile they can be. **HC \$49.95**

Nicola Upson*Two For Sorrow (Josephine Tey 03)*

London, 1903. Two women are hanged in Holloway Prison for killing babies. More than thirty years later, their crimes resurface with shocking consequences. When Josephine Tey sets out to write a novel about Amelia Sach and Annie Walters, the notorious Finchley baby farmers, she can have little idea that the research for her book will be needed to help solve a modern-day killing - the sadistic murder of a young seamstress, found dead in the Motley sisters' studio, amid preparations for a star-studded charity gala. The girl's death seems to be the result of a long-standing domestic feud, but Josephine's friend, Inspector Archie Penrose, is unconvinced; and when a second young woman is involved in an horrific accident soon afterwards, the search begins for a vicious killer who will stop at nothing to keep the past where it belongs.

Moving between the decadence and glamour of a private women's club, the bleak surroundings of Holloway prison, and the deprivation of London's slums, *Two for Sorrow* is a dark and unsettling exploration of the way in which the crimes of the past destroy those left behind - long after justice is done. **TP \$32.99**

Michael Van Rooy*An Ordinary Decent Criminal*

All recovering drug addict and reformed thief Montgomery Haaviko wants to do is settle down with his wife and baby in their new home and work on building a straight life, one free of the day-to-day hustle and danger of being a career criminal. But for a man who's never held down a legitimate job it isn't going to be easy. When Monty foils a robbery in his new home, killing the intruders, he soon finds he has both a small-time crime boss and a star police sergeant looking for ways to ruin him, run him out of town, or kill him. It's going to take all of the tricks this streetwise ex-con has up his sleeves to prove his innocence, protect his family, and avoid the temptation of the life he left behind.

Montgomery Haaviko's *Tricks of the Trade*:

* Be nice. Nice is good. Nice sets a standard. Then, when you get mean, the shock is strongest.

* Armored cars are owned by people with guns.

* When burglarizing a house move slowly. Then slow down. Now cut it by half. And you've got it.

* A couple of drops of crazy glue on the tips of your fingers will eliminate fingerprints. **HC \$51.95**

John Verdon*Think of A Number*

An extraordinary fiction debut, *Think of a Number* is an exquisitely plotted novel of suspense that grows relentlessly darker and more frightening as its pace accelerates, forcing its deeply troubled characters to moments of startling self-revelation.

Arriving in the mail over a period of weeks are taunting letters that end with a simple declaration, "Think of any number...picture it...now see how well I know your secrets." Amazingly, those who comply find that the letter writer has predicted their random choice exactly. For Dave Gurney, just retired as the NYPD's top homicide investigator and forging a new life with his wife, Madeleine, in upstate New York, the letters are oddities that begin as a diverting puzzle but quickly ignite a massive serial murder investigation.

What police are confronted with is a completely baffling killer, one who is fond of rhymes filled with threats and warnings, whose attention to detail is unprecedented, and who has an uncanny knack for disappearing into thin air. Even more disturbing, the scale of his ambition seems to widen as events unfold.

Brought in as an investigative consultant, Dave Gurney soon accomplishes deductive breakthroughs that leave local police in awe. Yet, even as he matches wits with his seemingly clairvoyant opponent, Gurney's tragedy-marred past rises up to haunt him, his marriage approaches a dangerous precipice, and finally, a dark, cold fear builds that he's met an adversary who can't be stopped.

In the end, fighting to keep his bearings amid a whirlwind of menace and destruction, Gurney sees the truth of what he's become - what we all become when guilty memories fester - and how his wife Madeleine's clear-eyed advice may be the only answer that makes sense.

A work that defies easy labels -- at once a propulsive masterpiece of suspense and an absorbing immersion in the lives of characters so real we seem to hear their heartbeats - *Think of a Number* is a novel you'll not soon forget. **HC \$51.95**

Penny Warner*How to Crash a Killer Bash (Party-Planner Mystery 02)*

When the murder mystery party at the de Young Museum in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park results in foul play and her best friend, who is dating the victim's son, is accused of the crime, event-planner Presley Parker must clear her friend's name before a twisted party crasher gets away with murder. **PB \$17.95**

Heather Webber*Deeply Desperately (Lucy Valentine 02)*

The irrepressible star of *Truly, Madly*, is back in business. This time, Lucy Valentine will go to the ends of the earth to find true love for her clients...and maybe even herself.

Lucy wants to breathe new life into her family's Boston-based matchmaking company. But how? Even though she comes from a long line of ancestors blessed by Cupid with psychic abilities, a freak accident left Lucy with only one special skill: finding things. Car keys, socks in the dryer, needles in haystacks...and now, in a stroke of professional genius, lost loves!

It's not long before Lucy's on a winning streak, helping old flames reunite and create new sparks. Business is booming. But when Lucy finds herself involved in a possible case of murder, she realizes she's in too deep. Enter Sean Donahue. Lucy's handsome fire-fighter turned private-eye neighbor, Sean is just the man she needs to help her on the job. Could he also be the man she's been looking for all along? When it comes to Valentine, Inc., falling in love is always serious business... **PB \$19.95**

Other Books

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

Top Gear: Awesome Adventures Vietnam (Top Gear)

Drive across Vietnam in eight days – how hard can it be? Can Jeremy, hater of all things on two wheels ride a Vespa without killing himself? Will Richard starve to death eating nothing but cereal with chopsticks? And will James sink to the bottom of Halong Bay while the boys watch? Re-live some of the Top Gear team's most awesome adventures with these hilarious retellings of the specials. Join Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May as they face exciting challenges in exotic lands. A must have for any Top Gear fan. **PB \$9.95**

Top Gear: Awesome Adventures: Bolivia (Top Gear)

Dropped deep in the Bolivian rainforest in three shabby 4x4s, and taking on the cheerily-titled 'Death Road', can the Top Gear boys survive their toughest challenge yet?

Re-live some of the Top Gear's team most awesome adventures with these hilarious retellings of the specials. Join Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May as they face exciting challenges in exotic lands. A must have for any Top Gear fan. **PB \$9.95**

Top Gear: Supercars (Top Gear)

Ask any man the first thing he would buy if he won the lottery and we guarantee you the answer would be – a supercar. It's what every real man and every alpha woman aspires to – a blisteringly fast V8 engine, achingly high-tech design and style that snaps the necks of passers by as they watch it sloping down the high street putting the saloons and hatchbacks of mere mortals to shame.

One thing's for sure, when it comes to cars, there's nothing that gets the heart pulsing like a supercar, and the motoring geeks at Top Gear live out the fantasy, putting the most exotic, the most elusive and the most expensive to the test in the pages of this book. Between obscenely sexy photographs of the most exquisite machines the motoring world has to offer, you'll find first-hand accounts of the driving experience, expert analysis of engineering expertise, speed and handling, all the stats to satisfy the most dedicated of car enthusiasts, plus special reports from Clarkson, Hammond and James May. And who better to test the prowess of these mastercrafted feats of modern engineering than Stig himself, who'll do battle with the big-gun showstopping cars from the last three years to find out just who can claim the glory of fastest supercar.

