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Earth Strike in paperback
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Player's Handbook 3
A Thousand Sons a new *Horus Heresy* paperback.
Terminal World in trade paperback and hardcover.
By Heresies Distressed in paperback
Shadowrise in tradepaperback.



Author Visit: Scott Sigler

Scott Sigler author visit: Scott will be visiting Infinitas 5pm on Tuesday March 30th. He will perform a reading in our shop and sign copies of this books. We will have copies of Scott's new book *Ancestor*, as well as *Infected*, *Contagious* and hopefully *The Rookie*. After the reading in our shop, he will then have dinner and drinks across the road at the Roxy - feel welcome to join him. Scott has a reputation as quite the performer, so this should be a fun evening. Pre-order your copies now!

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Gaming Events at Infinitas

D&D Day will be on again. Wizards of the Coast are releasing Player's Handbook 3 and supporting us running games on Saturday 20th March. The adventure will be using new possibilities from PHB3. We already have the pre-prepared characters and 6th level module *Beneath the Lonely Tower*. These D&D Days have a great fun atmosphere, and allow you to meet new gamers and compare DMing styles. Contact us at the shop to book a place and let us know if you can DM. DMs get to keep the module.

D&D Delve Day last month was successful with 4 gamers very obviously enjoying themselves. Wizards of the Coast have a replacement programme for these events, so we expect to have new material for future games. Ask at the shop for details or just come along. This month's delve day is Saturday 27th March. We are hopeful that demand will grow so we can run these weekly.

Star Wars Miniatures Game at Infinitas: We are trialling running some Star Wars minis games at the shop. First event will be Saturday 13th March at 9:30 for a 10am start. Bring some minis but we may be encouraging you to buy a booster to play, - this will be discussed and decided on the day.

News

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, Fan Guest Robin Johnson. Attending and supporting members can nominate and vote in the Hugo Awards, so be involved. <http://www.aussiecon4.org.au/>

Leviathan 2010 is a weekend of tabletop wargames, boardgames, painting competition, etc at Quakers Hill High School 70 Lalor Rd Quakers Hill on Saturday April 10th and Sunday 11th. Leviathan is run by the Western Suburbs Games Society. For details see: <http://www.westernsuburbsgamesociety.com> We hope to run a stall for Infinitas at Leviathan and will be supporting Leviathan again with voucher prizes. We have some of their entry forms at the shop.

Ursula K Le Guin has resigned from the Authors Guild in protest over the Google Settlement. <http://www.ursulakleguin.com/Index-GoogleSettlement.html>

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.

Sleepless by Charlie Huston reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781409115007>

The cover doesn't say so, but I'd call this novel hard science fiction: the impact of a scientifically plausible world catastrophe on people. The setting is Los Angeles in 2010 after two years of pandemic: sufferers can't sleep, they die within a year. Industry and law and order are breaking down; people are addicting on drugs and internet based super Dungeons-and- Dragons games. Against this backdrop we have young Undercover Cop seeking the big drug bust and experienced Contract Killer seeking the Prize. Which Undercover Cop unwittingly holds. Actually, the plot is better than that sounds. The cover blurb sums it up nicely: Undercover Cop worries about the future of his baby daughter and how many bad things a good man should do for the people he loves. Very human, questioning values and limitations of morals, which in the end both characters understand in different ways. Good stuff.

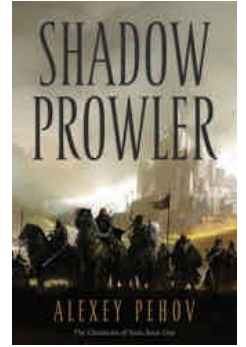
Readers who like detail in world disaster scenarios may enjoy the depth of it in *Sleepless*, but I found it made slow reading, being much in the form of info dump rather than story development. I thought much else of the writing also clumsy, including the storytelling arrangement in the last two chapters. My main reservation is person/point of view confusions: Undercover Cop is presented in third person as well. Well into the novel, I realised that the dated first person stanzas are entries in Undercover Cop's diary and Contract Killer is the real first person, but by that stage I found my reader interest pushed out of the characters rather than drawn into them. The Epilogue finally straightens out the person/point of view situation, but I think the place it set up the reader is the beginning, not the end.

I'd give *Sleepless* two stars out of five in the rough and ready system I've devised for myself. Author Huston has clearly put a lot of thought into the effects of such a catastrophe on the world, and I especially liked the explanation late in the novel of the origin of the pandemic - you may start shaking in your boots now. While there are many novels about morals, this one makes you wonder why you would have babies - or it should do given the way the world is going in real life. Plenty in this novel to think about.

***Shadow Prowler* by Alexey Pehov reviewed by Jonathan Dean**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781847375636>

Avendoom is an old city, twisty & winding, with a cursed area which has been walled off, to protect the rest of the city. But Avendoom and the world is under threat from the Orcs, first born of the races, and determined to be the only race left at the end. Shadow Harold is a master thief in the city of Avendoom, with a jaded viewpoint and twisted by cynical experience. Suspicious, thorough, paranoid & untrusting, somehow he finds that the king has managed to trap him, and he finds himself under oath to Sagot, God of Thieves, to steal the one artefact of power that may save them. Under contract, with an elf magician to assist, a couple of prissy magicians, ten of the Wild Hearts (the nastiest group of fighters & brigands known), and a gnome with a taste for bad practical jokes, for an escort, what more could Harold ask for? Well, first he has to sneak into the cursed part of town, avoid the monsters lurking waiting to devour anybody within reach, locate the maps of Hard Spein detailing the city & traps, then get out alive again. Then they have to get to Hrad Spein, retrieve the Rainbow Horn & get it back to Avendoom in time. Easy.....or so they all keep telling him.....



To commence with, Pehov is the one responsible for the Nightwatch translations, and is a decent author, but the style is not the Western style we are comfortable with. The phrasing, the emphases, and the general narrative style is slightly different from Western authors, but you find yourself getting drawn into the story despite yourself, similar to the works of Sapiensky or Lukyanenko. This is the first of a saga trilogy, and sets the groundwork well, introducing the relevant players, getting you interested by the story potentials, and giving you an idea of the events to come. Whilst somewhat conservative in theme, ie quest to be completed to save the world, etc., the author has managed to create individuals that seem realistic and have depth of character, enticing the reader to go further. The world described also has a history & past, twisted, convoluted & dark, making it seem like a living creation, rather than just a stage for events. The inhabitants of this world are also slightly different from the standard Western archetypes, with elves being related to orcs, and rather than the classically beautiful creatures in Tolkien derived works, having grey hair, sallow skin & tusks. Overall, I found this book a touch difficult to get into at the very beginning, but as the characters were revealed & developed, I became intrigued and hooked by the work. Definitely one to follow up on, as I will be very curious to see where the author takes the next books in the series.

***Terminal World* by Alastair Reynolds reviewed by Liam Martin**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575084933>

Alastair Reynold's new book, Terminal World, is almost a step back from his usual writing style of humanity surviving in deep space. But pull past the first few chapters and you begin to realise that this world has received as much love and attention as any of his other books.

Terminal World is set in Spearpoint, one of the last cities left on a long forgotten planet. In this world, there are 'zones', which control the level of technology available in that particular area. For example, in one zone, nanotechnology may be able to work, but if you move to an area where nothing above steam power will work, your nanotechnology fails and cannot be retrieved ever. The story begins with a pathologist working in a morgue in Neon Heights. Following a disastrous infiltration mission by the "Angels" on the top of Spearpoint, he has been trying to leave behind his gruesome past. When an almost dead Angel falls to his dissecting table, he learns that the angels have not forgotten him and he must flee Spearpoint itself to escape their plans to bring him back for torture. Using the services of an old acquaintance, Quillion is accompanied by Meroka who is charged with his safety until she returns back to Spearpoint. Along his journey, Quillion encounters the dangerous outside world and the people that survive there and the monsters that control them.

Alastair's storytelling in this book is fantastic, characters' personalities are clear from the start, but the events that made them like that are slowly revealed throughout the book and give a deeper meaning to the characters and plot. The monsters, society and technology that Quillion encounters closely resemble parts of his other books (like the Revelation Space universe), such as the Angels closely resembling Ultranauts and the Skull group being as mysterious as the Inhibitors. But they all have been given attention to make them fit seamlessly in this degrading, technological zone controlled world. Alastair should be given special mention for imagining how humanity would continue to survive and strive in a world of this kind.

However, while I would recommend this to anybody looking for some new hard science fiction, I would say that this book would likely be confusing to readers that have not read and understood the underpinning ideas of his other works. Terminal World gives another taste of what Alastair Reynolds can imagine, while also bringing a new style for those familiar with his books. Unfortunately, Alastair's next novel is not a sequel.

Short Story

The Feinlein Equations by Len Newland

Meetings, bloody meetings.

This is the regular Monday morning interdepartment exec meeting, which The Knob insists on having so all his department heads and their immediate subordinates know What's Happening. He holds it on Mondays to account for human reality: on Friday afternoons, half the execs are too pissed and the other half are having their end-of-week crisis.

The Knob's holding court at the end of the table opposite the PC projector screen. I'm sitting inconspicuously on one side. Fred's sitting next to me. He's my boss; no further comment. Gary's next to Fred. He's our department head, Fred's boss, and he postures as much as The Knob: Gary sits down before Fred before me. I'm comparing the maroon vinyl of my folders with the maroon of the imitation leather of the conference table. The table units are supposed to be hooked together, but the hooks don't work too well. Where I'm sitting, I have to be careful not to rip my trousers on a dangling hook.

Ron of Finance opens his litany of Where We Stand with his customary criticism of the poor bunny writing up the minutes for failing to record his every um and ah, then segues into his interminable drone sounding like a bunch of bees hovering over a field of daisies. Comparing folder colours is much more exciting than Ron as he finally winds down to be succeeded by the usual loud bickering between Roger, Keith and Alan over their big IT project. Their project isn't advancing any faster than mine, and it's anybody else's fault.

I'm last in the scheduled speaking order, responsible for converting the Feinlein spatio-temporal equations into a practical matter transfer system. The Feinlein equations: $\text{div } t \text{ equals curl } c$ and so forth. The bugger factor is the x-tensor. It keeps confounding me, as it does the competitors and sundry university researchers around the world. Gary keeps me on it because he regards me as the terrier type who'll get results if anyone can. Talking to Fred behind my back, he calls me Fido. Bastard.

Actually, he might be right. I lie awake at nights trying to figure it out. Lots of nights. If I ever do figure it out, my job with the Company will be designing matter transfer equipment. If not, I'll have to find a job elsewhere. Real estate, say. Lately, Gary's been hinting that might be sooner rather than later, so I've been spending many of those sleepless nights figuring out new ways to say the answer's just around the corner.

That's why I've taken up the trombone. Stress relief. People in flats neighbouring mine complain about my constantly playing "When The Saints Go Marching In" and nothing else, but hey, I'm only beginning. I play along with a CD and I've just about got the details into my head, but getting them into my trombone is proving troublesome. I picked that tune because I hear it in football season whenever St Kilda wins, which is often.

I hum "The Saints" in my head as Roger, Keith and Alan shelve their arguing long enough for the talking corpse Marg to bore the meeting shitless with her project figuring. It's overgrown arithmetic, not real maths. I fade out, letting "The Saints" fade in. I think I'm just about getting that trombone twirl following the second line. I run it through my head again, then reach out for my trombone and play it through slowly on that.

I play it through again, faster, then once more up to speed. It's about the coolest thing I've ever heard. I'm dying to play it along with the CD, so I load it into my PC and do so. I notice I'm playing along a little differently from the trombonist on the CD. I play along again. I'm cooler than the CD! I'm brilliant!

My mind takes over. Why is my rendition better than the CD? I go to my kitchenette for coffee, pushing aside papers on the Feinlein equations to make room. Suddenly, I have a flash of dark: the world disappears for a moment, then reappears with answers in place.

I forget the coffee as I make the associations. Music is a mathematical form. A spatio-temporal form, dragging the listener's consciousness from one state to another through a chain of matrices. A chain, it strikes me now, remarkably similar to certain features of the x-tensor in the Feinlein equations I've been studying so hard. I grab a sheaf of papers on the x-tensor off the floor, then print out the score of "The Saints" with my new part added. Remarkably similar!

Quickly, I transfer the pertinent points into the x-tensor. I see the x-tensor as describing the connection between all points of spacetime. I marvel. We exist everywhere at all times! What locates us at one point at one moment? I look again at my transcribed score of "The Saints". I interpret it as locating consciousness. Is consciousness the same as location in spacetime? Are all objects, electrons even, somehow "conscious"?

My own consciousness abruptly registers that I'm in my flat. But I was in The Knob's meeting just now. Where am I really? The clock says I'm still in the meeting, daydreaming, but it doesn't feel like a dream. I pinch myself and get a positive result, but that test is a hearsay thing. I need a better test. I put my trombone and its stand in the kitchenette, where it never is. If I'm really here and I somehow get back to the meeting, then I'll

find the trombone in the kitchenette when I get home. That'll be my proof that I really am here now.

That's if I didn't move the trombone last night and forget I did it.

I ignore that question and ponder how to get back to the meeting. Assuming I'm here now, it's because I was silently humming a particular line of "The Saints". What if I do it again? I indulge in some trial and error. Finally, I imagine my colourful folder as I hum, holding the whole tune and all its component parts including mine in my head at the same time. Good thing I'm used to matrix mathematics.

I'm back in the meeting. Debbie's babbling on in pseudo mathematical probability terms that even Gary might catch the gist of. Nobody seems to have missed me or noticed my sudden reappearance. Everyone is present who's supposed to be. I look at faces like Keith's that I expect to see glazed while Debbie babbles. They're not glazed now, but I often do see it, and I usually associate it with daydreaming. It occurs to me that maybe when we remember glazed faces later, it might be a sign that they actually were absent but our minds have smoothed it over. I begin scribbling out this possible ramification of the Feinlein equations. Does the x-tensor link all consciousness?

Debbie finishes and it's my turn to babble. Thinking about the lifetime of study ahead of me, I announce that I may have made an advance, but it's too early to evaluate it. Meantime, who at this table likes music? The response is meagre but correlates well with glazed expressions I've observed in recent meetings. Surprisingly to me, Gary's among the responders. I recommend they all listen carefully to "The Saints" and snap my folder shut. Most of them aren't football followers, but I discern some partisanship among the rest as The Knob closes the meeting and we all stand up to leave.

"Robert!" says Gary to me. "I want a word with you."

Fred takes this as a signal to go away.

"Where were you in this meeting?" says Gary after the rest of the conference room population has thinned out.

"Two seats to your left."

"Don't be an arse!" If there's one thing Gary hates more than me, it's glibness. "I distinctly remember a moment when you weren't here."

I cock an eyebrow at him. "Do you distinctly remember me getting up and walking out?"

A pause. A Frown of Thunder. A grunt. A glare meaning I'm Watching You, Fido. Gary departs without my having suggested that he consult a psychiatrist.

Instead, I glance at the ceiling. There's a cobweb hanging off the overhead PC projector. I smile as I realise I have my proof. My trombone will be in the kitchenette when I get home. I know it will.

And I think all future operators of my matter transfer system will need to be confirmed St Kilda supporters.

Bestsellers for February 2010

	<u>General Release</u>		<u>Media and Games Related Titles</u>
<i>The Risen Queen</i>	Duncan Lay *	<i>A Thousand Sons</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>The Wounded Guardian</i>	Duncan Lay *	<i>Rynn's World</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Horizon</i>	Lois McMaster Bujold	<i>Crosscurrent</i>	Star Wars
<i>Honor of the Clan</i>	John Ringo & Julie Cochrane	<i>Black Tide</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Rides a Dread Legion</i>	Raymond E Feist	<i>Soul Hunter</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Flirt</i>	Laurell K Hamilton	<i>Raven's Flight</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>The Revolution Business</i>	Charles Stross	<i>Darth Bane Dynasty of Evil</i>	Star Wars
<i>Steamed</i>	Katie MacAlister	<i>Code of the Krillitanes</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Just Another Judgement Day</i>	Simon R Green	<i>Card Sleeves: Mini American Board Game Size x50</i>	
<i>Black Magic Sanction</i>	Kim Harrison	<i>Dark Creed</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.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>
Thursday 1st April 2010: Humour in science fiction

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting. 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 18th March 2010:

Helix by Eric Brown (Science Fiction)
Furies of Calderon by Jim Butcher (Fantasy)
Thursday 15th April 2010:

The Whale's Tale by Edwina Harvey (Science Fiction)
Burning Water by Mercedes Lackey (Urban Fantasy)

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

Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

Monsterpocalypse is a tabletop miniature game for 2 players who each deploy their figurine army of giant monsters rampaging through a cityscape. It is very silly and often humans only rank as collateral damage. Games start 6pm the 2nd and 4th Thursday of 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. Pre-prepared characters may be required. Ask us at the shop for details.
4th Saturday morning of each month starting at 10am. Not Dec!

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

Miniatures: We are toying with the idea of hosting D&D and or Star Wars minis games at the shop. Ideally we would find someone to lead/organise each group. If interested, talk to us.
Star Wars minis game first event Sat 13th March 2010.

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Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Daniel Abraham

Shadow and Betrayal (Long Price 01, 02)

In a remote mountain academy, the politically expendable younger sons of the Great Houses study for an extraordinary task. Most will fail, some will die, but the reward for the dedicated few is great: mastery of the *andat*, and the rank of Poet. Thanks to these men - part sorcerers, part scholars - the great city-states of the Khaiem enjoy wealth and power beyond measure, and the greatest of them all is Saraykeht: glittering jewel of the Summer Cities. There are those in the world, however, who envy such wealth. There are great riches to be had in the Summer and Winter Cities, and only the threat of the *andat* unleashed holds the enemies of the Khaiem in check. Conflict is brewing in the world. Alliances will be broken and friends betrayed. The lowly will be raised up, the mighty will fall and innocents will be slaughtered. And two men, bound to each other by an act of kindness and an act of brutality, may be all that stands between the civilised world and war. War and something worse... **APB \$21.99**

Seasons of War (Long Price 03, 04)

The poets and their magical *andat* have protected the cities of the Khaiem against their rivals in Galt for generations. Otah, Khai of the Winter City of Machi, has tried for years to prepare his people for a future in which the *andat* can no longer be safely harnessed. But his warnings have been ignored, and now it's too late. A ruthless, charismatic Galtic general believes he has found a way to strip the *andat* of their power. If he is wrong, Galt will be destroyed. If he is right, the Khaiem will fall. Only one thing is certain: conflict is inevitable, and Otah and his old friend and enemy the disgraced poet, Maati, must fight a desperate battle to protect their cities from slaughter. These two men, bound together by shadow and betrayal, will bring the world to the edge of a cataclysm unlike anything either side had imagined. For if the cost of war is high, the price of peace may be unimaginable... **APB \$21.99**

C T Adams & Cathy Clamp

Serpent Moon (Sazi 08)

Considered dangerous among his own Sazi kind, Eric Thompson has been called back from exile to fight a war no one expects him to survive and finds an unlikely ally in Holly Sanchez, who is the key to his survival. **APB \$17.95**

Karl Alexander

Time After Time

In 1979 Karl Alexander burst upon the literary world with a brash, exciting novel that had a unique concept. HG Wells had actually invented a time machine. And when he showed it off to his famous friends - such as Henry James, Ford Madox Ford, and other literary lights of 1893 London - he never suspected that another guest, his college friend, surgeon Leslie John Stephenson, was in truth the infamous Jack the Ripper. When Scotland Yard detectives showed up at Wells house to inquire about Stephenson, Jack took the machine and fled to the future - 1979 San Francisco. When the time machine, as designed, returned to its point of origin, Wells followed the Ripper to the future. Wells felt obligated to bring him back to justice. Once in San Francisco, Wells realised that he also must save that city... And a particular lovely young woman... From a new reign of terror at the hands of the depraved, grisly Jack. The rest of the story is well known, because *Time After Time* became the very successful Malcolm McDowell/Mary Steenburgen film of 1980. A bestseller in the United States, England, and elsewhere when it was first published, this irresistible thriller about famous real-life people has been unavailable for nearly 30 years. A battle of wits between the Victorian adversaries as exciting and suspenseful as it was when first published, this classic time-travel thriller will be a grand treat for a new generation of readers. **BPB \$22.99**

Poul Anderson

David Falkayn: Star Trader (Technic Civilization 02)

The Polesotechnic League of star traders was prospering, and Nicholas Van Rijn, its most flamboyant member, was prospering most of all as commerce flowed between the stars. But not all League members played fair when trading, nor did some of the non-human races of the galaxy object to dirty tricks. Van Rijn could not be everywhere, and relied on his representatives, foremost among them his young protégé, David Falkayn, and the members of David's trader team: Adzel, a large dragon-like being who practiced Buddhism, and Chee-Lan, a brilliant but hot-tempered felinesque extraterrestrial. **APB \$19.95**

Alex Archer

Sacred Ground (Rogue Angel 23)

When archaeologist Annja Creed is contracted by a large mining company to oversee the proper relocation of a sacred Araktak burial site, she stumbles upon a terrible secret that a powerful group of men want to unleash upon the unsuspecting world. **PB \$17.95**

James Axler

Blood Harvest (Deathlands 91)

When they wash ashore from the North Atlantic, Ryan Cawdor and Doc Tanner discover a mutant race of bloodthirsty giants and must find a way to survive in this world of unimaginable terror. **PB \$17.95**

Kage Baker

The Empress of Mars (Company)

When the British Aerean Company founded its Martian colony, it welcomed any settlers it could get. Outcasts, misfits, and dreamers emigrated in droves to undertake the grueling task of terraforming the cold red planet—only to be abandoned when the BAC discovered it couldn't turn a profit on Mars. This is the story of Mary Griffith, a determined woman with three daughters, who opened the only place to buy a beer on the Tharsis Bulge. It's also the story of Manco Inca, whose attempt to terraform Mars brought a new goddess vividly to life; of Stanford Crosley, con man extraordinaire; of Ottorino Vespucci, space cowboy and romantic hero; of the Clan Morrigan; of the denizens of the Martian Motel, and of the machinations of another Company entirely; all of whom contribute to the downfall of the BAC and the founding of a new world. But Mary and her struggles and triumphs are at the center of it all, in her bar, the Empress of Mars. **TP \$32.95**

Not Less Than Gods (Company)

On a dark evening in 1824, a lady is offered a ride home in the carriage of a dark and mysterious stranger and a boy is conceived. Groomed from childhood to become a perfect British hero, young Edward Alton Bell-Fairfax proceeds uncertainly through public school, a career in the navy, mutiny and court-martial before discovering his true place in life. There is, in Whitehall, a comfortable and slightly shabby club called Redking's. Downstairs from Redking's, however, is concealed the London headquarters of the Gentlemen's Speculative Society... A centuries-old fraternity devoted to the development of what its members call Technologia. Their goal is to bring about a Utopian paradise of science, through the manipulation of men and governments. Edward, as one of their agents, sets off on an odyssey across 19th-century Europe, encountering on the way flying machines, self-propelled carriages, and an Underground Galvanic Railway... And learns that the Society, in its various disguises, is everywhere. **HC \$45**

R Scott Bakker*The Judging Eye (Aspect Emperor 01)*

A score of years after he first walked into the histories of Men, Anas rimbor Kellhus rules all the Three Seas, the first true Aspect-Emperor in a thousand years. Wielding more power than even the greatest sorcerer, Kellhus now leads a holy war deep into the wastes of the Ancient North, intent on destroying the stronghold of Golgotterath and preventing the Second Apocalypse.

Meanwhile his wife and consort, Esmenet, struggles to rule not only his vast empire, but their murderous children as well. And Achamian, who lives as a Wizard in embittered exile, undertakes a mad quest to uncover the origins of the D nyain. But Achamian, of all people, should know that one must be very careful what one seeks... **APB \$22.99**

Elizabeth Bear*Chill*

Sometimes the greatest sin is survival.

The generation ship Jacob's Ladder has barely survived cataclysms from without and within. Now, riding the shock wave of a nova blast toward an uncertain destiny, the damaged ship-the only world its inhabitants have ever known-remains a war zone. Even as Perceval, the new captain, struggles to come to terms with the traumas of her recent past, the remnants of rebellion aboard the ship still threaten the crew's survival.

Yet as Perceval's relatives Tristen and Benedick play a deadly game of cat and mouse in pursuit of a traitor through a vast ship that is renewing itself in strange and dangerous ways, an even more insidious threat is building in a place no one ever thought to look. And this implacable enemy could change the face of the ship forever if a ragtag band of heroes cannot stop it. **APB \$19.95**

Amber Benson*Cat's Claw (Calliope Reaper-Jones 02)*

Calliope Reaper-Jones is Death's Daughter. She owes a debt to Cerberus, the 3 headed dog that guards the gate's of hell -this involves a trip to Purgatory, Las Vegas, ancient Egypt, and a department store that's more frightening than any supernatural creature. **APB \$19.95**

Anne Bishop*Shalador's Lady (Black Jewels)*

For years the Shalador people suffered the cruelties of the corrupt Queens who ruled them, forbidding their traditions, punishing those who dared show defiance, and forcing many more into hiding. Now that their land has been cleansed of tainted Blood, the Rose-Jeweled Queen, Lady Cassidy, makes it her duty to restore it and prove her ability to rule.

But even if Lady Cassidy succeeds, other dangers await. For the Black Widows see visions within their tangled webs that something is coming that will change the land-and Lady Cassidy-forever... **HC \$51.95**

Jenna Black*The Devil's Playground (Morgan Kingsley 05)*

While dealing with boyfriend issues, Morgan Kingsley, an exorcist with a supersexy demon named Lugh living inside her, is hired by the opportunistic owner of the Seven Deadlies demon club in Philadelphia to stop demons from possessing his rough trade club-goers. **PB \$19.95**

Holly Black*Ironside*

Holly Black's long-awaited sequel to Tithe sees Roiben uneasy on the Unseelie throne, his tenuous hold on his subjects compounded by his relationship with a commoner -- and one raised as a human to boot. Then Kaye, drunk on faerie wine and goaded by malicious ill-wishers, makes a passionate declaration -- in public -- which makes their situation immeasurably worse. Because of it Roiben must set her a task which she must complete to show that she is worthy to be his consort. The quest he gives her, however, is an impossible one: to find him a faery who can lie. Devastated as she is by his rejection, belonging neither in Faerie nor the human world -- Ironside -- Kaye is not the only one in trouble. Corny too has acted rashly and has to face some harsh and unpleasant consequences when he is cursed so that every thing he touches decays and dies.

Together they set out to seek an answer and a cure, and both find more than they bargain for. Corny finds a soulmate in the mysterious and taciturn Luis -- whom he dare not touch -- but Kaye uncovers a plot to destroy Roiben once and for all by an act of exquisite cruelty and revenge. A plot hatched not in the twisted heart of the Unseelie Court but by the Seelie Queen herself: the bright star, Silarial, to whom Roiben in turn had once declared his love. Love and hate and good and evil are only sides of the same coin. But which is which and how fine is the line that lies between them? **BPB \$22.99**

Patricia Briggs*Moon Called (Mercy Thompson 01)*

The first book in the popular Mercy Thompson series--wherein the main character must contend with a world of vampires, werewolves and gremlins **HC \$40.95**

Honey Brown Australian Author*Red Queen*

Aurealis Award 2009 winner for best horror novel

Shannon and Rohan Scott have retreated to their family's cabin in the Australian bush to escape a virus-ravaged world. After months of isolation, Shannon imagines there's nothing he doesn't know about his older brother, or himself -- until a stranger slips under their late-night watch and past their loaded guns. Reluctantly the brothers take the young woman into their fold, and the dynamic within the cabin shifts. Possessiveness takes hold, loyalties are split, and trust is shattered. Before long, all three find themselves locked into a very different battle for survival. **TP \$29.95**

Jim Butcher*Turn Coat (Dresden Files 11)*

The Warden Morgan has been accused of treason against the Wizards of the White Council-and there's only one final punishment for that crime. He's on the run, he wants his name cleared, and he needs someone with a knack for backing the underdog. Like Harry Dresden. Now, Harry must uncover a traitor within the Council, keep a less-than-agreeable Morgan under wraps, and avoid coming under scrutiny himself. And a single mistake could cost Harry his head... **A+PB \$21.95**

Stella Cameron*Out of Body (Court of Angels 01)*

When she glimpses the fate of two missing New Orleans jazz singers, Marley Millet, born of an ancient family of clairvoyants, after going to the police, catches the attention of cop-turned-writer Gray Fisher who is interested in her story as well as in her. **APB \$19.95**

Jacqueline Carey

Naamah's Kiss

Decades ago a sacred oath was broken. And as it broke, the magic held by the oldest tribe in Alba was shattered. Their power over the natural world lost, the gift of foretelling gone, now only the small magics are left to Moirin and her people: the ability to conceal themselves from sight and a skill to coax plants to grow. But Moirin also has strange gods in her life, who hint at another part of her heritage. While Moirin's mother is of the tribe, her father was a priest dedicated to the service of Naamah - the goddess of desire - and as Moirin undergoes the rites of adulthood it becomes clear that an unexpected destiny is unfolding at her feet. Moirin's path lies across the ocean, past the elaborate dazzle and intrigue-filled courts of Terre D'Ange and up into the unknown land of the Ch'in. But, even gifted as she is, how can her destiny be linked with that of the blindfolded Ch'in warrior-princess and how can Moirin's small gifts ever hope to stand against the power of a vengeful, ambitious mage? Magic is at work, war is looming and the fates of nations hang in the balance...and if she is to fulfil her destiny, Moirin must find her way through it all... **TP \$35**

Blake Charlton

Spellwright

Nicodemus is a young, gifted wizard with a problem. Magic in his world requires the caster to create spells by writing out the text . . . but he has always been dyslexic, and thus has trouble casting even the simplest of spells. And his misspells could prove dangerous, even deadly, should he make a mistake in an important incantation.

Yet he has always felt that he is destined to be something more than a failed wizard. When a powerful, ancient evil begins a campaign of murder and disruption, Nicodemus starts to have disturbing dreams that lead him to believe that his misspelling could be the result of a curse. But before he can discover the truth about himself, he is attacked by an evil which has already claimed the lives of fellow wizards and has cast suspicion on his mentor. He must flee for his own life if he's to find the true villain.

But more is at stake than his abilities. For the evil that has awakened is a power so dread and vast that if unleashed it will destroy Nicodemus... and the world. **HC \$51.95**

Lisa Childs

Mistress of the Underground (Secret Vampire Society)

APB \$14.95

Cinda Williams Chima

The Demon King (Seven Realms 01)

When 16-year-old Han Alister and his Clan friend Dancer encounter three underage wizards setting fire to the sacred mountain of Hanalea, he has no idea that this event will precipitate a cascade of disasters that will threaten everything he cares about.

Han takes an amulet from one of the wizards, Micah Bayar, to prevent him from using it against them. Only later does he learn that it has an evil history-it once belonged to the Demon King, the wizard who nearly destroyed the world a millennium ago. And the Bayars will stop at nothing to get it back.

Meanwhile, Princess Raisa ana Marianna, the heir to the Gray Wolf throne of the Fells, has just spent three years of relative freedom with her father's family at Demonai Camp-riding, hunting, and working the famous Clan markets. Now court life in Fellsmarsh pinches like a pair of too-small shoes. Wars are raging to the south, and threaten to spread into the high country. After a long period of quiet, the power of the Wizard Council is once again growing. The people of the Fells are starving and close to rebellion. Now more than ever, there's a need for a strong queen.

But Raisa's mother Queen Marianna is weak and distracted by the handsome Gavan Bayar, High Wizard of the Fells. Raisa wants to be more than an ornament in a glittering cage. She aspires to be like Hanalea-the legendary warrior queen who killed the Demon King and saved the world. With the help of her friend, the cadet Amon Byrne, she navigates the treacherous Gray Wolf Court, hoping she can unravel the conspiracy coalescing around her before it's too late. **HC \$39.99 TP \$32.99**

Jennifer Crusie & Bob Mayer

Wild Ride

As she attempts to restore the decaying Dreamland amusement park, Mary Alice Brannigan must contend with five powerful demons that it houses, as well as a shady new beau, a crooked politician, a supernatural raven, and an inexperienced sorceress. **HC \$52.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Alyssa Day

Atlantis Redeemed (Warriors of Poseidon 05)

The fate of Atlantis is on the line-and the future of the world is at stake..

Poseidon's warriors have learned that the battle to protect humanity produces unexpected enemies-and alliances. But none more unexpected than the bond between a cursed Atlantean warrior and a woman whose sight surpasses any lie. **APB \$19.95**

Ian Douglas

Earth Strike (Star Carrier 01)

The first book in the epic saga of humankind's war of transcendence

There is a milestone in the evolution of every sentient race, a Tech Singularity Event, when the species achieves transcendence through its technological advances. Now the creatures known as humans are near this momentous turning point.

But an armed threat is approaching from deepest space, determined to prevent humankind from crossing over that boundary-by total annihilation if necessary.

To the Sh'daar, the driving technologies of transcendent change are anathema and must be obliterated from the universe—along with those who would employ them. As their great warships destroy everything in their path en route to the Sol system, the human Confederation government falls into dangerous disarray. There is but one hope, and it rests with a rogue Navy Admiral, commander of the kilometer-long star carrier America, as he leads his courageous fighters deep into enemy space towards humankind's greatest conflict-and quite possibly its last. **APB \$19.95**

Kate Douglas

Demonfire

When she meets Dax, a fallen demon, reporter Eddy Marks discovers that her quiet hometown of Evergreen, California, is the site of an impending demon invasion that Dax has seven days to stop. **PB \$17.95**

David Louis Edelman

Infoquake (Jump 255 01)

TP \$32.95

Multireal (Jump 255 02)

Entrepreneur and inventor Natch battles government bureaucracy, business rivals, and his own apprentices in a fight to control MultiReal technology, a revolutionary combination of biology, physics, and programming. **TP \$32.95**

Kate Douglas*Geosynchron (Jump 255 03)*

One of the many interwoven story lines in the final installment of the Jump 225 Trilogy, a sweeping interstellar saga, finds Natch slowly losing his grip on reality as he languishes in a windowless prison, but when he finally has the chance to save a world that has scorned and discarded him, will he do it or will he simply save himself? **TP \$32.95**

Cynthia Eden*Hotter After Midnight (01)*

A Seductive Nighttime World...

Dr. Emily Drake's psychotherapy patients tend to be a little unusual. Instead of midlife crises and mother fixations, Emily treats vampires with blood phobias and sex-demons looking for meaningful relationships. But healing these powerful beings requires an important rule: Never trust a shifter. Especially not one like Detective Colin Gyth, whose gold-flecked eyes and predatory air make Emily realize how much she longs to lose control...

A Dark And Dangerous Hunger...

Colin can't believe the doctor he has to work with on the Night Butcher murder case is the one person who could expose his true identity as a wolf shifter. Smart and sexy, Emily brings out the alpha male in Colin, unleashing a wild desire that takes them both over the edge.... But in the shadows, the Night Butcher waits, eager to spill Emily's blood and taste her terror. And he'll use any means to destroy her, including the one person she has grown to trust... **APB \$17.95**

Kate Elliott*Traitor's Gate (Crossroads 03)*

In the third book to take place in the world of the Hundred, the immortal Guardians seek a means to oust one of their own, a hired outlander army fights a murderous horde and the eagle reeves struggle to reorganize. **APB \$19.95**

Steve Englehart*The Point Man (Max August 01)*

For nearly five centuries, Cornelius Agrippa has fought against an evil that has threatened to corrupt and destroy everything good and untainted in the world. Now, Max has joined the battle. It wasn't his idea to fight a demonic entity that can become anything it wants: an undying monster or the most desirable woman in the world. Max has been chosen by fate to fight those who would use magick to destroy freedom and wreak havoc on an unsuspecting world. Along with Agrippa and Valerie Drake, a beautiful, talented singer, Max is the only hope of the free world. **TP \$32.95**

The Long Man

In *The Point Man*, DJ Max August was thrust into a hidden war between the forces of chaos and order, where he learned how to use magick and become Timeless!

More than twenty-five years later, Max is summoned by a friend to save Dr. Pamela Blackwell from a mysterious force that is using magick to kill her. Pam's research could save the lives of countless millions, putting her in the crosshairs of the FRC, a cabal of powerbrokers intent on world domination.

From San Francisco to Barbados to the shores of Suriname, Max and Pam must fight off magick-wielding assassins and legions of zombies. Max may be powerful and Timeless, but he's not indestructible. He's going to have to keep his wits about him if he's going to stop the FRC before they kill millions.

