



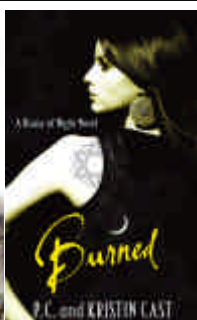
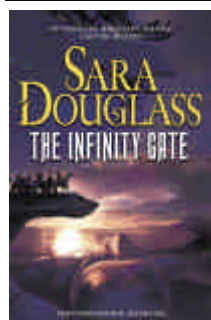
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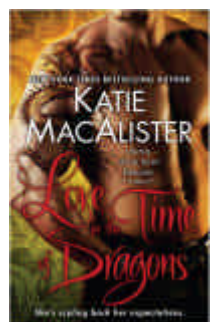
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Featured Books



Sara Douglass
 Warhammer 40K
 PC and Kristin Cast
 Trudi Canavan
 Mary Janice Davidson
 Charlene Harris
 Guy Gavriel Kay
 Katie MacAlister
 Lisa Shearin
 Star Trek Online
 S M Stirling
 David Weber
 Richelle Mead
 Jack Campbell

The Infinity Gate Darkglass Mountain 3 in trade paperback.
Helsreach a Space Marines novel in paperback.
Burned, House of Night 7 in trade paperback.
The Ambassador's Mission in trade paperback.
Undead and Unwelcome in paperback.
Dead in the Family Sookie Stackhouse 10 in hardcover.
Under Heaven in trade paperback.
Love in the Time of Dragons in paperback.
Bewitched and Betrayed Raine 4 in paperback.
The Needs of the Many in paperback.
A Taint in the Blood in hardcover.
Storm from the Shadows a Honorverse paperback.
Spirit Bound Vampire Academy 5 in trade paperback.
Victorious Lost Fleet 6 in paperback.



News

Reward Vouchers : The Infinitas Guild reward period has just finished and we have generated lots of vouchers for loyal customers. Come in to pick them up or use them. If you are far from the shop, talk to us and we will apply them to an order. We may post them out later but would rather tempt you into the shop.

Richard Morgan has been commissioned by Crytek (German game developer, Crisis) to help write the script for Crisis 2.

Jack Campbell, author of *The Lost Fleet* series has announced he will write two new series in the same universe.

Arthur C. Clarke Award 2010 has been awarded to *The City & The City* by **China Miéville**. <http://www.clarkeaward.com/> This was also awarded the British Science Fiction Association's Best Novel award in early April, and is a finalist for the Best Novel award for the 2010 Hugo Awards.

Gaming Events at Infinitas

D&D Adventures: Our casual 4th edition D&D games have settled into a regular fortnightly pattern, every second Saturday (best ask at the shop which Saturday). We are playing through the Undermountain series of encounters for 1st level characters, with rewards for regular players! These are casual games – all welcome – bring your own character for extra reward point opportunities, or ask for one on the day.

Magic The Gathering: On Thursday evening 27th May 2010 we will hold our first Magic Cards event, starting 6:30pm at the shop. Bring your own deck. There may be an entry fee to cover prizes. If enough players can attend we would love to support them with monthly events.



External Events

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

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

Best Sellers for March 2010

<u>General Release</u>		<u>Media and Games Related Titles</u>	
<i>Oath of Fealty</i>	Elizabeth Moon	<i>Flesh and Iron</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Ancestor</i>	Scott Sigler	<i>The Lost</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Changes</i>	Jim Butcher	<i>Player's Handbook 3</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4 th Edition
<i>Infected</i>	Scott Sigler	<i>Helsreach</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>The Rookie</i>	Scott Sigler	<i>Nagash the Unbroken</i>	Warhammer
<i>Seeds of Earth</i>	Michael Cobley	<i>A Thousand Sons</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Silver Borne</i>	Patricia Briggs	<i>Backlash</i>	Star Wars
<i>Contagious</i>	Scott Sigler	<i>Waiting Death</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Tales of The Otherworld</i>	Kelley Armstrong	<i>Apollo 23</i>	Doctor Who
<i>Shalador's Lady</i>	Anne Bishop	<i>Night of the Humans</i>	Doctor Who

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.