Step into the driver's seat and brace yourself for some serious car porn as we bring you the most tantalisingly beautiful supercars you'll find in the world today. There's only one word for it – Poweeerrrr! **HC \$49.95**

Encyclopedia of Australian Wildlife

HC \$49.99

Exercises for Gentlemen

Laugh your way to a better you! For those too busy to go to the gym, try some of the fitness advice provided in this 1908 classic revisited. In today's challenging business environment, the achieving executive needs every possible advantage, fitness included. If gym fees and personal trainers do not fit into your schedule or budget, Exercises for Gentlemen offers just what the trainer would have ordered. With excerpts and original illustrations from The School of Health-the classic health reference of the early 1900s-here is a "practical course in physical culture" designed as a fitness program not even requiring a pair of exercise shorts, let alone joining a health club. What results is both an entertaining glimpse of times gone by, and an exercise regime ideally suited to the modern man with neither the time nor the inclination to change clothes when he steps out from the busy office. This book contains detailed guidance on everything from knee bends and arm bends to proper posture, bathing, and homeopathic remedies-all to be taken with a suitable dose of humour. A daily regime of a mere fifteen minutes of be-suited exercise is guaranteed to "reduce undue fullness at the waist, square the shoulders, round out the arms, improve leg development, and, in short, make a more graceful, strong, and symmetrical man." **HC \$16.95**

Fix It Yourself

An impressive how to guide for the everyday jobs you need to do around your house. For the handyman. Great pictures, easy to follow instructions. Covers many of the basics which experts treat as assumed knowledge. **HC \$29.99**

The Southern Sky

One of a series of 'pocket naturalist' field guides in the form of handy fold-out laminated cards. Designed as a simplified introductory reference and 'star finder', it highlights the most prominent constellations and stars visible from cities in the southern hemisphere. Clear illustrations and a handy glow-in-the-dark feature makes the star charts simple and practical to use. **\$7.95**

We Are Paper Toys: Print-Cut-Fold-Glue-Fun

An amazing collection of paper toy designs and design techniques from innovative contemporary artists and designers around the world, We Are Paper Toys includes sketches of the toys, and step-by-step instructions on how to create the toys and make them your own. Additionally, We Are Paper Toys is packaged with a DVD featuring the templates for the toys in the book. These templates can be printed on your choice of paper and folded and glued to make the paper toys from the book.

We Are Paper Toys! presents thirty-two of the finest paper toy designers in the world. Each artist gives us a glimpse of their world and explains their passion for paper toys through a personal interview.

The book includes a CD with PDF templates of some of the paper toys showcased in this book. They are ready to be printed, cut, and pasted so you can have these small works of art in your own home. It's never too soon to start cutting, folding, pasting, and above all, having fun! **TP \$39.99**

Roderick Bailey

Forgotten Voices of D-Day

6 June 1944: the day Allied forces crossed the Channel and began fighting their way into Nazi-occupied Northwest Europe. Initiated by airborne units and covered by air and naval bombardment, the Normandy landings were the most ambitious combined airborne and amphibious assault ever attempted. Their success marked the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany.

Drawing on thousands of hours of eyewitness testimony recorded by the Imperial War Museum, Forgotten Voices of D-Day tells the compelling story of this turning point in the Second World War. Hearing from paratroopers and commandos, glider pilots and landing craft crewmen, airmen and naval personnel, we learn first-hand what it was like as men waited to go in, as they neared the beaches and drop zones, and as they landed and met the enemy. Accounts range from memories of the daring capture of 'Pegasus' bridge by British glider-borne troops to recollections of brutal fighting as the assault forces stormed the beaches.

Featuring a mass of previously unpublished material, Forgotten Voices of D-Day is a powerful and important new record of a defining moment in modern history. **BPB \$24.95**

Arthur Bancroft

Arthur's War

In November 1940, Arthur Bancroft kissed his sweetheart, Mirla, goodbye and signed up with the Royal Australian Navy to go to war. He was nineteen years old. Arthur's War is the extraordinary story of his ordeal, and his survival.

Arthur made a habit of cheating death # on the ill-fated HMAS Perth, which was sunk during the Battle of the Sunda Strait; as a prisoner of war on the notorious Burma#Thailand Railway, where it is said a man died for every sleeper laid; and miraculously surviving a second shipwreck that left him lost at sea, clinging to debris, for six days. While a POW he risked his life to keep a secret diary written on paper scraps with stolen pencils recording the agony and comradeship of life on the railway, which has never before been published.

Against all odds Arthur made it back to Australia and to Mirla, who never lost hope for his eventual return all those years he was lost at war. His story is a story for all Australians: a captivating saga of courage, mateship, survival # and love. **HC \$39.95**

Annie Bell

Camping Cookbook

Increasing numbers of us are camping and while there are numerous guides to where to stay and what to do, there is little to help us how to cook in this challenging setting. In this beautifully illustrated new book shot on location in France and England, Annie Bell shows us how to cook delicious and interesting meals with no electricity and limited ingredients. She creates portable feasts like Baba Ghanoush, Chicken Tagine with Pine nuts and Raisins and Apricots with Gooney Nougat using just a barbecue or one-ring burner, demonstrating the best equipment to use for minimum mess and clearing up. From picnic lunches via tea and cake to one-pot cooking and sweet treats this inspirational guide has over 60 recipes for every occasion, so you can eat in style wherever you are.

British in flavour. **PB \$27.99**

Suzanne Brockmann

Infamous

In her first paperback original in more than six years, New York Times bestselling author Suzanne Brockmann delivers an unforgettable novel of contemporary romance and thrilling suspense.

When history professor Alison Carter became a consultant to the film version of the Wild West legend she'd dedicated her career to researching, she couldn't possibly have known that she would not only get a front-row seat to a full-blown Hollywood circus but would innocently witness something that would put her life in peril. Nor did she expect that a tall stranger in a cowboy hat would turn the movie—and her world—completely upside down.

A. J. Gallagher didn't crash the set in dusty Arizona to rub elbows with Hollywood's elite. Unable to ignore ghosts from the past that refuse to stay buried, A. J. came to put an end to the false legend that has tarnished the reputation of his family. But when he confronts Alison, sparks fly. And when Alison is targeted by ruthless criminals, suddenly she and A. J. must face the intense attraction that threatens to consume them—and survive the danger that threatens their very lives. **PB \$19.95**

Dan Brown

The Lost Symbol (Robert Langdon 03)

WHAT WAS LOST WILL BE FOUND...

Washington DC: Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned at the last minute to deliver an evening lecture in the Capitol Building. Within moments of his arrival, however, a disturbing object – gruesomely encoded with five symbols – is discovered at the epicentre of the Rotunda. It is, he recognises, an ancient invitation, meant to beckon its recipient towards a long-lost world of hidden esoteric wisdom.

When Langdon's revered mentor, Peter Solomon – philanthropist and prominent mason – is brutally kidnapped, Langdon realizes that his only hope of saving his friend's life is to accept this mysterious summons and follow wherever it leads him.