Supernatural enemies, dazzling magic, and romance abound in this page-turner from a longtime master of storytelling. **HC \$52.95**

Eric Flint & K D Wentworth*The Crucible of Empire (Empire 02)*

The sequel to "The Course of Empire", a book about a warlike people working with their alien invaders to face an even greater threat. **HC \$51.95**

Addison Fox*Warrior Ascended (Sons of the Zodiac 01)*

First in the dark and sexy paranormal romance series

Starring the immortal warriors of the zodiac

Charming, proud, and impulsive, Leo Warrior Brody Talbot is fighting what may be his final battle. Enyo, the Goddess of War, plans to fulfill an ancient prophecy to destroy humanity by harnessing the dark power of the Summoning Stones of Egypt. There's only one person who knows enough about the stones to help Brody stop her-beautiful museum curator Ava Harrison.

Never in all his centuries has Brody met a woman who enthralls him like Ava. But, bound to protect her, he struggles to deny his passion as they are drawn into a dark and dangerous final reckoning between good and evil. **APB \$19.95**

Celia (C S) Friedman*Wings of Wrath (Magister 02)*

Kamala, a peasant woman, has claimed the powerful sorcery of the Magisters as her own-the ability to draw on the power of the human soul without dying for it. But in her rise to power she finds herself hunted by the brotherhood, and flees to a land where spells are warped by a fatal curse. A land that even Magisters fear... **APB \$19.95**

Chris Marie Green*Deep in the Woods (Vampire Babylon 06)*

A brand new novel in the "dark, dramatic, and erotic" Vampire Babylon saga.

With the female master of the London Underground in her hands, stuntwoman-turned-vampire hunter Dawn Madison must fight off her followers, a vicious pack of undead teenage girls who put the vamps Dawn had to deal with in Los Angeles to shame... **TP \$30.95**

Ed Greenwood*Falconfar (Falconfar 03)*

FALCONFAR is the third thrilling adventure in the Falconfar saga. Fantasy writer Rod Everlar is now hopelessly lost in the magical world he once thought he'd created, as he searches for his only friend, the guide who brought him there: the maimed warrior-woman Taeauna. She has been captured by the evil wizard Malraun, who has taken her to his bed—while Malraun's armies conquer Falconfar, castle by castle and hold by hold. Malraun has his rivals, other evil wizards who seek to defeat him and rule all Falconfar. Rod Everlar, the fell ?Dark Lord? of legend, supposedly able to hurl world-shattering spells, is feared and hated by everyone . . . but can't cast a single spell. Beset by the wizards, their armies, and the dragonlike monsters they command, Rod finds his luck running out as his ruthless foes discover a new world to conquer: our Earth. **HC \$51.95**

Kate Griffin*The Midnight Mayor*

It's said that if the ravens ever leave the Tower of London, then the Tower will crumble and the kingdom will fall. As it happens, that's not so far from the truth . . .

One by one, the magical wards that guard the city are falling: the London Wall defiled with cryptic graffiti, the ravens found dead at the Tower, the London Stone destroyed. This is not good news. This array of supernatural defenses - a mix of international tourist attractions and forgotten urban legends - formed a formidable magical shield. Protection for the City of London against . . . well, that's the question, isn't it? What could be so dangerous as to threaten an entire city?

Against his better judgment, resurrected sorcerer Matthew Swift is about to find out. And if he's lucky, he might just live long enough to do something about it . . . **HC \$40.95**

Lev Grossman*The Magicians*

In a secret world of forbidden knowledge, power comes at a terrible price ...

Quentin Coldwater's life is changed forever by an apparently chance encounter: when he turns up for his entrance interview to Princeton he finds his interviewer dead - but a strange envelope bearing Quentin's name leads him down a very different path to any he'd ever imagined.

The envelope, and the mysterious manuscript it contains, leads to a secret world of obsession and privilege, a world of freedom and power and, for a while, it's a world that seems to answer all Quentin's desires. But the idyll cannot last - and when it's finally shattered, Quentin is drawn into something darker and far more dangerous than anything he could ever have expected ... **BPB \$24.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*Blue Moon (Anita Blake)*

Unable to forget her fiance, Richard Zeeman, whom she had left when she could not reconcile herself to his alpha werewolf nature, vampire hunter Anita Blake seeks to prove his innocence when he is falsely accused of rape in Tennessee. **CD \$78**

Flirt (Anita Blake)

When Anita Blake meets with prospective client Tony Bennington, who is desperate to have her reanimate his recently deceased wife, she is full of sympathy for his loss. Anita knows something about love, and she knows everything there is to know about loss. But what she also knows, though Tony Bennington seems unwilling to be convinced, is that the thing she can do as a necromancer isn't the miracle he thinks he needs. The creature that Anita could coerce to step out of the late Mrs. Bennington's grave would not be the lovely Mrs. Bennington. Not really. And not for long. **CD \$59.95**

Warren Hammond*Ex-KOP (Kop 02)*

Desperate for money for his wife's medical bills, former police officer Juno agrees to help his ex-partner, Maggie Orzo, with a case involving a death-row inmate whom Maggie suspects may be innocent, an investigation that is complicated by Maggie's violent new partner. **PB \$19.95**

Charlaine Harris*Club Dead (Sookie Stackhouse 03 CD)*

There's only one vampire Sookie Stackhouse is involved with - at least voluntarily - and that's Bill. But recently he's been a little distant - in another state distant. His sinister and sexy boss Eric has an idea where to find him and next thing Sookie knows she's off to Jackson, Mississippi, to mingle with the underworld at Club Dead. It's a dangerous little haunt where the elusive vampire society can go to chill out and suck down some Type O - but when Sookie finally finds Bill caught in an act of serious betrayal she's not sure whether to save him, or to sharpen some stakes. The Sookie Stackhouse books are delightful Southern Gothic supernatural mysteries, starring Sookie, the telepathic cocktail waitress and a cast of increasingly colourful characters, including vampires, werewolves and things that really do go bump in the night. **CD - Unabridged \$55**

Dead to the World (Sookie Stackhouse 04 CD)

Sookie comes to the rescue of a naked, amnesiac vampire - and ends up in the middle of a war between witches, werewolves and vampires! Sookie Stackhouse is a small-town cocktail waitress in small-town Louisiana. She's pretty. She does her job well. She keeps to herself - she has only a few close friends, because not everyone appreciates Sookie's gift: she can read minds. That's not exactly every man's idea of date bait - unless they're undead. Maybe that's why, when she comes across a naked vampire on the way home from work, she doesn't just drive on by. He hasn't got a clue who he is, but Sookie has: Eric looks just as scary and sexy - and dead - as the day she met him. But now he has amnesia, he's sweet, vulnerable and in need of Sookie's help - because whoever took his memory now wants his life. Sookie's investigation into what's going on leads her straight into a dangerous battle between witches, vampires and werewolves. But there could be even greater danger - to Sookie's heart, because the kinder, gentler Eric is very hard to resist. **CD- Unabridged \$49.99**

Kim Harrison*Black Magic Sanction (Hollows 08)*

A corrupt coven has denounced and shunned bounty-hunting witch Rachel Morgan for dealing with demons, a crime that is punishable by death, and now for the first time Rachel must face off against her own kind. By the best-selling author of White Witch, Black Curse. **HC \$52.95**

Erica Hayes Australian Author*Shadowglass (Shadowfae 02)*

After a fairy named Ice steals a seductive magic mirror hidden deep within a demon's lair, she discovers that it is not only an object of power, but also a gateway to obsession and madness--and it will take every trick in her arsenal just to survive. **TP \$30.95**

Jean Hegland*Into the Forest*

Set in the near-future, Into the Forest is a powerfully imagined novel that focuses on the relationship between two teenage sisters living alone in their Northern California forest home. Over 30 miles from the nearest town, and several miles away from their nearest neighbor, Nell and Eva struggle to survive as society begins to decay and collapse around them. No single event precedes society's fall. There is talk of a war overseas and upheaval in Congress, but it still comes as a shock when the electricity runs out and gas is nowhere to be found. The sisters consume the resources left in the house, waiting for the power to return. Their arrival into adulthood, however, forces them to reexamine their place in the world and their relationship to the land and each other. Reminiscent of Margaret Atwood's A Handmaid's Tale, Into the Forest is a mesmerizing and thought-provoking novel of hope and despair set in a frighteningly plausible near-future America. **TP \$30.95**

Markus Heitz

The War of the Dwarves (Dwarves 02)

The dwarves have gone to battle and they have been victorious. But outside the realm, dark forces are working...A secret army of Orcs, made immortal by the hidden powers of the Black Water, now marches towards Girdlegard, set to unleash its fury upon the kingdom. Sooner than they realise, Tungdil and his comrades will need to summon all their courage to do battle against this bloodthirsty horde. The Orcs are not the only threat. An unspeakable new power is growing and threatens the very existence of the dwarves. But both enemies have forgotten one very important truth: a dwarf is never more dangerous than when total obliteration seems inevitable... **BPB \$24.99**

Mark Henry

Battle of the Network Zombies (Amanda Feral 03)

In desperate need of money, Amanda Feral agrees to appear on a new reality show called American Minions, but when the show's host, a lecherous wood nymph, is found incinerated in a locked room, Amanda must figure out which inhabitant of "Minion's Mansion" is responsible. **TP \$30.95**

Robin Hobb

Dragon Keeper (Rain Wild Chronicles 01)

Guided by the great blue dragon Tintaglia, they came from the sea: a Tangle of serpents fighting their way up the Rain Wilds River: the first to make the perilous journey to the cocooning grounds in generations. Many have died along the way. With its acid waters and noxious airs, it is a hard place for anyone to survive.

People are changed by the Rain Wilds, subtly or otherwise. One such is Thymara. Born with black claws and other abhorrences, she should have been exposed at birth. But her father saved her and her mother has never forgiven him. Like everyone else, Thymara is fascinated by the return of dragons: it is as if they symbolise the return of hope to their war-torn world. Leftrin, captain of the liveship Tarman, also has an interest in the hatching; as does Bingtown newlywed, Alise Finbok, who has made it her life's work to study all there is to know of dragons.

But the creatures which emerge from the cocoons are a travesty of the powerful, shining dragons of old. Stunted and deformed, they cannot fly. Some do not even have wings; others seem witless and bestial. Soon, they are seen as a danger and a burden: something must be done. Far upriver, so far it is shown on no map, lies the legendary Elderling city of Kelsingra -- or so it is believed. Perhaps there the dragons will find their true home. But they cannot get there on their own: a band of dragon keepers, hunters and chroniclers must attend them.

To be a dragon keeper is a dangerous job: their charges are vicious and unpredictable, and there are many unknown perils: none are expected to return, or even survive... **APB \$21.99**

Dragon Haven (Rain Wild Chronicles 02)

The motley band of deformed dragons and Rain Wilders continue their journey upriver towards the ancient city of Kelsingra - if it even exists - but whilst the humans are becoming used to, and more adept at controlling their dragon charges, they are completely unprepared for the discovery that the dragons are irrevocably changing them.

Tintaglia the blue dragon has lost interest in the stunted dragons that emerged from the cocoons of Maulkins Serpent Tangle. Dragons are fiercely practical about survival of the fittest, and now that she has produced her own batch of healthy hatching serpents Tintaglia no longer provides for the weak creatures abandoned near Trehaug, the main city of the Rain Wilds. The Rain Wild Council is as ruthless as Tintaglia: Deciding that the pack must be relocated they begin to recruit their least useful citizens to tend the beasts and escort them upriver to better hunting grounds. Because of their proximity to the acid waters and vapours of the Rain Wild River, Rain Wilders are born with deformities that shorten their life expectancy and must wed young and reproduce early if their family lines are to survive. Thymara is long past marriageable age. Having been born with too many abnormalities she should have been exposed as an infant, but her father chose to keep and raise her, against his wife's wishes. When Thymara's mother hears that the council is seeking tenders she grasps the chance to be rid of her wild, ugly daughter. Thymara herself is enthusiastic at the prospect of adventure and grabs the opportunity to travel with the dragons. But the youngsters that will herd the dragons are as ignorant as the beasts themselves - both completely unaware that they are being sent into an exile rather than to a sanctuary. **TP \$32.99 HC \$49.99**

P C Hodgell

Bound in Blood (Kencyr 05)

Returning with this unwelcome knowledge to school at Tentir, Jame continued to dodge the attentions of an unwanted admirer, strengthen her link to her feline hunting ounce, work with the rathorn colt Death's-head to insure that it doesn't resume its attempts to kill her, and, of course, kept causing plenty of unintended havoc. She also had to help fight off attacks from hillmen, repel a stampede of yarkcarn (think warthogs the size of mammoths), fight in the Winter War (a mock conflict-or, at least, that's how it was supposed to be), and solve the mystery behind the death of her evil uncle, who somehow is still spectrally manifesting himself in nasty ways. **TP \$28.95**

William Horwood

Spring (Hyddenworld)

The adventure of a lifetime is just beginning...

It has lain lost and forgotten for 1,500 years in the ancient heartland of England – a scrap of glass and metal melded by fierce fire. It is the lost core of a flawless Sphere made by the greatest of the Anglo-Saxon CraeftLords in memory of the one he loved. Her name was Spring and contained in the very heart of this work is a spark from the Fires of Creation.

But while humans have lost their belief in such things, the Hydden – little people existing on the borders of our world – have not. Breaking the silence of centuries they send one of their own, a young boy, Jack, to live among humans in the hope that he may one day find what has been lost for so long. His journey leads him to Katherine, a girl he rescues from a tragic accident – it's a meeting that will change everything. It is only through their voyage into the dangerous Hyddenworld that they will realise their destiny, find love and complete the great quest that will save both their worlds from destruction.

Their journey begins with Spring... **HC \$54.99**

Charlie Huston

Sleepless

Parker T Haas is a straight-arrow LAPD cop whose cast-iron sense of right and wrong has made him a lone wolf on the force. But when a plague of sleeplessness attacks Los Angeles and the world beyond, his philosophical certainties are tested to destruction. Sent undercover to pose as a dealer, Haas is on the trail of a black-market drug that is the one thing providing relief to the sleepless - if you can penetrate the arcane code of its mysterious supplier. But as Haas negotiates the increasingly chaotic and dangerous world of a city slowly going mad, he crosses the path of an equally fanatical a-moralist, a hired killer whose extreme sense of aesthetic perfection admits not the slightest humanity. But as their collision course accelerates (two men: one of the old world; one of the newly emerging), Parker must decide not only where the moral centre is located in this frightening new landscape, but also how he is going to save his wife Rose - herself a victim of the disease - and their newborn baby, whose uncertain future is coming into being before their eyes. **TP \$32.99**

Ian Irvine *Australian Author*

The Life Lottery (Human Rites 03)

With the world on the brink of disaster, The Great Powers have agreed to embark on a highly secret project to save civilisation, a project that involves selecting the 1 in 20 people allowed to live. **TP \$32.99**

N K Jemisin

The Hundred thousand Kingdoms (Inheritance 01)

Yeine Darr is an outcast from the barbarian north. But when her mother dies under mysterious circumstances, she is summoned to the majestic city of Sky - a palace above the clouds where gods' and mortals' lives are intertwined. There, to her shock, Yeine is named one of the potential heirs to the king. But the throne of the Hundred Thousand Kingdoms is not easily won, and Yeine is thrust into a vicious power struggle with a pair of cousins she never knew she had. As she fights for her life, she draws ever closer to the secrets of her mother's death and her family's bloody history. But it's not just mortals who have secrets worth hiding and Yeine will learn how perilous the world can be when love and hate - and gods and mortals - are bound inseparably. **TP \$28.95**

Jean Johnson

Shifting Plains (Sons of Destiny Prequel)

The spellbinding prequel to the national bestselling Sons of Destiny series.

Decades before the shattering of the empire of Aiar and hundreds of years before the time of the Sons of Destiny, Tava Ell Var, a female shapeshifter, became the leader of the people of the Shifting Plains.

An enigmatic figure, Tava never knew her mother—apart from the brutal story of her life as documented by her father. Her family history served as a warning about danger on the Shifting Plains, the land Tava now leads. When her father is murdered, she encounters Kodan, a warrior who recognizes the power that emboldens the strange, beautiful, and resilient Tava. **TP \$18.95**

Alaya Dawn Johnson

Moonshine

Imagining vampires at the heart of the social struggles of 1920s, Moonshine blends a tempestuous romance with dramatic historical fiction, populated by a lively mythology inhabiting the gritty New York City streets

Zephyr Hollis is an underfed, overzealous social activist who teaches night school to the underprivileged of the Lower East Side. Strapped for cash, Zephyr agrees to help a student, the mysterious Amir, who proposes she use her charity worker cover to bring down a notorious vampire mob boss. What he doesn't tell her is why. Soon enough she's tutoring a child criminal with an angelic voice, dodging vampires high on a new blood-based street drug, and trying to determine the real reason behind Amir's request – not to mention attempting to resist (often unsuccessfully) his dark, inhuman charm. **HC \$45**

Danelle Kay

Flame Seeker

The eldest daughter of her clan, Alithia must secure her family's livelihood by retrieving an ancient relic in the fabled mountain realm. But she cannot make the journey alone. Alithia must take two husbands as a shield pair.

With many competitors vying for her hand, Alithia proposes a contest: those who can best pleasure her win. But on the quest, as emotions run high and ecstasy runs wild, Alithia and her two victors are bound together by the journey's dangers, by a culture clash more intense than they ever imagined—and by a twist of fate that will change their lives forever. **TP \$18.95**

Susan Kearney

Jordan (Pendragon legacy)

One thousand years after helping King Arthur save the world from the ruthless Tribes, Jordan returns to Earth when the Tribes resurface and, to destroy them once and for all, joins forces with an American businesswoman who is a self-made billionaire in the aerospace industry. **PB \$17.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon

Dark Hunters Volume 2 (Dark Hunter)

The wild ride continues from Vol. 1!

In the war against vampires, mankind has only one hope: The Dark-Hunters. Ancient warriors who died of brutal betrayal, the Dark-Hunters have sworn themselves into the service of the goddess Artemis to protect us.

It's a pact with pretty good perks. Immortality, power, psychic abilities, wealth and a cool wardrobe. But it comes with a few drawbacks: fatal sun poisoning and a new, irreparable dental problem. But aside from the fangs and nocturnal lifestyle, it's not so bad.

Kyrian is an immortal Dark-Hunter who just lost his Dark-Hunter powers and along with it, his immortality. Now he is faced with the chance to regain not only his humanity, but his very soul. The problem is, it couldn't have happened at a worse time. Desiderius is closing in and if Kyrian and Amanda are going to save humanity then Kyrian must take the war to his enemy or it may be too late. **BPB \$21.95**

Jasper Kent

Twelve

Melding the supernatural and the historical, a skin-tinglingly exciting novel of vampires in the Napoleonic wars

On 12th June 1812, Napoleon's Grande Armee forded the River Niemen and crossed the Rubicon - its invasion of Russia had begun. Charged with delaying the enemy's inexorable march on Moscow, a group of Russian officers summon the help of the Oprichniki, a band of mercenaries from the outermost fringes of Christian Europe.

As rumours of a plague travelling west from the Black Sea reach the Russians, the Oprichniki - twelve in number - arrive. Preferring to work alone, and at night, they prove brutally, shockingly effective against the French. But one amongst the Russians, Captain Aleksei Ivanovich Danilov, is unnerved by the mercenaries' ruthlessness...and as he comes to understand the true, horrific nature of these strangers, he wonders at the nightmare they've unleashed in their midst... **BPB \$24.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon & Dianna Love

Whispered Lies

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

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

But little does she know, she holds the key to his survival as well.... **PB \$15.95**

Jackie Kessler & Caitlin Kittredge

Black and White

Jet, the darling good girl of the city, uses her shadow-power to battle the forces of evil. But her shadows also mask the fierce demons that only she, her mentor, and her former best friend - and now arch-nemesis - know about. Iridium is that former best friend: able to wield the power of light, she trained as a hero only to become one of the most infamous villains in the city - for what she feels are truly heroic reasons. Alternating between the present-day threat and their past exploits as friends, and later rivals, at the Superhero Academy, the novel brings these two women to vivid life, portraying the complexities of being a true hero in a world determined to categorise you in a neat box of good or evil - black or white. **APB \$19.99**

Stephen King

Waste Lands

Roland, the Last Gunslinger, and his companions--Eddie Dean and Susannah--cross the desert of damnation, drawing ever closer to the Dark Tower, a legion of fiendish foes, and revelations that could alter the world. **PB \$19.95**

James Knapp

State of Decay

Just because you're dead doesn't mean you're useless...

A thrilling debut novel of a dystopian future populated by a new breed of zombie

They call them revivors--technologically reanimated corpses--and away from the public eye they do humanity's dirtiest work. But FBI agent Nico Wachalowski has stumbled upon a conspiracy involving revivors being custom made to kill--and a startling truth about the existence of these undead slaves. **APB \$19.95**

Angela Knight

Master of Fire (Mageverse 05)

A beautiful, brilliant chemist, Giada Shepherd is an immortal witch charged with saving the life of Logan MacRoy, the mortal son of a vampire. Passionately attracted to Giada, Logan has no idea that sex would turn him into a vampire. And no, as a killer sets deadly traps for them, the truth must come out, as must a weapon they never counted on: love... **APB \$19.95**

Tom Kratman

Caliphate

Demography is destiny. In the 22nd century European deathbed demographics have turned the continent over to the more fertile Moslems. Atheism in Europe has been exterminated. Homosexuals are hanged, stoned or crucified. Such Christians as remain are relegated to dhimmitude, a form of second class citizenship. They are denied arms, denied civil rights, denied a voice, and specially taxed via the Koranic yizya. Their sons are taken as conscripted soldiers while their daughters are subject to the depredations of the continent's new masters.

In that world, Petra, a German girl sold into prostitution as a slave at the age of nine to pay her family's yizya, dreams of escape. Unlike most girls of the day, Petra can read. And in her only real possession, her grandmother's diary, a diary detailing the fall of European civilization, Petra has learned of a magic place across the sea: America. But it will take more than magic to free Petra and Europe from their bonds; it will take guns, superior technology, and a reborn spirit of freedom. **APB \$19.95**

Jayne Ann Krentz

Fired Up (Arcane Society)

More than three centuries ago, Nicholas Winters irrevocably altered his genetic makeup in an obsession-fueled competition with alchemist and Arcane Society founder Sylvester Jones. Driven to control their psychic abilities, each man's decision has reverberated throughout the family line, rewarding some with powers beyond their wildest dreams, and cursing others to a life filled with madness and hallucinations. Jack Winters, descendant of Nicholas, has been experiencing nightmares and blackouts - just the beginning, he believes - of the manifestation of the Winters family curse. The legend says that he must find the Burning Lamp or risk turning into a monster. But he can't do it alone; he needs the help of a woman with the gift to read the lamp's dreamlight. Jack is convinced that private investigator Chloe Harper is that woman. It doesn't take long for Chloe to pick up the trail of the missing lamp. And as they draw closer to the lamp, the raw power that dwells within it threatens to sweep them into a hurricane of psychic force. **TP \$32.99**

Susan Krinard

Bride of the Wolf

When his late boss's mail-order bride arrives, Heath Renier, now Holden Renshaw, foreman of Dog Creek Ranch, fears that his attraction to this beautiful woman, who has secrets of her own, will expose his deadly secret. **APB \$19.95**

Lord of the Wild

Inherited from an otherworldly father, enchanted blood flows through Donal Fleming's veins. Yet though his empathic ability for all creatures gives purpose to his calling as a veterinarian, life among his mother's mortal kind has left him wary, and he secretly hungers for the freedom to live unrestrained by civilized society. Until Cordelia...

Cordelia Hardcastle has always played by society's rules, confined in a gilded cage of propriety and convention. Until Donal Fleming introduces her to a passion she's never dreamed of, and a world she's never imagined.

But Donal's attraction to the remarkable Cordelia has unleashed his most primal instincts. The time has come for him to challenge his destiny and face the consequences of his impossible choice - between human love and the powers that, to him, are life itself... **BPB \$22.99**

Margo Lanagan *Australian Author*

Tender Morsels

Tender Morsels is a dark and vivid story, set in two worlds and worrying at the border between them. It is a tale of journeys and transformations, penetrating the boundaries between male and female, reality and myth, conscious and unconscious, temporal and spiritual, human and beast From girl to witch to woman. From boy to beast to man. From hell to heaven to the real world.

Liga is a young peasant girl of no consequence. Abused by her father (who plies her with potions to induce miscarriages that destroy all evidence of his shame), then raped by callous youths, she has two beautiful babies. One day she is saved by natural magic and, in exchange for her earthly life, her world is changed into her own personal Heaven, given to her by natural magic. Safe in this nurturing world, Liga builds a life of loving domesticity for her daughters, gentle Branza and curious Urdra, who grow up there, protected from all that once harmed Liga: violence, sexual predation and village prejudice. What is this potent place? Is it the idealized world of Liga's imagination, a shared unconscious, or the realm of myth and magic?

But back in the real world, hedge-witch Muddy Annie, begged by a desperate, debt-ridden friend, tries sending him to his own Heaven. Her botched attempt puts him instead into the world of Liga and her daughters, and gives him on arrival the power to turn wildflowers to coins, frog-eggs to pearls, tiny birds to precious stones and to pass back into the real world with the wealth he gathers. But his numerous journeys create perforations in the skin between the real world and the magic world.

Although these generally have no effect, on Bear Day every spring the fur-costumed Bears running the ritual chase through the village sometimes tumble through, transformed from lusty young men into real, wild bears in Liga's Heaven.

How far can you take your fantasies before they grow dangerous? How fully can you protect your children, and how completely should you? Built on a mythic scaffolding, Tender Morsels asks timeless questions about what it is to be human, and explores the evil and sweetness in the world and reveals the essential magic of learning to live with both.

A long-awaited novel from an author acclaimed for the fearless range of her imagination, the emotional intensity of her stories, and the virtuosity of her writing.

A story of astonishing beauty, originality and power.

Not suitable for younger readers. **BPB \$19.99**

Glenda Larke *Australian Author*

Stormlord Rising (Watergivers 02)

Shale Flint is forced to help the devious rainlord, Taquar Sardonyx, in his quest to create rain - even though Taquar's lust for power threatens to consume all that stands in his path. Terelle leaves the Scarpen with her great-grandfather, Russet ... his painting of her future has trapped her into doing his will. Obsessed with regaining his status as a Watergiver lord in his homeland, it seems that Russet will go to any lengths to attain his goal. Meanwhile, Ryka Feldspar has been captured and taken as a concubine by a Reduner tribemaster. Desperate to escape, she discovers her Rainlord husband, Kaneth, in the slave lines ... but, to Ryka's despair, he has no memories of their time together. **APB \$22.99**

Siew Mei Lau

The Dispeller of Worries

The Dispeller of Worries is the story of two people from opposite ends of the world, from two different cultures, whose lives intersect for a temporary period of time. This evocative novel uses interweaving narratives moving in time between Southeast Asia, Europe and Australia, told by the two narrators, Chui Hong and Rysiek. Chui's search for answers draws her to two men: Rysiek (from Poland) and Naga (her cousin). Both Chui (from Malaysia) and Rysiek have experienced traumatic events in their lives, which cause them to stay stuck, unable to move forwards or backwards. The puppet master of the shadow play, the dalang, the dispeller of worries, like the author is the manipulator of its style and structure. Slavic and Malay myths, folk tales, dreams, shadow theatre and the drama of daily life go into creating this novel of colliding worlds. It is also an exploration of belonging, identity and heritage. For Chui, trying to understand her family allows her to grasp her personal identity. For Rysiek, who migrates to Australia, it is a coming to terms with his old and new countries.

Through the personal histories of the two narrators, the uncertainties of life and love, of obsession, death, murder and the precariousness of memory, the novel tells the story of two people having to adjust to living again **PB \$19.95**

Victoria Laurie

Ghouls Gone Wild (Ghost Hunter Mystery 04)

Psychic M.J. Holliday finds herself in a witchy situation...

When M.J. and her friends travel to a small town near Edinburgh, Scotland, to film the first installment of their new cable TV show Ghoul Getters, they find plenty of spooky action in a series of supposedly haunted caverns. But when they discover the body of a maintenance worker, the cause of death is reminiscent of an old legend involving a witch's wrath... **APB \$17.95**

Richard Laymon

Friday Night in Beast House (Beast House 04)

When Mark and Alison sneak into Beast House, a place once home to unspeakable acts of brutality and murder, they soon discover that the gruesome legends surrounding this evil place are real. **APB \$19.95**

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller

Fledgling

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

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

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

Then, Kamele uncovers evidence of possible dishonest scholarship inside of her department. In order to clear the department, she and a team of senior professors must go off-world to perform a forensic document search. Theo hopes this will mean that she'll be left in the care of the man she calls "Father", Professor Kiladi, and is horrified to learn that Kamele means to bring Theo with her! **APB \$19.95**

Cara Lockwood

Can't Teach an Old Demon New Tricks

Get an east Texas girl good and mad, and there's going to be hell to pay!

Rachel Farnsworth doesn't believe in the paranormal—she can find plenty of evil forces right in Dogwood County, like the Mega-Mart that's driving her family's hardware store into the ground. Then there's her own little hell-raiser—a rowdy toddler who can turn his birthday candles into a blazing inferno with just one breath. But when her marriage goes up in smoke, Rachel discovers her husband, Kevin, isn't just a deadbeat, he's also a demon (a sloth demon, no less, which explains why he never helped around the house) with a renegade bounty hunter—a fallen angel named Sam—chasing down a powerful secret Kevin has kept for a millennium or two. Sam's downfall was a beautiful mortal woman . . . and now, the heavenly attraction zinging between them has down-to-earth Rachel believing in celestial magic. But will it be enough to save her and her son from the dark forces Kevin has unwittingly unleashed on Dogwood County? **APB \$24.99**

Robert Low

The Wolf Sea

Young Orm Ruriksson the 'Bear Slayer' and the surviving Oathsworn find themselves in Constantinople with nothing but an old sword, having tasted the possibility of untold riches in Attila the Hun's funeral mound. Worse, they are Vikings without a ship. But the sword was Attila's and it is priceless, and only Orm can read the runes on the hilt that will lead them back to his treasure.

Disaster befalls the young warrior when he is ambushed in a darkened alley, the precious sword wrenched from his hands by ruthless villains sent by his old enemy, Starkad. And unless Orm can win back the sword, his short tenure as leader of the Oathsworn could be over.

The Oathsworn pursue Starkad and his men across the middle-east, become pawns of Emperors, and fight cruel Saracens and bands of ghoulish escaped slaves. For Orm the burden of failure is death, whilst success will bring the possibility of riches beyond his wildest dreams.

A fast paced, action packed sequel to *The Whale Road*, the amazing depiction of a band of brothers, fighting in bloodthirsty battles will leave you breathless. *The Rune Serpent* is a classic historical novel from an exciting new author. **BPB \$24.99**

Jonathan Maberry

The Dragon Factory (Joe Ledger)

Joe Ledger and the DMS (Department of Military Sciences) go up against two competing groups of geneticists. One side is creating exotic transgenic monsters and genetically enhanced mercenary armies; the other is using 21st century technology to continue the Nazi Master Race program begun by Josef Mengele. Both sides want to see the DMS destroyed, and they've drawn first blood. Neither side is prepared for Joe Ledger as he leads Echo Team to war under a black flag. **TP \$30.95**

Kinley MacGregor

Darkness Within (Lords of Avalon 03)

When his sister is kidnapped by Morgan le Fay, Hel Hound pack leader Kaziel reluctantly agrees to steal the Shield of Dagda to secure her return and travels to New Orleans, where he clashes with the shield's alluring merlin, Avery MacArthur. **PB \$19.95**

Ronald Malfi

Snow

When a snowstorm shuts down all of the flights in and out of Chicago, Todd and several other stranded passengers rent a jeep to drive to their respective destinations, but when they pick up a disoriented man wandering through the snow, they find themselves trapped in an inhuman nightmare. **APB \$14.95**

Juliet Marillier Australian Author

The Dark Mirror (Bridei Chronicles 01)

When the child Bridei is sent to the kingdom of Fortriu to be raised by Broichan, a powerful druid, he knows only that he must be studious and obedient. Bridei applies himself to learning, unaware that a secret council of elders, including Broichan, has long been working on plans for the future of their divided homeland, and that Bridei himself is central to their strategy.

When a baby girl is left on the doorstep one winter's night, Bridei thanks the gods for sending him a companion to share his lonely existence in the remote household. But Tuala's arrival spells a perilous complication to Broichan's master plan. As Bridei moves ever closer to his grand destiny, and as Tuala grows from fey child to beguiling young woman, powerful forces turn against the secret council; enemies will stop at nothing to foil the druid's plan, even if they must endanger Bridei's life. **BPB \$24.99**

Blade of Fortiu (Bridei Chronicles 02)

King Bridei is preparing for the long-awaited war to drive the Gaelic invaders out of the west. He sends Ana, a hostage of Fortriu since childhood, north to make a strategic marriage which will strengthen his chances of victory. Ana is escorted by a man she despises, the enigmatic Faolan, Bridei's assassin and spy. Their expedition is ill-fated, and their destination of Briar Wood, stronghold of the chieftain Alpin, proves to be a place of dark secrets. Ana is drawn towards a mysterious prisoner, while Faolan must walk a delicate path between loyalty and betrayal.

Bridei's forces march into battle. To those left behind, the omens become clear: the king is heading towards certain death. There is only one messenger who can reach him in time, but to use him will endanger Ana's chance of happiness... **BPB \$24.99**

Well of Shades (Bridei Chronicles 03)

Sent home to Ireland on a secret mission for King Bridei of Fortriu, Faolan, the king's chief assassin, finds himself confronting the demons of his family's dark past. Once he has tracked down the powerful Christian cleric who may be a threat to the stability of Bridei's pagan kingdom, Faolan returns from his mission having become responsible for a child, a dog and Eile, a troubled, volatile young woman with a deeply disturbing past.

At Bridei's court in White Hill, unsettling news from the neighbouring kingdom of Circinn prompts the king to call his chieftains to council. But after the disappearance of Bridei's closest adviser and the tragic death of a young maid, the threat posed by the encroaching influence of Christianity appears to be the least of the dangers at hand... **BPB \$24.99**

Ari Marmell

The Conqueror's Shadow

They called him the Terror of the East. His past shrouded in mystery, his identity hidden beneath a suit of enchanted black armor and a skull-like helm, Corvis Rebaine carved a bloody path through Imphallion, aided by Davro, a savage ogre, and Seilloah, a witch with a taste for human flesh. No shield or weapon could stop his demon-forged axe. And no magic could match the spells of his demon slave, Khanda.

Yet just when ultimate victory was in his grasp, Rebaine faltered. His plans of conquest, born from a desire to see Imphallion governed with firmness and honesty, shattered. Amid the chaos of a collapsing army, Rebaine vanished, taking only a single hostage—the young noblewoman Tyannon—to guarantee his escape.

Seventeen years later, Rebaine and Tyannon are married, living in obscurity and raising their children, a daughter and a son. Rebaine has put his past behind him, given up his dreams of conquest. Not even news of Audriss—an upstart warlord following Rebaine's old path of conquest—can stir the retired warrior to action.

Until his daughter is assaulted by Audriss's goons.

Now, to rescue the country he once tried to conquer, Rebaine once more dons the armor of the Terror of the East and seeks out his former allies. But Davro has become a peaceful farmer. Seilloah has no wish to leave her haunted forest home. And Khanda . . . well, to describe his feelings for his former master as undying hatred would be an understatement.

But even if Rebaine can convince his onetime comrades to join him, he faces a greater challenge: Does he dare to reawaken the part of him that gloried in cruelty, blood, and destruction? With the safety of his family at stake, can he dare not to? **HC \$52.95**

A Lee Martinez

Divine Misfortune

A story of gods and mortals---in worship, in love, and at parties.

Teri and Phil had never needed their own personal god. But when Phil is passed up for a promotion - again-it's time to take matters into their own hands. And look online.

Choosing a god isn't as simple as you would think. There are too many choices; and they often have very hefty prices for their eternal devotion: blood, money, sacrifices, and vows of chastity. But then they found Luka, raccoon god of prosperity. All he wants is a small cut of their good fortune.

Oh -- and can he crash on their couch for a few days?

Throw in a heartbroken love goddess and an ancient deity bent on revenge and not even the gods can save Teri and Phil. **TP \$40.95**

Todd McCaffrey

Dragonheart (Pern)

When Fiona, the only surviving member of Lord Holder Bemin's family, impresses a queen dragon, she doesn't begin to realize the perils and privileges that come with her new role. As she grows into a young woman and her dragon reaches her full growth, Fiona faces not only the possibility of losing her dragon to the sickness that has claimed so many others but also the challenges of becoming a Weyrwoman in her own right. What, she must ask herself, is she willing to give up in order to become a queen rider? And, although the marvellous queen dragon has chosen her, is she really suited to the life of a queen rider?