The Whale's Tale by Edwina Harvey reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780980699807>

Labelled as science fiction but actually political allegory aimed at children, *The Whale's Tale* employs a grumpy old bachelor (played by a spacegoing humpback whale) suddenly responsible for a lonely attention-seeking 14-year-old girl (who is Japanese) to promote abhorrence of Japanese whaling. Published in Australia, the novel ignores blood on non-Japanese hands and makes no statement of the Japanese position on the issue. The publisher indicates target readership of secondary school age; I would think the 11-13 age group (pubescent girls).

Within its objective, *The Whale's Tale* is a fun read that kept me smiling as *The Whale* and *The Girl* pit their wits against each other. *The Whale* is a singer who performs concerts for aliens. *The Girl* has a special but not unique imagery talent that facilitates the expected ultimate reconciliation. Referee is a dolphin who enjoys bubble baths and fried chicken, and all three characters go for chocolate ice cream.

I wouldn't see the minor confusions of whales with fish, incorrect word concatenations, frequent point of view switching, saidisms and redundancies significantly disturbing a child's reception of the story, so I offer *The Whale's Tale* five stars out of five, but the question for parents is how you wish to raise your children. As propagandist literature for children, *The Whale's Tale* is a good piece. Characters and plot are well presented, the graphical depiction of a Japanese whale hunt is effective, and the treatment of an invasion of bad guys is as non-violent and neatly handled as possible.



***The Dead Path* by Stephen M Irwin reviewed by Len Newland**

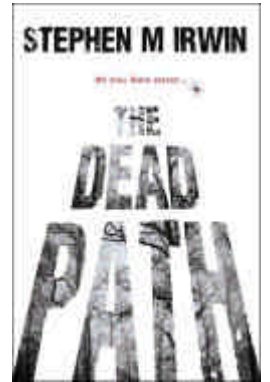
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Supernatural, macabre. Principal character Nicholas (35) has a couple of accidents that leave him seeing ghosts constantly re-enacting their owners' violent deaths. This leads to his discovering a trail of child blood-sacrifice victims and a Celtic wicked witch whom he must defeat. The novel is a witch hunt set in 2007 suburban Brisbane, Australia.

I liked the plot through both the discovery phase and the hunt. Nick's ghostly visions help him only to find the trail; he needs separate realisation to solve his ultimate problem, which I thought was appropriate. Parts of *The Dead Path* reminded me of Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*; here it's spiders. The novel avoids assuming reader knowledge of fantasy archetypes. Scene descriptions are detailed, particularly in vegetation. The English is refreshingly above average other than flowery mixed metaphors, some mildly misleading.

That the setting city is Brisbane isn't stated in the novel; it took me until half way through to spot localities I recognised, and readers less familiar with Brisbane would be at a loss. The introduction is meandering and long. The story format changes in the middle from a mainly single point of view investigation into a thriller with POV's of just about all characters (including dying ones) and contrivances such as characters dropping weapons at critical moments. The clichéd dénouement and twist might have been better omitted to leave the characters just dusting off their hands after completing the job. Overall, I thought the novel could have been redrafted for consistency and a clear Part 1/Part 2 division if the story format really had to switch.

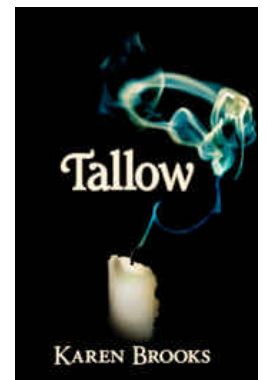
Two stars out of five, but beware of cover blurbs. This one states "When a child goes missing Nicholas becomes a suspect". False. He learns of this child and the supposed murderer's confession on the TV news. Rather, Nick's visions of this child's ghost and other ghosts lead him to the real murderer, the witch, who obviously can't just be reported to the police, who are here officious and obstructive. *The Dead Path* is a private witch hunt story, in which the obstinate Nicholas finally accepts and benefits from one of his enthusiastic allies.