Langdon finds himself quickly swept behind the facade of America's most historic city into the unseen chambers, temples and tunnels which exist there. All that was familiar is transformed into a shadowy, clandestine world of an artfully concealed past in which Masonic secrets and never-before-seen revelations seem to be leading him to a single impossible and inconceivable truth.

A brilliantly composed tapestry of veiled histories, arcane icons and enigmatic codes, *The Lost Symbol* is an intelligent, lightning-paced thriller that offers surprises at every turn. For, as Robert Langdon will discover, there is nothing more extraordinary or shocking than the secret which hides in plain sight... **APB \$19.95**

Mike Carlton Australian Author

Cruiser

Of all the Australians who fought in the Second World War, none saw more action nor endured so much of its hardship and horror as the crew of the cruiser HMAS Perth.

Most were young - many were still teenagers - from cities and towns, villages and farms across the nation. In three tumultuous years they did battle with the forces of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, the Vichy French and, finally, the Imperial Japanese Navy.

They were nearly lost in a hurricane in the Atlantic. In the Mediterranean in 1941 they were bombed by the Luftwaffe and the Italian Air Force for months on end until, ultimately, during the disastrous evacuation of the Australian army from Crete, their ship took a direct hit and thirteen men were killed.

After the fall of Singapore in 1942, HMAS Perth was hurled into the forlorn campaign to stem the Japanese advance towards Australia. Off the coast of Java in March that year she met an overwhelming enemy naval force. Firing until her ammunition literally ran out, she was sunk with the loss of 353 of her crew, including her much-loved captain and the Royal Australian Navy's finest fighting sailor, 'Hardover' Hec Waller.

Another 328 men were taken into Japanese captivity, most to become slave labourers in the infinite hell of the Burma-Thai railway. Many died there, victims of unspeakable atrocity. Only 218 men, less than a third of her crew, survived to return home at war's end.

CRUISER, by journalist and broadcaster Mike Carlton, is their story. And the story of those who loved them and waited for them. **HC \$55**

Emma Christopher Australian Author*A Merciless Place*

This is a story lost to history for over two hundred years; a dirty secret of failure, fatal misjudgement and desperate measures which the British Empire chose to forget almost as soon as it was over.

In the wake of its most crushing defeat, the America War of Independence, the British Government began shipping its criminals to West Africa. Some were transported aboard ships going to pick up their other human cargo: African slaves. When they arrived at their destination, soldiers and even convicts were forced to work in the region's slave-trading forts guarding the human merchandise.

In a few short years the scheme brought death, wholesale desertions, mutiny, piracy and even murder. Some of the most egregious crimes were not committed by the exported criminals but by those sent out to guard them. Acts of wanton desperation added to rash transgressions as those whom society had already thrown out realised that they had nothing left to lose.

As jail and prison hulks overflowed, and as every other alternative settlement proved unsuitable, the British Government gambled and decided to send its criminals as far away as possible, to the great south land sighted years before by Captain James Cook. Out of the embers of the African debacle came the modern nation of Australia.

The extraordinary tale is now being told for the first time - how a small band of good-for-nothing members of the British Empire spanned the world from America, to Africa, and on to Australia, profoundly if utterly unwittingly changing history. **TP \$35**

Paul Cleary*Men Who Came out of the Ground*

By February 1942, the Japanese had invaded the Dutch East Indies as part of their push south. All that stood in the way of their moving significant resources to take part in the main fighting in Papua New Guinea was a force of 700 Australian commandos and a few hundred Dutch soldiers. After months of skirmishes and attacks on Japanese forces, the Australians faced a major offensive and despite the best efforts of the individual Australian soldiers, Australian forces were withdrawn at the end of 1942. But by then an entire Japanese division had been prevented from taking part in the Papua New Guinea campaign. This account covers their heroic fighting against a superior force, courage and ingenuity in the face of supply and equipment problems, and the support and friendship of the locals. It's the story of Australia's Special Forces in action and achieving what they set out to do. **TP \$35**

Bernard Cornwell*The Burning Land (Alfred the Great 05)*

In the last years of the ninth century, King Alfred of Wessex is in failing health, and his heir is an untested youth. The Danes, who have failed so many times to conquer Wessex, smell opportunity...

First comes Harald Bloodhair, a savage warrior leading a Viking horde, who is encouraged to cruelty by his woman, Skade. But Alfred still has the services of Uhtred, his unwilling warlord, who leads Harald into a trap and, at Farnham in Surrey, inflicts one of the greatest defeats the Vikings were ever to suffer.

This novel, the fifth in the magnificent series of England's history tells of the final assaults on Alfred's Wessex, that Wessex survived to become England is because men like Uhtred defeated an enemy feared throughout Christendom. **BPB \$24.99**

Hugh Dolan*36 Days: The Untold Story Behind the Gallipoli Landings*

When Australian troops stormed ashore in the pre-dawn darkness of April 25th 1915, it was the culmination of one of the most complex and daunting operations in the history of warfare – the seaborne assault of a heavily fortified shore, defended by a well-prepared and forewarned enemy. The risks were enormous, and the death toll on the beach at Anzac Cove could have been murderous – as it was with the British landings further south. Yet the Anzacs had been allowed to organise their own assault, and their ingenuity, intelligence gathering and willingness to do the unorthodox allowed them to seize a foothold and fulfil the task they had been set by their commanders. All too often the scale of that task and the successful way the Anzacs approached it have been overshadowed by events later in the campaign.

Hugh Dolan, an intelligence officer in the Australian Defence Force, has minutely re-examined the assault itself, giving us a day-by-day account of the build up to the landing that shows a very different side to the Gallipoli story. Using a host of previously unpublished material and research, he has produced a riveting work of narrative history that sheds a fresh light on the original Anzacs. **TP \$34.99**

Angus Donald*Holy Warrior (02)*

Arrows will fly. Swords will swing. Heroes will fall. Legends will survive. And the Holy Land will never be the same. 1190 AD: Richard the Lionheart has launched his epic crusade to seize Jerusalem from the cruel Saracens. Marching with the vast royal army is Britain's most famous, most feared, most ferocious warrior: the Outlaw of Nottingham, the Earl of Locksley -- Robin Hood himself. With his band of loyal men at his side, Robin cuts a bloody swathe on the brutal journey east. Daring and dangerous, he can outwit and outlast any foe -- but the crimson battlefields of the Holy Land are the ultimate proving ground. And within Robin's camp lurks a traitor -- a stealthy enemy determined to slay Christendom's greatest outlaw before the trumpets fade. Blazingly paced and richly imagined, featuring a cast of unforgettable characters and packed with fast, furious action, Holy Warrior is adventure at its thrilling, white-knuckle best. **TP \$29.99**

Niall Edworthy*Main Battle Tank*

The British Army's Challenger II Main Battle Tank is one of the most awesome war machines ever built. In March 2003, three Squadrons of Challenger 2s from the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, part of Britain's 7th Armoured Brigade, the fabled Desert Rats, gathered in Southern Iraq to prepare for battle. The Army's newest Big Guns were going to war for the first time.