As the injured dragons at Fort Weyr begin to outnumber those fit to fly against Thread, Weyrleader K'litor comes up with a desperate plan - to send the least injured and the older weyrlings back in time, so that they can grow strong enough to fight Thread in the past and then return to help the Weyr. But will only twelve older weyrlings and thirty lightly injured riders be enough to save Fort Weyr? Forced to stay behind because her dragon is still too young, Fiona must confront a life-and-death choice. **APB \$24.95**

Erin McCarthy

Sucker Bet (Vegas vampires 04)

A wild night with a stranger was not in the cards for vampires Gwenna Carrick. But that's just what happened when she met the ruggedly handsome detective Nate Thomas. But Gwenna's ex-husband is determined to clean house, with Nate the first on his to-off list. **APB \$19.95**

L J McDonald

The Battle Sylph

Kidnapped as a sacrifice for a ruthless battle sylph named Heyou, Solie refuses to succumb without a fight and, using her shape-shifting abilities, takes control of this powerful warrior, unleashing a desire that could change the world. **PB \$14.95**

Seanan McGuire

A Local Habitation (October Daye 02)

Now comes the second in the series—from a dynamic new fantasy talent!

Toby Daye—a half-human, half-fae changeling—has been an outsider from birth. After getting burned by both sides of her heritage, Toby has denied the fae world, retreating to a "normal" life. Unfortunately for her, the Faerie world had other ideas...

Now her liege, the Duke of the Shadowed Hills, has asked Toby to go to the Country of Tamed Lightning to make sure all is well with his niece, Countess January O'Leary. It seems like a simple enough assignment—until Toby discovers that someone has begun murdering people close to January, and that if the killer isn't stopped, January may be the next victim. **APB \$19.95**

R M Meluch

Strength and Honor (USS Merrimack 03)

Captain John Farragut and the crew of the U.S.S. Merrimack face their greatest challenge as Caesar Romulus declares war on the United States of America with a direct attack on Earth. The Merrimack retaliates with an assault on the Roman capital world of Palatine, and in the midst of the chaos, the Hive descends on Earth. With the battle raging, Farragut finds himself in the middle of a final deadly showdown. **APB \$17.95**

Liane Merciel

The River Kings' Road (01)

In the wake of a border village's massacre, divinely blessed Knight of the Sun Kelland realizes that a Maimed Witch committed the killings and is plotting to murder the infant heir to the kingdom, an act that threatens to destabilize peace.

The first book in a new epic fantasy series about a knight who must save his kingdom's infant heir from assassination. **HC \$52.95**

L E Modesitt Jr*The Soprano Sorceress (Spellsong 01)*

When Anna Marshall is transported from her boring and frustrating life in Ames, Iowa, to the very different world of Erde, she's angry and confused, but soon finds out that for the first time in her life she's uniquely powerful. In Iowa Anna was a music instructor and small-time opera singer, but on Erde her musical ability makes her a big-time sorceress--potentially.

First she must figure out how to use her ability before the big-time rulers who've notices her arrival kill her just because she's an unpredictable new power....Those rulers may wish they hadn't waited as long as they did. **PB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Moon*Oath of Fealty (Paladin's Legacy 01)*

Elizabeth Moon's bestselling science fiction novels featuring Kylara Vatta have earned her rave reviews and comparison to such giants as Robert Heinlein and Lois McMaster Bujold. But as Moon's devoted fans know, she started her career as a fantasy writer. The superb trilogy known as The Deed of Paksenarrion is widely judged to be one of the great post-Tolkien fantasies, a masterpiece of sustained world-building and realistic military action. Now Moon returns to this thrilling realm for the first time in nearly twenty years. The result: another classic in the making.

Thanks to Paks's courage and sacrifice, the long-vanished heir to the half-elven kingdom of Lyonya has been revealed as Kieri Phelan, a formidable mercenary captain who earned a title—and enemies—in the neighboring kingdom of Tsaia. Now, as Kieri ascends a throne he never sought, he must come to terms with his own half-elven heritage while protecting his new kingdom from his old enemies—and those he has not yet discovered.

Meanwhile, in Tsaia, Prince Mikeli prepares for his own coronation. But when an assassination attempt nearly succeeds, Mikeli suddenly faces the threat of a coup. Acting swiftly, Mikeli strikes at the powerful family behind the attack: the Verrakaien, magelords possessing ancient sorcery, steeped in death and evil. Mikeli's survival—and that of Tsaia—depend on the only Verrakai whose magery is not tainted with innocent blood.

Two kings stand at a pivotal point in the history of their worlds. For dark forces are gathering against them, knit in a secret conspiracy more sinister—and far more ancient—than they can imagine. And even Paks may find her gods-given magic and peerless fighting skills stretched to the limit—and beyond. **HC \$51.95**

Christopher Moore*Bite Me*

Hip vampires Jody, Tommy, Abby, and Steve have to find Chet, Abby's vampiric cat—who is stalking the streets with his meowing minions and getting bigger every day—but first they must contend with three very old vampires with a bone to pick. **HC \$49.95**

Kathleen Nance*Dragon Unmasked*

When the last words of a dying mage identify Grace Armatrading as the next victim, Adam Zolton must find this gifted healer—and woman from his past—and convince her to help him hunt down the "dragon" who is murdering innocent practitioners of magic. **APB \$14.95**

Eric S Nylund*Mortal Coils*

Longing to escape their grandmother's fierce control, 15-year-old California twins Eliot and Fiona discover their secret demonic parentage and that their existence is a threat to an ancient treaty between gods and fallen angels, forcing them to undergo three dangerous trials inspired by urban legends. **APB \$19.95**

Dexter Palmer*The Dream of perpetual Motion*

Imprisoned aboard a zeppelin that floats above a city reminiscent of those of the classic films Metropolis and Brazil, the greeting card writer Harold Winslow is composing his memoirs. His companions are the only woman he has ever loved, who has gone insane, and the cryogenically frozen body of her father, the devilish genius who drove her mad. The tale of Harold's decades-long thwarted love is also one in which he watches technology transform his childhood home from a mere burgeoning metropolis to a waking dream, in which the wellheeled have mechanical men for servants, deserted islands can exist within skyscrapers, and the worlds of fairy tales can be built from scratch. And as he heads toward a final, desperate confrontation with the mad inventor, he discovers that he is an unwitting participant in the creation of the greatest invention of them all—the perpetual motion machine. **HC \$51.95**

K J Parker*Devices and Desires (Engineer 01)*

When an engineer is sentenced to death for a petty transgression of guild law, he flees the city, leaving behind his wife and daughter. Forced into exile, he seeks a terrible vengeance - one that will leave a trail of death and destruction in its wake. But he will not be able to achieve this by himself. He must draw up his plans using the blood of others...In a compelling tale of intrigue and injustice, K. J. Parker's embittered hero takes up arms against his enemies, using the only weapons he has left to him: his ingenuity and his passion - his devices and desires. **BPB \$24.99**

Evil For Evil (Engineer 02)

The engineer Ziani Vaatzes designed and built a war. Thousands died as a consequence of his elaborate plan. The civil servant Manuo Psellus took the decision that started the war. The very foundations of his world are now threatened. The ruler Duke Valens brought the war on himself. Now he must decide whether to sacrifice his country to save his people. They embarked on the war for their own reasons, but as it takes on a life of its own they find they've become components in their own machine. And the machine, it seems, has one purpose: to render evil for evil. **BPB \$24.99**

The Escapement (Engineer 03)

Condemned to death, the engineer Ziani Vaatzes escaped from Mezentia. His implacable determination to return home led him to contrive an intricate plan to bring down the Republic, a plan which require a war. He regrets the deaths. But he had no choice. Duke Valens dragged his people into the war to save the life of one woman. Then he killed her husband. Now, allied to the nomadic barbarians who have the manpower to defeat Mezentia, the Duke regrets the evil he's done. But he had no choice. Secretary Psellus never wanted to rule the Republic, or fight a desperate siege for its survival. Trying to make sense of how it all happened, he finds himself compelled to investigate the circumstances of Vaatzes' crime. He is terrified of what he might find out, but he has no choice. The machine has been built. All that remains is to set it in motion. **BPB \$24.99**

James Patterson*Max (Maximum Ride 05)*

Nobody said saving the world would be easy.

Until now, Max and the flock have lived a lonely existence: hunted down, tortured, and pushed to the fringe of society; always on the run, they have never been able to live a normal life. But things are changing.

The flock have finally found acceptance for their extraordinary skills. The avian hybrids don't have to hide away any longer – far from it: now everyone wants to see just what they can do. But fame and fortune always come at a price and Max isn't ready for all the glitz and glamour just yet. Meanwhile sinister forces are plotting their attack, putting more than just the flock in danger.

Something deadly is lurking in the depths of the ocean. As the flock uncover a terrible secret set to threaten the world, can they save the day or is this a disaster too tough to tackle, even for them? **BPB \$19.95**

Fang (Maximum Ride 06)

FANG WILL BE THE FIRST TO DIE For years, Max has been on the run from evil forces threatening her and the Flock – but nothing could have prepared her for this horrifying prophesy delivered to her by Angel. Fang is Max's best friend, her soulmate, her partner in leadership of her flock of winged children. A life without Fang is a life unimaginable.

Max's desperate desire to protect Fang brings the two closer than ever. But their world is turned upside down yet again when the Flock meet a wealthy scientist who has a great interest in the birdkids. He introduces them to another winged boy, the beautiful Dylan. Raised in a lab like the Flock, he exists for only one reason: he was created to be Max's perfect other half.

Now, a battle of science against soul, perfection versus passion unfolds, twists, and turns ... and meanwhile, the apocalypse is coming. **TP \$29.95**

Fiona Patton*The Golden Tower (Warriors of Estavia 02)*

In Anavatan, the city of the Silver Lake, the Gods manifest on an all-too- regular basis, and it's hard to survive if you're not pledged to one of the deities. Now the city is poised at a crucial turning point as the three children of the prophecy, two grown to manhood and one on the brink of having to decide his future, prepare for a confrontation that will shake the Gods themselves. **PB \$19.95**

Junius Podrug*Feathered Serpent 2012*

After the fabled Feathered Serpent breaks free from the bowls of the earth in 2012 to bring on the end of time, controversial astrobiologist and archaeologist Caden Montez must join forces with a 1,000-year-old Mayan warrior, who has crossed the Gulf of Time, to save humanity from extinction. **HC \$51.95**

Melanie Rawn*Dragon Prince (Dragon Prince 01)***APB \$20.95***Star Scroll (Dragon Prince 02)*

Rohan and his Sunrunner wife are crowned High Prince and High Princess and swear to keep the secret of the dragons, but a foe once vanquished by the Sunrunners is growing again, and their only hope lies in the long-lost Star Scroll. **APB \$20.95**

Sunrunner's Fire (Dragon Prince 03)

The discovery of the Star Scroll, a repository of forgotten spells of sorcery, threatens the Sunrunners as Andry attempts to master the ancient knowledge, Pol seeks to touch the minds of dragons, and an old enemy reawakens **APB \$19.95**

*Stronghold (Dragon Star 01)***APB \$20.95***Dragon Token (Dragon Star 02)*

In the sequel to Stronghold, as Rohan's son and heir, Pol, rallies his forces in a desperate bid to halt the advance of the invaders, ancient rivalries weaken his alliance. **PB \$19.95**

Skybowl (Dragon Star 03)

In the final volume of the "Dragon Star" trilogy, Sioned, the mother of High Prince Pol, leads a daring mission into the castle where her daughter-in-law is held captive. **PB \$20.95**

Robert V S Redick*The Ruling Sea (Chathrand Voyage 02)*

A sequel to The Red Wolf Conspiracy finds Thasha Isiq and her deckhand allies working to prevent an international war, an effort that is further complicated by unknown challenges throughout the great Ruling Sea. **MP3 CD \$78**

Alastair Reynolds*Terminal World*

Spearpoint, the last human city, is an atmosphere-piercing spire of vast size. Clinging to its skin are the zones, a series of semi-autonomous city-states, each of which enjoys a different - and rigidly enforced - level of technology. Horsetown is pre-industrial; in Neon Heights they have television and electric trains...Following an infiltration mission that went tragically wrong, Quillon has been living incognito, working as a pathologist in the district morgue. But when a near-dead angel drops onto his dissecting table, Quillon's world is wrenched apart one more time, for the angel is a winged posthuman from Spearpoint's Celestial Levels - and with the dying body comes bad news.If Quillon is to save his life, he must leave his home and journey into the cold and hostile lands beyond Spearpoint's base, starting an exile that will take him further than he could ever imagine. But there is far more at stake than just Quillon's own survival, for the limiting technologies of the zones are determined not by governments or police, but by the very nature of reality - and reality itself is showing worrying signs of instability... **HC \$59.99 TP \$35**

J D Robb*Big Jack (Eve Dallas)*

In New York City in 2059, someone is pursuing missing gems from a decades-old heist...someone who's willing to kill for them. Sharp-witted and sexy, NYPSD Lieutenant Eve Dallas is used to travelling in the shadowy corners outside the law. And in a future where crime meets cutting-edge technology, she will attempt to track down the diamonds once and for all-and stop the danger and death that have surrounded them for years.

Previously published in Remember When. **APB \$19.95**

J D Robb

Fantasy in Death (Eve Dallas 30)

Bart Minnock, founder of the computer-gaming giant U-Play, enters his private playroom, and eagerly can't wait to lose himself in an imaginary world, to play the role of a sword-wielding warrior king, in his company's latest top-secret project, Fantastical.

The next morning, he is found in the same locked room, in a pool of blood, his head separated from his body. It is the most puzzling case Eve Dallas has ever faced, and it is not a game. . . . NYPSD Lieutenant Eve Dallas is having as much trouble figuring out how Bart Minnock was murdered as who did the murdering. The victim's girlfriend seems sincerely grief-stricken, and his quirky-but-brilliant partners at U-Play appear equally shocked. No one seemed to have a probÃ,Â-lem with the enthusiastic, high-spirited millionaire. Of course, success can attract jealousy, and gaming, like any business, has its fierce rivalries and dirty tricks-as Eve's husband, Roarke, one of U- Play's competitors, knows well. But Minnock was not naive, and quite capable of fighting back in the real world as well as the virtual one. Eve and her team are about to enter the next level of police work, in a world where fantasy is the ultimate seduction-and the price of defeat is death. . . . **HC \$54.95**

Mordecai Roshwald

Level 7

Mordecai Roshwald is Professor Emeritus of humanities at the University of Minnesota, where he taught for twenty-five years, and a visiting professor at leading Israeli, U.S., and European universities. **TP \$40.95**

Diana Rowland

Blood of the Demon

Kara Gillian, a cop with the power of "othersight" and the exclusive summoner of a demon lord, calls on Lord Rhyzkahl to help her with two challenging cases on her docket that involve a soul eater among the rich, powerful and corrupt in Beaulac, Louisiana. **APB \$19.95**

Christopher Rowley

Pleasure Model (Heavy Metal Pulp 01)

In Pleasure Model, the first book in the Netherworld trilogy, down-and-out police detective Rook gets a big break when he's assigned to a bizarre and vicious murder case. The clues are colder than the corpse and the case looks like it'll remain unsolved – until an eyewitness is discovered. But the witness is a Pleasure Model, an illegal gene-grown human.

Plesur's only purpose is to provide satisfaction to her owner – in any way. When the murderer targets Plesur in order to eliminate the one witness, Rook takes her into hiding to protect her. Thus begins a descent into the dark world of exotic pleasure mods and their illicit buyers and manufacturers. Rook frantically looks for clues, struggling to stay one step ahead of those looking to kill them both. But is Rook falling under Plesur's spell....? **BPB \$24.99**

Fred Saberhagen

Dominion (Dracula 05)

Vlad Tepes has roamed modern America without fear, until two ancient, remorseless beings, locked in a struggle for the ultimate magical weapon, bring their blood-feud to his city, threatening to destroy everything in their paths to possess the weapon. **APB \$17.95**

Lynsay Sands

Love Bites (Argeneau 01)

Etienne Argeneau can turn one human into a vampire in his lifetime - an honour his kind usually reserved for their life mates, to let their love life forever. But it's all a bit more complicated than that. Rachel Garrett, a beautiful coroner, has just saved his life and now she's about to lose hers. Etienne has a choice: he can save her life in turn and thus doom himself to an eternity alone, unable to create his own life mate. Or he can watch his saviour die and live in the name of a love he has yet to meet. Her life and his love weigh in the balance and whatever Etienne does he may live to regret for eternity... The first book in the Argeneau series introduces the Argeneau family and features a chaotic romance you can really sink your teeth into. **PB \$22.99**

Robert J Sawyer

WWW: Wake (WWW 01)

Caitlin Decter is young, pretty, feisty, a genius at math, and blind. When she receives an implant to restore her sight, instead of seeing reality she perceives the landscape of the World Wide Web-where she makes contact with a mysterious consciousness existing only in cyberspace. **PB \$19.95**

John Scalzi

Judge Sn Goes Golfing (Androids Dream novella)

John Scalzi visits the universe of his bestselling novel The Android's Dream for this exclusive short story, featuring fan favorite character Judge Nugan Bufan Sn -- a brilliant alien jurist whose misanthropy and lack of social graces is matched only by his futile, unrequited for the game of golf. When he hits the links at the abysmal Dulles Woods golf course, the unexpected happens: He begins to play well. But there are more hazards on the course for Sn than just sand traps and disaffected caddies. Long a staple of Scalzi's live readings, "Judge Sn Goes Golfing" has never seen print until now. Read what you've been missing. **TP \$36.95**

God Engines

Captain Ean Tephe is a man of faith, whose allegiance to his lord and to his ship is uncontested. The Bishopry Militant knows this -- and so, when it needs a ship and crew to undertake a secret, sacred mission to a hidden land, Tephe is the captain to whom the task is given. Tephe knows from that the start that his mission will be a test of his skill as a leader of men and as a devout follower of his god. It's what he doesn't know that matters: to what ends his faith and his ship will ultimately be put -- and that the tests he will face will come not only from his god and the Bishopry Militant, but from another, more malevolent source entirely... Say your prayers... and behold The God Engines. **HC \$40.95**

Your Hate Mail Will be Graded: A Decade of Whatever, 1998-2008

On September 13, 1998, John Scalzi sat down in front of his computer to write the first entry in his blog Whatever--and changed the history of the Internet as we know it today.

What, you're not swallowing that one? Okay, fine: He started writing Whatever and amused about 15 people that first day. If that many. But he kept at it, for ten years and running. Now 40,000 people drop by on a daily basis to see what he's got to say.

About what? Well, about whatever: Politics, writing, family, war, popular culture and cats (especially with bacon on them). Sometimes he's funny. Sometimes he's serious (mostly he's sarcastic). Sometimes people agree with him. Sometimes they send him hate mail, which he grades on originality and sends back. Along the way, Scalzi's become a best-selling, award-winning author, a father, and a geek celebrity. But no matter what, there's always another Whatever post to amuse and/or enrage his readers.

Your Hate Mail Will Be Graded collects some of the best and most popular Whatever entries from the first ten years of the blog - a decade of Whatever, presented in delightfully random form, just as it should be. **TP \$30.95**

Jill Shure*Night Jazz (Jeri Devlin)*

Pink Ladies and Black Velvets wet the whistles of guys and dolls in smoky underground speakeasies and elegant hubs like the Casino in Central Park, where anything goes. But in October 1929, two events are about to collide: The arrival of Jeri Devlin and the stock market crash. The mysterious disappearance of her brother sends successful ad executive Jeri Devlin to New York to find him. During her first night in the Big Apple, a strange event transports Jeri back 70 years to a magical time when the black cloud of the Great Depression was just beginning to descend over America. Forced to adapt to her new world until she can discover a way back to her own time, Jeri is led into the passionate arms of a mysterious and handsome gangster, and to the happiness she has always longed for. **TP \$30.95**

Brian Sibley*West of the Mountains, East of the Sea: The Map of Tolkien's Beleriand (Middle Earth)*

Writer and broadcaster Brian Sibley is a foremost expert on The Lord of the Rings (he adapted the novel for the award-winning BBC radio dramatisation in 1980), and here in this clothbound hardback he will take you to the First Age of Middle-earth, many thousands of years before the events chronicled in The Lord of the Rings. This was the setting for the great War of the Jewels, as recounted in J.R.R. Tolkien's The Silmarillion and includes a gazetteer of the many places shown on the full-colour illustrated map which accompanies the book.

The Map of Beleriand and the Lands to the North is faithfully reproduced in full colour by world-renowned Tolkien artist John Howe, the conceptual artist employed by Peter Jackson to work on his multi-award winning Lord of The Rings film trilogy, and who is soon to work on Guillermo del Toro's Hobbit film. The map is based on the original map by Christopher Tolkien. Embellished with heraldic emblems and dramatic scenes from The Silmarillion, it completes the trio of authorized Tolkien maps by John Howe which can be removed for reference or even for framing.

Each element in this collector's package is special; together they provide an enchanting and desirable artefact that will be a prized possession of Tolkien readers of all ages. **HC \$22.99**

Scott Sigler*Ancestor*

On a remote island in Lake Superior, a unique group of scientists are working on the problem of using animal organs as transplants, which are often rejected by the human immune system. Funded by a secretive and ruthless biotech firm, Dr Claus Rhumkorff seeks to recreate the ancestor of all mammals. By artificially manufacturing root DNA, Rhumkorff hopes to create an animal with human internal organs - the perfect donor. Rhumkorff discovers the ancestor, but it is not the harmless, cow-like creature he expects. Instead, it is a cunning and bloodthirsty beast that nature had eradicated 250 million years ago. The ultimate predator. Suddenly, the island feels very, very small. And the ancestor is very, very hungry.

TP \$29.99**Dan Simmons***Black Hills*

Paha Sapa, Black Hills, is a Red Indian shaman who as a young boy at the Battle of Little Bighorn takes the ghost of the dying General Custer into his own body. Sixty years later as an old man working as a dynamiter on Mount Rushmore, he plots to blow it up. Meanwhile, Custer finds himself trapped in a strange, dark place and begins to write sensuous, heartbreaking missives to his beloved wife. **TP \$32.95**

Kathryn Smith*Dark Side of Dawn*

A new boyfriend...a new job...Dawn Riley thinks her life is finally on track. So what if her father is the the King of Dreams? And that those in the Dream world are none too comfortable with a half mortal who can enter dreams at will? And many would rather see her dead? No, Dawn is determined to balance the two worlds: shell train with her fathers people and develop her powers, but shes not giving up on having a normal life. But when the people closest to her are put in harms way, Dawn must cross that line and risk everything to protect those she loves. **APB \$14.99**

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

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

For Halloween, WVMP is throwing a bash sure to raise the dead. They've got cool tunes, hot costumes, killer cocktails -- what could go wrong? Well, for starters, a religious firebrand ranting against the evils of the occult preempts the station's midnight broadcast. Then, when Ciara tracks down the illegal transmission, the broadcast tower is guarded by what appears to be...a canine vampire? And behind it all is a group of self-righteous radicals who think vampires suck (and are willing to stake their lives on it). Now Ciara must protect the station while struggling with her own murky relationship issues, her best friend's unlikely romance with a fledgling vampire, and the nature of her mysterious anti-holy powers. To make it to New Year's in one piece, she'll need to learn a few new tricks.... **PB \$19.95**

Thomas E Sniegoski*Where Angels Fear to Tread (Remy Chandler)*

Six year-old Zoe York has been taken and her mother has come to Remy for help. She shows him crude, childlike drawings that she claims are Zoe's visions of the future, everything leading up to her abduction, and some beyond. Like the picture of a man with wings who would come and save her - a man who is an angel.

Zoe's preternatural gifts have made her a target for those who wish to exploit her power to their own destructive ends. The search will take Remy to dark places he would rather avoid. To save an innocent, Remy will ally himself with lesser evils - and his soul may pay the price. **TP \$28.95**

Nibi Soto*Beyond the Map's Journey*

All Mattie Bott and Trevor Karington have ever known were unusually happy, stable lives without any hint as to who they really are. Suddenly, Mattie starts seeing into the future and witnessing historical events appearing on particles of light. Unknowingly, Mattie was born into a family of Trekkers (time travelers). In order to save Mattie from dissolving into the core of time, Trevor becomes her Splitter (time link), making it possible for her to return to the present following each Divvy (time travel) to the past. With the accidental discovery of the Rings of Prather Mendell, Trevor now shares any of her powers as her partner. Together they try to foil the plan of the Interloper (an illicit time traveler from the future), who will stop at nothing to possess the secret, supernatural abilities of the time travelers and the forbidden powers of the rings. **TP \$30.95**

Kerrellyn Sparks

The Vampire and the Virgin (Love at Stake 08)

While vacationing in Greece, FBI psychologist Olivia Sotiris is drawn to Robby MacKay, who, unbeknownst to her, is a vampire bent on revenge against the Malcontent clan who once held him captive. And is her best chance of survival when a case from back home tracks her down. **PB \$19.95**

Allen Steele

Coyote Destiny (Coyote)

The unexpected arrival of a ship from Earth after their long isolation from their home world leaves the inhabitants of Coyote both hopeful and wary. The lone passenger brings news-both good and bad.

The good news is that there was a survivor of the long-ago explosion of the Robert E. Lee and he is living still on Earth, in the ruined city called Boston. The bad news is that the person responsible for that act of terrorism is also still alive-and somewhere on Coyote... **HC \$52.95**

S Andrew Swann

Heretics (Apotheosis 02)

After destroying Mosasa, an alien-created A.I., surviving A.I. Adam prepares to launch a plan that will enslave humankind, and the human race, with the help of some unexpected allies, must defeat this seemingly omnipresent and omniscient entity. **APB \$19.95**

Linda Thomas-Sundstrom

Wolf Trap (Wolf Moons)

APB \$14.95

Vicki Lewis Thompson

Chick with A Broom (Babes on Brooms 02)

Lily Revere is free-spirited and fun-loving-two dangerous qualities in a witch. Lily needs a date for her sister Anica's engagement party, and she's determined to bring hot Griffin Taylor. But the jaded divorce lawyer claims his job has warned him off romance. Slipping a love elixir into Griffin's drink may not be the noble thing to do-but it sure works! There's just one problem: Are Griffin's feelings the result of some truly good witchcraft-or could he really be in love? **PB \$19.95**

Over Hexed (Hex 01)

Dorcas and Ambrose are matchmaking sex therapists for witches and warlocks. Now they're doing it for mere mortals-although the handsome Sean Madigan is kind of an Adonis. Until Dorcas and Ambrose strip him of his sex appeal and introduce him to his destiny, Maggie Grady. This time winning a girl's heart won't be so easy for Sean. It means rediscovering the charms buried beneath the surface. But what a surface! **APB \$19.95**

Wild and Hexy (Hex 02)

Dreading a return to Big Knob, Indiana, after her weight gain of twenty pounds, former Dairy Festival Queen Annie Winston discovers that her hometown has been turned upside down by unconventional matchmakers Dorcas and Ambrose Lowell, who use magic to come up with Annie's perfect match--shy computer whiz Jeremy Dunstan, who has long yearned for Annie. **PB \$19.95**

Rob Thurman

Roadkill (Cal Leandros 05)

New from the national bestselling author of Deathwish

It's time to lock, load, and hit the road...

Once, while half-human Cal Leandros and his brother Niko were working on a case, an ancient gypsy queen gave them a good old-fashioned backstabbing. Now, just as their P.I. business hits a slow patch, the old crone shows up with a job.

She wants them to find a stolen coffin that contains a blight that makes the Black Death seem like a fond memory. But the thief has already left town, so the Leandros brothers are going on the road. And if they're very, very lucky, there might even be a return trip... **APB \$19.95**

Danielle Trussoni

Angelology

Having entered a convent at a young age, Sister Evangeline discovers a letter from famous philanthropist Abigail Rockefeller that reveals an ancient conflict between an angel society Evangeline is destined to join and the human descendants of the Nephilim. A thrilling epic about an ancient clash reignited in our time-between a secret society and heaven's darkest creatures. **CD \$78**

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Harry Turtledove

Hitler's War

What if the Second World War had started in 1938?The two sides of the Spanish civil war are still locked in a blood-soaked stalemate. Stalin's purge of the Red Army is barely underway. And Neville Chamberlain sickened by the arrogance and duplicity of the Germans does not return from Munich waving the piece of paper that would give the Czech arms factories to Hitler and postpone the war until 1939. On October 1, German tanks cross the Czech frontier, touching off declarations of war from France, from England, from the USSR. Poland, fearing the Russians more than Hitler, declares war on the German side. Soon Fascist Spain attacks Gibraltar, the Japanese army crosses the Manchurian frontier into Siberia . . . and the British Army sets off for France, which has launched a pre-emptive attack on the Rhineland. The war we know as World War II has begun a year early, in an entirely different way. **PB \$19.99**

Rachel Vincent

Shift (05)

The first female werewolf enforcer, a beautiful young woman must learn to trust her instincts as she is surrounded by betrayal and murder.

APB \$19.95

Joss Ware

Abandon the Night

When civilization is basically destroyed, Quentin Fielding, harnessing a strange, new power, searches for the man responsible for the chaos and destruction and finds his mission further complicated by a mysterious, arrow-wielding beauty who is on a quest of her own. **PB \$19.95**

Christine Warren

Born to Be Wild (Others 09)

Josie Barrett brings out the animal in men. Literally. As the local veterinarian in a town that's approximately seventy percent Others-mostly shapeshifters-Josie deals with beastly situations all the time. It's practically part of her job description. But when the werewolves of Stone Creek, Oregon, start turning downright feral, Josie smells a rat-among other, more dangerous critter.

Teaming up with the ferociously sexy Eli Pace, a full-time sheriff and part-time were-lion, Josie tries to contain the shapeshifting problem before it spreads like a virus. But when more shifters get infected-and stuck in their animal forms-the fur really begins to fly. Josie and Eli have to find the cause, fast, before the whole town goes to the dogs. But first, they have to wrestle with a few animal urges of their own. **APB \$19.95**

Kaaron Warren Australian Author

Walking the Tree

The island is the world, and the centre of the island is the Tree. When they are 18, each person must leave their home and walk the Tree. Years later, when they return - if they return - they will be changed. When Lillah embarks on her own journey, however, she never expected to deviate from the sacred path... and enter the Tree. **APB \$20.99**

David Weber

By Heresies Distressed (Safehold 03)

Now the battle for the soul of the planet Safehold has begun.

The Kingdom of Charis and the Kingdom of Chisholm have joined together, pledged to stand against the tyranny of a corrupt Church. The youthful Queen Sharleyan of Chisholm has wed King Cayleb of Charis, forging a single dynasty, a single empire, dedicated to the defense of human freedom. Crowned Empress of that empire, Sharleyan has found in Cayleb's arms the love she never dared hope for in a "marriage of state." In Cayleb's cause, his defiance of the ruthless Group of Four who govern mother Church, she has found the task to which she can commit her mind and her courage. It is a cause for which she was born.

Yet there are things Sharleyan still does not know. Secrets Cayleb has not been permitted to share, even with her. Secrets like the true story of humanity on Safehold. Like the intricate web of lies, deception, and fabricated "religion" which have chained humanity for almost a thousand years. Like the existence of the genocidal alien Gbaba, waiting to complete mankind's destruction should humans ever attract their attention once more. Like the existence of a young woman, Nimue Alban, nine hundred years dead, whose heart, mind, and memories live on within the android body of the warrior-monk she knows as Merlin. And so Empress Sharleyan faces the the great challenge of her life unaware of all that task truly entails...or of how the secrets the man who loves her cannot share may threaten all they have achieved between them...and her own life. **APB \$19.95**

Margaret Weis

Secret of the Dragon (Dragonships 02)

The Vindrasi gods have a traitor in their midst. Sund, God of Stone, is a cold and calculating god who rules over history and time, thought and contemplation. When the Gods of Raj and the Gods of the New Dawn defeated the Old Gods in battle, Sund gave the matter careful thought and came to believe that his days were numbered. He switched sides, going over to the Gods of the New Dawn. As proof of his good faith, he gave the priests of the god Aelon the gift of a sacred Vektia spiritbone, which is now residing in the Temple of the New Dawn in the city of Sinaria, capital of Oran.

Sund told the priests that the dragon to whom this spiritbone belongs is extremely powerful, for the Vektia dragons were forged at the creation of the world and represent the foundation of creation. Without these dragons, the new god, Aelon, will not be able to fully seize control over the world.

In the land of the mortals, Skylan Ivorson and the Vindrasi clan are pulled into this duplicity as they embark on a mission to reclaim the bones in an effort to save their dying gods. They must unravel an ever-expanding web of deceit and foul play if they hope to survive. **HC \$52.95**

Phaedra Weldon

Spectre (Zoe Martinique Investigation 02)

Zoe Martinique's plans to help her boyfriend, Atlanta homicide detective Daniel Frasier, investigate a series of bizarre murders in which the victims turn up with missing body parts goes badly awry when her mother disappears. **APB \$19.95**

Ian Whates

City of Dreams and Nightmare (01)

The first in a series of novels set in one of the most extraordinary fantasy settings since Gormenghast - the vertical city of Thaiburley.

From its towering palatial heights to the dregs who dwell in The City Below, it's an incredible creation. When Tom, a teenage street thief from the depths, ventures into the uppermost levels to impress a girl, the last thing he expects to do is witness a murder.

Accused of the crime, he must use all of his knowledge of the ancient city to flee certain death. **APB \$20.99**

Skyler White

And Falling, Fly

An edgy, erotic blend of fantasy and romance-from a debut author whose star is on the rise.

In a dark and seedy underground of burned-out rock stars and angels- turned-vampires, a revolutionary neuroscientist and a fallen angel must pit medicine against mythology in an attempt to erase their tortured pasts...but at what cost? Olivia, vampire and fallen angel of desire, is hopeless...and damned. Since the fall from Eden, she has hungered for love, but fed only on desire. Dominic O'Shaughnessy is a neuroscientist plagued by impossible visions. When his research and her despair collide at L'OtelMathillide- a subterranean hell of beauty, demons, and dreams-rationalist and angel unite in a clash of desire and damnation that threatens to destroy them both. **TP \$30.95**

Kit Whitfield

In Great Waters

In a tense, divided court, a young princess watches her mother struggle to hold the throne. On a remote coastal estate, a scholar finds a child washed up on the shore. Anne. Henry. A Christian princess of the royal blood. A pagan bastard, groomed all his hidden, lonely life to make a grab for the crown. In this work of stunning imagination, Kit Whitfield has written a fictional history at once familiar and alien. Since the ninth century, when the deepsmen invaded Venice, an uneasy alliance has held between the people of the land and the sea. That alliance was brokered by the warrior queen, Angelica, half landsman, half deepsman, the mother of the royal houses of Europe. Now, centuries later, no navy can cross the seas without allies in the ocean - and without deepsmen guarding its shores, no nation can withstand invasion. The hybrid kings keep the treaty between both sides, protecting their people from the threat of war. The royal blood is the key to peace, and ferociously protected. The penalties for any landsman who tries to breed with a deepsman are severe; the fate of any 'bastard' child, born of such an illegitimate union, is terrible. But the royal house of England is staggering, collapsing under the weight of centuries of inbreeding. Anne prays for guidance, a way into the future without hatred or bloodshed. Henry holds with fierce certainty that only the strong survive. But if either of them is to outlive the coming conflict, they may need more than faith alone... **BPB \$27.95**

Tad Williams

Shadowrise (Shadow 03)

With King Olin imprisoned and Prince Kendrick slain, the royal twins Barrick and Briony have been forced to flee their homeland. But both families and nations can hide dark and terrible secrets, and even if Barrick and Briony survive learning the astonishing truths at the heart of their own family and of Southmarch itself, they must still find a way to reclaim their kingdom and rescue their home- from traitors, tyrants, a god-king, and even the angry gods themselves. An epic tale of magic and mystery, duty and betrayal, *Shadowrise* is the third volume in Tad Williams' epic fantasy quartet.

TP \$32.99 HC \$56.95

Connie Willis

Blackout (Oxford 03)

In her first novel since 2002, Nebula and Hugo award-winning author Connie Willis returns with a stunning, enormously entertaining novel of time travel, war, and the deeds - great and small - of ordinary people that shape history and, alarmingly perhaps, the future.

The year is 2060, the fourth decade since the invention of time travel by a scientist who would not have been born had Hitler won World War II. At Oxford University, historians jockey for plum assignments, to carry out first-person research in the era of their specialty, from the Crusades to the Plague or the aftermath of the devastating nuclear attack on London.