***Tallow* by Karen R Brooks reviewed by Jonathan Dean**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781741664355>

Tallow is one of the more intricate & unusual fantasy novels I've read & reviewed, because it doesn't quite fit within the normal parameters of fantasy. Set in a Renaissance city that bears an uncanny resemblance to Venice, *Tallow* depicts the lives, events & people that populate this city. When a young child is thrown by a dying horse rider to the candle maker Pillar, he feels compelled to take the child, and raise it as though it were his own. But the child, whom he names *Tallow*, is far more than he suspects, and is in fact an Estrattore, who can extract essences from people & things, and then manipulate them magically. Pillar & his mother raise *Tallow*, training her in the art of candle making, disguising her as a boy, and trying to keep her hidden from those looking for any Estrattore left in the world. But there are real & vicious dangers in the world, ranging from the Church, fallen aristocrats seeking to raise themselves, an exotic foreign queen, to the creatures known as the Morte Whisperers. Not to mention the Bond Riders, the mysterious horsemen who dwell behind the Veil, who are watching & waiting for her to grow sufficiently that they can use her skills to save themselves, regardless of the cost to *Tallow*.....



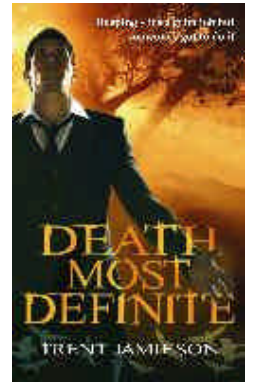
As *Tallow* grows older & learns, she starts using her talents in her crafting of candles, growing ever more skilful with time. But her creations don't always work as she plans, and people don't always do as we expect. An unusual book, in that the author has managed to avoid the standard fantasy storyline, and has created a world that feels real and chaotic, with inhabitants both human & otherwise. *Tallow*'s life & quest to learn are beautifully described, in a way that makes you able to smell in your head the stench of the canals, hear the cries of the street vendors and see the bustling streets, filled with people going about their daily lives. Brooks has also managed to avoid the clichéd use good guys & villains, by making all the characters human, with all the flaws & failings implicit. The author has also told a story that is real, with mistakes & screw-ups, yet still engrossing, without falling into the trap of creating a predictable saga, or writing in such a way as you can guess the next stages. I found it fascinating to see how frustrated I was when I was reading this book to try to predict the next events, and failing nearly every time. The first book of a gripping new series, and definitely one to follow up on.

Death Most Definitive by Trent Jamieson reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780733624834>

Stephen de Selby is a Pomp. His job with MortMax (a front) is to act as a conduit for souls from this life to the afterlife. Its not fun, actually, it hurts a lot, but someone's gotta do it. When he meets Lissa (she's dead, and he's totally, instantly fallen for her... so unprofessional), she warns him to Run, and then the shooting starts. Pumps are being targeted around the country. Death is coming for them, and that means there's going to be major trouble everywhere. Stephen must work out what's happening, and fix it. And every time another Aussie Pomp gets taken out, there's more work for him and the remaining ones. Pumps have died from overwork before.

Death Most Definite is a cross between the Dresden Files and Reaper in content, with Australian setting and humour. An easy read that will leave you wanting to know what happens next.



The Painted Man by Peter V Brett reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007276141>

The realm of Mankind is threatened by demonic Corelings, risen from the Earth following the fall of the Age of Science. Witten runes can hold them back, but only for limited periods, and society is slowly dwindling back into the darkness. But three children, whose lives are shattered by the actions of those around them, refuse to be constrained. Knowing that there has to be more, a way to defeat the Corelings and restore humanity, they each seek in their own way a method to fight back, one taking up the path of violence, one of healing, one of music. Can their skills be used together to create something more?

The first book in the Demon trilogy, it is written in a style similar to David Gemmel, or Holly Lisle, with a balanced perspective, as it is from the viewpoint of various characters. The character development is well done, getting you involved in their lives, and wanting to know what happens next. A good first novel, and if the sequels match the promise of the first, a series worth acquiring.



Short Story

What Happens Next by Len Newland

What happens next is a matter of statistical probability. Will you step in that puddle? Will you even see it? Will you realise that you did step in it?

You will be pleased to learn that in the science of statistical probability, there is what is known as the Central Limit Theorem. What it says in plain English is that things tend to come back to par anyway.

Let's say, for instance, that you did step in the puddle, but you didn't notice because you have too much on your mind. You are a teenager, your girlfriend Elsie has just jilted you, and you are furious about it. You stomp home regardless of puddles, and stand just inside your front gate, fuming, but feeling safe and secure in your patch of ground while you dream up all sorts of artful revenge on the fickle Elsie.