But Operation TELIC was a war which the Challenger 2, designed to operate in the fog and mud of the Central European Plain, had never been expected to fight. And one that would quickly break every rule of tank warfare including the golden maxim: never take a tank into a town.

In Main Battle Tank, author Niall Edworthy, granted unprecedented access to the Scots DGs, tells the story of an extraordinary chapter in the history of British Army. From the terrifying rescue of a stricken Challenger 2 and countless nerve-shredding raids into Basra and Az Zubayr, to the biggest tank engagement fought by the British since the end of WWII, Main Battle Tank is the brutal, blistering true story of a war that tested man and machine to the bloody limit. **HC \$49.95**

Rene Goscinny & Albert Uderzo*How Obelix Fell into the Magic Potion (Asterix 34)*

All of the Asterix stories feature references to Obelix falling into the Druid's Cauldron of magic potion when he was about six years old. This was the event through which he derived his phenomenal physical strength. Here is the full story of how it happened. **TP \$19.99**

Susan Grant

Sureblood (Borderlands 03)

Five years ago rival space pirate captains Val Blue and Dake Sureblood stole one incredible night together. But their brief, passionate history ended with the assassination of Val's father and the condemnation of Dake's clan. Now Val struggles to prove her mettle—to herself and to the dissenters amid her own people. Every successful raid is a boot heel ground into the burning memory of Dake Sureblood—and their secret son is a constant reminder of their shared past....

Ambushed and captured before he can clear his name, Dake Sureblood returns from a hell like no other to expose the true killer of Val's father. But as the identity of their enemy becomes chillingly clear, the former lovers must put aside their mistrust and join forces to protect their clans and their precious son. **PB \$19.95**

Jan Guillou

The Road to Jerusalem (Crusades 01)

Arn Magnusson, born into an aristocratic Swedish family, is raised in an old monastery because of an old promise made by his mother. From the start he shows the natural skill and aptitude of a born fighter, yet despite his strength he is innocent in the ways of the world. He is sent from the sheltered walls of the convent to experience something of real life. On his journeys Arn falls foul of various fighting groups, but is also delighted with the women he encounters. Seduced by one sister, he falls in love with the other and ends up sleeping with them both - a mortal sin in the medieval church. While his love is sent to a convent, Arn's sentence is commuted to forced commitment to the cause of the Crusades, where he becomes a notable soldier and eventually a high ranking commander of the Knights Templar and both friend and enemy to the charismatic Saladin. **BPB \$19.99**

Jan Guillou

The Templar Knight (Crusades 02)

THE TEMPLAR KNIGHT follows Arn's adventures in the Holy Land, where he discovers that the infidel Saracens aren't as brutish and uncivilised as he had been led to believe, and that in fact there is another, darker side to the teaching of the Cistercians. **BPB \$19.99**

Birth of the Kingdom (Crusades 03)

Arn de Gotha has become one of the most feared warriors of the Knights Templar fighting to liberate Palestine with the Crusaders.

At the great battle for Jerusalem, a mammoth and bloody struggle where the Christians were finally defeated, Arn is saved from certain death by Saladin, his longtime enemy and trusted friend. Ravaged by wounds and sickness, Arn is at last granted his wish: to return at last to his homeland, which has been plagued by endless wars.

Arn is determined to find her -- the woman for whom he was exiled. He must discover if their love could endure so long a separation, and if it can sustain his new quest: to create a new people, a new society, both Christian and Muslim, both craftsmen and warriors, with Arn at its helm, fighting for peace in a savage land.

A fitting conclusion to a great trilogy, a bestseller all over Europe, and now the basis for a major film. **TP \$29.99**

Justin Halpern

*Sh*t My Dad Says*

The worldwide Twitter sensation: a brilliant new comic voice, and a 100% real father-son relationship that makes Steptoe and Son look healthy...

'At 28 years old, I found myself living at home, with my 73-year-old father. As a child, my father never minced words, and when I screwed up, he had a way of cutting right through the bullshit and pointing out exactly why I was being an idiot. When I moved back in I was still, for the most part, an idiot. But this time, I was smart enough to write down all the things he said to me...'

Meet Justin Halpern and his dad. Almost one million people follow Mr Halpern's philosophical musings every day on Twitter, and in this book, his son weaves a brilliantly funny, touching coming-of-age memoir around the best of his sayings. What emerges is a chaotic, hilarious, true portrait of a father and son relationship from a major new comic voice. As Justin says at one point, his dad is 'like Socrates, but angrier, and with worse hair'; and this is the sort of shit he says...

'You know, sometimes it's nice having you around. But now ain't one of those times. Now gimme the remote, we're not watching this bullshit.'

'Happy Birthday, I didn't get you a present... Oh, mom got you one? Well, that's from me then, too - unless it's shitty.'

'Your brother brought his baby over this morning. He told me it could stand. It couldn't stand for shit. Just sat there. Big let down.'

'The worst thing you can be is a liar... Okay, fine, yes, the worst thing you can be is a Nazi, but THEN, number two is liar. Nazi 1, Liar 2.'

'Why the f**k would I want to live to 100? I'm 73 and shit's starting to get boring. By the way, there's no money left when I go, just fyi.' **TP \$29.99**

Paul Ham Australian Author

Vietnam Illustrated

This superbly produced illustrated edition of Paul Ham's award-winning Vietnam: The Australian War creates an equally powerful pictorial record of this epic story with some of the most memorable, shocking and rare images of the war.

Above all, it captures in unforgettable images the little-reported 'Australian war' and sets this extraordinary visual legacy in its proper context by sharing the stories behind the photographs. Not only are the big Australian battles - at Long Tan, Coral and Balmoral - brought to light, but also the struggle at home and how politicians of all stripes utterly failed the troops, almost half of who were conscripted on the throw of a dice.

Thousands of servicemen returned to Australia to be met with hostility or indifference. Having voted overwhelmingly to send the soldier to war, the Australian people then turned and condemned him for going.

Whatever one's view of the war, the Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen did their duty - with courage and, in the main, restraint. Indeed, as this classic account shows, the Australian people shared responsibility for this tragic episode that sealed the fate of 50,000 servicemen and women. This is their story - told for the first time using some of the finest photographs of the longest major war of the 20th century. **HC \$55**

Tim Hampson

Great Beers

An essential beer guide in a handy, pocket-sized format

Bitters, lagers, Belgian beers, weissbiers, stouts, porters, fruit beers, and real ales.

This ultimate beer guide brings you over 700 examples from 350 worldwide breweries. Each page is packed full of tasting notes and detailed info on each beer as well as revealing the brewing secrets that give each beer its individual character.

The handy, travel-friendly format makes it easy to take with you on your travels whether it be Munich, Prague or your local.