In the face of increasing scientific criticism of time travel - and the possibility that it could shatter the space-time continuum - three academics are in the heart of World War II in England. Merope is a maid in a country house studying evacuated children in England in 1940. Mike is researching a common thread of heroism across history and is on his way to Dunkirk. Polly lives as a shopgirl during the Blitz, watching the behaviour of ordinary citizens under stress.

For all three, unknown corners of history explode as Hitler's bombs rain down on London. But when they try to return they find themselves unable to make their way back to the future. Have they broken the law of time travel and changed the narrative of history in some accidental way? A dreadful awareness comes over them all: far from witnessing the past, they may be on a journey into the utterly unknown. And the world they left in 2060 may no longer be there to save them. **TP \$32.99**

Gene Wolfe

Soldier of Sidon (Latro)

Latro forgets everything when he sleeps. Writing down his experiences every day and reading his journal anew each morning gives him a poignantly tenuous hold on the world and his own identity.

Latro finds himself in Egypt, a land of singing girls, of spiteful and conniving deities. Without his memory, he is unsure of everything, except for his desire to be free of the curse that causes him to forget. The visions Gene Wolfe conjures--of the wonders of Egypt, and of the adventures of Latro as he and his companions journey up the great Nile south into legendary territory--are unique and compelling. **APB \$19.95**

Anthologies

Writers of the Future 25

Writers of the Future (WOTF) is a science fiction and fantasy story contest that was originated by L. Ron Hubbard in the early 1980s. Hubbard characterized the contest as a way of "giving back" to the field that had defined his professional writing life. The contest has no entry fee and is the highest-paying contest for amateur science-fiction and fantasy writers. Notable past winners of WOTF include Stephen Baxter, Karen Joy Fowler, James Alan Gardner, Nina Kiriki Hoffman, Jay Lake, Michael H. Payne, Patrick Rothfuss, Robert Reed, Dean Wesley Smith, Sean Williams, Dave Wolverton and David Zindell. The winning stories are published in the yearly anthology *L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of Future*. **PB \$19.95**

Janet Chapman *et al*

Ladies Prefer Rogues

Love transcends time in this collection of four romance novellas that includes Janet Chapman's "Man from the Moon," in which a young woman comes across a wounded warrior from the 23rd-century who is on a mission to save humankind. **PB \$19.95**

Bill Fawcett *Editor*

Men At War

From Gettysburg to D-Day, history's most momentous battles have been recounted to the world on a grand scale. This book, for the first time ever, looks at man's most epic battles from the point of view of the soldiers on the front lines; providing new insight into the great wars of history. Stories told by the Roman Legionaire, the British Doughboy, and the American Doggie, delve into these battles and battlefronts:

Roman Legion; Third Crusade under Richard Lionheart; Waterloo, French under Napoleon; American Civil War: Gettysburg; WWI: Americans at Ardennes; WWII: Japanese Island Defense; WWII: D-Day, Americans at Normandy; Marines at Chosin. **TP \$19.95**

Christopher Golden *Editor*

Zombie: An Anthology of the Undead

The 21st century has brought an explosion of interest in zombie stories. George A. Romero may have spawned the last century's 'modern' zombie story with *Night of the Living Dead*, but four decades have passed since then. So what accounts for the current zombie craze? That is the question that the contributors to *Zombie* were asked to ruminate upon while writing the stories in this volume. Do we turn to tales of intimacy with death to deal with its constant presence in our media and our lives? Do zombie stories provide a way to process our feelings about the horrors of war and torture? Or is it merely that death is the final frontier available to us in this new millennium, and we cannot help but explore? Stoker-award-winning author Christopher Golden has assembled an all-original anthology of zombie stories from an eclectic array of today's hottest writers: this is a wildly diverse and entertaining collection - the Last Word on the Undead. **BPB \$22.99**

George R R Martin & Gardner Dozois *Editor*

Warriors

People have been telling stories about warriors for as long as they have been telling stories. Since Homer first sang the wrath of Achilles and the ancient Sumerians set down their tales of Gilgamesh, warriors, soldiers, and fighters have fascinated us; they are a part of every culture, every literary tradition, every genre. *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *From Here to Eternity*, and *The Red Badge of Courage* have become part of our literary canon, taught in classrooms all around the country and the world. Our contributors make up an all-star lineup of award-winning and bestselling writers, representing a dozen different publishers and as many genres. We asked each of them for the same thing—a story about a warrior. Some chose to write in the genre they're best known for. Some decided to try something different. You will find warriors of every shape, size, and color in these pages, warriors from every epoch of human history, from yesterday and today and tomorrow, and from worlds that never were. Some of the stories will make you sad, some will make you laugh, and many will keep you on the edge of your seat."

Included are a long novella from the world of *Song of Ice and Fire* by George R. R. Martin, a new tale of Lord John by Diana Gabaldon, and an epic of humanity at bay by David Weber. Also present are original tales by David Ball, Peter S. Beagle, Lawrence Block, Gardner Dozois, Joe Haldeman, Robin Hobb, Cecelia Holland, Joe R. Lansdale, David Morrell, Naomi Novik, James Rollins, Steven Saylor, Robert Silverberg, S.M. Stirling, Carrie Vaughn, Howard Waldrop, and Tad Williams. **HC \$56.95**

Pamela Palmer, Jaime Rush & Lynsay Sands

Bitten By Cupid

Vampire Valentine by Lynsay Sands: Mirabeau LaRouche knew she had a job to do, but she never expected her assignment to take her through New York City's dark, dank underground-in her bridesmaid gown, no less! And when her partner turns out to be mortal private investigator Tiny McGraw, Mireabeau knows it's no ordinary Cupid's arrow that has struck her heart this Valentine's Day.

Hearts Untamed by Pamela Palmer: Ten years ago Zeeland left D.C. to join the Therian Guard, needing to put some distance between himself and the still-too-young Julianne. Now he's returned, in the midst of a Valentine's celebration to find Julianne more beautiful than ever, still angry at him for leaving, and up to her lovely eyebrows in an intrigue that threatens both of their immortal lives.

Kiss and Kill Cupid by Jamie Rush: Kat Morgan has no use for Valentine's Day, since hearing other people's thoughts puts a real damper on any kind of intimate relationship. When she overhears the Killer Cupid serial killer targeting her for his Valentine's Day murder, Kat is terrified. But is Adrian, the one man whose thoughts she can't hear, her savior, or killer? **APB \$14.99**

Darrell Schweitzer *Editor*

Full Moon City

A volume of dark werewolf tales, edited by an World Fantasy Award-winning writer, imagines the impact of modern technology on lycanthrope culture. **TP \$30.95**

Tricia Telep *Editor*

The Mammoth Book of Vampire Romance

This exciting follow-up to the wildly successful *Mammoth Book of Vampire Romance* contains 30 short stories of hot blood, midnight pleasures, and inhuman passions. Containing the best names in the field, such as Eileen Wilks, Caitlin Kittredge, Jennifer Ashley, Dawn Cook, and Diane Whiteside. **TP \$28.95**

The Mammoth Book of Irish Romance

An enthralling collection of romantic tales set amidst beautiful Ireland's lush ancient landscapes: pre-Christian ruins, green hills, rugged cliffs, and pounding Atlantic surf. These stories-by writers such as Roberta Gellis, Bertice Small, Jennifer Ashley, Claire Delacroix, and Mary Jo Putney-honor Ireland's rich heritage as a land of poets, magic, and mystery. **TP \$28.95**

Young Adult

Kage Baker

The Hotel Under the Sand

Appealing to boys and girls alike, this beguiling adventure explores classic fantasy themes from a unique young heroine's perspective. Nine-year-old Emma loses everything she has in a fearsome storm and finds herself alone in the wilderness of the Dunes—an area desolate since the mysterious disappearance of a resort known as the Grand Wenlocke. Finding a friend in Winston, the ghostly bellboy who wanders the Dunes, Emma learns that it has been more than 100 years since the hotel with an unsavory reputation vanished; but, unbeknownst to either of them, the long slumbering resort has just begun to stir. Allying herself with a motley crew of companions—the ghost bellboy, a kindhearted cook, a pirate with a heart of gold, and the imperious young heir to the Wenlocke fortune—Emma soon learns that things are not always as lost as they seem, especially if you have a brave heart and good friends. **TP \$19.95**

Alex Bell

Lex Trent Versus the Gods (Lex Trent 01)

Law student Lex Trent's world is inhabited by fearsome magicians, ageing crones and a menagerie of Gods and Goddesses. And while Lex is seemingly dedicated to his legal studies he's always enjoyed a challenge which is why he leads a double life as the notorious cat burglar The Shadowman who has been (luckily) evading capture for years. But Lex's luck is about to run out because the Goddess of Fortune has selected him to be her player in the highly dangerous Games. Losing is not an option for Lex (particularly as it so often involves dying) but can he really win each of the perilous rounds? Given that the reward for doing so is money, fame and glory all things that Lex is quite keen on he's going to do whatever it takes to make sure he will... and he's certainly got good experience of cheating. **PB \$19.99**

William Boniface

The Great Power, The Outage (Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy)

Something strange is happening in superopolis!

The entire population has turned its back on its favorite potato chips of all time—just because someone named Comrade Crunch told them to. How is he getting the supercitizens to follow his every command?

To make matters worse, the superheroes of Superopolis are losing their superpowers. Without their special gifts, they're just . . . ordinary! Something must be done, and in a city where everyone is—well, was—extraordinary, this might just be a job for . . . ordinary boy! **PB \$12.99**

Michael Buckley

Magic and Other Misdemeanors (Sisters Grimm 05)

Daphne, Sabrina and Puck's most magic-filled mystery yet! In book five of the series, Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are ready to tackle their own case: who is stealing the magical possessions of the most powerful Everafters in town? With Granny distracted by Mayor Heart's campaigning against human residents, the girl detectives are on their own. Puss In Boots (now an exterminator), Cinderella (a radio relationship counsellor), Sleeping Beauty (owner of a coffee shop), and their old enemy, Prince Charming, are among the many suspects, and one thing is for certain: the villain's plans mean a grim future for the Grimms—truly! **HC \$19.99**

P W Catanese

Happenstance Found (Books of Umber 01)

Twelve-year-old Happenstance awakens in a cave with no memory of who he is or how he came to be there. Soon a mysterious trio arrives to take him away: the explorer Umber, the shy archer Sophie, and Oates, whose strength and honesty are both brutal. Hap and his new acquaintances narrowly escape the cavernous underworld and make their way to Lord Umber's bustling jewel of a harbor city, Kurahaven.

Once there, Hap learns that Lord Umber is an extraordinary man -- he's a merchant, adventurer, inventor, royal adviser, and chronicler of all things monstrous and magical. But Umber's accomplishments can't answer the question closest to the boy's heart: Who is Happenstance?

Desperate to uncover clues in his new, baffling surroundings, Hap accompanies Umber on dangerous and unusual missions. But Hap soon learns that there are powerful enemies inside the kingdom, and a ruthless assassin is hot on his trail. Faced with many unknowns, Hap knows one thing is certain: There's a reason Umber has chosen him...if only he could determine it. **BPB \$12.99**

John Christopher

City of Gold and Lead (Tripods)

PB \$15.95

Paul Collins Australian Author

Dragonsight (Jelindel Chronicles 03)

BPB \$24.95

Melissa De La Cruz

Blue Bloods (Blue Bloods 01)

They're Young, Fabulous and Fanged...And they rule Manhattan from the trendy uptown clubs to the downtown boutiques. Fifteen-year-old Schuyler Van Alen has never quite fit in at her exclusive prep school, she's more of a vintage than a Versace girl, but all that's about to change...Because Schuyler has just found out she's a Blue Blood. The Blue Bloods are the city's glamorous and secret vampire elite. They're young, beautiful and powerful. But now they're being murdered. And Schuyler must find out who or what is behind it before she's next. **PB \$16.99**

Masquerade (Blue Bloods 02)

Preparations are under way for the ball of the century. But as any true Blue Blood knows, it's the after-party that counts. And the cunning Mimi Force is getting ready to make sure her masquerade ball is the place to be for the Young, Fabulous and Fanged. But Schuyler Van Alen has more on her mind than fancy dresses, even if her crush Jack Force, is sure to make an appearance. She's getting closer to finding out what's been preying on the young vamps and discovering the deadly secrets hiding under the masks...Rich with glamour, attitude and vampire lore, this second instalment in the Blue Bloods saga will leave readers thirsting for more. **PB \$16.99**

Jeremy de Quidt

The Toymaker

What good is a toy that will wind down? What if you could put a heart in one? A real heart. One that beat and beat and didn't stop. What couldn't you do if you could make a toy like that?

From the moment Mathias becomes the owner of a mysterious piece of paper, he is in terrible danger. Entangled in devious plots and pursued by the sinister Doctor Leiter and his devilish toys, Mathias finds himself on a quest to uncover a deadly secret. **BPB \$17.95**

John Dickinson

W.E.... WE ARE THE ONLY HUMANS LEFT . . .In the furthest, coldest, darkest reaches of our solar system, Paul Munro is on a mission from which he can never return. A desolate ice-covered moon will be his home for the rest of his life. And only from here can he see what humanity has become. A thriller to freeze your blood. To absolute zero. **TP \$32.95**

Jackie French Australian Author*Dance of the Deadly Dinosaurs (School for Heroes 02)*

Boos back ... in another crazy adventure of Heroes, dinosaurs and the most fearsome weapon in the universes ... the zombie sausage. Boojum Bark, werewolf puppy and would-be-Hero, is about to do what no other Hero has done before - go into the scariest universe of them all, the Ghastly Otherwhen, rescue his mum and come back alive. And hell need help from his friends: mysterious Yesterday, gorgeous Princess Princess Sunbeam Caresse of Pewk, Mug the down-to-earth zombie, and Squeak the warrior mouse. But the Ghastly Otherwhen isnt what Boo expects! And his friends start acting strangely, too ... What is the bond between Yesterday and her dinosaurs? And why wont she let Boo rescue her from slavery? Can Mug really be as dumb as he looks, or is it a clever zombie disguise? And could Princess Princess be an actual Hero underneath her cowardly exterior? The boogays are scarier - and the food is grosser than ever - its Jackie French at her hilarious best! **BPB \$16.99**

Neil Gaiman*Blueberry Girl*

A much-loved baby grows into a young woman: brave, adventurous and lucky. Exploring, travelling, bathed in sunshine, surrounded by the wonders of the world. What every new parent or parent-to-be dreams of for their child and what every girl dreams of for herself. Neil Gaiman wrote Blueberry Girl for a friend who was about to become the mother of a little girl. Here, he and beloved illustrator Charless Vess turn this deeply personal wish for a new daughter into a book that celebrates the glory of growing up **Picture Book \$15.99**

James Harpur*Mythical Creatures*

Discover fearsome beasts, such as the snake-haired gorgans and the crocodile-headed Ammut, as well as creatures of beauty, such as the majestic phoenix and the graceful unicorn. Follow the Greek hero Theseus through the labyrinth to kill the bull-headed Minotaur, or look on as brave dragon-slayers engage in mortal combat. Watch as the winged hippogriff flies across the skies, and terrible sea monsters snatch sailors to their doom. This is a book filled with roars and blood-curdling cries of creatures you would pray never to meet. Open if if you dare! **Picture Book \$14.99**

Michelle Harrison*Thirteen Curses (02)*

The Thirteen Treasures have become the Thirteen Curses. When fairies stole her brother, Red vowed to get him back. Now trapped in the fairy realm, she begs an audience with the fairy court where she strikes a bargain. Her brother will be returned - but only if she can find the thirteen charms of Tanya's bracelet that have been scattered in the human world. Returning to Elveden Manor, Red is assisted by Tanya and Fabian and a desperate hunt begins. Soon they make a shocking discovery. The charms now have twisted qualities of the thirteen treasures they represent... and the longer they are missing the worse the consequences will be. Can Red, Tanya and Fabian find all the charms? And even if they do, will the fairies keep their promise? **BPB \$16.99**

John Hulme & Michael Wexler*The Lost Train of Thought (Seems 03)*

Becker Drane's job as a Fixer in The Seems is in jeopardy. The Powers That Be have discovered his illegal relationship with Jennifer Kaley and he's about to be punished big time for all the rules he has broken. But just when it seems like Becker's fixing days are over for good, he is called in to assist on a job in the Middle of Nowhere. A Train of Thought headed for The World has disappeared, and the first group of Fixers sent to find it has vanished now too. As usual The Tide is the prime suspect. This latest mission takes Becker to the remotest places, and introduces him to the more powerful people in The Seems. Will he manage to find the Lost Train of Thought and finally discover, once and for all, who's running The Tide? **BPB \$15.99**

Erin Hunter*Long Shadows (Warriors Power of Three 05)*

The Clans are in turmoil. ShadowClan has turned its back on StarClan and pledged to follow the dark predictions of Sol, the strange cat who foretold the solar eclipse. But not all the cats have lost faith in their warrior ancestors. . . . Jaypaw is convinced that StarClan still holds an important place in the warrior code, and his search for answers leads him far back into the past, farther back than even StarClan can remember. Lionblaze, tortured by violent dreams and bloody visions, wishes he had never been prophesied to be one of the three but to turn his back on his littermates would be the ultimate betrayal. And Hollyleaf is terrified that once the Clans lose their faith, the warrior code will fall apart. She's willing to fight tooth and nail to preserve it-whatever the cost. And when murder stalks into the heart of ThunderClan, the cats realize that the darkest shadows don't always lie outside the territory. **BPB \$9.99**

A M Jenkins*Night Road*

he-mo-vore (HEE muh vohr) a human who feeds exclusively on blood; not to be confused with the fictional vampire of popular legend For Cole, life is a tightrope existence where sunlight is his deadly enemy and one mistake could trap him underground, staring at the inside of a coffin lid, for eternity. After a century of wandering he may still look like a teenager, but hes known in the heme community for being observant, meticulous, and controlled-a master of life on the road. When Cole is asked to take a newly created heme out for training, however, his usual caution may not be enough. If Gordon, the rookie who really is in his teens, cant cut ties with his old life and accept his new limitations, Cole will have to discretely dispose of the kid-the same way a mad dog must be put down for the safety of society. Cole thinks he can handle it. But no matter how carefully he plans, or how much he thinks hes in control, accidents still happen.... From an award-winning and critically-acclaimed author comes the compelling tale of a young man on an unexpected journey who gains the strength to face his darkest fears. Ages: 12+ **PB \$16.99**

Catherine Jinks Australian Author*Reformed Vampire Support Group*

'If being a vampire were easy, there wouldn't have to be a reformed vampire support group.' Nina became a vampire in 1973 when she was fifteen, and she hasn't aged a day since then. But she hasn't had any fun either, because her life is so sickly and boring. It becomes even worse when one of the other vampires in her therapy group is staked by a mysterious slayer. Threatened with extinction, she and her fellow vampires set out to hunt down the culprit. Trouble is, they soon find themselves up against some gun-toting werewolf traffickers who'll stop at nothing. Can a bunch of feeble couch potatoes win a fight like this? Is there more to being a vampire than meet the eye? **BPB \$16.99**

Julie Kagawa*The Iron King (Iron Fey 01)*

Meghan Chase has a secret destiny – one she could never have imagined...

Something has always felt slightly off in Meghan's life, ever since her father disappeared before her eyes when she was six. She has never quite fit in at school... or at home.

When a dark stranger begins watching her from afar, and her prankster best friend becomes strangely protective of her, Meghan senses that everything she's known is about to change.

But she could never have guessed the truth – that she is the daughter of a mythical faery king and is a pawn in a deadly war. Now Meghan will learn just how far she'll go to save someone she cares about, to stop a mysterious evil no faery creature dare face... and to find love with a young prince who might rather see her dead than let her touch his icy heart. **BPB \$19.99**

Derek Landy*Dark Days (Skulduggery Pleasant 04)*

What can we say, without giving too much away? Not much, is the answer. But what we CAN say is that this book is hilarious, its tense, and its packed with all the eye-popping action, crackling one liners and imaginative set pieces you've come to expect. There's a new threat to our plucky heroine, of course. But that's not all. There's also the little fact of the Big Bad, the uber-baddy who's going to come along and really, really destroy the world. (Really.) And what we learn about that villain in this book will literally make your jaw fall off and your hair go white with shock. (Not really.) Will Skulduggery make it out of the Faceless Ones dimension? Who knows. The problem is, he may not have much to come back to...

BPB \$19.99

Peter Lerangis*Viper's Nest (39 Clues 07)*

The most dangerous secret in Amy and Dan's past is unveiled in Book 7 of the #1 New York Times best-selling series. It's no longer a game. The body count is rising. Shaken by recent events, Amy and Dan flee to an exotic land and trace the footsteps of their most formidable ancestor yet: a military leader of mythic proportions. Yet just as the siblings begin to master the art of ancient warfare, they confront a dangerous enemy that can't be felled with a sword: the truth. With the stakes higher than ever, Amy and Dan uncover a devastating secret that changes everything. **HC \$17.99**

Gabrielle Lord Australian Author*March (Conspiracy 365 03)*

Trapped, with a train bearing down on him, Cal's chances of survival look grim. The cops and criminal gangs are unrelenting—they want him behind bars ... or dead. The stakes are getting higher, but all the clues to the Ormond Singularity just lead to more puzzles, and more danger. Thwarted at every turn, it seems Cal has no hope of finding the answers. Is there anyone he can trust? The clock is ticking. Any second could be his last. Callum Ormond has been warned. He has 334 days. The countdown continues... **BPB \$14.99**

Gemma Malley*The Returners*

Will Hodges' life is a mess! His mother is dead, he has no friends and he thinks he is being followed by a strange group of people who tell him they know him.

But Will can't remember them...at first. And when he does he doesn't like what he can remember.

While Will is struggling with unsettling memories, he learns that his past is a lot deeper than many people's, and he has to find out if he is strong enough to break links with the powerful hold that history has on him.

This compelling novel, set in alternate future, challenges readers to consider the role we all have to play in making our society, and asks how much we are prepared to stand up for what's right. **BPB \$17.99**

Keith Mansfield*The Spirit of London (Johnny Mackintosh)*

When thirteen-year-old Johnny's talking computer Kovac detects an extraterrestrial signal, his life is set to change forever. Until then, stuck in a children's home in Castle Dudbury New Town, with the nasty cook Mr Wilkins watching his every move, football had been his only escape. But soon things start happening around him that Johnny doesn't understand. When Johnny finds out he has a sister, he decides to run away to find her. But his search for answers takes him beyond Earth and into a spectacular adventure through time and space where he visits new worlds, meets aliens and discovers the truth about his parents and who he really is. **BPB \$17.95**

Starblaze (Johnny Mackintosh)

Invaders have exploded the sun's nearest star. Will the death of Earth's sun be next?

While trying to keep up with his school studies and ensuring his football team stays top of the league, it's Johnny's job to safeguard planet Earth.

When invaders turn a nearby star into a supernova, Johnny must act to protect the sun.

So begins an epic adventure across space, involving killer clones, a spy trial and devious alien twins. Will Johnny save his brother, and planet Earth, in time? **BPB \$17.95**

Sophie McKenzie*The Hostage (Medusa Project 02)*

Fourteen years ago, four babies were implanted with the Medusa gene - a gene for psychic abilities. Now teenagers, Nico, Ketty, Ed and Dylan have been brought together by government agents to create a secret crime-fighting force - The Medusa Project.

But now Ketty's brother Lex has stumbled into a dangerous game involving his boss and a hidden bomb. It's up to Ketty to save him without letting on what she knows to the rest of the team. But can she control her psychic visions, and her feelings for Nico, without getting the team's cover - and herself - blown sky high? **BPB \$17.99**

Lisa McMann*Fade (Wake 02)*

The sequel to Wake, the bestselling YA series about a girl who gets sucked into other people's dreams. **BPB \$14.99**

Stephenie Meyer & Young Kim*Twilight: The Graphic Novel Volume 1 (Twilight 01)*

When Isabella Swan moves to the gloomy town of Forks and meets the mysterious, alluring Edward Cullen, her life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. With his porcelain skin, golden eyes, mesmerizing voice, and supernatural gifts, Edward is both irresistible and impenetrable. Up until now, he has managed to keep his true identity hidden, but Bella is determined to uncover his dark secret... **HC \$26.99**

James A Owen

Shadow Dragons (Imaginarium Geographica 04)

The Caretakers of the Imaginarium Geographica are at war. The last stones from the Keep of Time are falling, and, at the request of an old enemy, a new tower is being built in our world. The old enemy is the Winter King's Shadow, and he wields a terrible weapon - the Spear of Destiny - which can be used to command the shadows of anyone it touches... including the protectors of the Archipelago, the dragons.

The Shadow King returns to the Archipelago using the ship, the Iron Dragon, and enlists an unstoppable army of Dragon Shadows...

While WWII rages in our world, all the caretakers, both past and present, must come together to save the Archipelago. All hope lies with a small group of companions, along with mythical knight, Don Quixote, who must sail beyond the very ends of the Archipelago in search of a broken sword, and the only being alive who can repair it: a scholar, who, once upon a time, was called Madoc. **BPB \$16.99**

James Patterson

Maximum Ride: Fang (Maximum Ride 06)

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Dia Reeves

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Mitchel Scanlon

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Exalted 2E

Alchemicals

Designed by Autochthon before the Primordial War, the Alchemical templates inspired the Exalts fielded by the Incarnae against their creators. Yet, during that war, Autochthon heard the Great Curse directed by his slain Primordial brethren. As the First Age progressed, he watched as that Curse twisted the minds of the Exalted.

Knowing it was only a matter of time before the Solars growing paranoia was directed at him, the King of All Craftsmen gathered thousands of worshipers inside himself and fled to Elsewhere. Within his very body, these mortals built a highly advanced civilization, and to preserve it, Autochthon finally built his prototype Champions. Ever since, the artificial Chosen of the Machine God have kept the Eight Nations safe. But as the long-dormant Autochthon's health deteriorates, the threats the Alchemicals face grow ever greater. Can these Exalted save their world-god, or has Autochthon's flight to Elsewhere only ensured his demise? **HC \$51**

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Pathfinder

27 Council of Thieves 3: What Lies in Dust

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29 Council of Thieves 5: Mother of Flies

After narrowly averting a city-wide disaster and thwarting the plans of the Council of Thieves, the heroes must consult a legendary hag-the Mother of Flies-who knows the many secrets of the thieves guild at the center of so many problems in the city of Westcrown. With the crone's unsettling advice, the heroes can infiltrate the trap-ridden headquarters of the Council of Thieves, defeat the vampiric force within it, and lift the curse of the shadowy menace from the beleaguered city.

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It's the hottest summer on record in Manchester, England, and down-at-heel private eye Cal Innes is struggling to keep cool. He has taken a job evicting families on behalf of local slumlord Donald Plummer, while the English National Socialists bring racial tensions to the boiling point. A firebomb attack on a Plummer property thrusts Innes into the spotlight as he rescues a child from the burning building. But when Plummer hires him to track down the arsonists, Innes finds himself dealing with more than neo-Nazis and his rapidly worsening painkiller addiction.

Time's running out and the temperature keeps rising. Manchester needs a hero and Cal Innes is the closest it has. **HC \$52.95**

Linwood Barclay

Fear the Worst

The worst day of Tim Blake's life started out with him making breakfast for his seventeen-year-old daughter Sydney. Syd was staying with him while she worked a summer job - even if he wasn't entirely sure what her job at the Just Inn Time motel actually was - and Tim hoped this quality father-daughter time would somehow help her deal with his divorce from Susanne. When she didn't arrive home at her usual time, he thought she'd probably gone to the mall to hang with her friends. When she didn't answer her phone he began to worry. When she didn't come home at all, he began to panic. And when the people at the Just Inn Time said they had no Sydney Blake working at the motel and never had, he began to see his life going into freefall. If she hadn't been working at the Just Inn Time every day, what had she been doing? To find his daughter Tim doesn't need to simply track her down - he needs to know who she really was. Only one thing has him convinced the worst hasn't already happened: the fact that some very scary people seem just as eager as he is to find her. The question is: who's going to find her first? **PB \$22.99**

Never Look Away

It starts with a trip to a local amusement park. David Harwood is hoping a carefree day at Five Mountains will help dispel his wife Jan's recent depression, black moods that have led to frightening thoughts of suicide. Instead, a day of fun with their four-year-old son Ethan turns into a nightmare. When Jan disappears from the park, David's worst fears seem to have come true. But when he goes to the police to report her missing, terrified that she's planning to take her own life, the facts start to indicate something very different. The park's records show that only two tickets were purchased, David and Ethan's and CCTV shows no evidence that Jan ever entered the park at all. Suddenly David's story starts to look suspicious - suspicious enough for the police to wonder if she's already dead, murdered by her husband. To prove his innocence and keep his son from being taken away from him, David is going to have to dig deep into the past and come face to face with a terrible childhood tragedy - but by doing that he could risk destroying everything precious to him. **TP \$32.99**

Robert G Barrett *Australian Author*

High Noon in Nimbin (Les Norton)

Les Norton is back - and having an overdose Arranging the hit on Fabio was off tap, and Les knew it. And when you get Sydneys deadliest killer to do the hit, theres always a quid pro quo. So Les is off to Nimbin in NSW to help an old army mate of Eddie Salitas open a bar, the Double L. Ranch. Which suited Les since he had to take his friend Tony Nathan the surf photographer to the waxhead wedding of the year at Blueys Beach, and it was on the way. The waxhead wedding of the year turned into the ethnic brawl of the decade. However, Les found comfort in the arms of Janet the Gannet from the Forbidden Planet. In Nimbin, Les found himself working as a DJ for a nutter with a nightclub where dancing was prohibited. He also found racial tension, the Russian Spetsnaz and Norwegian backpackers. Add a drug overdose and, before Les knew it, he found himself in a firefight with a bunch of inbreds wanting to kill the bar owner. A fun town Nimbin wasnt. Not even for a quarter of a million dollars worth of gold. **APB \$19.99**

Jefferson Bass

The Bone Thief (Body Farm 05)

Dr. Bill Brockton faces an ethical dilemma when his partner, Eddie Garcia, wants his help in replacing his mangled hands with those obtained on the black market from a fresh cadaver, but Eddie's supplier is the very funeral director that Bill is investigating. **HC \$51.95**

Belinda Bauer

Blacklands

Twelve-year-old Steven Lamb digs holes on Exmoor, hoping to find a body. Every day after school, while his classmates swap football stickers, Steven digs to lay to rest the ghost of the uncle he never knew, who disappeared aged 11 and is assumed to have fallen victim to the notorious serial killer Arnold Avery.

Only Steven's Nan is not convinced her son is dead. She still waits for him to come home, standing bitter guard at the front window while her family fragments around her. Steven is determined to heal the widening cracks between them before it's too late. And if that means presenting his grandmother with the bones of her murdered son, he'll do it. So the boy takes the next logical step, carefully crafting a letter to Arnold Avery in prison. And there begins a dangerous cat-and-mouse game between a desperate child and a bored serial killer.

A game that will have more terrifying consequences than Steven could ever imagine... **TP \$32.95**

Carrie Bebris*The Intrigue at Highbury (Mr and Mrs Darcy Mysteries)*

Mr. and Mrs. Darcy are looking forward to a relaxing stay with dear friends when their carriage is hailed by a damsel-in-distress outside of the village of Highbury. Little do the Darcys realize that gypsies roam these woods, or that both their possessions and the woman are about to vanish into the night.

The Darcys seek out the parish magistrate, who is having a difficult evening of his own. Mr. Knightley and his new wife, the former Miss Emma Woodhouse (the heroine of Jane Austen's Emma) are hosting a party to celebrate the marriage of their friends, Mr. Frank Churchill and Miss Jane Fairfax. During dinner, Mr. Edgar Churchill, uncle and adoptive father of the groom, falls suddenly ill and dies. The cause of death: poison. When the Darcys and the Knightleys join forces to investigate the crimes, they discover that the robbery and Edgar Churchill's death may be connected. Together they must work to quickly locate the source of the poison and the murderer's motive--before the killer can strike again. **HC \$47.95**

Greig Beck Australian Author*Beneath the Dark Ice*

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

Twenty-four hours later, all contact is lost.

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

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

To bring his team out alive, Alex will need every one of his mysterious abilities beneath the dark ice. **APB \$19.99**

James Becker*The Moses Stone*

An ancient code.

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In Morocco, an English couple discovers a clay tablet covered in ancient writing. One day later, they are dead.

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William Bernhardt*Capitol Betrayal*

William Bernhardt's bestselling novels explore politics, power, ambition, crime, and the law. Now he scales new heights of suspense as, in one harrowing day, lawyer and former senator Ben Kincaid enters the eye of an international storm, a crisis with consequences beyond calculation.

Kincaid is in a meeting with the president in the Oval Office when Washington suddenly explodes into chaos. Facing an imminent threat to the White House, Kincaid is whisked, along with the president and his advisors, to the underground PEOC-Presidential Emergency Operations Center--built to withstand a nuclear blast, but vulnerable to another kind of attack.

Inside the bunker, defense specialists realize that a malevolent foreign dictator has hacked into the U.S. nuclear defense system and now has a finger on the trigger of America's most dangerous weapons. The dictator's message is clear: Heed his demands or suffer unfathomable destruction.

Forced to make critical, split-second decisions, the president seems to be falling apart under the pressure. The vice president wants to strip him of his powers--a move that could have a disastrous impact on national defense. But even during this time of upheaval, in order for the president to be removed, there must be a trial. With the clock winding down, Kincaid has precious little time to defend the president.

While Kincaid faces the trial of his life, legendary CIA agent Seamus McKay races through the clogged streets of Washington, searching for a hidden command center--guarded by murderous fanatics--that now controls U.S. ballistic missiles.

Two sides of one unforgettable story, McKay and Kincaid home in on their targets. One uses a gun--and any weapon he can get his hands on; the other employs his intuition and the law. And in William Bernhardt's spectacular thriller, as both move closer and closer to uncovering a world-shattering plot, the ultimate act of betrayal is launched from the heart of America's capitol itself. **HC \$52.95**

Capitol Offense

Insane with grief, Professor Dennis Thomas blames Detective Christopher Sentz for the death of his wife and wants to kill him. In fact, Thomas shares his revenge plans with Ben Kincaid. Then someone fires seven bullets into the police officer. Against all advice and going on instinct, Kincaid decides to represent the troubled professor, who faces a charge of capital murder. Meanwhile, Kincaid's personal private detective, Loving, starts prying loose pieces of a shocking secret. Working in the shadows of the law, Loving risks his life to construct an entirely new narrative about Detective Sentz, Joslyn Thomas, and madness in another guise: the kind that every citizen should fear and no one will recognize--until it is too late.

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Cara Black*Murder in the Palais Royal (Aimee Leduc 10)*

Accused of shooting her partner, Aimee Leduc must also contend with the fact that someone is impersonating her, a taxman is investigating her firm, and two murders may have a connection to the youth Aimee sent to prison. **HC \$51.95**

William Peter Blatty*Dimiter*

As state security in 1970s Albania tortures a prisoner named Dimiter, known as the American "agent from Hell," the staff at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital becomes enmeshed in a series of unexplainable deaths--until events explode in a surprising climax. **HC \$51.95**

Larry Bond

Cold Choices

Following the events Jerry Mitchell encountered in *Dangerous Ground*, the pilot-turned-submarine officer is now a department head, the navigator, aboard USS *Seawolf*. Now on a mission deep in the Barents Sea, north of Russia, *Seawolf* explores the sea floor, part of a sophisticated reconnaissance plan that will watch the Russian navy as it trains for battle. Although well outside Russia's territorial waters, *Seawolf* is ambushed by Russia's newest submarine, *Severodvinsk*. Although it doesn't fire any weapons, its aggressive new captain, Alexi Petrov, harasses the intruder with dangerously fast, insanely close passes by the American boat.

The two subs collide, with the Russian boat crippled and trapped on the bottom. Only *Seawolf* knows where she is, and the rest of the Russian fleet is too angry to listen. Mitchell and his shipmates have to keep their own damaged boat afloat, figure out a way to make the Russians listen, and keep the trapped Russian submariners alive until they can be saved - if that is even possible. **PB \$21.95**

Rhys Bowen

The Last Illusion (Molly Murphy)

Irish immigrant and PI Molly Murphy is thrilled to have a ticket to the theater to see a trio of illusionists that are all the rage. Indeed, headlining is Harry Houdini, the most sensational of them all; he has just returned from entertaining European kings and queens for a brief run on Broadway.

But before Houdini can even take the stage, the opening act goes horribly wrong and to the crowd's shock the illusionist saws into his assistant. In the aftermath, the stunned performer accuses Houdini of tampering with the equipment he keeps under lock and key. And he's not the only one critical of "The King of Handcuffs." Risking his life every night, Houdini has raised the stakes to such a perilous level that he's putting lesser acts out of business.