Now, because you have stopped moving your foot, it generates less heat. The gentle breeze takes this opportunity to cool your sock. Suddenly, your sock feels wet.

You look down and exclaim, "Oh, shit!" loudly enough to be heard in the place where gentlemen gather at the end of your block. You wonder how your sock came to be so damp.

The noise of your expletive alarms your faithful dog Fido. He whimpers. You turn your baleful eye upon him and draw an erroneous conclusion about the source of the dampness in your sock.

"Bloody dog!" you yell.

Then, in wrathful decision, you take three swift paces and kick poor Fido in the place where he will least like it.

Now it's Fido's turn. Knowing he's out of favour, but having no clue why, he slinks away into the street to consider the matter. There he meets Bitsa, the small mongrel from down the way. Today is obviously not a day for friendly relationships, so Fido growls and bites Bitsa roughly on the neck.

The disease is transmitted again. Bitsa runs off, and as soon as his path is clear, he goes home to find his mistress, Mrs Beetham. He tries to tell her all about the crude treatment he has so unjustly received, but all that her human ears can understand of it is, “Yap, yap, yap!”

Unfortunately, Bitsa has chosen his moment of complaint rather badly. Mrs Beetham is in the process of removing her family’s dinner, a large, runny meat pie, from her oven. Instead of her usual swift, sure transfer from the oven to the cooling tray, Bitsa’s sudden interruption makes her jump, and she drops the pie.

The pie joins in the merry proceedings. It doesn’t merely land in one squelchy lump on the floor, where it could at least be fed to Bitsa. Oh, no. The soft, moist crust breaks as the pie falls, and its runny, boiling contents splash everywhere. All over the floor, on the stove, on the cupboards, and significantly, on Mrs Beetham’s bare lower legs.

The lava-like fluid drives Mrs Beetham temporarily insane.

“Oh, shit!” she cries.

Then she looks around guiltily to see if any of her children have arrived home in time to have their young ears sullied by her unseemly language.

To Mrs Beetham’s conservative horror, one of her children has come home. Little Jimmy is standing at the kitchen door, his eyes opened wide in consternation. Does Mrs Beetham apologise for her indiscretion? Does she hasten to the little fellow to comfort his obvious shock over his mother’s maladventure and her indecorous response to it? She does not.

“Get out of here!” she yells irrationally at him.

Perhaps by having him not there, she can forget that he was. Or perhaps the burns on her legs have distracted her. Whatever her later justifications might be, Jimmy bursts into tears and gets out as commanded, leaving his mother to fling cold dishwashing sponges at her legs to ease her suffering.

Jimmy realises that he won’t find any consolation at home. Mum is hopping mad, as if the loss of the erstwhile dinner were somehow his fault. Bitsa is no longer available. Although his yapping has been stopped by Mrs Beetham’s initial utterance, and regardless of the appetising meaty stuff cooling on the floor, Bitsa has taken good heed of his mistress’ departure instruction and has run off somewhere else. And Dad isn’t due home for a while yet. Jimmy has to look outside his home for sympathy.

He goes to his friend Jeffrey’s house. The virus of the day rides along with him. When he gets together with Jeffrey, his tears dry up, but he is still not his usual careful self. On his way to the refrigerator with Jeffrey for a comforting glass of milk, he accidentally bumps Jeffrey’s teenage sister as she is leaving the kitchen. The freshly made cup of coffee she is carrying spills all over the front of her dress.

“Oh, shit!” she exclaims. “My new dress! It’s ruined!”

Jimmy and Jeffrey shrink like violets from her presence as she expands her theme to include the clothing allowance now blown, the infinitely inferior choice of outfit left for her evening’s activities, and the major disaster of this blow to her teenage pride.

The name of Jeffrey’s sister is Elsie. Until very recently, she was your girlfriend. Your revenge for having been jilted by her is sweet, even if you don’t know about it.

So when matters go astray, don’t get hung up. Take comfort in the science of statistical probability. These things have a way of balancing out, even without your deliberate intervention. Just put your socks in the wash, and carry on with your life.