This is the perfect gift for beer lovers. **HC \$24.95**

Robert Harris

The Ghost Writer

The narrator of Robert Harris's gripping new novel is a professional ghostwriter – cynical, mercenary, and with a nice line in deadpan humour. Accustomed to working with fading rock stars and minor celebrities, he jumps at the chance to ghost the memoirs of Britain's former prime minister, especially as it means flying to the American resort of Martha's Vineyard in the middle of winter and finishing the book in the seclusion of a luxurious house.

But it doesn't take him long to realise he has made a terrible mistake. His predecessor on the project died in circumstances that were distinctly suspicious, and the ex-prime minister turns out to be a man with secrets in his past that are returning to haunt him – secrets with the power to kill. **BPB \$24.95**

Jim Haynes

On All Fronts: Australia's Participation in World War II

World War II was the most defining moment in Australia's history. More than a million Australians served in campaigns against Germany and Italy in Europe, the Mediterranean, North Africa and the Middle East, and against Japan in southeast Asia and other parts of the Pacific.

ON ALL FRONTS looks at the key milestones of Australia's participation in the major theatres of World War II, from the tenacity of the Rats of Tobruk to the bitter battles of Greece and Crete, and the Allied triumph at El Alamein. Once Japan entered the war, the Australians were called to serve in the Pacific, bravely doing their duty when Singapore fell and struggling against a fierce and unrelenting enemy on the notorious Kokoda Track. The realities of war finally came to our own shores in 1942, when Japanese aircraft bombed towns in northwest Australia and Sydney Harbour came under attack from Japanese midge submarines.

Jim Haynes presents little known accounts of the battles that Australians troops were called to, giving a glimpse into the human and social impact on Australians. ON ALL FRONTS celebrates the strength and determination of Australians who rose up to meet the extraordinary challenges faced on the frontline and back on the home front. **TP \$35**

Conn Iggulden

Bones of the Hills

The fatherless boy, exiled from his tribe, whom readers have been following in WOLF OF THE PLAINS and LORDS OF THE BOW, has grown into the great king, Genghis Khan. He has united the warring tribes and even taken his armies against the great cities of their oldest enemies. Now he finds trouble rising west of the Mongolian plains. His emissaries are mutilated or killed; his trading gestures rebuffed. So, dividing his armies, using his sons as generals of the various divisions, he sends them out simultaneously in many directions, ranging as far as modern Iran and Iraq.

As well as discovering new territories, exacting tribute from conquered peoples, laying waste the cities which resist, this policy is also a way of diffusing the rivalries between his sons and heirs and working out who should succeed the khan.

This, the third book in the Conqueror series, is once more an epic story. Genghis Khan is an exhilarating and heroic figure. The sense of his ambition and his power, the relationships with his wives, sons and trusted aides, the sweep of his conquests, is all brought together by a masterful storytelling. It is a compelling read. With each book, you are left, even more, longing for the next. **BPB \$24.99**

Lords of the Bow

The gathering of the tribes of the Mongols has been a long time in coming but finally, triumphantly, Temujin of the Wolves, Genghis Khan, is given the full accolade of the overall leader and their oaths. Now he can begin to meld all the previously warring people into one army, one nation. But the task Genghis has set himself and them is formidable. He is determined to travel to the land of the long-time enemy, the Chin and attack them there. The distances and terrain—the wide deserts, the impenetrable mountains—make it a difficult venture even for the legendary Mongolian speed of movement, but the greatest problem is that of the complex fortifications, a way of fighting wars of a settled urban population which the nomadic Mongolians had never come across. Finding ways to tackle that and keeping his tribes together in a strange environment presents another new and exciting challenge for Genghis Khan.

Not only must Genghis succeed in this incredible campaign, but he must also reconcile the restless factions among his own generals, mediate between his ambitious brothers and cope with his own reactions to his growing sons. The young warrior has become a notable and victorious military commander of thousands: he must now learn to become a great leader of peoples of many different races and religions. **BPB \$24.99**

Wolf of the Plains

A remarkable story of heroism and adventure, of a boy who had to become a man too soon, of a family and a tribe who had to learn to win to survive.

A man without a tribe was at great risk, so the young boy abandoned with his siblings on the harsh Mongolian plains had to struggle to avoid death. He survived both starvation and hostile attacks by learning remarkable leadership skills and gathering a group of outsiders like himself.

Hunted and alone, he dreamed of uniting the tribes into one house, one nation. He became a great warrior. He would become father to his people. He would be Genghis Khan. **BPB \$24.99**

Captain Kevin Ivison

Red One: Bomb Disposal Expert on the Front Line

This is the gripping true story of a young bomb disposal officer and his terrifying experiences in Iraq facing daily rocket attacks and terrorist bombs. When two of his colleagues are killed by a roadside bomb, Kevin Ivison is called in to defuse a second even deadlier bomb just a hundred yards from the bodies of his friends. To make things worse, the entire area is under fire from snipers and a crowd of angry Iraqis have begun to hurl petrol bombs... With little chance of living through this impossible task, Kevin leaves final messages for his loved ones and sets out alone towards the bomb that he is sure will be the last thing he sees. In this gut-wrenching tale of heroism and survival, Kevin Ivison explains why he chose to be a bomb disposal expert in the first place, how he found the courage to face his death and the unendurable stress that has given him nightmares ever since. **TP \$35**

James Jackson

Realm

1588. In Lisbon the great Spanish Armada prepares to set sail for England. Along the coast of the Low Countries, the army of the Duke of Parma readies itself for embarkation. Threat is imminent. Yet behind it is a darker and more secretive game, one of espionage and murder, of treachery and deceit. The stiletto-blade to the back, the poison in the chalice, the torturer's rack in the dungeon. This is the realm of the spy. And at its heart is the legendary Elizabethan spymaster Sir Francis Walsingham. One-by-one his intelligence sources vanish, day-by-day the danger to his queen and country grows. Finally, he sends the young soldier and agent Christian Hardy to discover the truth. But to reach it, Hardy must confront the deadliest of foes, the Spanish Inquisition, turncoats among his own, and the might of the enemy fleet. Time is running out. For Hardy, for England, for its sovereign queen Elizabeth... **TP \$32.99**

Rong Jiang

Wolf Totem

'In war', the old man said, 'wolves are smarter than men. We Mongols learned from them how to hunt, how to encircle, even how to fight a war. There are no wolf packs where you Chinese live, so you haven't learned to fight a war. You can't win a war just because you have lots of land and people. No, it depends on whether you're a wolf or a sheep.'

It is the 1960s, and Beijing intellectual Chen Zhen volunteers to live in a remote nomadic settlement on the Inner Mongolian grasslands. There, he discovers an age-old synergy between the nomads, their livestock, and the wild wolves who roam the plains. Chen learns about the rich spiritual relationship that exists between these adversaries, and what each might learn from the other.

But when members of the People's Republic swarm in from the cities to bring modernity and productivity to the grasslands, the peace of Chen's solitary existence is shattered, and the delicate balance between humans and wolves is disrupted. Only time will tell whether the grasslands' environment and culture will ever recover...