With everyone on edge, Houdini's wife hires Molly to be part investigator/part bodyguard, but how can she protect a man who literally risks his life every night? And how is she going to uncover whether these masters of illusion are simply up to their tricks or if there truly is something much more treacherous going on. **HC \$51.95**

Alan Bradley

The Weed That Strings the Hangman's bag (Flavia de Luce)

Flavia thinks that her days of crime-solving in the bucolic English hamlet of Bishop's Lacy are over—and then Rupert Porson has an unfortunate rendezvous with electricity. The beloved puppeteer has had his own strings sizzled, but who'd do such a thing and why? For Flavia, the questions are intriguing enough to make her put aside her chemistry experiments and schemes of vengeance against her insufferable big sisters. Astride Gladys, her trusty bicycle, Flavia sets out from the de Luces' crumbling family mansion in search of Bishop's Lacey's deadliest secrets.

Does the madwoman who lives in Gibbet Wood know more than she's letting on? What of the vicar's odd ministrations to the catatonic woman in the dove-cote? Then there's a German pilot obsessed with the Bronte sisters, a reproachful spinster aunt, and even a box of poisoned chocolates. Most troubling of all is Porson's assistant, the charming but erratic Nialla. All clues point toward a suspicious death years earlier and a case the local constables can't solve-without Flavia's help. But in getting so close to who's secretly pulling the strings of this dance of death, has our precocious heroine finally gotten in way over her head? **HC \$49.95**

John Buchan

The Best of John Buchan (Richard Hannay)

Long before James Bond was born, the man of action to whom His Majesty's Government turned when there was a devious espionage ring to be infiltrated, or an evil international super-spy to be brought to justice, was Richard Hannay. The most famous fictional creation of author, politician and statesman John Buchan, Hannay averted disaster for kind and country on many occasions, being hounded by ruthless villains from Scotland to the Swiss Alps and the wilds of Turkey in the process. Together in this one epic volume are his three thrilling First World War adventures.

In *The Thirty-Nine Steps* Richard Hannay first becomes involved in the despicable skullduggery of a German spy network, battling to expose them while wanted by the police for a murder he didn't commit and pursued by the enemy in one of the greatest man-hunts of all time.

Greenmantle begins just as Hannay finishes convalescing from wounds received on the battlefield in France. Now Major Hannay, he is reunited with some old friends and sent to thwart German plans to instigate a holy war in the Middle East.

In *Mr Standfast*, Hannay is drafted back into the Secret Service once more and working undercover as a pacifist to bring down German operations in Britain. He comes up against the enemy's most cunning master spy, meeting the love of his life along the way. **HC \$29.99**

John Burdett

Godfather of Kathmandu

An exotic, intoxicating new novel featuring Sonchai Jitpleecheep, Thai Buddhist detective extraordinaire

Thai police detective Sonchai Jitpleecheep is summoned to investigate the most shocking murder of his career. Solving it could mean a promotion, but Sonchai, still reeling from a personal tragedy, is more interested in Tietsin, an exiled Tibetan Lama living in Kathmandu.

There are however obstacles in Sonchai's path to enlightenment. Police Colonel Vikorn and Army General Zinna are at war again for control over Bangkok's network of illegal enterprises. And although Tietsin is eerily charismatic, he also has 40 million dollars of heroin for sale.

If Sonchai wants to be one of Tietsin's true initiates, he has to pull off a deal that will bring Vikorn and Zinna to the same side of the table.

With his life in increasing danger, and his soul in thrall to a woman with sorceress-like powers, Sonchai is put to the extreme test in John Burdett's most inventive, darkly comic and wickedly entertaining novel yet. **TP \$34.95**

Alafair Burke

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When college coed Megan Gunther is murdered after she receives threats on the Internet, NYPD detectives Ellie Hatcher and J. J. Rogan investigate the crime and its links to other murders and accelerate their efforts once Megan's roommate goes missing. **HC \$51.95**

John Burnside

The Glisters

Ever since George Lister's chemical plant shut down, the neighboring forest that once teemed with life has become the home to strange, sickly plants, and when a group of boys realizes that kids from their school are vanishing after venturing into the poisoned woods, they alone are willing to confront the evil forces that dwell. **PB \$32.95**

Stephen J Cannell

The Pallbearers (Shane Scully)

Abandoned by his parents as an infant, Scully was reared in an orphanage, Huntington House. The only positive thing in his young life was the attention of the Home's director, Walter "Pop" Dix. Pop, an avid surfer, would take a small group of kids for early morning surfing. He was the father none of them had ever had.

That was thirty years ago. Now, Shane is forced to revisit these memories when Pop is found dead, the victim of an apparently self-inflicted shotgun blast. He leaves a message asking six specific people, all of whom attended Huntington House, to be his pallbearers, and Shane is one of the chosen. He and his fellow pallbearers don't believe it was a suicide. That leaves murder. But why, and by whom?

Together, the pallbearers embark on a dangerous odyssey in pursuit of justice for Pop, and for retribution against those responsible for his death. Their journey takes them up against an unforeseen adversary whose power and influence far exceed anything they could have imagined. **HC \$52.95**

David Carkeet

Double Negative

Dedicated to the study of toddlers and their development of verbal skills, the Wabash Institute should be staffed by kind, gentle scholars-instead, the center is home to a nest of supremely cranky academics. When one of them is bludgeoned to death, Jeremy Cook-the Institute's premier scholar and the novel's socially clueless hero-becomes the prime suspect. To clear his name, Cook resolves to solve the case, even if it means taking time off from his hobby of teaching imaginary words to the Institute's tiny "subjects." **TP \$30.95**

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Denny Braintree, a wisecracking loner devoted to model trains, finds himself stranded in late-winter Vermont. His night at the hotel begins with promise, but then his prospective one-night stand walks out on him. Leaving town, Denny is mistaken for lookalike Homer Dumpling, a popular native son who mysteriously disappeared from town three years earlier. Instead of correcting the mistake, Denny dons his new identity as easily as a Vermonter's winter fleece, and a good thing too--the woman he had hoped to sleep with has turned up dead, and Denny is the chief suspect.

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When Jay McCaulay wakes up, drugged, in a strange hotel room, she knows things can only get worse. She's in Moscow, and she has no idea how she got there. Memory shot to pieces, Jay returns to the UK to find her beloved uncle Duncan missing. Soon Jay is entangled in a web of lies and betrayals that stretches from Newbury Racecourse to Siberia . . . **HC \$58.95**

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Painter's Creek, Ohio may be a sleepy, rural town with both Amish and "English" residents, but it's also the place where a series of brutal murders shattered the lives of an entire community over a decade ago. When the killing stopped, it left in its aftermath a sense of fragility, and for the young Amish girl, Katie Burkholder, a realisation that she didn't belong.

Now, 15 years, two dead parents and a wealth of experience later, Katie has been asked to return as Chief of Police. Her Amish background combined with her big-city law enforcement expertise make her the perfect candidate. Katie is certain she has come to terms with the past. Until the first body of a slaughtered young woman is found in a pristine, snowy field... **BPB \$22.99**

Lee Child

61 Hours (Jack Reacher)

Winter in South Dakota. Blowing snow, icy roads, a tired driver. A bus skids and crashes and is stranded in a gathering storm.

There's a small town twenty miles away, where a vulnerable witness is guarded around the clock. There's a strange stone building five miles further on, all alone on the prairie. There's a ruthless man who controls everything from the warmth of Mexico.

Jack Reacher hitched a ride in the back of the bus. A life without baggage has many advantages. And crucial disadvantages too, when it means facing the arctic cold without a coat. But he's equipped for the rest of his task. He doesn't want to put the world to rights. He just doesn't like people who put it to wrongs. **TP \$32.95**

Gone Tomorrow (Jack Reacher)

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Laura Childs

Oolong Dead (Tea Shop Mysteries 10)

While hosting a lavish luncheon to benefit the Charleston Opera, Theodosia Browning finds her arch nemesis, Abby Davis, dead. What's more, the victim's brother is Theodosia's old flame. Who'd have guessed they'd be reunited through cold-blooded murder? **PB \$19.95**

The Teaberry Strangler (Tea Shop Mystery)

The bestselling author of Oolong Dead serves up an Old-World treat, spiced with a Sherlock Holmes-style murder mystery.

It was the Dickensian evening Theodosia Browning had been hoping for. Charleston shop-owners dressed in cloaks of yore threw open their back doors to visitors, who took advantage of bargains and Theodosia's delicious teas.

But later, the alleys clear except for one body- which a horrified Theodosia discovers. It's Daria, the map store's owner. Locals have shown interest in buying her shop-but enough to kill? Plus there's been a customer hell-bent on acquiring a not-for-Á,Á-sale map. Most alarming of all theories, however, is Detective Tidwell's: the killer mistook Daria for Theodosia. And if that theory holds, the killer's work isn't done. **HC \$51.95**

Alys Clare

Mist over the Water (02)

The second in a brand-new medieval mystery series from the author of the popular 'Hawkenlye' series - On Ely Island, the Normans are proclaiming their authority with the construction of a magnificent cathedral. When Morcar, fishing for eels nearby, is attacked, his cousin Lassair is sent to nurse him. Morcar tells Lassair a frightening tale of assassins in the dark and a brief vision of horror. Then the killers strike again, and, as the secret hidden within the walls of Ely Abbey claims more victims, Lassair is forced to face a challenge that she fears is far beyond her . . . **HC \$58.95**

Mary Higgins Clark

Just Take my Heart

Closter, New Jersey, dying from a gunshot wound, her former husband, Gregg Aldrich, whom she was in the process of divorcing, is the chief suspect. What no one knows is that, only days before she was murdered, Natalie accidentally came face to face with the man who killed her former roommate, Jamie Evans.

Two years later, career criminal Jimmy Easton, comes forward to claim that Aldrich hired him to kill his wife, but he turned the job down. Based on Easton's testimony, Gregg is charged with the murder of his wife. Handling the case is Emily Wallace, an attractive thirty-two-year-old widowed assistant prosecutor. As Aldrich's trial is making headlines, Emily's boss, Ted Wesley, warns her that this high-profile case will reveal personal matters about her, such as the fact that she had a heart transplant. And, during the trial, Emily experiences sentiments which defy all reason and continue after Gregg Aldrich's fate is decided by the jury. In the meantime, she does not realize that her own life is now at risk. **APB \$19.99**

Ann Cleeves

Blue Lightning

Shetland Detective Jimmy Perez knows it will be a difficult homecoming when he returns to the Fair Isles to introduce his fiancée, Fran, to his parents. It's a community where everyone knows each other, and strangers, while welcomed, are still viewed with a degree of mistrust. Challenging to live on at the best of times, with the autumn storms raging, the island feels cut off from the rest of the world. Trapped, tension is high and tempers become frayed. Enough to drive someone to murder...

When a woman's body is discovered at the renowned Fair Isles bird observatory, with feathers threaded through her hair, the islanders react with fear and anger. With no support from the mainland and only Fran to help him, Jimmy has to investigate the old-fashioned way. He soon realises that this is no crime of passion, but a murder of cold and calculated intention. With no way off the island until the storms abate, Jimmy knows he has to work quickly. There's a killer on the island just waiting for the opportunity to strike again... **HC \$54.99**

Rory Clements

Martyr

England is close to war. Within days the axe could fall on the neck of Mary Queen of Scots, and Spain is already gathering a battle fleet to avenge her. Tensions in Elizabeth I's government are at breaking point. At the eye of the storm is John Shakespeare, chief intelligencer in the secret service of Sir Francis Walsingham. When an intercept reveals a plot to assassinate England's sea dragon, Francis Drake, Shakespeare is ordered to protect him. With Drake on land fitting out his ships, he is frighteningly vulnerable. If he dies, England will be open to invasion. In a London rife with rumour, Shakespeare must decide which leads to follow, which to ignore. When a high-born young woman is found mutilated and murdered at an illicit printing house, it is political gunpowder and he has no option but to investigate. But why is Shakespeare shadowed at every turn by the brutal Richard Topcliffe, the blood-drenched priest-hunter who claims intimacy with Queen Elizabeth herself? What is Topcliffe's interest in a housemaid, whose baby has been stolen? And where do two fugitive Jesuit priests fit into the puzzle, one happy to die for God, the other to kill for Him? From the splendour and intrigue of the royal court, to the sleek warships of Her Majesty's Navy and the teeming brothels of Southwark, Shakespeare soon learns that nothing is as it seems... **PB \$22.99**

Barbara Cleverly

A Darker God (Laetitia Talbot)

When the lead actor of an amateur group is murdered in an ancient Greek amphitheater, 1920s archaeologist Laetitia Talbot is wrongly accused and must solve the case in order to clear her name. **TP \$30.95**

Max Allan Collins

You Can't Stop Me

J. C. Harrow, the host of the reality TV show Crime Seen!, which tracks down America's dangerous criminals with the help of viewer's tips, goes off script when a twisted killer emerges, cutting a bloody swath of terror and death in his quest to be famous. **PB \$17.95**

Susan Conant & Jessica Conant-Park

Cook the Books (Gourmet Girl Mystery)

This Gourmet Girl has to take the heat-because she just can't get away from the kitchen. Chloe Carter desperately needs a job, so she takes one assisting a cookbook writer. Unfortunately it stirs up painful memories of her ex-boyfriend Josh, who left her for Hawaii. While compiling a book of recipes from Boston's top chefs, she comes in contact with one of Josh's friends, Digger. Chloe manages to stay cool until later she finds Digger's apartment charred-with Digger in it. Not believing that an expert chef would die from a grease fire, she sets about looking for Digger's killer. But things get sticky when the tragedy brings Josh back to Boston-and back into Chloe's life. **HC \$49.95**

John Connolly

Black Angel (Charlie Parker)

The Black Angel is not an object. The Black Angel is not a myth. The Black Angel lives. A young woman goes missing from the streets of New York. Those who have taken her believe that nobody cares about her, and that no one will come looking for her. They are wrong. She is 'blood' to the killer Louis, the man who stands at the right hand of private detective Charlie Parker, and Louis will tear apart anyone who stands in the way of his attempts to find her. But as Louis's violent search progresses, Parker comes to realize that the disappearance is part of an older mystery, one that is linked to an ornate church of bones in Eastern Europe, to the slaughter at a French monastery in 1944, and to the quest for a mythical prize that has been sought for centuries by evil men: the Black Angel. Yet the Black Angel is more than a myth. It is conscious. It dreams. It is alive. And men are not the only creatures that seek it . . . **BPB \$22.99**

Reapers (Charlie Parker)

They are the Reapers, the elite among killers. Men so terrifying that their names are mentioned only in whispers. The assassin Louis is one of them. But now Louis, and his partner, Angel, are themselves targets. And there is no shortage of suspects. A wealthy recluse sends them north to a town that no longer exists on a map. A town ruled by a man with very personal reasons for wanting Louis's blood spilt. There they find themselves trapped, isolated, and at the mercy of a killer feared above all others: the assassin of assassins, Bliss. Thanks to former detective Charlie Parker, help is on its way. But can Angel and Louis stay alive long enough for it to reach them? **BPB \$22.99**

John Connolly*Unquiet (Charlie Parker)*

Daniel Clay, a once-respected psychiatrist, has been missing for years following revelations about harm done to the children in his care. Believing him dead, his daughter Rebecca has tried to come to terms with her father's legacy, but her fragile peace is about to be shattered. Someone is asking questions about Daniel Clay, someone who does not believe that he is dead: the revenger Merrick, a father and a killer obsessed with discovering the truth about his own daughter's disappearance. Private detective Charlie Parker is hired to make Merrick go away, but Merrick will not be stopped. Soon Parker finds himself trapped between those who want the truth about Daniel Clay to be revealed, and those who want it to remain hidden at all costs. But there are other forces at work here. Someone is funding Merrick's hunt, a ghost from Parker's past. And Merrick's actions have drawn others from the shadows, half-glimpsed figures intent upon their own form of revenge, pale wraiths drifting through the ranks of the unquiet dead. The Hollow Men have come . . . **BPB \$22.99**

Robert Coover*Noir*

You are Philip M. Noir, Private Investigator. A mysterious young widow hires you to find her husband's killer-if he was killed. Then your client is killed and her body disappears-if she was your client. Your search for clues takes you through all levels of the city, from classy lounges to lowlife dives, from jazz bars to a rich sex kitten's bedroom, from yachts to the morgue. The Case of the Vanishing Black Widow unfolds over five days aboveground and three or four in smugglers' tunnels, though flashback and anecdote, and expands time into something much larger. You don't always get the joke, though most people think what's happening is pretty funny. **HC \$51.95**

David Corbett*Do They Know I'm Running?*

Roque Montalvo is wise beyond his eighteen years. Orphaned at birth, a gifted musician, he's stuck in a California backwater, helping his Salvadoran aunt care for his damaged brother, an ex-marine badly wounded in Iraq. When immigration agents arrest his uncle, the family has nowhere else to turn. Roque, badgered by his street-hardened cousin, agrees to bring the old man back, relying on the criminal gangs that control the dangerous smuggling routes from El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, to the U.S. border.

But his cousin has told Roque only so much. In reality, he will have to transport not just his uncle but two others: an Arab whose intentions are disturbingly vague and a young beauty promised to a Mexican crime lord. Roque discovers that his journey involves crossing more than one kind of border, and he will be asked time and again to choose between survival and betrayal-of his country, his family, his heart. **TP \$30.95**

Neil Cross*Burial*

ears after Bob and Nathan conceal the true nature of a woman's death, Bob shows up at Nathan's door with terrifying news, but Bob is unaware that Nathan has even more secrets he's hiding and has no idea how far Nathan will go to protect them. **HC \$51.95**

Clive Cussler & Jack Du Brul*Corsair (Oregon Files)*

Hired by the CIA to track down the U.S. secretary of state in the aftermath of a suspicious plane crash in Libya, rakish captain Juan Cabrillo uncovers a sinister plot by Libya's new foreign minister, a scheme with links to a 200-year-old naval battle and centuries-old Islamic scrolls.

PB \$21.95

Clive Cussler*The Silent Sea (Oregon Files)*

Clive Cussler's tales of the Oregon and its crew-"the clever, indefatigable Juan Cabrillo and his merry band of tough, tech-savvy fighting men and women" (Publishers Weekly)-have made fans of hundreds of thousands of readers. But the Oregon's sixth adventure is its most remarkable one yet.

On December 7, 1941, five brothers exploring a shaft on a small island off the coast of Washington State make an extraordinary discovery, only to be interrupted by news of Pearl Harbor. In the present, Cabrillo, chasing the remnants of a crashed satellite in the Argentine jungle, stumbles upon a shocking revelation of his own. His search to untangle the mystery leads him, first, to that small island and its secret, and then much farther back, to an ancient Chinese expedition-and a curse that seems to have survived for more than five hundred years. If Cabrillo's team is successful in its quest, the reward could be incalculable. If not . . . the only reward is death. **HC \$56.95 TP \$32.95**

Don Dahler*Water Hazard*

Just as he is able to snag a spot in the Sony Open in Hawaii, struggling semi-pro golfer Huck Doyle must investigate the death of his friend's father, an endeavor that will carry him into the murky worlds of international finance, computer encryptions and Honolulu's dark side. **HC \$51.95**

Peter de Jonge*Shadows Still Remain*

Francesca Pena is an unlikely success story. Running from a troubled past, she's come to New York to reinvent herself, earning a scholarship to NYU. Her natural beauty and effervescent presence make her the envy of her more privileged friends, but none of them knows the real Francesca.

Following a night of heavy drinking with three of her closest friends, she's reported missing. Detective Darlene O'Hara from New York's 7th Precinct and her partner Serge Karamanoukian ('K') investigate.

A week later, Francesca's body is discovered severely mangled in a toilet by the East River. O'Hara and K's investigation quickly becomes a high-profile hunt that the Homicide Unit are quick to snatch away.

Frustrated by their slow progress, O'Hara and K continue their own investigation in the city's seedy underbelly, where strip clubs, lecherous pimps and prostitution reign supreme. Just when the Homicide Unit think they have the real killer in their sights, O'Hara and K reveal their own findings-with not a minute to spare. **APB \$19.99**

Ted Dekker*Boneman's Daughters*

They call him BoneMan, a serial killer who's abducted six young women. He's the perfect father looking for the perfect daughter, and when his victims fail to meet his lofty expectations, he kills them by breaking their bones and leaving them to die.

Intelligence officer Ryan Evans, on the other hand, has lost all hope of ever being the perfect father. His daughter and wife have written him out of their lives.

Everything changes when BoneMan takes Ryan's estranged daughter, Bethany, as his seventh victim. Ryan goes after BoneMan on his own.

But the FBI sees it differently. New evidence points to the suspicion that Ryan is BoneMan. Now the hunter is the hunted, and in the end, only one father will stand. **PB \$19.95**

Stacy Dittrich

The Body Mafia (CeeCee Gallagher 03)

When the bodies of local homeless men are found missing major organs, Detective CeeCee Gallagher soon discovers that she is up against a killer more dangerous than any she has seen before--especially when he targets her husband, FBI Agent Michael Hagerman. **PB \$19.95**

Sam Eastland

Eye of the Red Tsar

It is the time of the Great Terror. Inspector Pekkala - known as the Emerald Eye - was the most famous detective in all of Russia. He was the favourite of the Tsar. Now he is the prisoner of the men he once hunted.

Like millions of others, he has been sent to the gulags in Siberia and, as far as the rest of the world is concerned, he is as good as dead. But a reprieve comes when he is summoned by Stalin himself to investigate a crime. His mission - to uncover the men who really killed the Tsar and his family, and to locate the Tsar's treasure. The reward for success will be his friend and the chance to reunite with a woman he would have married if the Revolution had not torn them apart. The price of failure - death. **TP \$29.99**

J T Ellison

The Cold Room (Taylor Jackson)

He can truly love her only once her heart stops.

Homicide detective Taylor Jackson thinks she's seen it all in Nashville—from the Southern Strangler to the Snow White Killer. But she's never seen anything as perverse as The Conductor. Once his victim is captured, he contains her in a glass coffin, slowly starving her to death. Only then does he give in to his attraction.

When he's finished, he creatively disposes of the body by reenacting scenes from famous paintings. And similar macabre works are being found in Europe. Taylor teams up with her fiancé, FBI profiler Dr. John Baldwin, and New Scotland Yard detective James "Memphis" Highsmythe, a haunted man who has eyes only for Taylor, to put an end to this horror.

Has the killer gone international with his craft? Or are there two "artists," competing to create the ultimate masterpiece? **PB \$19.95**

Hallie Ephron

Never Tell a Lie

It all started with the yard sale. Ivy was eight months and one week pregnant when she insisted that she and her husband, David, clean out the junk theyd inherited with the old Victorian house theyd bought three years before. Call it nesting, call it nerves -- she just wanted it all gone: the old electrical fixtures, the boxes of National Geographic from the 1960s, the four black wool greatcoats. Neither she nor David recognized the woman at first. But it turned out that the customer asking about the lime-green glass swan dish -- the woman who looked just about as pregnant as Ivy -- was none other than Melinda White, a former high school classmate of David and Ivys. When Melinda was a child she used to play in their new house, she explained. It looked like theyd been doing some work. Would it be all right if she took a look around? David took Melinda inside. And she never came out. Now Davids under police suspicion, and Ivy finds herself digging deep into the past to clear his name. But Davids history, she begins to discover, is not necessarily the history she remembers, and before long Ivy has discovered a twisted web of deceit, betrayal, and lies, both the ones we tell those we love and the ones we tell ourselves . . . **APB \$14.99**

Linda Fairstein

Hell Gate

New York City politics have always been filled with intrigue and shady deals. Assistant DA Alex Cooper and her NYPD colleagues find themselves investigating a shipwreck involving human cargo - illegally trafficked immigrants - at the same time a sex scandal threatens the career of a promising young congressman. When Alex discovers that a young woman who died in the wreck and the congressman's murdered lover have the same tattoo - the brand of the mastermind behind the trafficking operation - she realises that the city's entire political landscape hangs in the balance. **TP \$32.99**

Joy Fielding

Still Life

Beautiful, happily married and the owner of a successful interior design business, Casey Marshall couldn't be more content with her life. Until a car slams into her at almost fifty miles an hour, breaking nearly every bone in her body, and plunging her into a coma. Lying in her hospital bed, Casey realizes that although she is unable to see or communicate, she can hear everything. She quickly discovers that her friends aren't necessarily the people she thought them to be - and that her accident might not have been an accident at all. As she struggles to break free from her living death, she begins to wonder if what lies ahead could be even worse. **APB \$19.99**

Conor Fitzgerald

The Dogs of Rome (Commisario Alec Blume 01)

On a hot summer morning, Arturo Clemente is sloppily murdered in his Roman apartment by a mysterious slasher. Though the murder appears amateurish, even random, Clemente is no ordinary victim. An animal rights activist campaigning against dogfighting, he is married to a prominent politician and sleeping with Manuela Fusco, the daughter of a dangerous crime boss.

Police inspector Alec Blume has a favorite suspect, but the investigation is already being manipulated by both the Senate and the Fusco crime ring. As the details of the case continue to trickle out, Blume soon realizes he is being watched from on high-and that solving this crime may be the least of his worries. Angry, sleep-deprived, and unsure who to trust, Blume is losing control of his investigation. As the mob tightens its grip on the city, and with the killer still at large, Blume's struggle for justice may cost more innocent lives.

In this riveting debut novel, we are introduced to Blume, an American expatriate and seasoned police veteran. Intelligent yet sometimes petulant, instinctive yet flawed, Blume is a likable and trustworthy protagonist for this first installment of a gritty and promising series. **HC \$51.95**

Ian Fleming

Quantum of Solace (James Bond)

Beautiful girls. Crime lords. Assassins. Deadly secrets ...

It's all in a day's work for Bond.

Whether he's making an unexpected discovery in the Bahamas, hunting down a Cuban hit-man in wild country, smashing an international drugs ring in Rome, on the trail of a murderous secret in the Caribbean, enjoying New York's special pleasures or foiling a surprisingly alluring assassin in Berlin's sniper's alley, dangerous missions and seductive women come with the job for James Bond. And this agent is always a consummate professional.

Bringing together all of the James Bond short stories in one volume for the first time, this is the ultimate celebration of suave and deadly secret agent 007. **APB \$19.95**

Dick Francis*Comeback*

Foreign Office diplomat Peter Darwin uncovers a peculiar operation involving a veterinary surgeon and the unexplained deaths of several valuable racehorses. **PB \$19.95**

Carol Goodman*Arcadia Falls*

There once was a girl who liked to pretend she was lost. . . .

Meg Rosenthal is driving toward the next chapter in her life. Winding along a wooded roadway, her car moves through a dense forest setting not unlike one in the bedtime stories Meg used to read to her daughter, Sally. But the girl riding beside Meg is a teenager now, and has exchanged the land of make-believe for an iPod and some personal space. Too much space, it seems, as the chasm between them has grown since the sudden, unexpected death of Meg's husband.

Dire financial straits and a desire for a fresh start take Meg and Sally from a comfortable life on Long Island to a tucked-away hamlet in upstate New York: Arcadia Falls, where Meg has accepted a teaching position at a boarding school. The creaky, neglected cottage Meg and Sally are to call home feels like an ill portent of things to come, but Meg is determined to make the best of it-and to make a good impression on the school's dean, the diminutive, elegant Ivy St. Clare.

St. Claire, however, is distracted by a shocking crisis: During Arcadia's First Night bonfire, one of Meg's folklore students, Isabel Cheney, plunges to her death in a campus gorge. Sheriff Callum Reade finds Isabel's death suspicious, but then, he is a man with secrets and a dark past himself.

Meg is unnerved by Reade's interest in the girl's death, and as long-buried secrets emerge, she must face down her own demons and the danger threatening to envelop Sally. As the past clings tight to the present, the shadows, as if in a terrifying fairy tale, grow longer and deadlier.

In Arcadia Falls, award-winning author Carol Goodman deftly weaves a mesmerizing narrative of passion: for revenge, for art, for love. **HC \$51.95**

David Gordon*The Serialist*

Hired by a death-row inmate known as the Photo Killer to write the latter's memoir, self-deprecating author Harry Bloch is forced to play detective when three young women are murdered in the style of the convicted man, a case that renders him both a suspect and target. **TP \$30.95**

Elly Griffiths*The Crossing Places (Rith Galloway 01)*

When a child's bones are found in the marshes near an ancient site that forensic archaeologist Ruth Galloway worked on ten years earlier, Ruth is asked to date them. The bones turn out to be two thousand years old, and DCI Harry Nelson, who called on Ruth for help, is disappointed. He'd hoped they would be the bones of a child called Lucy who's been missing for ten years. He's been getting letters about her ever since - bizarre notes with references to ritual and sacrifice and quoting the Bible and Shakespeare.

Then a second girl goes missing and Nelson receives another letter similar to the ones about Lucy. Soon it becomes clear that Ruth is in grave danger from a killer who knows that her expert knowledge is being used to help the police with their enquiries. **BPB \$24.95**

The Janus Stone (Ruth Galloway 02)

Forensic archaeologist Ruth Galloway is called in to investigate when builders, demolishing a large old house in Norwich, uncover the bones of a child beneath a doorway - minus the skull. Is it some ritual sacrifice or just plain straightforward murder? DCI Harry Nelson would like to find out - and fast.

When it turns out the house was once a children's home and that two children did go missing from the home forty years before, Ruth is drawn ever more deeply into the case. But as spring turns into summer it becomes clear that someone is trying very hard to put her off the scent. **TP \$32.95**

James Grippando*Monmey to Burn*

The author of *When Darkness Falls* and *Lying With Strangers* returns to a taut new thriller of greed and murder set in the high-stakes atmosphere of New York's Wall Street. **HC \$52.95**

Andrew Gross*Don't Look Twice*

A revenge killing. A dead public attorney. And a family caught in the cross-fire. For local detective Ty Hauck, life is good. A waterfront house, a new girlfriend and, after uncovering a Wall Street scandal, he's even a local hero. But then a day trip with his daughter turns into a bloodbath. Inner-city violence seems to have invaded his quiet Greenwich suburb. Or does someone just want it to appear that way? If so, it's someone powerful enough to kill without fear of reprisal. Ty suspects things go deeper, maybe all the way to Washington and the Middle East. And everyone, from the FBI to his own family, wants him to stop looking. But with his estranged brother, Warren, in danger, Ty can't turn away. He ignores the warnings... with devastating and explosive consequences. **APB \$19.99**

Elizabeth Gunn*The Ten-Mile Trials (Jack Hines)*

A dead man is discovered in a suburban house that is being used as a drugs lab, and Captain Jake Hines pulls in all his detectives to investigate. The victim carried no identification but the discovery of a small Mass card written in the Cyrillic alphabet hidden in his jacket gives Jake an important lead - could this be connected to a ruthless Eastern European gang that has started operating in Minnesota? **HC \$56.95**

Sophie Hannah*Room Swept White*

TV producer Fliss Benson receives an anonymous card at work. The card has sixteen numbers on it, arranged in four rows of four numbers that mean nothing to her. On the same day, Fliss finds out she's going to be working on a documentary about miscarriages of justice involving cot death and mothers wrongly accused of murder. The documentary will focus on three women: Helen Yardley, Sarah Jaggard and Rachel Hind. All three women are now free, and the doctor who did her best to send them to prison for life, child protection zealot Dr Judith Duffy, is under investigation for misconduct. For reasons she has shared with nobody, this is the last project Fliss wants to be working on. And then Helen Yardley is found dead at her home, and in her pocket is a card with sixteen numbers on it, arranged in four rows of four . . . **TP \$32.99**

Gardiner Harris*Hazard*

Down-trodden mine inspector Will Murphy investigates a deadly accident in the Kentucky coal mine that his brother is poised to inherit, in a town where everyone is protecting a secret Will might not want to uncover. A first novel. **HC \$51.95**

Colin Harrison

Risk

George Young, a world-weary insurance lawyer in New York City, has taken his fair share of knocks and bruises in the business of credit, bankruptcy, and fraud cases. One Friday he receives an unusual request from the elderly and ailing widow of Wilson Corbett, the founder of the film George has worked for all his life. At first it seems one more unwanted call on his time, but loyalty to his former boss won't let him ignore it, for the elderly Mrs Corbett has recently lost her son and she wants the truth about his fatal accident.

A former high-flier, Roger Corbett's career - and marriage - had fallen apart in the credit crunch, costing him millions. But what was written on the piece of paper which distracted him seconds before he was run down by a garbage truck outside a New York bar? Roger's new girlfriend, a mysterious Czech model with dubious Russian connections, knows more about his last moments than she's letting on, everyone is warning him off, while Mrs Corbett's reasons for choosing George for this last personal favour remain frustratingly unclear ... **BPB \$19.99**

Erin Hart

False Mermaid

Convinced that her brother-in-law was responsible for her sister's murder, Nora returns to Minnesota when her brother-in-law prepares to marry again; while her sometime partner, Cormac, confronts the return of his estranged father. **HC \$52.95**

John Hart

The Last Child

Thirteen year-old Johnny Merrimon had the perfect life: a warm home and loving parents; a twin sister, Alyssa, with whom he shared an irreplaceable bond. He knew nothing of loss, until the day Alyssa vanished from the side of a lonely street. Now, a year later, Johnny finds himself isolated and alone, failed by the people he'd been taught since birth to trust. No one else believes that Alyssa is still alive, but Johnny is certain that she is--confident in a way that he can never fully explain.

Determined to find his sister, Johnny risks everything to explore the dark side of his hometown. It is a desperate, terrifying search, but Johnny is not as alone as he might think. Detective Clyde Hunt has never stopped looking for Alyssa either, and he has a soft spot for Johnny. He watches over the boy and tries to keep him safe, but when Johnny uncovers a dangerous lead and vows to follow it, Hunt has no choice but to intervene.

Then a second child goes missing . . .

Undeterred by Hunt's threats or his mother's pleas, Johnny enlists the help of his last friend, and together they plunge into the wild, to a forgotten place with a history of violence that goes back more than a hundred years. There, they meet a giant of a man, an escaped convict on his own tragic quest. What they learn from him will shatter every notion Johnny had about the fate of his sister; it will lead them to another far place, to a truth that will test both boys to the limit.

Traveling the wilderness between innocence and hard wisdom, between hopelessness and faith, *The Last Child* leaves all categories behind and establishes John Hart as a writer of unique power. **TP \$30.95**

Mo Hayder

Ritual (Jack McCaffrey)

A vivid and thorough exploration of the clash between ancient superstition and modern science, with plenty of thrills and chills along the way.

Just after lunch on a Tuesday in April, nine feet under water, police diver Flea Marley closes her gloved fingers around a human hand. The fact that there's no body attached is disturbing enough. Yet more disturbing is the discovery, a day later, of the matching hand. Both have been recently amputated, and the indications are that the victim was still alive when they were removed.

DI Jack Caffery has been newly seconded to the Major Crime Investigation Unit in Bristol. He and Flea soon establish that the hands belong to a boy who has recently disappeared.

Their search for him - and for his abductor - lead them into the darkest recesses of Bristol's underworld, where drug addiction is rife, where street-kids sell themselves for a hit, and where an ancient evil lurks; an evil that feeds off the blood - and flesh - of others ... **BPB \$24.95**

The Treatment (Jack McCaffrey 02)

A quiet residential street in south London.

A husband and wife are discovered, imprisoned in their own home. Badly dehydrated, they've been bound and beaten. He is close to death. But worse is to come: their young son is missing.

When Detective Inspector Jack Caffery is called in to investigate, the similarities with events in his own past make it impossible for him to view this new crime dispassionately.

And as he digs deeper - as he attempts to hold his own life together in the face of ever more disturbing revelations about both his past and his present - the real nightmare begins ... **BPB \$24.95**

Birdman

Greenwich, south-east London

Detective Inspector Jack Caffery - young, driven, unshockable - is called to one of the most gruesome crime scenes he has ever seen. Five young women have been ritualistically murdered and dumped on wasteland near the Dome. Subsequent post-mortems reveal a singular, horrific signature linking the victims.

Soon Caffery realises that he is on the trail of that most dangerous offender: a serial killer. Beset by animosity within the police force, haunted by the memory of a very personal death long ago, Caffery employs every weapon forensic science can offer to hunt him down.

Because he knows that it is only a matter of time before this sadistic killer strikes again **BPB \$24.95**

Gone

Another Mo Hayder bestseller featuring DI Jack Caffery and Police Diver Flea Marley.

November in the West Country, and evening is closing in as DI Jack Caffery arrives to interview the victim of a stolen car. But this is no ordinary theft. The man who's stolen the car was wearing a Santa Claus mask. And, on the back seat, packing away the shopping, was an eleven year-old girl.

And she's still missing.

Sergeant Flea Marley has heard about the car-jacker, and is waiting for Caffery when he leaves the police station later that night. He's done it before, she tells Caffery. Twice. Same guy. Same mask. Only previously he's let the girls go. Now he hasn't.