Sale Books

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



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New Release Information

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

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

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

Thursday May 6th: Failed Predictions: Where's my Flying Car?

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

Thursday 20th May 2010:

Infected by Scott Sigler (Science Fiction / Horror)
Graceling by Kristin Cahsore (Fantasy)

Thursday 17th June 2010:

Runner by William C Dietz (Science Fiction)
Blood Ties by Pamela Freeman (Fantasy)

Thursday 15th July 2010:

Boneshaker by Cherie Priest (Alternate History)
Oath of Fealty by Elizabeth Moon (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 Thursday of most months. Register as a player for prize support from Privateer Press. Contact the shop for details.



Dungeons & Dragons Delve Days: Play a short game of 4th edition D&D, one or two encounters only. Adventures in Undermountain is for 1st level characters, you can bring your own, or ask for one on the day. Ask us at the shop for details. Every second Saturday morning starting at 9:30am.

Magic the Gathering: We are testing demand for playing Magic Cards at the shop. First trial event will be Thursday evening 6:30pm 27th May. If there is sufficient response we may host such an event monthly. Contact us for details.

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

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Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Where the Deep Ones Are (Mini Mythos)

The Deep Ones croaked their terrible croaks
and smacked their terrible lips
and rolled their terrible eyes
and waved their terrible flippers.

Renowned Mythos aficionado Ken Hite retells H P Lovecraft's "The Shadow Over Innsmouth" in this parody of classic children's literature.

After greedily yelling for more fish, young Bobby is sent to his bedroom without any supper at all. But Bobby escapes when the Manuxet River runs right through his room, carrying an old boat that takes him to a magical town full of fish and slimier things ... the town of Innsmouth. Will Bobby join the wild rumpus under the sea, and be crowned the most Deep One of all?

Where the Deep Ones Are features 32 pages of full-color illustration by Andy Hopp, and is sure to be a hit with the newest generation of Lovecraft fans and their parents. The first in the Mini Mythos series.

32 pages with gloss finish, full color, hardcover binding, 10 x 8 1/2 inches (landscape) **TP \$33**

Antarctic Express (Mini Mythos)

From outside came the sounds of whirring propellers and rumbling engines. I looked through my window and saw an airplane standing perfectly still in front of my house.

Renowned Mythos aficionado Ken Hite retells H P Lovecraft's classic "At the Mountains of Madness" in this story of childhood terror.

Late one evening after the city has gone to sleep, young Danforth boards the mysterious airplane that waits for him: the Antarctic Express bound for the South Pole. When he arrives, Professor Dyer offers the boy the chance to learn any thing he desires. The boy modestly asks to probe the depths of the eldritch city of the Old Ones. The request is granted. On the way his memory is lost while fleeing from the piping shrieks of the shuggoths. On Christmas Eve, the boy finds his memory of that whistling cry returns. For you see, all who visit the Old Ones city forever hear the sound of the shuggoths.

The Antarctic Express features 32 pages of full-color illustration, and is sure to be a hit with the newest generation of Lovecraft fans and their parents. Also look for Where the Deep Ones Are in the Mini Mythos series. **HC \$33**

The Art of UNCHARTED 2: Among Thieves

From concept art, to character studies, environment art, character modeling, game art, cinematics, motion-capture, animation, and effects, The Art of UNCHARTED 2: Among Thieves is the ultimate companion to the award-winning PlayStation®3 game.

The Art of UNCHARTED 2: Among Thieves not only gives you an insight into the creation of a blockbuster game level by level, but it also explores how a creative team like Naughty Dog approach their craft. From Co-President Evan Wells, through to Creative Director Amy Hennig, Co-Lead Game Designer Richard Lemarchand, Art Directors Robh Ruppel and Erick Pangilinan, Cinematics Animation Lead Josh Scherr, and Lead Technical Artist Mike Hatfield, the book presents decades of accumulated experience from some of the industry's most accomplished game creators. The Art of UNCHARTED 2: Among Thieves provides a comprehensive collection of art from the concept art for characters and environments, to 3D character modeling, production art, cinematics and animation, and in-game effects. At 272 pages, the book sets a new benchmark for an "Art of" book and includes more than 180 pages of concept art, and over 80 pages of production art and character models. **TP**

Mario Acevedo

Werewolf Smackdown (Felix Gomez 05)

Felix Gomez, Latino vampire detective extraordinaire, tackles a dangerous werewolf cabal in the fifth installment in Mario Acevedo's satirical supernatural series

A sure-to-be-bloody civil war is brewing between rival werewolf factions, and P.I. Felix Gomez will do anything he can to make sure it doesn't explode into a vicious battle that engulfs all creatures, living and dead.