A beautiful and moving portrayal of a land and culture that no longer exists, *Wolf Totem* is also a powerful portrait of modern China and a fascinating insight into the country's view of itself, its history and its people. **BPB \$24.95**

Ismail Kadare

Ghost Rider

An old woman is awoken in the dead of night by knocks at her front door. She opens it to find her daughter, Doruntine, standing there alone in the darkness. She has been brought home from a distant land by a mysterious rider she claims is her brother Konstandin. But unbeknownst to Doruntine, Konstandin has been dead for years. What follows is a chain of events which plunges an Albanian village into fear and mistrust. Who is the ghost rider?

Based upon an Albanian legend, *The Ghost Rider* is a haunting parable of love, death and the power of familial bonds. **BPB \$23.95**

Dominic Knight Australian Author

Comrades

Romeo and Juliet amidst university campus politics

Sydney University is Australia's pre-eminent finishing school for politicians, and its Students' Representative Council is the nursery where generations of future leaders have cut their first dodgy preference deals and performed their first backstabblings. *Comrades* is the story of one student President, Eddie O'Hara, and the brutal struggle to replace him. A menagerie of campus lefties and Liberals battle for the spoils, along with one candidate who makes the peculiar decision to campaign dressed as a rooster. Principles are abandoned, loyalties forgotten and party lines crossed until the blood of all the candidates but one soaks the sandstone cloisters of Australia's oldest university.

And all the while, the decades-old institution itself is under threat from some fully-grown politicians in the Federal Parliament who are determined to drain the lifeblood from political crèches like the Sydney Uni SRC by stripping them of their funding...

Comrades is the story of an election that's contested as fiercely as though it were for President of the United States, not Sydney University. It's also an affectionate portrait of student life, with its lofty idealism, constant hedonism and irrepressible humour. **TP \$32.95**

Jayne Ann Krentz

Witchcraft

A story of mystery and passion from a best-selling romance author - Mystery writer Kimberly Sawyer lives alone and likes it that way. But when she is threatened by a hooded figure, and a blood-red rose with a needle thrust into its heart is left on her doorstep, she knows she needs protection. So it seems like perfect timing when Napa Valley vineyard owner Darius Cavanaugh returns to Kimberly's life, offering help and a place to stay. But how did he know she needed him? Was it the deep, intuitive intimacy of a soulmate . . . or was it witchcraft? **HC \$56.95**

Michael Lawriwsky

Hard Jacka

Michael Lawriwsky's insightful *Hard Jacka* breathes life into the real man behind the legend of Albert Jacka, VC — 'Jacka' to his superiors, 'Bert' to his mates, 'our Albert' to his proud mother.

Hard Jacka is a superb account of the man whose acts of selfless heroism at Gallipoli would win him a VC, whose insubordination antagonised his seniors and whose bravery in the battlefields of France would win him the unwavering loyalty of his mates. This is a rich and fascinating story about Albert Jacka and the Great War, its heroes and anti-heroes, their sacrifice, determination and larrikin humour. It's a compelling tale about the deep bonds that life in the trenches developed between men — the quintessential Aussie mateship. **BPB \$22.99**

Return of the Gallipoli Legend Jacka VC

A hero returns home to a country that is riding high on victory and bolstered with pride. But anyone who has experienced war knows it can never be left behind.

Return of the Gallipoli Legend continues the story, told in *Hard Jacka*, of Albert Jacka, VC — soldier, legend and friend. In this meticulously researched account of a hero and his comrades-in-arms, Michael Lawriwsky explores the human cost of war. Coming home is bittersweet and the memories and experiences of war are never forgotten, irrevocably changing the world view of the soldiers who returned to a nation on the brink of The Great Depression. It is through the eyes of Albert Jacka, VC that we catch a glimpse of how survival away from the trenches becomes an emotional battle on the homefront.

Michael Lawriwsky vividly describes the baptism of fire Australia's young soldiers faced when they were called upon to sacrifice all for King and Country on the battlegrounds of Gallipoli, the Somme, Bullecourt and Polygon Wood. The price paid by the soldiers and their families is one that will echo through generations.

Albert Jacka, VC was a hero whose legacy lives on. **TP \$34.99**

James May

Car Fever

When I'm in power there are going to be some changes around here, I can tell you. May's Britain is going to be a better place to live. Top Gear's James May is back with his hilarious and controversial opinions on . . . just about everything. As well as writing about his first love, cars, James has a go at political correctness, the endless rules and regulations of daily life, the internal combustion engine and traffic wardens. He discusses gastropubs, Jeremy Clarkson and other trials of modern life. His highly entertaining observations from behind the wheel will have you laughing out loud, whether you share his opinions, or not. *Car Fever* is an indispensable guide to life for the modern driver. **TP \$24.99**

Richard McGregor

Party: The Secret World of China's Communist Rulers

China's secret rulers are the elephant in the room. They are the largest political organisation in the world. They control every aspect of Chinese life. And no one discusses them. Until now.

Who are they? And how do they operate? Richard McGregor has spent twenty years reporting on this region of the world and he has used all of his experience to uncover the true story of the Chinese Communist Party. This is the most revealing glimpse yet of how this extraordinary organisation works. From business to the army, McGregor tracks down the people who are on the inside, and reveals how they run the world's most populous country. It is impossible to understand China without really knowing who is in charge. And this book tackles the subject head on. How did China's Communists merge Marx, Mao and the market to create a new superpower? How can they maintain such a grip on power in the face of a changing world. And just how corrupt are they? The Party gives us the untold story of China's rise to power as no other book has. **HC \$49.95**

William McInnes Australian Author

Making of Modern Australia

Filled with stories from regular Australians about life since World War Two and woven throughout with William's own anecdotes and observations, **THE MAKING OF MODERN AUSTRALIA** pieces together the celebrations, sorrows and spirit of the last fifty years to offer a national picture of our past and present. Told through four main themes - Romance, Religion, Family and Home. From the trepidation of the outbreak of armed conflict to the multicultural melting pot of postwar migration, to falling in and out of love and religion, to the changes in parenting and family relations, this book reveals a very personal view of our country. William McInnes is also joining forces with Essential Media and Entertainment to narrate their four-part documentary series, **THE MAKING OF MODERN AUSTRALIA**. **TP \$35**

Leo McKinstry

Spitfire

In June 1940, the German Army had brought the rest of Europe to its knees. 'Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be free and the life of the world will move forward into broad, sunlit uplands,' said Churchill. The future of Europe depended on Britain. A self-confident Herman Gring thought that it would be only a matter of weeks before his planes had forced Britain to surrender. The courage, resourcefulness and brilliant organisation of the RAF were to prove him wrong. By late September 1940, the RAF had proved invincible, thanks to the Vickers Supermarine Spitfire. It exceeded anything that any other air force possessed. RJ Mitchell, a shy and almost painfully modest engineer, was the genius behind the Spitfire.