A day later the car is found. Inside, there's a letter. 'It's started', the letter states, 'and it ain't going to stop just sudden now, is it? And Caffery knows that soon the jacker will choose another random car, and another driver, the only important thing being the child in the back seat. It'll be a girl. A girl he's going to steal away.

Caffery's a good and instinctive cop; the best in the business, some say. But this time something's badly wrong. This time the jacker seems to be ahead of him - every step of the way ... **TP \$32.95**

John Twelve Hawks

The Golden City (Fourth Realm 03)

The thrilling conclusion to the bestselling Fourth Realm trilogy, packed with the knife-edge tension and startling plot twists.

A world that exists in the shadow of our own . . .

John Twelve Hawks's previous novels about the mystical Travellers and the Brethren, their ruthless enemies, generated an extraordinary following around the world. In *The Golden City*, Twelve Hawks delivers the climax to his spellbinding epic.

Struggling to protect the legacy of his Traveller father, Gabriel faces troubling new questions and relentless threats. His brother Michael, now firmly allied with the enemy, pursues his ambition to wrest power from Nathan Boone, the calculating leader of the Brethren. And Maya, the Harlequin warrior pledged to protect Gabriel at all costs, is forced to make a choice that will change her life forever. **TP \$32.95**

B B Haywood

Town in a Blueberry Jam (Candy Holliday 01)

First in the fabulous new Candy Holliday Murder Mystery series.

In the seaside village of Cape Willington, Maine, Candy Holliday has an idyllic life tending to the Blueberry Acres farm she runs with her father. But, when an aging playboy and the newly crowned Blueberry Queen are killed, Candy investigates to clear the name of a local handyman. And as she sorts through the town's juicy secrets, things start to get sticky indeed... **PB \$19.95**

Car Anthony Haywood

Cemetery Road

When Errol 'Handy' White returns to his native Los Angeles to attend the funeral of his old friend R.J. Burrow, who has been brutally murdered, a terrible secret threatens to reveal itself. Twenty-six years earlier, Handy, R.J. and O'Neal Holden pulled a heist that went horrible awry, and Handy's been waiting for it to come back and haunt them ever since. Was the murder linked to the past? Handy knows he can't leave until he finds out for sure. **HC \$58.95**

Naomi Hirahara

Blood Hina (Mas Arai 04)

Mas Arai is all set to be the best man at his friend Haruo's wedding, until an ancient Japanese doll display owned by Haruo's fiance goes missing, prompting Mas to take the case to clear his friend's name, in an investigation that uncovers a world of deception and murder. **HC \$51.95**

Katherine Howell Australian Author

Cold Justice

A teenage girl stumbles across the body of her classmate, Tim Pieters, hidden amongst the bushes. His family is devastated, the killer is never found. Eighteen years later, political pressure sees the murder investigation reopened. Detective Ella Marconi tracks down Georgie Riley, the student who found the body, and who is now a paramedic. Georgie seems to be telling the truth, so then why does Ella receive an anonymous phone call insisting that Georgie knows more? And is it mere coincidence that her ambulance partner, Freya, also went to the same high school?

Ella's confusion increases when Tim's mother, once so willing to get the police involved, suddenly turns her back on the investigation. Meanwhile, Tim's cousin, the MP whose influence reopened the case, can't seem to do enough to help.

The more Ella digs into the past, the more the buried secrets and lies are brought to light. Can she track down the killer before more people are hurt? **TP \$25**

Declan Hughes

All the Dead Voices (Ed Loy 04)

Dublin PI Ed Loy is trying to escape his past—a task easier said than done—in this new novel from Shamus Award-winning author Declan Hughes. Shortly after moving from his childhood home on the outskirts of Dublin to an apartment in the city, Ed Loy is approached by Anne Fogarty, a woman whose father was killed fifteen years ago. She thinks the police nabbed the wrong person, and now she wants Loy to find the truth. At the top of the list of possible suspects are three men: Anne's father, a revenue inspector, was preparing claims against for criminal activity: Bobby Doyle, an ex-IRA man turned property developer; Jack Cullen, also ex-IRA, now the head of a gang of disgruntled IRA men; and George Halligan, Loy's underworld nemesis.

At the same time, Loy is asked to look into the death of Paul Delaney, a rising soccer star who may have been connected with Jack Cullen. With the two cases on a collision course, Loy scours the streets of a city divided—where the wounded Celtic Tiger walks hand in hand with the ghosts of a violent past.

With his gripping mysteries in the tradition of Raymond Chandler's and Ross MacDonal's best, a striking portrayal of an Ireland seldom seen, and a classic hero in Ed Loy, Declan Hughes cements his place as one of the most talented new crime writers working today. **TP \$30.95**

Stephen Hunter

I, Sniper

When four famous 1960s radicals are gunned down, including the wife of an international media mogul, it would appear to be an open-and-shut case. A wealth of evidence ties the chief suspect, retired Marine sniper Carl Hitchcock, to the murders. Holder, until recently, of the record number of kills in Vietnam and anxious to reclaim his title, Hitchcock's subsequent suicide would seem to confirm his guilt. But FBI assistant director Nick Memphis has his doubts -- and calls on former Marine Corps sniper Bob Lee Swagger to investigate.

As Swagger digs deeper, it becomes clear that matters are more complicated than would initially appear. The shots were not executed with the scope of a 1972 rifle, Hitchcock's weapon of choice, but by a high-tech scope used by active Marines.

But as Swagger starts to unravel the tangled web of connections surrounding the murders, he finds his own days may be numbered. Because he's about to face one of his most ruthless adversaries yet -- a sniper whose keen intellect and pinpoint accuracy rivals his own. The end result will be a bloody confrontation that only one of them can survive. **TP \$32.99**

Graham Hurley

Beyond Reach

A young couple are mown down in a hit and run incident. The girl is badly injured, the boy dies on the way to hospital. According to the sole witness the boy was in the middle of the road giving the approaching car the finger. Operation Melody is launched with DI Faraday at the helm. And reveals a mother driven to desperation by the attacks on her son...and a link to a terrible crime from the early 80s that the victim does not want investigated. The investigation will rip apart a happy family but the high-ups are desperate for their 'Cold Cases' to be cleared up. Whatever the cost. And round it all circles ex-DC Paul Winter who has his own reasons for keeping the lid on an old crime. **TP \$32.99**

Graham Hurley*No Lovelier Death*

A teenager throws a party while her parents are away, with horrific consequences. The invitation to Rachel's party is put out on Facebook and more than a hundred kids descend on the house in the affluent suburb. The party turns into a riot and the property is trashed. And before the night is over, Rachel and her boyfriend are dead. With two bodies, one the daughter of a high-profile judge, a massive crime scene and over a hundred suspects, DI Faraday is confronted with a nightmare investigation. But someone else wants to find the killer... The judge's neighbour who has promised to keep an eye on things while he was away feels he owes the man a debt. And he has his own reputation to think about. He wants the name of the killer. The neighbour? Bazza Mackenzie, a man who made his fortune supplying the city with class-A drugs. The man in his organisation charged with getting the job done? Ex D/C Paul Winter. **PB \$22.99**

Lisa Jackson*Malice*

When New Orleans detective Rick Bentz begins seeing his first wife Jennifer everywhere, despite the fact that she died 12 years earlier, he is forced to relive his darkest nightmare as he pieces together her last days, which pits him against a killer who will stop at nothing to make him suffer for his sins. **PB \$19.95**

Sue Ann Jaffarian*Corpse on the Cobs (Odelia Grey Mysteries)*

OUR FAVORITE PLUS-SIZED HEROINE IS BACK!

Trouble grows faster than a corn crop in July when Odelia reunites with her long-lost mom in a corn maze at the Autumn Fair. For starters, there's the dead body in the cornfield. Then there's her mom crouched beside the corpse with blood on her hands... **TP \$30.95**

Peter James*Dead Tomorrow*

"Lynn gripped the sides of the armchair, trying to put aside her own inner terror. 'I can't believe I'm thinking this, Ross. I'm not a violent person, even before Caitlin's influence, I never even liked killing flies in my kitchen. Now I'm sitting here actually willing some stranger to die.'"

The body of a teenager dredged from the seabed off the coast of Sussex is found to be missing its vital organs. Soon two more young bodies are found. Caitlin Beckett, a 15-year-old in Brighton, will die if she does not receive an urgent liver transplant. When the health system threatens to let her down, Lynn, her mother, turns in panic to the internet and discovers a broker who can provide her with a black-market organ – but at a price.

As Superintendent Roy Grace investigates the recovered bodies, he unearths the trail of a gang of child traffickers operating from Eastern Europe. Soon Grace and his team will find themselves in a race against time to save the life of a young street kid, while a desperate mother will stop at nothing to save her daughter's life... **APB \$19.99**

J A Jance*Until Proven Guilty*

The little girl was a treasure who should have been cherished, not murdered. She was only five-too young to die-and Homicide Detective J.P. Beaumont of the Seattle Police Department isn't going to rest until her killer pays dearly. But Beaumont's own obsessions and demons could prove dangerous companions in a murky world of blind faith and religious fanaticism. And he is about to find out that he himself is the target of a twisted passion . . . and a love that can kill. **APB \$19.99**

Quintin Jardine*Skinner's Ordeal (Skinner 05)*

Skinner faces both the biggest case of his career and crippling personal crisis in this thrilling fifth novel in Quintin Jardine's bestselling Edinburgh crime series. A mid-air explosion; a plane plunges to disaster from the Scottish skies, the British and American Defence Secretaries among the victims. Out of the blue, Edinburgh's Deputy Chief Constable Bob Skinner finds himself leading the biggest investigation of his career. As Skinner's ordeal reaches its crescendo, the police pursue their suspects one by one, until at last they are brought to a dramatic, thrilling, but tragic conclusion.

PB \$22.99

Mari Jungstedt*Unknown (Inspector Knutas)*

Inspector Knutas returns in a gripping new novel, perfect for fans of Henning Mankell.

It's summer on Gotland and an international group of archaeology students are excavating an ancient Viking site. The camaraderie and holiday spirits of the group are shattered when one of their number, a Dutch student called Martina, disappears. Rumours abound about a secret relationship she was having with someone on the island, but is her disappearance simply a lover's intrigue?

When the body of a horse is discovered in a local farmer's field, other rumours begin to circulate. The horse had been decapitated and the head has vanished.

As Inspector Knutas begins his investigation, echoes from Gotland's Viking past begin to trouble his search. When Martina's naked body is found hanging from a tree, with what look like ritualistic markings on her skin, there can be little further question. Someone is calling to the old Gods of Gotland. Martina has been killed according to the Viking ritual of the three-fold death, and the one thing the ritual points to is that more deaths will follow. **BPB \$24.95**

Ismail Kadare*The Successor*

The man who is next in line to be the leader of Albania is found shot dead in his bed. Was it suicide or was it murder? Kadare, one of Europe's finest writers, reshapes recent Balkan history in this wry and witty political parable, his first English offering in some years. Translated from the French of Tedi Papavrami by David Bellos. **BPB \$23.95**

Thomas Kaufman

Drink the Tea

Willis Gidney is a born liar and rip-off artist, an expert at the scam. Growing up without parents or a home, by age twelve he is a successful young man, running his own small empire, until he meets Shadrack Davies. That's Captain Shadrack Davies, of the D.C. Police. Davies wants to reform Gidney and becomes his foster father. Though he tries not to, Gidney learns a small amount of ethics from Shad---just enough to bother a kid from the streets for the rest of his life.

Now Gidney is a PI, walking those same streets. So it's no surprise that when his closest friend, jazz saxophonist Steps Jackson, asks Gidney to find his missing daughter, Gidney is compelled to say yes---even though she's been missing for twenty-five years. He finds a woman who may be the girl's mother--and within hours she turns up dead. The police accuse Gidney of the murder and throw him in jail.

Maybe Gidney should quit while he's behind. But when his investigation puts him up against a ruthless multinational corporation, a two-faced congressman, and a young woman desperate to conceal her past, Gidney has no time left for second thoughts. In fact, he may have no time left at all. Thomas Kaufman is a winner of the PWA Best First Private Eye Novel Competition. His debut novel, *Drink the Tea*, which boasts an original PI and an engaging cast of characters, adds a fresh perspective to the genre. **HC \$51.95**

Jonathan Kellerman

Deception (Alex Delaware)

Detective Milo Sturgis and investigator Alex Delaware tackle the case of a murdered teacher who before her death made a chilling DVD describing the sexual trauma she was suffering at the hands of three fellow teachers at her prestigious Los Angeles school. **HC \$58.95**

Evidence (Alex Delaware)

In a half-built mansion in Los Angeles, a watchman stumbles onto the bodies of a young couple--murdered and left in a gruesome postmortem embrace. Veteran homicide cop Milo Sturgis is shocked at the sight: a twisted crime that only Milo and psychologist Alex Delaware can hope to solve. While the female victim's identity remains in question, her companion is ID'd as eco-friendly architect Desmond Backer, notorious for his power to seduce women. The deeper Milo and Alex dig for clues, the longer the list of suspects grows. But when the investigation veers suddenly in a startling direction, it's the investigators who may wind up on the wrong end of a cornered predator's final fury. **PB \$21.95**

Simon Kernick

Target

NO ONE TO TRUST

When writer Rob Fallon goes out one night and ends up with his best-friend's girlfriend, Jenny, he's feeling guilty before anything's even happened.

NOWHERE TO RUN

But guilt quickly turns to shock when two men break into Jenny's apartment, abduct her, and try to kill Rob. When Rob reports this to the police, no one believes him. And when he speaks to Jenny's father, he says she's on holiday abroad.

NO PLACE TO HIDE

Rob knows Jenny's life's in danger and starts asking questions. Soon he's the target of brutal killers who are as terrifying as they are elusive. But what do they want? And what does it have to do with an ordinary girl like Jenny?

Either Rob finds out or he's dead. It's that simple ... **BPB \$24.95**

Philip Kerr

If the Dead Rise Not (Bernie Gunther)

Berlin, 1934: The Nazis have secured the 1936 Olympiad for the city but are facing foreign resistance. Hitler and Avery Brundage, the head of the U.S. Olympic Committee, have connived to soft-pedal Nazi anti-Semitism and convince America to participate. Bernie Gunther, now the house detective at an upscale Berlin hotel, is swept into this world of international corruption and dangerous double-dealing, caught between the warring factions of the Nazi apparatus.

Havana, 1954: Batista, aided by the CIA, has just seized power; Castro is in prison; and the American Mafia is quickly gaining a stranglehold on the city's exploding gaming and prostitution industries. Bernie, who has been unceremoniously kicked out of Buenos Aires, has resurfaced in Cuba with a new life, seemingly one of routine and relative peace. But Bernie discovers that he truly cannot outrun the burden of his past: He soon collides with a vicious killer from his Berlin days, who is mysteriously murdered not long afterward--and an old lover, who may be the murderer. **HC \$54.95**

Stieg Larsson

The Girl Who Played With Fire

Mikael Blomkvist, crusading publisher of the magazine *Millennium*, has decided to run a story that will expose an extensive sex trafficking operation. On the eve of its publication, the two reporters responsible for the article are murdered, and the fingerprints found on the murder weapon belong to his friend, the troubled genius hacker Lisbeth Salander. Blomkvist, convinced of Salander's innocence, plunges into an investigation. Meanwhile, Salander herself is drawn into a murderous game of cat and mouse, which forces her to face her dark past. **PB \$19.95 TP \$32.95**

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo

Forty years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared from a family gathering on the island owned and inhabited by the powerful Vanger clan. Her body was never found, yet her uncle is convinced it was murder - and that the killer is a member of his own tightly knit but dysfunctional family. He employs disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the tattooed, truculent computer hacker Lisbeth Salander... **BPB \$24.95**

Simon Lelic

A Thousand Cuts

It should be an open-and-shut case. Samuel Szajkowski, a recently hired history teacher, walked into a school assembly with a gun and murdered three students and a colleague before turning the weapon on himself. It was a tragedy that could not have been predicted. Szajkowski, it seems clear, was a psychopath beyond help. Yet as Detective Inspector Lucia May-- the only woman in her high-testosterone office in the Criminal Investigations Department--begins to piece together the testimonies of the various witnesses, an uglier and more complex picture emerges, calling into question the innocence of others. But no one, including Lucia's boss, is interested.

As the pressure to close the case builds and her colleagues' sexism takes a sinister turn, Lucia begins to realize that she has more in common with the killer than she could have imagined, and she becomes determined to expose the truth. **HC \$51.95**

Laura Lippman

Life Sentences

When Cassandra was a girl, growing up in a racially diverse middle-class neighborhood in Baltimore, her best friends were all black: elegant, privileged Donna; sharp, shrewd Tisha; wild and worldly Fatima. A fifth girl orbited their world—a shy, quiet, unobtrusive child named Calliope Jenkins—who, years later, would be accused of killing her infant son. Yet the boy's body was never found and Calliope's unrelenting silence on the subject forced a judge to jail her for contempt. For seven years, Calliope refused to speak and the court was finally forced to let her go. Cassandra believes this still unsolved real-life mystery, largely unknown outside Baltimore, could be her next bestseller.

But her homecoming and latest journey into the past will not be welcomed by everyone, especially by her former friends, who are unimpressed with Cassandra's success—and are insistent on their own version of their shared history. And by delving too deeply into Calliope's dark secrets, Cassandra may inadvertently unearth a few of her own—forcing her to reexamine the memories she holds most precious, as the stark light of truth illuminates a mother's pain, a father's betrayal . . . and what really transpired on a terrible day that changed not only a family but an entire country. **TP \$30.95**

Tom Lowe

The 24th Letter

Father John Callahan discovers that a death row inmate may actually be innocent and his friend, investigator Sean O'Brien, is still haunted by the case, but their only hope to find the real killer may be a clue in the form of Omega, the 24th letter in the Greek alphabet. **HC \$52.95**

Robert Ludlum

The Bourne Identity (Bourne 01)

He was dragged from the sea, his body riddled with bullets. There are a few clues: a frame of microfilm surgically implanted beneath the skin of his hip; evidence that plastic surgery has altered his face; strange things he says in his delirium, which could be code words. And a number on the film negative that leads to a bank account in Zurich, four million dollars and a name for the amnesiac: Jason Bourne. Now he is running for his life. A man with an unknown past and an uncertain future, the target of assassins and at the heart of a deadly puzzle. He's fighting for survival and no one can help him - except the one woman who once wanted to escape him... **BPB \$22.99**

The Bourne Supremacy (Bourne 02)

Washington, Hong Kong and Peking - terror sweeps the globe. The Vice-Premier of the People's Republic has been brutally murdered by a legendary assassin and everyone is asking the same fearful questions: Why has Bourne come back? Who is paying him? Who is next on his death list? But US officials know the shocking truth: there is no Jason Bourne. There never was. But someone has resurrected the name and if he is not stopped, the world will pay a devastating price. Jason Bourne must live again. He must utilise his murderous skills. But this time the will to survive is not enough. This time Bourne must reign supreme... **BPB \$22.99**

The Bourne Ultimatum (Bourne 03)

It all starts with a cat-and-mouse chase to the death in a Baltimore funfair: the Jackal, Bourne's age-old antagonist, is back and Bourne is forced from his idyllic retirement with his wife and children to confront his enemy. In Europe and America there are men and women whose lust for power is disguised by their positions and respectability. Their aim: to gain control at the highest level, to avenge, to destroy. Jason Bourne has been the assassin before: now he longs for peace with his family, but the threat of the Jackal puts in jeopardy all possibility of peace... **PB \$22.99**

Eric Van Lustbader

The Bourne Legacy (Bourne 04)

Jason Bourne has gradually come to realise who and what he really is - a strange amalgam of a man named David Webb and a deadly killer. Now David Webb is living a peaceful life as a university professor in the backwoods of America with his wife and children. But someone is reaching out to take him out of the game for ever. A deadly assassin is on his trail and his former handler has been brutally murdered already. It seems that David Webb must once again turn to Bourne to save his life and family. **PB \$22.99**

The Bourne Betrayal (Bourne 05)

Jason Bourne takes a mission to rescue his only friend in the CIA, Martin Lindros, who disappeared in Africa while tracking nuclear material. Bourne agrees to help track the money trail of the terrorists, but soon suffers from confusing flashbacks of unfamiliar places and events. Is someone brainwashing him in order to throw him off the trail? Worse still, is the man he saved really Martin Lindros? Now Bourne is on his own - gathering evidence, while trying to stay one step ahead of the terrorists who are determined to destroy the USA... **BPB \$22.99**

The Bourne Sanction (Bourne 06)

University professor David Webb - forever caught between two identities - is still haunted by the splintered nightmares his former life - as Jason Bourne. Soon he finds himself embroiled in a CIA operation to hunt down a terrorist organisation and is plunged into the deadliest and most tangled assignment of his double life. With his own side trying to take him down, all the while an assassin as brilliant and damaged as himself is getting closer by the minute... **BPB \$22.99**

The Bourne Deception (Bourne 07)

Jason Bourne's nemesis Arkadin is still hot on his trail and the two continue their struggle, reversing roles of hunter and hunted. When Bourne is ambushed and badly wounded, he fakes his death and goes into hiding. In safety, he takes on a new identity and begins a mission to find out who tried to assassinate him. Meanwhile, an American passenger airliner is shot down. Bourne's search for the man who shot him intersects with the search for the people that brought down the airliner, leading him into one of the most deadly and challenging situations he has ever encountered. With the threat of a new world war brewing, Bourne finds himself in a race against time to uncover the truth and find the person behind his assault, all the while being stalked by his unknown nemesis... **BPB \$22.99**

Matt Lynn

Death Force

A riveting military action adventure novel - Band of Brothers meets Andy McNab in a story of hard nosed mercenaries. In Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan, the British are fighting an increasingly desperate battle to contain a resurgent Taliban. The British commander knows the Taliban control the heroin trade, which brings in vast amounts of money for weapons. They back a covert mercenary unit to steal the drug lords' money. The deal: they will get intelligence and logistical support from the British Army, and in return they get to keep the money. The unit is put together by DEF's best man, Steve West; vastly experienced and ex SAS. But the men from Death Inc. find themselves fighting a desperate rearguard action through the lawless badlands of southern Afghanistan, and al-Qaeda-controlled northern Pakistan. **PB \$19.99**

Matt Lynn

Fire Force

Batota, Africa: a nation under the rule of a brutal, aging dictator. A group of men who grew up in the country, but who have made fortunes in business and finance overseas, have come to a fateful decision. There is only one way to save the country they still love: the president must be assassinated. But the mission is not what it seems. And soon they are fighting for their own lives against one of the most savage, ruthless regimes on the planet. **TP \$32.99**

G M Malliet

Death at the Alma Mater (St Just Mystery)

St. Michael's College, Cambridge, is prestigious, stately, and in frightful disrepair. To replenish the college's dwindling coffers, the Master holds a fundraising weekend for wealthy alums. But all goes awry when the glamorous Lexy Laurant is found viciously strangled to death. Gorgeous and successful, Lexy inspired jealousy, envy, and spite in everyone. There's a lengthy list of likely suspects: Lexy's debt-ridden Latino lover, her novelist ex-husband who jilted her, and a hot-tempered Texan once rejected by the victim, among others. As Detective Chief Inspector St. Just weighs clashing egos, he discovers unsavory secrets . . . and a most shocking twist. **TP \$30.95**

Nancy Martin

Our Lady of Immaculate Deception (Roxy Abruzzo 01)

Big truck, big dog, big hair. Bad attitude.

Roxy Abruzzo, bestseller Nancy Martin's latest creation, is a loud-mouthed, sexy, independent-minded niece of a Pittsburgh Mafia boss trying to go (mostly) straight. She'd like to stay completely out of her uncle Carmine's shady business dealings, though he's trying to reel her in. She'd like to concentrate on the architectural salvage business she runs mostly on the up and up for a tidy profit. She'd like to keep her rebellious teenage daughter on the straight and narrow. But Roxy knows where all the good intentions in the world usually lead, and when she can't help herself from tucking away an ancient Greek statue that's not really hers, she pays for it by getting caught up in the chaos surrounding the sordid murder of the statue's former owner, heir to a billion-dollar Pittsburgh steel fortune.

Of course, she has plenty of help getting in and out of trouble, including her sidekick "Nooch" Santonucci, too dumb to say no to whatever Roxy wants to do and strong enough to do it; her widowed aunt Loretta, a lawyer whose big hair and short skirts are as big a help to her in court as her brains; and Patrick Flynn, ex-marine, professional chef, and former high school flame, fresh from Afghanistan to torture Roxy, just like old times.

With her wicked sense of humor and a devilishly clever new series premise, author of the beloved Blackbird Sisters mysteries Nancy Martin has crafted another mystery destined to be a bestseller. **HC \$51.95**

Carol McCleary

The Alchemy of Murder

At the 1889 World's Fair in Paris, reporter Nellie Bly teams up with the likes of Jules Verne, Oscar Wilde and Louis Pasteur to find the connection between a series of killings and an epidemic that is wiping out Parisians by the thousands. **HC \$51.95**

Rusty McClure & David Stern

Cincinnatus: The Secret Plot to Save America

Assistant U.S. district attorney Esperanza Harper traces millions won on fixed golf tournaments to the little-known Society of Cincinnati, the nation's oldest patriotic organization.

With help from her father, an anti-terrorism expert in the Los Angeles FBI office, she uncovers a right-wing conspiracy of international consequences that takes she and her father to South Florida and the private Bahamas island of Cat Cay.

And all over Cincinnati. Fountain Square, One Lytle Place, Union Terminal, Camp Washington Chili, Montgomery Inn Boathouse and the Sawyer Point statue of Roman general Cincinnatus also figure into the story.

So do the Crosley brothers, the radio makers and WLW-AM owners, whose love of electronics plays a plausible role in the fiction. Powel Crosley Jr. also built the Twin Beaches mansion on Cat Cay, which figures in the book. **HC \$49.95**

Nigel McCrery

Tooth and Claw

After a year of working at home in order to control his synesthesia (the rare neurological condition that causes his brain to crosswire his senses), DCI Lapslie is summoned back to active duty to investigate the brutal murder of a well-known television reporter. He has no witnesses and no suspects, but in short order he has a second case on his hands: the death of a man in a train-station bomb explosion. To make matters worse, Lapslie begins to suspect that, despite all odds, the two high-profile cases may be connected. With the police brass pressing him for results, the media bearing down on him, and the synesthesia going wild (in addition to "tasting" sound, he's begun to "hear" odors), Lapslie is reaching his breaking point, which will only move closer as he approaches the solution to what's beginning to look like the crimes of an especially evil—and diabolically creative—serial killer. **HC \$51.95**

Ian McEwan

Solar

An engrossing, satirical and very funny new novel about climate change

Michael Beard is a Nobel prize-winning physicist whose best work is behind him. Trading on his reputation, he speaks for enormous fees, lends his name to the letterheads of renowned scientific institutions and half-heartedly heads a government-backed initiative tackling global warming. A compulsive womaniser, Beard finds his fifth marriage floundering. But this time it is different: she is having the affair, and he is still in love with her. When Beard's professional and personal worlds collide in a freak accident, an opportunity presents itself for Beard to extricate himself from his marital mess, reinvigorate his career and save the world from environmental disaster.

Ranging from the Arctic Circle to the deserts of New Mexico, SOLAR is a serious and darkly satirical novel, showing human frailty struggling with the most pressing and complex problem of our time. A story of one man's greed and self-deception, it is a profound and stylish new work from one of the world's great writers. **TP \$32.95**

Jenn McKinlay

Sprinkle With Murder (Cupcake Bakery Mystery)

Melanie Cooper and Angie DeLaura are finally living out their dream as the proud owners of the Fairy Tale Cupcakes bakery. But their first big client is a nightmare. She's a bridezilla who wants 500 custom cupcakes for her wedding.

When Mel stumbles upon the bride-to-be dead-by-cupcake, she becomes the prime suspect. To save themselves and their business, the ladies need to find the real murderer, before the cupcake killer ices someone else. **PB \$19.95**

Michael Meehan *Australian Author*

Below the Styx

Martin Frobisher has been beating close family members about the head with an epergne. Frobisher, successful publisher and community leader, is in the City Remand Centre, awaiting trial for murder. What shadow has fallen across the comfortable lives of Frobisher, his ambitious wife Coralie and her flaky sister Madeleine? What has led a cultivated and reflective man, known to shoo spiders and earwigs out of the harm's way, to such reckless acts of violence?

With the prospect of imprisonment for the Term of his Natural Life, can Frobisher and his research assistant Petra find guidance in the life and fortunes of a brilliant young Englishman, marooned in Australia, 'the land of vulgarity and mob rule' more than a century earlier, and obsessed with the darker moments in the nation's history? Why does Frobisher appear to care more, in the end, about the life of Marcus Clarke than he does about his own? **TP \$29.99**

Denise Mina

Still Midnight

Alex Morrow is not new to the police force-or to crime-but there is nothing familiar about the call she has just received. On a still night in a quiet suburb of Glasgow, Scotland, three armed men have slipped from a van into a house, demanding a man who is not, and has never been, inside the front door. In the confusion that ensues, one family member is shot and another kidnapped, the assailants demanding an impossible ransom. Is this the amateur crime gone horribly wrong that it seems, or something much more unexpected? **HC \$51.95**

G J Moffat

Daisychain

Logan Finch has just about everything he ever wanted, including a penthouse apartment and a shot at making partner in one of Scotland's largest law firms. But there's something missing from his life: he still pines for the woman he thought was 'the one' and who left him without a word of explanation over twelve years ago. Alex Cahill is one of Logan's clients, and probably his best friend. The profane, gregarious American owns a successful security business but has a shadowy past and a capacity for violence. Detective Constable Rebecca Irvine, newly promoted to Strathclyde Police's CID, is stuck in a failing marriage. On her first day in the new job she is called to a murder scene in the affluent Southside of Glasgow. The victim is Penny Grant, Logan's former girlfriend. And her eleven-year-old daughter is missing... **PB \$22.99**

Christopher Moore

Paying Back Jack (Vincent Calvino)

When Vincent Calvino is hired by a retired Thai general to deal with a corrupt and deadbeat tenant, he finds himself swimming in deeper waters than he'd bargained for as he and the General narrowly avoid an assassination attempt... When the General suggests that he gets out of Bangkok for a few days, Calvino heads for the beach. Unfortunately, trouble follows him, in the form of a beautiful young Thai woman who falls to her death from the hotel room above his.

Back in Bangkok a pair of elite snipers is staking out a high profile target, a Thai politician running for election. But they're not really on a mercenary mission: they're 'paying back Jack', doing a favor for a man in need. Calvino, it turns out, is also tailing the same man, and as his investigation draws him into a murky world of private contractors, UN officials, and local politics, and he gets closer to his target, his run of bad luck goes from bad to worse... **TP \$32.95**

Boyd Morrison

The Noah's Ark Quest

Dilara Kenner, an ambitious young archaeologist, must run for her life when an old friend is murdered right in front of her. Before he dies in her arms, he gasps a few cryptic words about a vast conspiracy to hide an amazing historical artefact and tells Dilara that the only person who can help her is a former Army combat engineer named Tyler Locke. Dilara finds Locke on a North Atlantic oil platform but the helicopter she arrives in suffers a mechanical failure and goes down next to the rig. The quick-thinking Locke manages to rescue everyone on board, including Dilara. She tells him that the helicopter crash was no accident. Someone wants to stop her from finding Noah's Ark. Locke and Dilara head to Arizona, and their investigation reveals a chilling discovery. A group of religious fanatics have recovered a weapon from the Ark that will let them recreate the effects of the biblical flood and mold the remnants of humanity according to their leader's twisted vision. Now Locke and Dilara have just seven days to find the Ark and the secret hidden inside before it is used to wipe out civilization again... **TP \$29.99**

Walter Mosley

Known to Evil (Leonid McGill 02)

New York City private investigator Leonid McGill is given few details when he is hired by the city's top power broker to track down twenty-seven year old Tara Lear, a case that leads him to seek the assistance of some old acquaintances. **HC \$52.95**

Jo Nesbo

The Devil's Star (Harry Hole)

Alcoholic detective Harry Hole has two missions: catch a serial killer obsessed with the number five, who cuts a finger off each victim and adorns her with a red pentagram; and expose his crooked partner, Tom Waaler, who may be responsible for the death of his partner. **HC \$52.95**

Ruth Newman

Twisted Wing

The claustrophobic environment of Ariel College, Cambridge, has become the hunting ground of a serial killer. For the students, a siege mentality has developed following weeks of media interest in the 'Cambridge Butcher'. College life has become not about surviving their exams, but surviving full stop. Forensic psychiatrist Matthew Denison is sure that his traumatised patient, student Olivia Coscadden, has the killer's identity locked up in her memory. That within the little clique she belonged to lurks someone with a grudge. Someone who thought 'what's a little decapitation between friends?' And that someone is just getting started.

But in order to get to the truth, Denison must delve into the secrets hidden within Olivia's subconscious. Secrets that are about to take him to some very dark places indeed. **BPB \$22.99**

Karen E Olson

Pretty in Ink (Tattoo Shop Mysteries 02)

Murder in the city of sin...

Brett Kavanaugh is a tattoo artist and owner of Vegas's hottest tattoo shop, The Painted Lady. And in her spare time, she does some sleuthing. After Brett and company ink Sin City's newest drag queens, they're invited to opening night at the strip's glamorous Nylon and Tattoos show-which ends in disaster when a stranger with a Queen of Hearts tattoo fatally injures Britney Brassieres with a champagne cork. And when another drag queen is found poisoned, it looks like someone's targeting Vegas's fabulous femmes... **PB \$17.95**

David Oppegaard*The Suicide Collectors*

The Despair has plagued the earth for five years. Most of the world's population has inexplicably died by its own hand, and the few survivors struggle to remain alive. A mysterious, shadowy group called the Collectors has emerged, inevitably appearing to remove the bodies of the dead. But in the crumbling state of Florida, a man named Norman takes an unprecedented stand against the Collectors, propelling him on a journey across North America. It's rumoured a scientist in Seattle is working on a cure for the Despair, but in a world ruled by death, it won't be easy to get there. **BPB \$22.99**

Robert B Parker*Split Image (Jessie Stone)*

Overwhelmed by a double homicide involving a mob hit, a high-ranking crime figure and twin mafia wives, Jesse Stone increasingly succumbs to alcoholism before agreeing to assist fellow investigator Sunny Randall on a seemingly unrelated case. By the author of *Night and Day*. **HC \$52.95**

S J Parris*Heresy*

Masterfully blending true events with fiction, this blockbuster historical thriller delivers a page-turning murder mystery set on the sixteenth-century Oxford University campus.

Giordano Bruno was a monk, poet, scientist, and magician on the run from the Roman Inquisition on charges of heresy for his belief that the Earth orbits the sun and that the universe is infinite. This alone could have got him burned at the stake, but he was also a student of occult philosophies and magic.

In S. J. Parris's gripping novel, Bruno's pursuit of this rare knowledge brings him to London, where he is unexpectedly recruited by Queen Elizabeth I and is sent undercover to Oxford University on the pretext of a royal visitation. Officially Bruno is to take part in a debate on the Copernican theory of the universe; unofficially, he is to find out whatever he can about a Catholic plot to overthrow the queen.

His mission is dramatically thrown off course by a series of grisly murders and a spirited and beautiful young woman. As Bruno begins to discover a pattern in these killings, he realizes that no one at Oxford is who he seems to be. Bruno must attempt to outwit a killer who appears obsessed with the boundary between truth and heresy.

Like *The Dante Club* and *The Alienist*, this clever, sophisticated, exceptionally enjoyable novel is written with the unstoppable narrative propulsion and stylistic flair of the very best historical thrillers. **HC \$52.95**

P J Parrish*The Little Death*

When Mark Duran, a high-class escort to the wealthy women of Palm Beach, is found brutally murdered, South Florida detective Louis Kincaid, way out of his element, agrees to help prime suspect Reggie Kent prove his innocence and stumbles upon a hotbed of corruption among the elite.

PB \$19.95

Anne Perry*Execution Dock (William Monk)*

The dreaded kingpin of this dark realm is Jericho Phillips. On his floating brothel, sex slaves are forced to endure unspeakable acts. Now one such soul, thirteen-year-old Fig, is found with his throat cut, his tortured body tossed into the river.

Commander William Monk of the River Police swears that Phillips will hang for this abomination. But the miscreant is as wily as he is monstrous, and his wealthy clients seem far beyond the reach of the law. Monk's attempt to bring about justice becomes the first electrifying episode in a nightmare that will test his courage and integrity.