Between that, the sudden reappearance of an ex-girlfriend, and a gang of other vampires trying to take off his head, this is one rumble even a fanged detective extraordinaire may not be able to handle. **TP \$24.99**

James G Anderson & Mark Sebanc

The Stoneholding (Legacy of the Stone Harp 01)

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

In the mountainous highlands of Arvon is the small but ancient community the Stoneholding, which has held out against the gathering forces of the evil Ferabek. Here by tradition, from earliest times, the

High Bard has resided as guardian of the Sacred Fire, as well as the golden harp called the Talamadh. But in his search for the lost prince, Ferabek has attacked the Stoneholding with his Black Scorpion

Dragoons and razed it to the ground. Wilum, the aged High Bard was forced to flee for his life with a raaged band of survivors, including Kalaquinn Wright, the wheelwright's son.

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

He must somehow find Prince Starigan and rekindle the Sacred Fire. **APB \$19.95**

The Darkling Fields of Arvon (Legacy of the Stone Harp 02)

In the wake of the catastrophic invasion that has levelled the Stoneholding, the last bastion of order in the world of Ahn Norvys, Kalaquinn Wright Pursues the mission entrusted to him. Freshly invested as High Bard, sets forth across lands that lie under a dark cloud of uncertainty and strife, charged with the task of finding the lost Prince Starigan. This is but the first step in rekindling the Sacred Fire and restoring peace to a broken world.

The task, however, will not be an easy one, for the Talamadh, the golden harp that binds together heaven and earth in sacred harmony, remains in the clutches of the tyrant Ferabek. After securing safe haven for the remnant folk of his clanholding, Kal and his companions venture into the lowlands of Arvon, a palce of looming danger. Despite the adversities of a world sinking into the twilight of darkness and chaos, the young Holdsman keeps faith and its sustained by the loyalty of friends, the resources he begins to discover in himself, and unwavering hope. In his quest for the lost prince, moreover, Kal learns that royalty is to be found in unexpected quarters.

By fate's caprice, Kal falls prey to his enemies. In the trail that befalls him, his mettle is tested, and he draws upon an inner strength that he has never known before. He also discovers that the Talamadh, with which Ardiel, once High King of Arvon, inaugurated the Great Harmony, though weak falerting, still retains a vestige of its ancient potency. But will it be enough to stem the tide of chaos that floods over darkling fields of Arvon?

TP \$30.95

Piers Anthony

Climate of Change (Geodyssey)

Four fated individuals including a nature empath, a brave woman, a clever inventor and a seductive defender witness key moments in human history that are driven by natural forces that destroy some of the world's proudest civilizations **HC \$56.95**

Christopher Anvil

War Games

War is a serious business-or is it? Christopher Anvil turns his sardonic sense of humor loose on the subject and considers what might happen if:

Someone devised a computer war game so realistic and addictive that the people in charge of battle on both sides didn't have time or inclination to start a real war.

Another device gave every homeowner the power to block off his property from any incursion, even by nuclear weapons.

A secret organization pulls the plug on an impending war by causing the commanders on both sides to be unable even to think of any of the words they need to order their forces into action.

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The many faces of war, examined by master of science fiction adventure with wryly humorous twist. **APB \$19.95**

Isaac Asimov

Pebble in the Sky

Hurtled through time from 1949 Chicago to an Earth during the heyday of the first Galactic Empire, retired tailor Joseph Schwartz finds himself on a backwater, insignificant planet with much of its land ruined by radioactivity and so poor that its inhabitants are sentenced to death at the age of sixty--and Joseph is sixty-two--in a new edition of the author's first novel. **TP \$30.95**

Jane Austen & Seth Grahame-Smith

Pride and Prejudice and Zombies: The Graphic Novel

A graphic adaptation of the best-selling whimsical parody blending Jane Austen's classic with zombie mayhem is an irreverent work featuring all-original art by the illustrator of the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* comics series. **TP \$30.95**