On the 5th March 1936, following its successful maiden flight, a legend was born. Prize-winning historian Leo McKinstry's vivid history of the Spitfire brings together a rich cast of characters and first hand testimonies. It is a tale full of drama and heroism, of glory and tragedy, with the main protagonist the remarkable plane that played a crucial role in saving Britain. **TP \$29.99**

Hurricane

In the summer of 1940 the fate of Europe hung in the balance. Victory in the forthcoming air battle would mean national survival; defeat would establish German tyranny. The Luftwaffe greatly outnumbered the RAF, but during the Battle of Britain it was the RAF that emerged triumphant, thanks to two key fighter planes, the Spitfire and the Hurricane. The Hurricane made up over half of Fighter Command's front-line strength, and its revolutionary design transformed the RAF's capabilities. Leo McKinstry tells the story of the remarkable plane from its designers to the first-hand testimonies of those brave pilots who flew it; he takes in the full military and political background but always keeps the human stories to the fore - to restore the Hawker Hurricane to its rightful place in history. **TP \$35**

Peter Moore Australian Author

Swahili for the Broken-Hearted: Cape Town to Cairo By any Means Possible

A week after breaking up with the girl next door - his girlfriend and travelling companion through Central America - Peter Moore heads off to Africa to lose himself for a while. In the grand tradition of 19th-century scoundrels, explorers and romantics, Africa strikes him as the ideal place to find solitude and anonymity in the face of a personal crisis. What follows is Peter's journey from one end of the Dark Continent to the other.

Travelling the fabled Cape Town to Cairo route by any means of transport he can blag (or if he must, pay) his way onto, it's an epic trek that sees our intrepid Antipodean experience everything from the southernmost city in Africa to the Pyramids, vast game parks and thundering falls, cosmopolitan cities and tiny villages, as he journeys through the very heart of Africa. And travelling on his own, it's inevitable that Peter falls in with a motley cast of characters and has myriad misadventures: including coming face to face with a wild hyena with very bad breath, crossing the treacherous Sani Pass, the highest in Africa, narrowly escaping a riot by hiding in a coffin shop, saving oil-covered penguins in South Africa, and acting as an extra in a World War II epic, not to mention dodging 20,000 single woman trying to catch the eye of the king of Swaziland during the annual Reed Dance. Oh yes, and then there was the time when he was kicked out of Robert Mugabe's birthday bash at gunpoint. **PB \$33**

Steve Newell

The Complete Golf Manual

Transform your golf game with this expert guide and lower your handicap too.

Learn to play like a pro and improve your golf game, whether you are a novice or experienced club golfer.

You'll start by taking a test to discover your level of ability, then follow progressive exercises designed to develop your golfing technique. From tee shots to coping with bunkers, learn to improve your golf swing immeasurably. Give yourself the winning edge with over 160 practice drills, then discover how to fix the top 10 most common faults that can creep into any golfer's game.

Find expert tips on buying your golfing equipment, learn the all-important golf etiquette and refresh your memory on golf's most important rules and lingo. It's the ultimate guide to playing better golf. **\$39.95**

Audrey Niffenegger

Her Fearful Symmetry

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

With Highgate Cemetery itself a character and echoes of Henry James and Charles Dickens, **HER FEARFUL SYMMETRY** is a delicious and deadly twenty-first-century ghost story about Niffenegger's familiar themes of love, loss and identity. It is certain to cement her standing as one of the most singular and remarkable novelists of our time. **BPB \$24.95**

Scott Oden

The Lion of Cairo
Cairo, 1167 AD.

On the banks of the river Nile, from a palace of gold and lapis lazuli, the Fatimid Caliph al Hadid rules over a crumbling empire. His city is awash with intrigues and in the shadow of the Grey Mosque, generals and emirs jockey for position under the scheming eyes of the powerful grand vizier, Jalal. In the crowded Souk, these factions use murder and terror to silence their opposition... Egypt is bleeding and the scent draws her enemies in like sharks: the Sultan of Damascus, the pious Nur al-Din, whose master is the rival Caliph of Baghdad; Shirkuh, the swaggering Kurd who would lead the armies of Damascus to victory and then, of course, Amalric, Christian king of Jerusalem whose insatiable greed knows no bounds.

Yet the Caliph of Cairo has an unexpected ally: an old man who lives in a place that even eagles fear. He is Shaykh al-Jabal, called the Old Man of the Mountain, and it is he who holds the ultimate power of life and death over the warring factions of the Moslem world, and it is he who sends his greatest weapon into Egypt, to serve the Caliph. He is but a single man but he is an Assassin: the one they call the Emir of the Knife . . . **TP \$32.95**

Chuck Palahnuik

Pygmy

Agent Number 67, nicknamed Pygmy for his diminutive size, arrives in the United States from his totalitarian homeland. An exchange student he is welcomed with open arms by his Midwestern host family. Simpsons-spinoffs, they introduce him into the rituals of postmodern American life, which he views with utter contempt. Along with his fellow operatives, he is planning something big, something truly, truly awful, to bring this big dumb country's fat inhabitants to their knees. **BPB \$24.95**

Don Pendleton

Killing Ground (Executioner 381)

Behind enemy lines.

Mack Bolan is on a covert mission in Afghanistan when the body of an American soldier goes missing. Bolan is determined to get the fallen soldier back on American soil but the Taliban forces have their own plans- and an honorable burial is not one of them.

With more U.S. soldiers killed along the trail and the Taliban planning to execute a group of innocent women and children, Bolan knows every second counts. The Executioner only has one chance to stop the ruthless plan and nothing is going to stand in his way. **APB \$13.95**

Roland Perry Australian Author

Changi Brownlow

After Singapore falls to the Japanese early in 1942, 70 000 prisoners including 15 000 Australians, are held as POWs at the notorious Changi prison, Singapore. To amuse themselves and fellow inmates, a group of sportsmen led by the indefatigable and popular 'Chicken' Smallhorn, created an Australian Football League, complete with tribunal, selection panel, umpires and coaches. The final game of the one and only season was between 'Victoria' and the 'Rest of Australia', which attracted 10 000 spectators, and a unique Brownlow Medal was awarded in this unlikely setting under the curious gaze of Japanese prison guards. Meet the main characters behind this spectacle: Peter Chitty, the farm hand from Snowy River country with unfathomable physical and mental fortitude, and one of eight in his immediate family who volunteer to fight and serve in WW2; 'Chicken' Smallhorn, the Brownlow-medal winning little man with the huge heart; and 'Weary' Dunlop, the courageous doctor, who cares for the POWs as they endure malnutrition, disease and often inhuman treatment. This is a story of courage and the invincibility of the human spirit, and highlights not only the Australian love of sport, but its power to offer consolation in times of extreme hardship. **TP \$35**

James Phelan Australian Author

Liquid Gold (Lachlan Fox 04)

Water promises to be to the 21st century what oil was to the twentieth. Liquid gold is a high-octane thriller featuring Lachlan Fox. Lachlan Fox has made a career out of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. As a shore assault specialist in an Australian Navy Clearance Diver Team, he often came up against bad guys and even worse odds. Now working as an investigative journalist for an independent news organisation he doesn't back away from uncovering the big stories...global conspiracies, rogue secret agents, terrorist cells... With his best friend Alister Gammaldi, Fox is caught up in the corrupt world of international politics and arms races and, it seems, as the earth feels the impact of global warming, that the commodity everyone is after is water. Lachlan discovers some people will do anything to control it. When he exposes their secrets he finds himself back in the front line and facing his strongest enemy yet. **PB \$19.99**