However, reinforcements are on the way. Monk's wife, Hester, who runs a free clinic for abused women, draws a highly unusual guerrilla force to her husband's cause—a canny ratcatcher, a retired brothel keeper, a fearless street urchin, and a rebellious society lady. To one as criminally minded as Phillips, these folks are mere mosquitoes, to be sure. But as he will soon discover, some mosquitoes can have a deadly sting. **TP \$30.95**

The Sheen on the Silk

New York Times bestselling novelist Anne Perry, the undisputed Queen of Victorian mysteries and the author of an acclaimed series set during World War I, now broadens her canvas with her first major stand-alone book—an epic historical novel set in thirteenth-century Constantinople, where a woman must live a lie in her quest to uncover the truth.

Arriving in the ancient Byzantine city in the year 1273, Anna Zarides has only one mission: to prove the innocence of her twin brother, Justinian, who has been exiled to the desert for conspiring to kill Bessarion, a nobleman.

Disguising herself as a eunuch named Anastasius, Anna moves freely about in society, using her skills as a physician to manoeuvre close to the key players involved in her brother's fate. With her medical practice thriving, Anna crosses paths with Zoe Chrysaphes, a devious noblewoman with her own hidden agenda, and Giuliano Dandolo, a ship's captain conflicted not only by his mixed Venetian-Byzantine heritage but by his growing feelings for Anastasius.

Trying to clear her brother's name, Anna learns more about Justinian's life and reputation—including his peculiar ties to Bessarion's beautiful widow and his possible role in a plot to overthrow the emperor. This leaves Anna with more questions than answer, and time is running out. For an even greater threat lies on the horizon: Another Crusade to capture the Holy Land is brewing, and leaders in Rome and Venice have set their sights on Constantinople for what is sure to be a brutal invasion. Anna's discoveries draw her inextricably closer to the dangers of the emperor's treacherous court—where it seems that no one is exactly who he or she appears to be.

Richly detailed and finely wrought, *The Sheen on the Silk* is a bold and brilliant work that affirms Anne Perry's talent as a master storyteller.

HC \$56.95

Jodi Picoult*House Rules*

Unable to express himself socially but possessing a savant-like knack for investigating crimes, a teenage boy with Asperger's Syndrome is wrongly accused of killing his tutor when the police mistake his autistic tics for guilty behavior. **HC \$58.95**

Douglas Preston

Impact

When Wyman Ford is called in to investigate the mysterious exit hole of a meteorite that amazingly passed straight through the earth, what he finds defies all we know about our universe.

With Khmer Rouge interest in a gem mine on the Thai Cambodia border, a shipwreck off the coast of Maine and evidence of a possible cover-up at NASA headquarters, Ford realises he's uncovered something much bigger than even he anticipated.

With the help of amateur scientist, Abbey Straw, he discovers the existence of an ancient structure buried deep in Voltaire Crater on Deimos, one of Mars moons. Sticking up from the structure is the unmistakable outline of a gun. It seems it was built to monitor the solar system, and destroy any intelligent life powerful enough to challenge it – but by whom?

A quick calculation of the orbit of Mars indicates that Deimos Crater will once again point at earth in sixty hours. The final shot will come then. Can the team figure out a way to stop this weapon before it destroys the world as they know it?

Sixty hours and counting... **TP \$32.99**

Amanda Quick

Second Sight

Venetia Milton earns big bucks photographing the artifacts owned by the brooding Gabriel Jones, whom she also manages to seduce, but after hearing that he is dead, she is stunned when he winds up on her doorstep very much alive and afraid for his life. **APB \$19.95**

Matt Benyon Rees

The Fourth Assassin (Omar Yussef)

Arriving to visit his son in a heavily Palestinian area of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, Omar Yussef discovers the beheaded body of one of the boy's roommates; and when his son is arrested as a suspect, Omar must prove his innocence. By the author of *Fratricide*. **HC \$49.95**

The Samaritan's Secret (Omar Yussef Mystery)

"In Nablus, there were centuries of wickedness for him to uncover beneath every ancient stone."

Omar Yussef journeys to Nablus with his family for the wedding of his policeman friend Sami Jaffari. Omar had met Sami and his fiancée on a previous trip to Gaza. When the son of the leader of the Samaritan community is murdered, Omar is pulled into Sami's investigation. They learn that the victim worked for the Palestinian Authority and controlled hundreds of millions of dollars which is now missing -- and the World Bank is threatening to cut off all aid to the Palestians if the money is not found. Omar and Sami must navigate through the dark warrens of the Nablus casbah and the secrets of the Samaritan people to find the killer and recover the missing funds before time runs out. **TP \$28.95**

Karen Robards

Shattered

The past is never over. It just gets dusty.

Lisa Shewmaker was a rising star in a prestigious law firm in Lexington, Kentucky; that is, until the firm went bankrupt and she lost her job. With an ailing mother to care for, Lisa takes the first position she can find: research assistant to District Attorney Scott Buchanan. Scott is as disagreeable as he is sexy, and Lisa suspects the only reason she got the job is because of her privileged upbringing as the daughter of a wealthy federal judge.

While reviewing cold cases in the Fayette County courthouse, a particularly thick manila envelope draws Lisa's attention. The details of the case are engrossing: An entire family-father, mother, and two children-disappeared more than twenty-eight years ago. Except that's not all: The mother in the photo could have been Lisa's twin, and the toddler in the picture bears an uncanny resemblance to Lisa herself. Before Lisa can learn more about her past, a series of catastrophes strike close to home. Lisa confides in Scott, and their relationship develops into something completely different. Together Lisa and Scott unravel a terrifying web of criminal connections that could destroy the very fabric of Lisa's life-if she lives long enough, that is. **HC \$52.95**

Peter Robinson

Price of Love

When DCI Alan Banks arrived in Eastvale his life was every bit as much of a mess as it is now. But he is holding an envelope that could change everything he understood about the events that sent him north twenty years ago. Walking again the narrow alleys and backstreets of his mind, he remembers the seedy Soho nights of his last case - dubious businessmen in dodgy clubs, young girls on the game. And a killer on the loose. In addition to the brand new novella that fills in the gaps in Banks's life before Yorkshire, Peter Robinson gives us ten more brilliant and eclectic stories. The Eastvale Ladies' Poker Circle finds that murder may be just another game of risk. Is a suitcase of cash worth a man's head on a plate? And tragedy leads a young boy to learn the price of love . . . **PB \$19.99**

Michael Robotham Australian Author

Lost

Vincent Ruiz is lucky to be alive. A bullet in the leg, another through the hand, he is discovered clinging to a buoy in the River Thames, losing blood and consciousness fast. It takes six days for him to come out of his coma, and when he does, his nightmare is only just beginning. Because Vincent has no recollection of what happened, and nobody believes him. A mile away from his body, a boat was found covered in blood - Vincent's and that of three others. Forensics say at least one of them must be dead. Vincent, a police detective, had signed his service pistol out of the station armoury, despite being on leave. Many murder suspects fake amnesia, and the investigating team are not sure this case is any different. The only clue is a picture in his pocket, a photograph of a young girl, Mickey Carlyle, who disappeared three years ago. And though Mickey is presumed dead, Vincent has the nagging doubt that she is alive and in terrible danger... **BPB \$19.99**

Shatter

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

The Suspect

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

Joel Rose

The Blackest Bird

Based on a murder unsolved to this day, *The Blackest Bird* is set in the sweltering New York City summer of 1841, when the beautiful 'Segar Girl' Mary Rogers was brutally murdered. John Colt, scion of the firearm fortune, beats his publisher to death with a hatchet. And young Irish gang leader Tommy Coleman is accused of killing his daughter, his wife, and his wife's former lover. Charged with solving it all is High Constable Jacob Hays, the city's first detective. Capping a long and distinguished career, Hays's investigation will involve gang wars, grave robbers, and clues hidden in poems by that master of dark tales, Edgar Allan Poe.

With a multilayered plot and rich, terse prose, *The Blackest Bird* is both a gripping mystery and a convincing portrait of the New York underworld in its early days. At its heart is Hays' unlikely connection with Poe, who like many other men was in love with Mary Rogers. In its deeply textured world, full of bloodshed and duplicity, only a few innocent relationships - such as Hays' tender bond with his daughter - provide any comfort and hope. **TP \$25.95**

David Rosenfelt

Down to the Wire

After a mysterious source tips him off to two headline-grabbing stories, local reporter Chris Turley is happy to be doing quality journalistic work, until he discovers the lengths to which the source went to "help" him, and now the man wants something in return--or more people will die. By the author of *Don't Tell a Soul*. **HC \$51.95**

David Rotenberg

The Golden Mountain Murders (Zhong Fong Mystery)

As Shanghai surpasses Hong Kong as Asia's most important city, Zhong Fong's Office of Special Investigations faces an increasingly sophisticated, and increasingly global, breed of criminal.

When Zong follows a disturbing lead, he finds himself in a sleepy rural province. Here, he is shocked to discover a blood-trafficking racket and a massive outbreak of AIDS. In pursuit of the organisation behind the trafficking, he embarks on what proves to be the longest journey of his life. It will eventually take him to the streets of Vancouver - and to a meeting with a man who holds an old, and potentially lethal, grudge. **BPB \$22.95**

The Hamlet Murders (Zhong Fong Mystery)

It's summer in Shanghai. The city's 18 million residents continue their hurtling progress toward modernisation. Three men carrying blueprints appear outside homicide detective Zhong Fong's apartment: his building is being redeveloped, and he may soon have nowhere to live.

Fong is jolted from these worries by a midnight phone call from the Shanghai Theatre Company. His old rival has been found dead, hanging from a rope at the centre of the stage, an apparent suicide.

But from the moment Fong sees the crime scene, his instincts tell him two things. First, this was no suicide. Second, the search for the killer will lead him to dark places and unwanted revelations. **BPB \$22.95**

The Hua Shan Murders (Zhong Fong Mystery)

Detective Zhong Fong has regained his position as head of Special Investigations in the Shanghai district. He is back in the city that he loves with his new wife and baby girl.

All seems to be going smoothly - until one of Shanghai's state-run abortion clinics explodes in a ball of flame. A note is left in English. Then a second clinic is attacked, and a second note is found. It reads, 'This blasphemy will stop - the light will come.'

Fong's investigation of the bombings will lead him deep into a place he knows all too well: the deepest recesses of the human heart. **BPB \$22.95**

The Lake Ching Murders (Zhong Fong Mystery)

Detective Zhong Fong, former head of special investigations with the Shanghai police, has been branded a traitor and exiled to a sleepy village in northwestern China. But his isolation comes to an abrupt end when two Party officials whisk him away in the middle of the night. They need him, they say, to investigate the murders of seventeen foreign businessmen aboard a ship on Lake Ching.

Fong hopes this is his chance to clear his name. He soon finds, however, that the case may be more complicated, and more perilous, than it first appeared. **BPB \$22.95**

The Shanghai Murders

In a busy Shanghai alley, the body of an American police officer is found, dismembered and arranged in bizarre fashion. The murder appears to be the work of a trained assassin with a deadly message to send. And before long, he leaves another: the body of an African diplomat, as skilfully carved up as the first.

Assigned to track the killer is homicide detective Zhong Fong. Haunted by the deaths of his actress wife and unborn child, Fong throws himself into the case. But his concentration is disrupted, first by the arrival of his late wife's lover, and then by the realisation that he may be the killer's next target. As he hunts for the murderer, Fong must confront his own secrets - and those of his rapidly changing city. **BPB \$22.95**

Lisa Scottoline

Think Twice

After her evil twin sister, Alice, drugs her, leaves her for dead and steals her life, Bennie must convince everyone she's ever cared about that she is the real Bennie, and not the deranged twin, all the while facing the shocking truth that she just may be more like Alice than she ever realized.

HC \$54.95

Olga Slavnikova

2017

Winner of the Russian Booker Prize, a sensational novel of Russia set exactly 100 years after the revolution

In the year 2017 in Russia exactly 100 years after the revolution, poets and writers are obsolete, class distinctions are painfully sharp, and spirits intervene in the lives of humans from their home high in the mythical Riphean Mountains.

Professor Anfilogov, a wealthy and emotionless man, sets out on an expedition to unearth priceless rubies that no one else has been able to locate. Young Krylov, a talented gem cutter who Anfilogov had taken under his wing, is seeing off his mentor at the train station when he is drawn to a mysterious stranger who calls herself Tanya. A scandalous affair ensues, but trouble arises in the shape of Krylov's ex-wife Tamara and a spy who appears at the lovers' every rendezvous. As events unfold, Krylov begins to learn more than he bargained for about the women in his life and realizes why he recognizes the spy from somewhere deep within his past. Meanwhile, Anfilogov's expedition reveals ugly truths about man's disregard for nature and the disasters stemming from insatiable greed.

Olga Slavnikova stuns with this engaging and remarkable tale of love, obsession, murder, and the lengths people will go to get what they want.

HC \$54.95

Martin Cruz Smith*The Golden Mile (Andy renko)*

Struggling with a prosecutor's refusal to send work his way and his friend Victor's arrest for public drunkenness, investigator Arkady Renko of Moscow finds his efforts to watch out for teen chess prodigy Zhenya challenged by a brutal case involving a kidnapped baby, a dead prostitute and police corruption. **HC \$52.95**

Erica Spindler*Blood Vines*

When Alexandra Owens travels to Sonoma, California, to unearth her mysterious past, she finds herself racing to discover the connection between her terrifying visions and a string of ritualistic murders in the latest novel from New York Times bestselling author Erica Spindler

Thirty-year-old Alex has always felt as if something is missing inside her, some small but essential piece of the puzzle. When her mother, Patsy, commits suicide without leaving behind any information about the past that tormented her, Alex is determined to follow any leads she can. She starts by tracking down the person who last spoke with her mother, Detective Daniel Reed. What he reveals is shocking. Twenty-five years earlier, Patsy was married to Harlan Sommer, one of Sonoma County's most prominent vintners, when their infant son disappeared without a trace. The loss destroyed the Sommers' marriage, causing Patsy to leave and take Alex with her.

Called on to investigate the identity of a baby's remains unearthed in a Sonoma vineyard, Reed had picked up a trail that led him to Patsy in San Francisco. Now Reed and Alex both wonder if the cold bones could be her baby brother Dylan, and Alex decides to accompany Reed back to Sonoma for the investigation. No sooner does she arrive, however, than she is gripped by blood-curdling dreams of ceremonial images, and drawn deep into the search for a twisted killer. **HC \$51.95**

Domenic Stansberry*Naked Moon*

Set in San Francisco in the crumbling vestiges of Italian North Beach, Domenic Stansberry's latest novel plunges once again into the noir underworld of Dante Mancuso. This new installment of Stansberry's critically acclaimed series, *Naked Moon*, unearths a past Mancuso had hoped to escape. Before becoming a private investigator, Dante worked for a secret corporate security firm--known simply as the company--that prized effectiveness over legality. When Dante left, it was not on good terms. So he made sure to take enough inside information to keep himself safe from reprisal.

Dante, however, has his own secrets; for example, he doesn't ask his cousin Gary questions about how he keeps the family warehousing business--the one where Dante is a silent partner--in the black, while everyone else's has failed. When SFPD Detective Leanora Chin starts asking questions, Gary turns to the company for help, which they're willing to provide, so long as Dante agrees to settle his past debts by doing them one last favor: the type of favor that could drag him under for good.

Edgar Award winner Domenic Stansberry is one of the most talented crime novelists working today. His novels are dark, lyrical, and widely acclaimed, and *Naked Moon* is no exception as it captures the sense of dread, paranoia, and quiet despair that cling to a man and a part of a city living on borrowed time. **HC \$51.95**

Wendy Corsi Staub*Live to Tell*

Secrets can scandalize . . .

In a lovely suburban town just north of New York City, the gossip mill runs more efficiently than the commuter-train line. And in every impeccably decorated house, they're talking about Lauren Walsh. They say that nothing could be worse than being abandoned by your husband for another woman. They're wrong . . .

Secrets can shock . . .

All Lauren wants is to protect her children from the pain of her messy divorce. But when their father goes missing, a case of mistaken identity puts all their lives in danger, and a stealthy predator lurks in the shadows, watching . . . waiting . . .

Secrets can kill . . .

Lauren is about to uncover an unfathomable truth—a truth this cold-blooded mastermind would never let her live to tell . . . **PB \$19.95**

Jon Stock*Dead Spy Running*

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

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

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

In a compelling thriller that updates the spy novel for the 21st century - think John Le Carre meets Jason Bourne - Marchant discovers the shocking realities of personal betrayal and national loyalty, and that love can be the biggest risk of all. **APB \$19.99**

David Stone*Orpheus Dies*

The Orpheus Deception opens with a brutal assassination attempt on the rainy streets of Venice that sets CIA agent Micah Dalton on a collision course with a vengeful Serbian warlord.

Picking up where *The Echelon Vendetta* left off - Dalton is still on the run from the CIA, finding himself ever more entangled in a web of conspiracies. He tries to uncover the links between a savage act of piracy in the South China Sea, the disappearance of a CIA agent, and an elusive ship known only as 'Orpheus.'

As he desperately seeks to unlock the shattering secret, Dalton is once again caught up in an international chase that takes him from Italy to Singapore and finally back to his homeland and ever-greater danger to himself... **APB \$19.95**

Peter Straub*A Dark Matter*

The charismatic and cunning Spenser Mallon is a campus guru in the 1960s, attracting the devotion and demanding sexual favours of his young acolytes. After he invites his most fervent followers to attend a secret ritual in a local meadow, the only thing that remains is a gruesomely dismembered body-and the shattered souls of all who were present. Years later, one man attempts to understand what happened to his wife and to his friends by writing a book about this horrible night and it's through this process that they begin to examine the unspeakable events that have bound them in ways they cannot fathom, but that have haunted every one of them through their lives. As each of the old friends tries to come to grips with the darkness of the past, they find themselves face-to-face with the evil triggered so many years earlier. **TP \$32.99**

Frank Tallis*Vienna Secrets (Max Liebermann)*

Called in by the Vienna police to assist a case involving the double murders of two notoriously anti-Semitic monks, young psychoanalyst Max Liebermann doubts suspicions that target the Jewish community and begins to suspect a more sinister force at work. **TP \$30.95**

Shirley Tallman*Scandal on Rincon Hill (Sarah Woolson Mysteries)*

Just as attorney Sarah Woolson begins to investigate a case involving a body found just blocks from her home, a gruesome crime spree throws nineteenth-century San Francisco into a state of panic. **HC \$51.95**

David Thurlo & Aimee Thurlo*Bad Samaritan (Sister Agatha Mystery)*

Renowned and reviled for her crime-solving prowess, Sister Agatha of Our Lady of Hope Monastery in Bernalillo, New Mexico, finds her skills tested by a case in which her friend and ally, Sheriff Tom Green, is accused in the brutal murder of a political rival. **HC \$51.95**

Peter Tremayne*Dove of Death*

The gripping new novel in the internationally renowned Sister Fidelma crime series. AD 670. An Irish merchant ship is attacked by a pirate vessel off the coast of the Breton peninsula. Murchad, the captain, and a prince from the kingdom of Muman, are killed in cold blood after they have surrendered. Among the other passengers who manage to escape the slaughter are Sister Fidelma of Cashel and her faithful companion, Brother Eadulf. The prince was Fidelma's cousin and she is determined to bring the killers to justice... **PB \$19.99**

John Vorhaus*The California Roll*

Looking for a scam opportunity that will set him up for life, playboy con artist Radar Hoverlander falls for the sassy Allie Quinn, whose innocence is so absolute that Radar's hapless sidekick, Vic Mirplo, suspects she is a con artist of unprecedented talent. **HC \$47.95**

Shiloh Walker*Broken*

The national bestselling author of *Fragile* returns with a luscious new blend of sex and suspense.

Quinn Rafferty is working as a bounty hunter for a private detective agency in St. Louis when a new neighbor catches his eye. He's drawn to her-but he has his own soul to mend before he can worry about anyone else.

Sarah McElyea is on the run, but not for the usual reasons a woman goes on the lam. She has a plan for her future. And as much as she finds herself attracted to her gruff, tough neighbor, she can't risk telling him the secrets she's hiding.

But Quinn must get closer to Sarah when she turns out to be the target of his new missing persons case, and both Quinn and Sarah will have to expose their true feelings-as well as their fragile hearts-if their love is to survive. **TP \$30.95**

Joseph Wambaugh*Hollywood Moon (Hollywood Station 03)*

One moonlit night, LAPD veteran Dana Vaughn and 'Hollywood' Nate Weiss, a struggling actor turned cop, get a call about a young man who's been attacking women. Meanwhile, two surfer cops known as Flotsam and Jetsam keep bumping into an odd, suspicious duo - a smooth-talking player in dreads and a crazy-eyed, tattooed biker.

No one suspects that all three dubious characters might be involved in something bigger, more high tech and much more illegal. After a dizzying series of twists, turns and chases, the cops will find they've stumbled upon a complex web of crime where even the criminals can't be sure who's conning whom. **TP \$32.95**

Randy Wayne White*Dead Silence*

So terrifying it'll leave readers breathless...

When a Minnesota teen is kidnapped, Doc Ford is given an unthinkable ultimatum, and only 36 hours to act on it. But there's something unusual about the boy that his captors don't even know, twisting this deadly game out of control in ways no one can imagine. **PB \$21.95**

Deep Shadow

Doc Ford wrestles more than one kind of demon, in the stunning novel from the New York Times bestselling author.

Many dangers lurk in the deep-the worst of them are human.

Thirty minutes into what should have been an easy, beginner-level dive in a remote Florida lake, the rim of a cave collapses, trapping two of Doc Ford's friends. Ford himself manages to escape and quickly surfaces to find help-but that's when his troubles only begin.

Two men are waiting for him on the shore, and they are not the kind of men you want to meet at any time. Murderers and ex-cons, they're intent on diving to the bottom of the very deep lake and uncovering the remains of a legendary plane wreck there, supposedly loaded with Cuban treasury gold. Ford's expertise is just what they need. And if he doesn't want to help? He can die. His friends? They can die, too. In fact, they can die right now. . . .

As the hours tick away, two mortal struggles unfold simultaneously, one above and one below. Neither outcome is certain, no man is safe . . . and in the deep shadow, only death awaits. **HC \$52.95**

Kate White*Hush*

After a coworker with whom she has a one-night stand is murdered the next day, Lake Warren lies to police due to her entanglement in a custody battle for her children, a lie that leads the police to scrutinize her and someone to leave dangerous clues on her doorstep. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Wiley*The Bad Kitty Lounge*

Greg Samuelson, an unassuming bookkeeper, has hired Joe Kozmarski to dig up dirt on his wife and her lover Eric Stone. But now Samuelson has taken matters into his own hands. It looks like he's torched Stone's Mercedes, killed his boss, and then shot himself, all in the space of an hour.

The police think they know how to put together this ugly puzzle. But as Kozmarski discovers, nothing's ever simple. Eric Stone wants to hire Kozmarski to clear Samuelson. Samuelson's dead boss, known as the Virginity Nun, has a saintly reputation but a red-hot past. And a gang led by an aging 1960s radical shows up in Kozmarski's office with a backpack full of payoff money, warning him to turn a blind eye to murder.

At the same time, Kozmarski is working things out with his ex-wife, Corrine, his new partner, Lucinda Juarez, and his live-in nephew, Jason. If the bad guys don't do Kozmarski in, his family might. **HC \$51.95**

John Wray*Lowboy*

Early one morning in New York City, Will Heller, a sixteen-year-old paranoid schizophrenic, gets on an uptown B train alone. Like most people he knows, Will believes the world is being destroyed by climate change; unlike most people, he's convinced he can do something about it. Unknown to his doctors, unknown to the police-unknown even to Violet Heller, his devoted mother-Will alone holds the key to the planet's salvation. To cool down the world, he has to cool down his own overheating body: to cool down his body, he has to find one willing girl. And he already has someone in mind. **TP \$28.95**

Rick Yancey*Highly Effective Detective Plays the Fools (Teddy Ruzak PI)*

Soon after an attractive blond hires Teddy Ruzak to catch her husband cheating, she disappears, and Teddy is left to figure out whether this is a divorce case or murder, in a humorous mystery by the author of *The Highly Effective Detective Goes to the Dogs*. **HC \$51.95**

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Other Books

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The Great Aussie Family Cookbook

Find out how to fuel the kids for a big day at school, whip up delicious weeknight dinners and get creative with the Christmas feast.

The Great Aussie Family Cookbook is packed with practical advice on how to feed your family day in, day out without boring the socks off them (or you). From quick and easy weeknight dinners and healthy lunchbox solutions to diverse and delicious meals to savour on the weekend (and an affectionate nod to dishes of the past), this book will give you plenty of inspiration to create food the whole family will love.

With over 140 recipes to suit every taste, budget and occasion, The Great Aussie Family Cookbook is a celebration of good food for real families.

TP \$35

Never Tell Me Never

Janine Shepherd's story reads like the plot of a Hollywood movie. A champion cross country skier in training for the Winter Olympics, her life was irrevocably altered during a bike ride to the Blue Mountains when she was hit by a truck. Her neck and back were broken in four places, as were her right arm, collarbone and five ribs. Her right leg had been ripped open, she had sustained massive internal injuries, severe lacerations to her abdominal area, and had lost five litres of blood. The bleeding alone was enough to kill her.

Doctors warned her parents that she was not expected to survive her ordeal. Even if by some small chance she recovered, she would never walk again.

Coming to terms with her shattered Olympic dreams, refusing to believe what expert medical staff were telling her about her chances of any kind of recovery, Janine focused every sinew of her being on healing her broken body and crushed morale. Her fighting spirit was rekindled watching small planes flying overhead. She said to herself, If I can't walk, I'll fly. And fly she did. Within a year she had her private pilot's licence; twelve months later, her commercial licence; soon after, her instructor's permit and aerobatic endorsement. And all the while she pushed her body to mend itself, forced her legs to walk again, step by painful step.

NEVER TELL ME NEVER is her story, a testament to the power of the human spirit, and one that will move and inspire all who read it. **PB \$24.95**

Now Write

Today's A collection of personal writing exercises and commentary from some of today's best novelists, short story writers, and writing teachers, including Jill McCorkle, Amy Bloom, Robert Olen Butler, Steve Almond, Jayne Anne Phillips, Virgil Suarez, Margot Livesay, and more.

Complemented by brief commentary from the authors themselves, the exercises in Now Write! are practical and hands-on. By encouraging writers to shamelessly steal proven techniques that have yielded books which have won National Book Awards, Pulitzers, and Guggenheim grants, Now Write! inspires the aspiring writer to write now. **TP \$24.95**

Texts from Last Night: All the Texts No One Remembers Sending **TP \$30.95**

The Bro Code (How I Met Your Mother)

Everyone's life is governed by an internal code of conduct. Some call it morality. Others call it religion. But Bros in the know call this holy grail the Bro Code.

Historically a spoken tradition passed from one generation to the next, the official code of conduct for Bros appears here in its published form for the first time ever. By upholding the tenets of this sacred and legendary document, any dude can learn to achieve Bro-dom. **BPB \$19.95**

Alison Alexander *Australian Author*

Tasmania's Convicts

To the convicts arriving in Van Diemen's Land, it must have felt as though they'd been sent to the very ends of the earth. In Tasmania's Convicts Alison Alexander tells the history of the men and women transported to what became one of Britain's most notorious convict colonies. Following the lives of dozens of convicts and their families, she uncovers stories of success, failure, and everything in between. While some suffered harsh conditions, most served their time and were freed, becoming ordinary and peaceful citizens. Yet over the decades, a terrible stigma became associated with the convicts, and they and the whole colony went to extraordinary lengths to hide it.

The majority of Tasmanians today have convict ancestry, whether they know it or not. While the public stigma of its convict past has given way to a contemporary fascination with colonial history, Alison Alexander debates whether the convict past lingers deep in the psyche of white Tasmania.

HC \$45

Hugh Ambrose

The Pacific

Between America's retreat from China in late November 1941 and the moment General MacArthur's airplane touched down on the Japanese mainland in August 1945, five men connected by happenstance fought the key battles of the war against Japan.

In *The Pacific*, Hugh Ambrose focuses on the real-life stories of these five men, who put their lives on the line for their country. The book is published to coincide with the broadcast of the brand new HBO miniseries *The Pacific* on Australia's Channel 7 in April 2010, executive produced by Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg and Gary Goetzman - the producers of the Emmy-winning 2001 miniseries *Band of Brothers*. **TP \$34.95**

Sam Barone

Dawn of Empire

Three thousand years before the birth of Christ and the world is dominated by savage tribes of barbarians who despise the first farmers and townfolk trying to settle the land and bring civilization to a dark world.

In the Tigris Valley the town of Orak is now a centre of trade and agriculture: the seeds of community are stirring in the hearts of its people. But then the worst of all news arrives: the savage Alur Meriki tribe who destroyed the first Orak and killed and enslaved most of its people ten years before are on the move again and are heading towards them. This time the elders are determined to fight the barbarians but already the military leader of the town and many of his men have fled.

In desperation they turn to Eskkar, the battle-hardened third-in-command of the soldiers. Eskkar understands the barbarians better than anyone: after all he was once one of them but had to flee when his family was slain in a vendetta.

Eskkar agrees to put up a defence, for a price. Part of the reward is the slave girl Trella. Beautiful and ambitious she is both a passionate lover and has an insight into the minds of the village elders. She will ensure that Eskkar soon is commander of all he surveys. He orders the citizens to begin building a wall while he recruits fighters. But whatever he may have gained may be lost through the bloody plots launched against him and Trella by envious townfolk and by the approaching army of Barbarians who will spare no one who opposes them. **PB \$21.95**

Charles Brokaw

The Atlantis Code

An ancient artefact is discovered in a dusty antiquities shop in Alexandria, Egypt – the long forgotten trinket soon becomes the centre of the most deadly archaeological hunt in history.

The 20,000 year-old relic is inscribed with what appears to be the long lost language of Atlantis. Only one man would seem to be able to decode its meaning – the world's foremost linguist, Dr Thomas Lourdes – but only if he can stay alive long enough...

Meanwhile, an earthquake in Cadiz, Spain, uncovers a most unexpected site – one which the Vatican rush to be the first to explore... Perhaps the lost city of Atlantis is finally ready to be found?

But is the world ready for her secrets? **PB \$19.95**

Jack Coughlin

Clean Kill (Kyle Swanson)

At a 15th Century castle outside Edinburgh, Scotland, Sir Geoffrey Cornwell is brokering an unprecedented agreement. Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and the Israeli Foreign Minister are scheduled to sign an historic peace treaty—that is, until their meeting is violently interrupted by a missile strike that leaves the Foreign Minister of Israel dead and Cornwell and the Prince injured.

Gunnery Sergeant Kyle Swanson is running covert missions in the mountains of Pakistan when he's called away from duty. He leaves for the U.K., where he thwarts another attempt on the prince of Saudi Arabia's life. The attackers are Middle Eastern, but they aren't working for Al Qaeda—they're employed by foreign operatives opposed to the peace agreement and determined to claim Saudi oil reserves for themselves by whatever means necessary. Meanwhile, out of hiding and back from the dead comes Juba, one of the deadliest terrorists in the world and Kyle Swanson's nemesis, who is determined to exact revenge on the man who nearly took his life.

With scenes of tremendous suspense that span the globe, Clean Kill puts Swanson in the sights of a group whose greed and vengeance know no limits. But their deadly ambitions also bring them into his sights, which is the wrong place to be. **HC \$52.95**

Clive Cussler

Mayday! (Dirk Pitt)

Major Dirk Pitt picked up the frantic distress call as he cruised his lumbering amphibious plane over the islands of the Aegean. Brady Air Force base was under fire, its entire force of jets destroyed on the ground... by just one First World War bi-plane! A psychotic ex-Nazi, a bloodthirsty Greek strongman and a beautiful double agent set Pitt on the trail of the warped mastermind behind a devastating sabotage plot. And on that trail, danger and death are never far behind... **APB \$19.99**

Night Probe (Dirk Pitt)

May 1914. Two top diplomats hurry home by sea and rail, each carrying a document of world-changing importance. Then the liner Empress of India is sunk in a collision, and the Manhattan-Line express plunges from a shattered bridge – both dragging their VIP passengers to watery oblivion. Tragic coincidence – or conspiracy? Seventy-five years later, a chance revelation reopens the question. In the energy-starved fear-torn 1980s, those long-lost papers could destroy whole nations, and Dirk Pitt confronts his biggest challenge yet. Racing against time, against hired killers – and the horrors of the sea bed – he launches his deep-sea search craft in the hunt for the documents. Night Probe has begun... **PB \$19.99**

Raise the Titanic (Dirk Pitt)

A tidal wave of pounding excitement from the first page to the last . . . Two and a half miles beneath the icy North Atlantic the mighty Titanic holds the key to the safety of the free world. The Americans want it. So do the Russians. Ace maritime troubleshooter Dirk Pitt faces one of the most stupendous tests of courage and ingenuity ever. **PB \$19.99**

Will Davies

Beneath Hill 60

The story of the Australian miners and soldiers who tunnelled under Hill 60 near Ypres and eventually broke through to create a new frontline and enable the march to Berlin. We all remember images from WWI of massive artillery barrages and soldiers crossing shattered landscapes towards certain slaughter. Beneath these killing fields of the Western Front, another war was taking place, a deadly game 30 metres down, played between thousands of troops. These were not infantrymen... but miners. Their mutual goal was to tunnel beneath 'no man's land', under the opposing lines and destroy the German enemy from below. Unfortunately, the Germans had the same idea and were digging in from the other side.

Over 4585 Australian miners took part in this secret subterranean war, fighting under stress and conditions that terrified even the most hardened infantryman on the surface.

To coincide with ANZAC Day, the action packed story of Australia's cat-and-mouse underground mine warfare – one of the most misunderstood, misrepresented, and mystifying conflicts of WW I will be told onscreen. This film tie-in book will tell the story not only of this secret struggle beneath the Western Front that combined daring engineering, technology and science, but also share the exhilarating and horrific adventures of other soldiers and miners working along the front line.

Few on the surface knew of the brave, claustrophobic and sometimes barbaric work of these tunnellers.

The 1st Australian Tunneling Division was responsible for the mines set under 'Hill 60', a high point that dominated that part of the killing fields of Belgium. They were led by Captain Oliver Woodward who had started his mining career in Charters Towers, Queensland and went on to head BHP in Australia. His bravery and that of his men in guarding those underground mines and their subsequent massive explosions broke the gridlocked trench warfare that had continued for 3 years.

Through exhaustive research, Will Davies, has uncovered first-hand accounts of life for the tunnellers and soldiers at the front. In sharing their hopes, dreams, victories and disappointments he tells the broad story of day after day in the mud at the front line and uncovers the glorious spirit of these men who fought and died for their countries. **BENEATH HILL 60** is an unforgettable story. **TP \$34.95**

James Delgado

Kamikaze

The true story of history's greatest naval disaster – the destruction of Khubilai Khan's immense armada, the largest fleet the world had ever seen, by a legendary act of divine intervention: the kamikaze.

After finally achieving what had eluded even his grandfather Genghis Khan – the conquest of China – and inheriting the world's largest navy, Khubilai Khan set his sights on Japan. He commanded an immense armada, the largest fleet the world had ever seen and his success seemed assured. The Japanese were vastly outnumbered and facing certain death, but they prayed to their gods for survival and the very next day Khan's entire armada were destroyed by a 'divine wind', the kamikaze.

The legend of the kamikaze has endured for centuries, and was revived as a Japanese national legend during the Second World War, culminating in the suicide bombers they sent to attack the Allies but the truth has remained a mystery. Only now, after decades of painstaking research and underwater excavation can leading marine archaeologist James Delgado reveal the truth of what really happened to Khubilai Khan's fleet.

BPB \$27.95

Terry Denton & Andy Griffiths

The Bad Book

WARNING! This book contains nothing but bad stories, bad illustrations, bad poems, bad cartoons and bad riddles about bad characters doing bad things. It is a very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very bad book.

BAD JACK HORNER

Bad Jack Horner

Sat in a corner

Pulling the wings off a fly.

He swore at his mum

Kicked his dad in the bum,

And said 'Oh, what a bad boy am I'. **BPB \$14.95**

Mary Margaret Doughtridge

Sealed With A Ring

Navy SEAL Davy Graziano is a happy-go-lucky lady killer, so nobody is surprised when he goes for some "local action" at a fellow SEAL's wedding.

But JJ Lewis turns out to be a generous, beautiful business woman and civic leader, and Davy's gotten in way over his head. She's got motives to find herself a husband double-quick and she has the brilliant idea of picking a military husband who'll be away on tours of duty and she won't have to deal with him much. She allows Davy to think he's seduced her at the wedding, but that one night stand was all the interview process she needed.