Red Ice (Lachlan Fox 05)

Just a few days after the conclusion of LIQUID GOLD, Lachlan Fox is thrown back into the midst of the action when the dangerous and powerful Umbra organization offers to trade a man they've taken hostage for one of their own operatives. After the CIA claim they won't negotiate with terrorists, Umbra begins to cut off the natural gas supply to Europe. This is just a small indication of the level of chaos they're prepared to inflict. Assassinations follow . . . RED ICE is a post-cold war thriller set in an unstable Europe, where control of resources equals true power. It's a novel in which Russia is under the influence of corrupt capitalists, the pace is non-stop, the stakes are inconceivably high, the villain a true megalomaniac - and ex-Navy hero Lachlan Fox is seriously challenged. **TP \$32.99**

Jenny Quealy

Great Australian Rabbit Stories

In 1859 twenty-four wild rabbits were released onto a Victorian property. By 1890 rabbits were at plague numbers. And by the 1920s their numbers had reached an estimated ten billion.

Great Australian Rabbit Stories is a marvellous collection of true-life tales that give a remarkable insight into life on the land as seen through the eyes of those who have been at the frontline of Australia's relentless battle with the rabbit. Full of heart, humour, sadness and adventure, these stories perfectly capture the Aussie spirit and ingenuity - from childhood recollections of trapping rabbits during the Depression, to the tireless battles fought by farmers against their furry foe and the scientists who search desperately for ways to control exploding rabbit populations. These memories not only bring to life a bygone era, but also highlight the very real challenges people in rural Australia face every day. **TP \$35**

Mary Roach

Packing for Mars

Space is a world devoid of the things we need to live and thrive: air, gravity, hot showers, fresh produce, privacy, beer. Space exploration is in some ways an exploration of what it means to be human. How much can a person give up? How much weirdness can they take? What happens to you when you can't walk for a year? have sex? smell flowers? What happens if you vomit in your helmet during a space walk? Is it possible for the human body to survive a bailout at 17,000 miles per hour? To answer these questions, space agencies set up all manner of quizzical and startlingly bizarre space simulations. As Mary Roach discovers, it's possible to preview space without ever leaving Earth. From the space shuttle training toilet to a crash test of NASA's new space capsule (cadaver filling in for astronaut), Roach takes us on a surreally entertaining trip into the science of life in space and space on Earth. **PB \$52.95**

Thomas S Russell

A Battle Won

Master and Commander Charles Hayden returns in the sequel to the international bestseller *Under Enemy Colors*.

Winter 1793-the Reign of Terror rips through revolutionary France. In Plymouth, England, Master and Commander Charles Hayden is given orders to return to the ill-fated HMS Themis as the British fight the French for control of the strategically located island of Corsica.

But within hours out of port, Hayden's uncanny knack for attracting the attention of the French navy sees Themis thrown back into action. When she lands in Corsica and her men join forces with native insurgents, Hayden finds himself at the vanguard of a brutal clash of empires. **HC \$54.95**

Simon Scarrow

Fields of Death (04)

It's 1810, and both Viscount Wellington and Emperor Napoleon have made great names for themselves as outstanding military commanders. Wellington expands his achievements and enjoys further fame during his years in Spain but knows his most challenging test will be to face Napoleon's mighty army. But when Wellington invades France in 1814 he gains a swift and certain victory. He indulges in a spell of self-congratulation at Vienna until news comes of Napoleon's triumphant return. Napoleon, ambitious as ever, embarks on a Russian campaign which ends in disaster and is then defeated at Leipzig in the biggest battle ever fought in Europe. With Napoleon's power waning at long last, Wellington must seize the opportunity to crush the tyrant once and for all and so the two giants face each other for the final time, at Waterloo... **TP \$32.99**

Mark Skaife & Andrew Clarke

Skafey: Life in the Fast Lane

He is the most successful driver in Australian motorsport history. One of the icons of the sport, ultimately a Holden hero after starting his career with Nissan: but there is much more to Mark Skaife than just that.

Move past the numbers – more touring car round wins than any other driver, equal to the best in touring car titles, five Bathurst wins, three Australian Drivers' Championships and numerous other accolades – and you'll find a driver with a deeply entrenched popularity in the sport.

This is Mark's story in his own words, from before the time the motorsport bug first bit to the final days of his time with HRT and the desire to keep racing at Bathurst. He talks about the level of commitment he put in to become the very best while some of those around him tell how this changed the face of the sport in this country. Find out what motivated him to dominate. How teams he was involved with twice forced the rules to be changed to give others a chance. What he loved about the sport and what he misses today.

But also discover the other Mark Skaife. An accomplished businessman with runs on the board, a family man devoted to his three children, a road safety advocate and much more. This is the only place you will read the true story of Mark Skaife and all that has gone on around him. **TP \$34.95**

Jack Whyte

Order in Chaos (Templar 03)

On the morning of October 13, 1307, every Templar knight in France is arrested by the order of King Philip IV, who then seizes all the Order's assets and set the Inquisition against them. Warned of the plot, Sir William St. Clair flees from France with the Temple's treasure, several hundred knights, and the widow Lady Jessica Randolph to seek sanctuary in Scotland. There, with his men deprived of everything they valued and held dear at home, he will lead them into battle as Templar Knights one last time in defiant support of a king who is not their own, but who has earned their trust.

PB \$21.95

Kevin Wilson

Journey's End: Bomber Command's Battle from Arnhem to Dresden

In February 1945, British and American bombers rained down thousands of tons of incendiaries on the city of Dresden, creating one of the greatest firestorms in history. Their bombs killed an estimated 25 000 people and wiped one of the most beautiful cities in Europe from the map. The controversy that erupted shortly afterwards and which continues to this day, has long overshadowed the other events of the bomber war and blighted the memory of the young men who gave their lives to fight in the skies over Germany. Kevin Wilson has interviewed over a hundred people for this book, some of whom flew on the Dresden raids and many more who experienced other aspects of bombing, both in the air and on the ground. As the final volume in his bomber war trilogy, it chronicles the climactic period in a conflict that caused devastation and tragedy on both sides. **HC \$65**

John Wiseman

Collins Gem SAS Survival Guide: How to Survive Anywhere

Lofty Wiseman is the foremost expert on survival training and this updated edition contains all the latest techniques as well as Lofty's timeless advice. All of it is rooted in the training techniques of the Special Air Service, the world's most famous elite fighting force. Whether you are a camper, a hiker, a sailor or anyone else engaged in outdoor pursuits, this book could actually save your life. Using clear line drawings and colour illustrations, survival techniques from the sea to the mountains and from the polar icecaps to the desert are described, complete with what to do in a whole range of medical and meteorological emergencies. This edition has been updated to reflect rapidly changing developments in communication, textile and survival technologies. **PB \$12.99**

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