Davy has ulterior motives of his own to accept her out-of-the-blue marriage proposal, which is supposed to be strictly a business proposition. But it doesn't take long after the wedding ceremony for both of them to discover they've gotten a lot more than they bargained for. **APB \$19.95**

Caleb Fox

Shadows in the Cave

Aku, the shape-shifting son of a down-to-earth Cherokee War Chief, has been forbidden to practice his special talent, but the gods give such gifts to the people for the protection of the tribe, and Aku will not long be able to obey his father. **HC \$51.95**

Atul Gawande

Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right

Today we find ourselves in possession of stupendous know-how, which we willingly place in the hands of the most highly skilled and hard-working people. Yet avoidable failures are common, and the reason is simple: the volume and complexity of our knowledge has exceeded our ability to consistently deliver it to people - correctly, safely or efficiently.

Atul Gawande makes a compelling argument for the checklist, which he believes to be the most promising strategy in surmounting failure. He looks at how the checklist has allowed pilots to fly airplanes with more power and range than possible before; and how taking this idea to the complicated world of surgery produced a 90-second checklist that reduced surgical deaths and complications in eight hospitals around the world by more than one-third. Along the way, he will show how checklists (which cost next to nothing) actually work, and why some make matters worse while others make matters better. The Checklist is a fascinating exploration on the nature of complexity in our lives - and how we can best overcome it.

TP \$29.99

Daniel Jonah Goldhagen

Hitler's Willing Executioners

Daniel Goldhagen re-visits a question which history has treated as settled, and his research leads him to the inescapable conclusion that none of the answers holds true. That question is: How could the Holocaust happen? His response is an exploration of German society and its ingrained anti-semitism that demands a fundamental revision of our thinking about the years 1933-1945. The author marshals fresh, primary evidence - including extensive testimony from the actual perpetrators - to show that the killers were ordinary Germans who were not compelled to act as they did (they knew they could refuse without retribution) yet they killed willingly and zealously. **PB \$39.99**

Worse Than War

Daniel Jonah Goldhagen has written an original and important study of genocide that reconceives its very nature. He does so not by examining a series of genocides but by exploring the nature of mass killing itself. Our failure to clearly describe, explain, and understand the mechanisms of genocide has made it difficult to prevent, and this book will change that. Through exhaustive research, he brilliantly lays out the roots and motivations of mass slaughter, exploring such questions as: Why do genocides occur? What makes people willing to slaughter others? How do cultural beliefs justify genocide among groups of people? Why has the world been so ineffective in reducing the incidence of genocide? Based on his thoroughgoing reconceptualization of genocide, Goldhagen proposes novel, sensible, and effective measures to put an end to this scourge of humanity, which is worse, even, than war. With the unflinching moral and analytical clarity that he is internationally known for, Goldhagen leaves no stone unturned in this groundbreaking book that will not only transform our understanding of genocide, but every person and political leader who reads it. **HC \$60**

Amanda Grant

Silver Spoon for Children

This book presents a selection of 40 recipes adapted from The Silver Spoon by a specially commissioned expert on children's food. The recipes have been chosen for their simple instructions, fresh and healthy ingredients and delicious flavour, and are guaranteed to appeal to the fussiest of children. Each recipe is presented with a short introduction about the origins of the dish, fascinating facts about the ingredients and the Italian culinary culture. There is also information on seasons, ingredients and basic cooking techniques to foster a lifetime love of good food.

A specialist in the field of children's food and nutrition has selected the recipes to ensure they are well balanced, safe and perfect for children to use. The book is fully illustrated throughout, using specially commissioned illustrations to add a lively and charming feel and finished photographs of the finished dish. The Silver Spoon for Children makes cooking fun, clear and accessible for children aged 10 and up. **HC \$29.95**

Richard Hammond

Richard Hammond's Blast Lab: It's Experi-Mental!

Fantastic experiments with Richard Hammond from Top Gear and ABC3's Blast Lab.

If your child loves the fun filled science of Richard Hammond's Blast Lab, then get them experimenting at home with this exciting science book packed with experiments and challenges from the series. **HC \$29.95**

John Harding

Florence and Giles

1891. In a remote and crumbling New England mansion 12-year-old orphan Florence is neglected by her guardian uncle and banned from reading. Left to her own devices she devours books in secret and talks to herself - and narrates this, her story - in a unique language of her own invention. By night, she sleepwalks the corridors like one of the old house's many ghosts and is troubled by a recurrent dream in which a mysterious woman appears to threaten her younger brother Giles. Sometimes Florence doesn't sleepwalk at all, but simply pretends to so she can roam at will and search the house for clues to her own baffling past. After the sudden violent death of the children's first governess, a second teacher, Miss Taylor, arrives, and immediately strange phenomena begin to occur. Florence becomes convinced that the new governess is a vengeful and malevolent spirit who means to do Giles harm. Against this powerful supernatural enemy, and without any adult she can turn to for help, Florence must use all her intelligence and ingenuity to protect both her little brother and preserve her private world. Inspired by and in the tradition of Henry James' 'Turn of the Screw', 'Florence and Giles' is a gripping gothic page-turner told in a startlingly different and wonderfully captivating narrative voice. **TP \$27.99**

Lian Hearn Australian Author

Grass For His Pillow (Otori 02)

The mythical world of the Otori is unforgettable. Bound by the bargain he made with the Tribe, Takeo must join them and put his skills at their service. But their cruelty and injustice force him to try to escape. He is immediately sentenced to death by the Tribe and as winter draws in, he flees over the mountains to Terayama, helped by the outcaste, Jo-An. Kaede, devastated by Takeo's leave-taking, returns to her parents home. She is pregnant with Takeo's child, but she and Shizuka decide to tell everyone that Kaede secretly married Shigeru and it is his child. She finds her house neglected and her estate almost ruined. Her mother is dead, her father is on the verge of insanity. Kaede is determined to educate herself and her sisters and save her domain. Then her father dies in mysterious circumstances: did he take his own life or was he murdered? She and her sisters face starvation in the coming winter, and Kaede enters into a pact with the strange, intriguing but sinister nobleman, Lord Fujiwara, in return for food and money. When Kaede learns that Takeo is still alive and where he is, she journeys to see him. Reunited, they marry, but their union insults powerful forces around them, and takes them inexorably closer to war, death and terrible tragedy. **BPB \$24.99**

Brilliance of the Moon (Otori 03)

The powerful conclusion to the Tales of the Otori trilogy. A beautiful, haunting evocation of a time and place just beyond the reach of an outside world, the third and final instalment of the Tales of the Otori transports us once again to a medieval Japan of Hearn's imagination, a land of formal ritual and codes, harsh beauty and deceptive appearance. Otori Takeo and Shirakawa Kaede are now married and more resolved than ever to strengthen their domains. Yet their hasty marriage has enraged Arai Daiichi, the warlord who controls most of the Three Countries, and has insulted the nobleman Lord Fujiwara, who considered Kaede betrothed to him. The third book in the Tales of the Otori, Brilliance of the Moon follows Takeo and Kaede as they attempt to consolidate their powers and fulfil the holy woman's prophecy, Your lands will stretch from sea to sea, but peace comes at the price of bloodshed. Five battles will buy you peace, four to win and one to lose. A thrilling follow-up to Grass for His Pillow and Across the Nightingale Floor, Brilliance of the Moon takes us deeper into the complexities of the loyalties that bind the novel's characters from birth. Filled with adventure and surprising twists of plot and fortune, it also provides a rare glimpse beyond the Three Countries, as outside influences intrude upon this isolated realm. **BPB \$24.99**

Steven Horne

The Devil's Tears

1975: When bloody war ravages his beloved Portuguese Timor, Cesar da Silva flees with his wife and children from a country in flames. But in their desperate bid for freedom, amidst the chaos and devastation, Cesar's young family becomes separated. Believing his wife and two daughters dead, Cesar finds passage to the Portugal of his heritage and later to Australia.

In occupied Timor, Cesar's wife is alive, but her troubles are far from over. Hunted by a sadistic warlord and with no way to get a message to the outside world, she despairs she will never see her husband again...

1997: More than twenty years later, a young Australian journalist and her photographer are drawn to the killing fields of Timor and discover the terrible suffering of the Timorese people at the hands of a brutal foreign invader. They are compelled to expose the truth to the world, but in their quest for justice, they become entangled in the da Silva family tragedy, placing them all in the gravest of danger...

Powerful, moving and enthralling, The Devil's Tears announces the arrival of a bold new voice in Australian fiction. **TP \$32.99**

Seth Hunter

The Time of Terror (01)

1793: The French have killed their king and are about to embark on the violent period of bloodletting known as the Terror. Brig-sloop Commander Nathan Peake is on smuggler patrol off the Sussex coast and desperate for some real action. As revolutionary France declares war on England, he seizes his chance. Peake is given a vital mission; to destroy the French economy by smuggling millions of French banknotes across the Channel and into the heart of Paris. His operation leads him from perilous seas to the Empire of the Dead a labyrinth of catacombs under the French capital where bodies are buried, secrets hidden and plots hatched. But as opposition to the Terror mounts, Peake is forced to leave Paris and join the storm-tossed British squadrons in the Atlantic in the first thunderous battle between the rival navies. **PB \$22.99**

Tide of War (02)

Captain Nathan Peake finds himself torn between his loyalty to king and country and his own love of liberty in the thrilling follow-up to THE TIME OF TERROR. Newly-promoted Captain Nathan Peake is despatched to the Caribbean to take command of the British navy's latest frigate, the 32-gun Unicorn. But the Unicorn already has a tragic history of mutiny - and murder. Meanwhile the Revolutionary authorities in Paris have sent the best frigate in the French fleet, the 44-gun Virginie, on a secret mission to spread mayhem from the shores of Cuba to the swamps of the Mississippi Delta. While the Unicorn embarks on her epic duel with the Virginie, Nathan confronts the seductive charms of Sabine Delatour, witch queen of the Army of Lucumi, the intrigues of the American agent Gilbert Imlay... **PB \$22.99**

Grant Hyde

Lords of the Pacific

In the tradition of Wilbur Smith and Patrick O'Brian comes an epic South Seas adventure.

The year is 1793 and having suffered at the hands of Tonga's evil King Tui'puloto for too long, the Island Nations of the South Pacific are poised on the brink of civil war.

When two heroic young warriors, Sevesi and Hiki, dare to challenge the King's absolute power, they incur his wrath, and only narrowly escape with their lives. The pair flee north, seeking sanctuary with the rebel tribes of Ha'apai. But instead of finding a safe haven, they are accused of being spies... Meanwhile, as the British and French continue their relentless quest to colonise the South Pacific, one of their ships is hijacked and strays off course, inadvertently dragging both Empires into the greatest tribal war the Pacific has ever known.

As cultures collide, blood is shed, wrongs are righted and unlikely friendships are forged. Yet again, the British and French sorely underestimate the volatility and strength of their foes and the question remains: who will emerge as Lords of the Pacific? **BPB \$22.99**

Julie James*Something About You*

coming involved in a murder investigation, which brings her face-to-face with FBI Special Agent Jack Pallas, who still blames her for almost ruining his career three years earlier, Assistant U.S. Attorney Cameron Lynde tries to deny the attraction between them by focusing on the case at hand. **APB \$19.95**

Charles Jennings*Burning Rubber*

Formula One has been endangering the lives of its drivers and thrilling its fans since its inaugural season of 1950.

Charles Jennings tells the fast and dangerous story of motor sport's premier competition. He explores the lost world of the 1950s racetrack, the irresistible rise of British constructors in the 1960s, the impact of technological changes from the late 1970s, the advent of the high-profile team boss in the 1980s and the revolution wrought on the sport by computers in the 1990s.

Throughout, he offers memorable profiles of the drivers who have risked life and limb on circuits from Monte Carlo to Monza. **TP \$29.95**

Phillip Jennings*The Politically Incorrect Guide to the Vietnam War***TP \$40.95****Terry D Johnson & Kyle Kurpinski***How to Defeat Your Own Clone: And Other Tips For Surviving the Biotech Revolution*

Send in the clones! On second thought, maybe not.

CAN IT READ MY MIND?

WILL IT BE EVIL?

HOW DO I STOP IT?

Find out the answers to these and other burning questions in this funny, informative, and ingenious book from two bioengineering experts who show you how to survive—and thrive—in a new age of truly weird science.

For decades, science fiction has been alerting us to the wonders and perils of our biotech future—from the prospects of gene therapy to the pitfalls of biological warfare. Now that future looms before us. Don't panic! This book is all you need to prepare for the new world that awaits us, providing indispensable cautionary advice on topics such as

- bioenhancements: They're not just for cyborgs anymore.
- DNA sequencing and fingerprinting: What's scarier than the government having your DNA on file? Try having it posted on the Internet.
- human cloning: Just like you, only stronger, smarter, and more attractive. In other words: more dangerous.

Our future may be populated by designer babies, genetically enhanced supersoldiers, and one (or more!) of your genetic duplicates, but all is not lost. How to Defeat Your Own Clone is the ultimate survival guide to what lies ahead. Just remember the first rule of engagement: Don't ever let your clone read this book! **TP \$28.95**

Grace Karskens*The Colony: A History of Early Sydney*

A groundbreaking history of the colony of Sydney in its early years, from the sparkling harbour to the Cumberland Plain, from convicts to the city's political elite, from the impact of its geology to its economy.

The Colony is the story of the marvellously contrary, endlessly energetic early years of Sydney. It is an intimate account of the transformation of a campsite in a beautiful cove to the town that later became Australia's largest and best-known city.

From the sparkling beaches to the foothills of the Blue Mountains, Grace Karskens skilfully reveals how landscape shaped the lives of the original Aboriginal inhabitants and newcomers alike. She traces the ways in which relationships between the colonial authorities and ordinary men and women broke with old patterns, and the ways that settler and Aboriginal histories became entwined. She uncovers the ties between the burgeoning township and its rural hinterland expanding along the river systems of the Cumberland Plain.

This is a landmark account of the birthplace of modern Australia, and a fascinating and richly textured narrative of people and place. **HC \$59.99**

Mark Keating*Pirate Devlin*

As the great powers of Europe fight over the spoils of slavery, corruption and greed, the golden age of piracy is born. Sold by his father as a child for four guineas, captain's servant Patrick Devlin knows how cheap a man's life can be. But his instinct for survival is strong, and when his master's ship is sunk by pirates, Devlin makes his choice to trade his servile existence for a life of dangerous liberty. As he learns to adapt to his brutal new world, he watches men who would once have been his masters fall dead at his feet. Eventually, he finds himself captain of the very ship that took down the vessel of the man he once served Captain John Coxon who, disgraced and dissatisfied, hungers to return to the sea and take his revenge. And when His Majesty's Government and the East India Company hear of the Pirate Devlin, and that he is in pursuit of a secret French cargo of gold bullion, it is Coxon they send to bring his former dog to heel. **TP \$29.99**

Joanne Kennedy*Cowboy Trouble*

Fleeing her latest love life disaster, big city journalist Libby Brown's transition to rural living isn't going exactly as planned. Her childhood dream has always been to own a chicken farm—but without the constant help of her charming, sexy, cowboy neighbor; she'd never have made it through her first Wyoming season.

Handsome rancher Luke Rawlins is impressed by this sassy, independent city girl. But he yearns to do more than help Libby out with her ranch—he's ready for love, and he wants to go the distance. When the two get embroiled in their tiny town's one and only crime story, Libby discovers that their sizzling hot attraction is going to complicate her life in every way possible... **APB \$17.95**

David Kilcullen

Accidental Guerrilla, The: Fighting Small Wars in the Midst of a Big One

In the first few years of the post-9/11 era, the established models for fighting 'small wars' proved distressingly ineffective against resilient insurgencies in Iraq and Afghanistan. As the insurgents fought Western armies to a stalemate, it was clear that a new approach was necessary. David Kilcullen, a former Australian army officer, and one of the world's most influential experts on guerrilla warfare, became a key architect of the West's revamped military strategy. As the senior advisor to General David Petraeus in Iraq, Kilcullen's revolutionary approach to counterinsurgency was an intellectual foundation for 'the Surge' of 2007.

In *The Accidental Guerrilla*, Kilcullen takes us on the ground to uncover the face of modern warfare, illuminating both the global challenge (the 'War on Terrorism') and small wars across the world in Afghanistan, Iraq, Indonesia, Thailand, East Timor, and Pakistan. He explains that today's conflicts are a complex hybrid of contrasting trends that America has tended to conflate, blurring the distinction between local and global struggles, and thereby enormously complicating our challenges. The West has continually misidentified insurgents with limited aims and legitimate grievances-'accidental guerrillas'-as members of a unified worldwide terror network. We must learn how to disentangle these strands, develop strategies that deal with global threats, avoid local conflicts where possible, and win them where necessary.

Coloured with gripping battlefield experiences that range from the jungles and highlands of South-East Asia and the mountains of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border to the dusty towns of the Middle East, *The Accidental Guerrilla* will, quite simply, change the way we think about war. **TP \$35**

Jonathan King

Gallipoli Diaries

Re-issued as a trade paperback, Jonathan King's highly regarded book on the Gallipoli story is told in the words of the ordinary soldier fighting in the trenches. Day by day, starting with the landing on 25 April 1915 and continuing to the last day on 20 December 1915, the world of the Gallipoli soldier is starkly revealed.

Jonathan King has gathered together an unequalled series of extracts from letters and diaries written by hundreds of soldiers who fought in the trenches at Gallipoli. Through quoting from the men's own words, we share in the soldier's experience.

The descriptions of life in those miserable trenches runs the full gauntlet of the soldiers' experiences, from the utterly mundane, such as describing the weather, to the most poignant, like a young soldier devastated by accidentally shooting his mate.

There are descriptions of men scrounging for bully beef, breaking their teeth on Anzac biscuits, going mad with fleabites, catching endless armies of lice, burying their mates every day, swapping cigarettes with enemy Turks when their officers weren't looking, sheltering from rain, shivering in snow, warding off frostbite, thinking of death when their turn comes up to 'go over the top', scribbling a last letter home, praying for deliverance, or shooting themselves in a foot to get out of the hellhole. Generals, historians and war scholars have told their versions, but it is only when you read the words of men in the frontline that you know what it was really like. **TP \$35**

Jeff Kinny

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Do-It-Yourself Book (Wimpy Kid)

NOW EVERYONE CAN WRITE LIKE A WIMPY KID!

Packed with original and all-new material, this Do-It-Yourself Book features ruled pages and empty word balloons so you can create your own stories and comics, list your favourite and least faces, and keep your own daily journal. But whatever you do, make sure you put this book someplace safe after you finish it. Because when you're rich and famous, this thing is going to be worth a fortune.

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Giles Kristian

Raven (Blood Eye)

A Viking adventure, packed with battles, blood, and gore; *Raven* is historical fiction at its very best, and marks the debut of an outstanding new talent.

For two years Osric has lived a simple life, though he is feared and shunned for his mysterious past and blood-red eye. When raiders from across the sea ransack his village, Osric finds himself taken prisoner by their chief, Sigurd the Lucky.

Immersed in the Norsemen's world and driven by their lust for adventure, Osric proves a natural warrior and forges a deep bond with Sigurd, who renames him Raven. But the Norsemen's world is a savage one, where loyalty is often repaid in blood, and a young man must become a killer to survive... **BPB \$21.95**

Dewey Lambdin

King, Ship and Sword (Alan Lewrie Naval Adventures 16)

Captain Alan Lewrie returns for espionage and action in the sixteenth entry of this popular series of historical adventures

In the latest installment of a series that has drawn comparisons to C.S. Forester and attracted the envy of Bernard Cornwell, the lovable rogue Alan Lewrie finds himself in Paris rubbing shoulders with soldiers, spies, and even Napoleon himself. But the peace between France and England proves to be short-lived, and after an abrupt, dangerous departure, Captain Lewrie soon has the chance to seek revenge on his former French host in a stunning sea chase.

Packed with Lewrie's characteristic humor, action, and bedroom liaisons, Dewey Lambdin delivers everything that dedicated fans love about this series. **HC \$52.95**

Chris Lavers

The Natural History of Unicorns

A fascinating and lively quest for the real animals that gave rise to the unicorn of our imagination, by a leading natural historian.

For centuries, unicorns have inspired, enchanted and eluded humanity. The beast appears in the Old Testament and there was a brisk trade in unicorn parts in medieval times, with travellers regularly reporting sightings into the modern era. But by the early 20th century scientists had conceded that the unicorn never existed. It turns out they were a little hasty. Where did the unicorn come from, and how was it accepted as a part of the animal kingdom for so long? Chris Lavers argues that although the unicorn of our imagination isn't real, traces of its character can be found in existing species. In this lively and vivid exploration of the natural world, Lavers follows the beast's trail to the plateaus of India and into the jungles of Africa to unearth the flesh and blood ancestors of our iconic unicorn. **BPB \$24.99**

Robert Leckie*Helmet For My Pillow*

Robert Leckie's gripping memoir of fighting as a US Marine in World War II, which inspired the major new Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg HBO series, *The Pacific*.

Here is one of the most riveting first-person accounts to ever come out of the Second World War. Robert Leckie was 21 when he enlisted in the US Marine Corps in January 1942. In *Helmet for My Pillow* we follow his journey, from boot camp on Parris Island, South Carolina, all the way to the raging battles in the Pacific, where some of the war's fiercest fighting took place. Recounting his service with the 1st Marine Division and the brutal action on Guadalcanal, New Britain and Peleliu, Leckie spares no detail of the horrors and sacrifice of war, painting an unsentimental portrait of how real warriors are made, fight, and all too often die in the defence of their country.

From the live-for-today rowdiness of Marines on leave to the terrors of jungle warfare against an enemy determined to fight to the last man, Leckie describes what it's really like when victory can only be measured inch by bloody inch. Unparalleled in its immediacy and accuracy, *Helmet for My Pillow* is a gripping account from an ordinary soldier fighting in extraordinary conditions. This is a book that brings you as close to the mud, the blood, and the experience of war as it is safe to come. **TP \$29.95**

Robert Low*The White Raven*

The Oathsworn have itchy feet. Battle-hungry and tired of keeping the homestead fires burning, they are restless for action. And, being the Oathsworn, action is what they get.

When their homestead is attacked by Klerkon and his men, the Oathsworn promise bloody revenge. But they didn't count on having to undertake the most dangerous journey of their lives in order to save two of their number.

Packed with epic adventure and bloody action, *The White Raven* is Robert Low at his very best. **BPB \$24.99**

Roger Maynard *Australian Author**Hell's Heroes*

I think I was very near death that night. HELLS HEROES is the story of the prisoner-of-war camp that never was - so dubbed by one old soldier because the atrocities that occurred there went largely unreported at the time. But while the Burma-Thailand railway, the Bataan death march and events at Changi became synonymous with Japanese brutality, the experiences of those imprisoned in camps like the infamous 4-B provided a measure of horror to match some of the world's most notorious war crimes. In his gripping history of the men of Camp 4-B, Roger Maynard draws on the diaries and memories of those who survived. Their recollections demonstrate a strength and inner determination that seem impossible to comprehend today. How could these blokes endure such physical deprivation and discomfort for so long? What happens to men when death is all around them? How do they keep hope alive? **BPB \$24.99**

Patrick Mercer*To Do and to Die*

1854. Newspapers report that war is imminent in 'the East' as the Western powers quarrel with Russia over fragments of the crumbling Ottoman empire. Wanting to prove himself to a father who will not let him forget about his own self-proclaimed military glories, Officer Tony Morgan is keen to set sail. Meanwhile, the Morgan's chambermaid, Mary, whom Tony loves but cannot marry, has wedded another officer in his company and will be accompanying the regiment to the front as a nurse.

Arriving at Sebastopol in the Crimea, the company's first engagement with the Russians fill the company with a short-lived confidence. Morgan is eager to prove himself a worthy leader, but in the face of several bloody engagements which decimate the company, he finds himself shaken to the core by the brutality of war. He also has to quell potential mutiny against the cowardly subaltern Carmichael, whose first instincts are always to save his own skin. His romantic longings for Mary are revived after her husband is severely injured and she nevertheless proves herself a noble and brave addition to the company. Facing dire conflict on the battlefield and off, within his company and within himself, Morgan is going to be tested to the limits...

In his fiction debut, Mercer's twenty years of military service is all there on the page. His mastery of both the broad sweep and the finer details of military engagement is superb and bound to make an impact with military action fans. His characterisation of the regiment is wholly persuasive and he nails soldier psychology, slang and the interactions up and down the chain of command with deceptive ease. This is probably the closest any of us will get to being there. **BPB \$24.99**

Don Pendleton*Frontier Fury (Executioner 376)*

When two high-ranking members of al-Qaida are located, Mack Bolan is sent into enemy territory to eliminate these men who will do anything in the name of vengeance. **PB \$13.95**

Betrayed (SuperBolan 132)

Mack Bolan must go deep within the Afghan hills to find a brilliant negotiator, who is good for peace--and for the world--and get him and his family to safety, but hostile forces and powerful men who will do whatever it takes to profit from blood and suffering stand in his way. **PB \$17.95**

Arthur Phillips*The Egyptologist*

From the bestselling author of *Prague* comes a witty, inventive, brilliantly constructed novel about an Egyptologist obsessed with finding the tomb of an apocryphal king.

This darkly comic labyrinth of a story opens on the desert plains of Egypt in 1922, then winds its way from the slums of Australia to the ballrooms of Boston, by way of Oxford, the battlefields of the First World War, and a royal court in turmoil.

Just as Howard Carter unveils the tomb of Tutankhamun, making the most dazzling find in the history of archaeology, Oxford-educated Egyptologist Ralph Trilipush is digging himself into trouble, having staked his professional reputation and his fiancée's fortune on a scrap of hieroglyphic pornography. Meanwhile, a relentless Australian detective sets off on the case of his career, spanning the globe in search of a murderer. And another murderer. And possibly another murderer. The confluence of these seemingly separate stories results in an explosive ending, at once inevitable and utterly unpredictable.

Arthur Phillips leads this expedition to its unforgettable climax with all the wit and narrative bravado that made *Prague* one of the most critically acclaimed novels of 2002. Exploring issues of class, greed, ambition, and the very human hunger for eternal life, this staggering second novel gives a glimpse of Phillips's range and maturity, and is sure to earn him further acclaim as one of the most exciting authors of his generation. **TP \$29.95**

James Wesley Rawles

How to Survive the End of the World As We Know It

This is the definitive guide on how to prepare for any crisis, from global financial collapse to a flu pandemic.

It would only take one unthinkable event to disrupt our way of life. If there is a terrorist attack, a flu pandemic, or sharp currency devaluation, you may be forced to fend for yourself in ways you've never imagined. Where would you get water? How would you communicate with relatives? What would you use for fuel?

Survivalist expert James Wesley, Rawles, editor of SurvivalBlog.com and a former US Army Intelligence officer, shares the essential tools and skills you will need for your family to survive, including how to find and build a retreat, store food, supply power, rear animals, administer medicine, barter, and defend your family.

'Save those wine corks. Burned cork makes quick and cheap face camouflage.'

'Store only foods with minimal spices. When you are surrounded by starving people, just heating up a can of spicy chili con carne could be a death warrant.'

'If you are on a budget, you might get away with a good-quality bolt-action rifle...' **BPB \$26.95**

Lynsay Sands

The Hellion and the Highlander

Spending her time with Kade Stewart, the wounded Scot her brother brought home from the Crusades, flame-haired beauty Lady Averill Mortagne wants nothing more than to be his bride and will do anything to make him see that her heart is as fiery as her hair. **PB \$19.95**

Taming the Shrew

She was ready to let her heart run wild . . .

Merry Stewart has had enough! Enough of her brothers, whose behavior would make even the most improper lady blush. Enough of their Highland home, which would surely have fallen to ruin were it not for her. She dreams of escaping into the arms of her betrothed, Alexander d'Aumesbery—even though they haven't yet met. But when they do, Merry is devastated. It seems he's no better than the men in her family.

So beautiful, so brazen . . . From the moment he meets Merry, Alexander is determined to make her his. Desperate to convince her he's nothing like the members of her roguish clan, he will prove he is every bit the well-mannered gentleman. Yet, beneath it all beats a heart as intense and uncontrollable as hers. And finally, when his life is threatened, Merry realizes he's the husband she's been waiting for . . . and their passion becomes the one thing that cannot be tamed. **APB \$14.99**

M C Scott

The Emperor's Sky (Rome 01)

Two men: one is charged to save Rome; one is determined to destroy it ...

Sebastos Pantera is newly returned from five years' undercover work in Britannia. Sick of spying, he plans to retire into peaceful anonymity far from the schemes of his Emperor. But no sooner has he set foot in Gaul than he is met by his former spymaster Seneca who begs him to undertake one final mission.

An oracle has said that Rome must burn in order to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven. Rebels are already in the city, determined to make it happen. Only Pantera has the skills to stop them.

Pantera soon finds that the main trouble maker is none other than his former close friend and former brother-in-arms, Saulos. A recent convert to the new religion of Christianity, Saulos is planning the biggest single act of terrorism the Roman empire has known ... **TP \$32.95**

Erick Setiawan

Of Bees and Mist

Up in the house that sits on the hill, a strange spell is brewing... To Meridia, growing up with her father Gabriel, who vanishes daily in clouds of mist, and her bewitching mother Ravenna, the outside world is a refuge. So when as a young woman her true love Daniel offers her marriage, it seems an escape to a more straightforward existence. Yet behind the welcoming facade of her new home lies a life of drudgery and a story even stranger than that she left behind. Aged retainers lurk in the background; swarms of bees appear at will, and of course, there is her indomitable mother-in-law, Eva, hiding secrets that it will take Meridia years to unravel. Surrounded by seemingly unfathomable mysteries, can Meridia unlock the intrigues of the past, and thus protect her own family's future? An epic tale of two families told by an unforgettable voice. A modern fable, a gothic page-turner, but most of all, a passionate story about the power of love to conquer all that comes its way. **PB \$22.99**

Dan Simmons

Black Hills

When Paha Sapa, a young Sioux warrior, "counts coup" on General George Armstrong Custer as Custer lies dying on the battlefield at the Little Bighorn, the legendary general's ghost enters him - and his voice will speak to him for the rest of his event-filled life.

Seamlessly weaving together the stories of Paha Sapa, Custer, and the American West, Dan Simmons depicts a tumultuous time in the history of both Native and white Americans. Haunted by Custer's ghost, and also by his ability to see into the memories and futures of legendary men like Sioux war-chief Crazy Horse, Paha Sapa's long life is driven by a dramatic vision he experienced as a boy in his people's sacred Black Hills. In August of 1936, a dynamite worker on the massive Mount Rushmore project, Paha Sapa plans to silence his ghost forever and reclaim his people's legacy-on the very day FDR comes to Mount Rushmore to dedicate the Jefferson face. **HC \$52.95**

E B Sledge

With the Old Breed

The amazing and moving WW2 memoir, on which the major new Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg series The Pacific is based.

This was a brutish, primitive hatred, as characteristic of the horror of war in the Pacific as the palm trees and the islands...

Landing on the beach at Peleliu in 1944 as twenty-year-old new recruit to the US Marines, Eugene Sledge can only try desperately to survive. At Peleliu and Okinawa – two of the fiercest and filthiest Pacific battles of WWII – he witnesses the dehumanising brutality displayed by both sides and the animal hatred that each soldier has for his enemy.

During temporary lapses in the fighting, conditions on the islands mean that the Marines often can't wash, stay dry, dig latrines, or even find time to eat. Suffering from constant fear, fatigue, and filth, the struggle of simply living in a combat zone is utterly debilitating.

Yet despite horrendous conditions Sledge finds time to keep notes that he would later turn into a book. Described as one of the finest memoirs to emerge from any war, *With the Old Breed* tells with compassion and honesty of the cruelty, bravery and deaths of the men he fought alongside, and of his own journey from patriotic innocence to battle-scarred veteran. **TP \$29.95**

Julian Spilsbury

Great Military Disasters

Great Military Disasters tells the dramatic stories behind the world's most calamitous conflicts. From the French army's failure to understand the impact of new technology at Crécy to Hitler's blatant overconfidence at Stalingrad, military historian Julian Spilsbury provides thrilling accounts of 20 military catastrophes, covering exactly what went wrong, how and why. Of course, a disastrous outcome for one side meant victory for another, so as well as exploring the reasons the conflict ended in disaster, Great Military Disasters also reveals the key to victory. **HC \$39.95**

Diana Secker Tesdell *Editor*

Stories of the Sea

A treasury of top-selected maritime fiction from the past 200 years includes such classics as Edgar Allan Poe's "A Descent into the Maelstrom," Ernest Hemingway's "After the Storm" and Mark Helprin's "Sail Shining in White." **HC \$30.95**

John Thompson

Documents That Shaped Australia

Spanning more than 400 years, from the first documented sighting of the Southern Cross in 1516 to the Rudd Government's national apology of 2008, this anthology presents in chronological form a richly varied spectrum of 100 historical documents that, like pieces in a mosaic, contribute to a broad understanding of some of the key moments in Australia's history. John Thompson's diverse and eclectic selection, illustrated with facsimile documents, portraits, maps and photographs of related events, draws on a range of historical texts: journal and diary entries; official commissions; charters and proclamations; speeches of various kinds; letters and cables; newspaper editorials, press announcements and despatches written by journalists; petitions; Acts of Parliament; court judgements; and manifestos. While some key documents are linked to major historical events the landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli or the Australian declaration of war against Germany in 1939 others are a more personal response to some larger issue or event, such as an 1852 letter from a miner on the goldfields. **HC \$49.95**

Tom Turner

Garden History: Philosophy and Design 2000 Bc 2000 Ad

Like the ultimate garden tour, this handsome text covers vast reaches of time and space to explore more than 150 gardens in dozens of civilizations across four millennia of western civilization.

The tour guide, garden history lecturer Tom Turner of the University of Greenwich, uses the garden visits to explain the social, geographic, philosophical and artistic motivations that underlay these beautiful landscapes. He analyzes the gardens of different eras and cultures with style diagrams outlining their compositional elements (landform, water, vegetation, horizontal structures, vertical structures, climate).

"Garden and landscape design can be defined as the arts of composing these elements to create commodity, firmness and delight in outdoor space," Turner explains.

In nine chapters divided by time periods that advance successively from the ancient gardens of 2000 - 1000 B.C. To the abstract and post-abstract gardens of 1900-2000, Turner traces the development of garden design from its roots in West Asia and Egypt to present-day expressions in the Americas.

There are few detailed records of the most ancient gardens and Turner's discussion is mostly about types of gardens (temple, palace, domestic) and their features. The earliest garden for which he has a style diagram to offer is the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut of 1450 B.C. But from the Renaissance forward to the present day, historical records, remains and visits to surviving landscapes allow for more definitive categories of style and design.

Turner's timeline categorizes the primary furrows of Western civilization's garden history as West Asian and Islamic Gardens 500 B.C. - 1700 A.D., Medieval Gardens 600 - 1500 A.D., Renaissance Gardens 1350-1650, Baroque Gardens 1600-1750, Neoclassical and Romantic Gardens 1700-1810, Eclectic Gardens 1800-1900, and Abstract and post-abstract gardens 1900-2000.

"Since the book covers a wide geographical region and a long period of time, it is sure to contain errors," Turner admits. "There is also a little guesswork."

Nevertheless, Turner has compiled an impressive statement about the history of garden design and the traditions with which both backyard gardeners and landscape professionals till their trade. **BPB \$78**

Charles Winchester

Total War

The twentieth century witnessed the most violent conflicts in world history. Opening with the Battle of Tsushima in 1905 - the last sea-battle of the Russo-Japanese War - and closing with Operation Desert Storm, Total War narrates the conflicts that changed the course of modern history and shaped the 21st century. Each chapter reveals the historic context of the battle, its outcome and legacy. This is no dry recitation of facts but a gripping account of the bloodiest hundred years in human history. **HC \$39.95**

Richard Wolfson

Simply Einstein

With this reader-friendly book, it doesn't take an Einstein to understand the theory of relativity and its remarkable consequences.

In clear, understandable terms, physicist Richard Wolfson explores the ideas at the heart of relativity and shows how they lead to such seeming absurdities as time travel, curved space, black holes, and new meaning for the idea of past and future. Drawing from years of teaching modern physics to nonscientists, Wolfson explains in a lively, conversational style the simple principles underlying Einstein's theory.

Relativity, Wolfson shows, gave us a new view of space and time, opening the door to questions about their flexible nature: Is the universe finite or infinite? Will it expand forever or eventually collapse in a "big crunch"? Is time travel possible? What goes on inside a black hole? How does gravity really work? These questions at the forefront of twenty-first-century physics are all rooted in the profound and sweeping vision of Albert Einstein's early twentieth-century theory. Wolfson leads his readers on an intellectual journey that culminates in a universe made almost unimaginably rich by the principles that Einstein first discovered. **TP \$30.95**