James Axler

Arcadian's Asylum (Deathlands 92)

Ryan Cawdor and his band of warriors face a new threat when they are forced by a power-hungry Deathlands baron to turn his empire into the new civilization by unleashing a terrifying secret hidden in the secret maze of laboratories beneath Arcady. **PB \$17.95**

Infinity Breach (Outlanders 53)

When an Annunaki artifact of immense power rips a portal deep into time and space, the Cerberus rebels must stop the Angels, who, emerging from the chasm, want to close the rupture by annihilating the human race. **PB \$17.95**

Camille Bacon-Smith

A Legacy of Daemons

When they are tricked into an agreement that goes against all daemoniac protocol, occult investigators Evan Davis, Lily Ryan and Kevin Bradley unwittingly become pawns in a potentially deadly situation involving wealthy humans and daemon armies. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen Baxter

Ark (Flood 02)

Holle Groundwater is chosen to leave the soon-to-be submerged Earth on an escape ship, but realizes her way out may be more dangerous than trying to remain on a drowning planet. **HC \$51.95**

Xeelee (Xeelee)

Stephen Baxter's epic sequence of Xeelee novels was introduced to a new generation of readers with his highly successful quartet, *Destiny's Children*, published by Gollancz between 2003 and 2006. But the sequence of novels began with *RAFT* in 1991. From there it built into perhaps the most ambitious fictitious universe ever created. Beginning with the rise and fall of sub-quantum civilisations in the first nano-seconds after the Big Bang and ending with the heat death of the universe billions of years from now the series charts the story of mankind's epic war against the ancient and unknowable alien race, the Xeelee. Along the way it examines questions of physics, the nature of reality, the evolution of mankind and its possible future. It looks not just at the morality of war but at the morality of survival and our place in the universe. **TP \$49.99**

Greg Bear

City at the End of Time

Do you dream of a city at the end of time? In a time like the present, on a world that may or may not be our own, three young people-Ginny, Jack and Daniel-dream of a fabulous, decadent city in the distant future: the Kalpa. The dreams of Ginny and Jack overtake them without warning, leaving their bodies behind while carrying their consciousnesses forward, into the minds of two inhabitants of the Kalpa-a would-be warrior, Jebrassy and an inquisitive explorer, Tiadba-who have been genetically retroengineered to possess qualities of ancient humanity. In turn, the dreams of Tiadba and Jebrassy carry them back, into the minds of Jack and Ginny. As for Daniel: he dreams of an empty darkness - all his future holds. But more than dreams link Ginny, Jack and Daniel. They are fate-shifters, born with the ability to skip like stones across the surface of the fifth dimension, inhabiting alternate versions of themselves. And they are each guardians of an object whose origins and purpose are unknown, a gnarled, stony artifact called a sum-runner that persists unchanged through all versions of time. They can save the future, but they are being hunted down. **BPB \$22.99**

Lyn Benedict

Ghosts and Echoes (Shadow Enquires)

After the death of her fiance, PI Sylvie Lightner, who specializes in strange and unusual cases, distracts herself from her grief by investigating a seemingly simple robbery that turns out to be a puzzling case of organized murder with a twist of magic. **APB \$19.95**

Anne Berry

The Hungry Ghosts

Raped then murdered in Japanese-occupied Hong Kong in 1942, Lin Shui's 'Hungry Ghost' clings tenaciously to life. Holing up in a hospital morgue, which is destined to become a school, just in time she finds a host off whom to feed. It is 12-year-old Alice Safford, the deeply-troubled daughter of a leading figure in government. The parasitic ghost follows her to her home on the Peak. There, the lethal mix of the two, embroiled in the family's web of dark secrets and desperate lies, unleashes chaos. All this unfolds against a background of colonial unrest, riots, extremes of weather and the countdown to the return of the colony to China. As successive tragedies engulf Alice, her ghostly entourage swells alarmingly. She flees to England, then France, in a bid to escape the past, only to find her portable 'Hungry Ghosts' have accompanied her. It seems the peace she longs for is to prove far more elusive than she could ever have imagined.

THE HUNGRY GHOSTS is a remarkable tour de force of the imagination, full of instantly memorable characters whose lives intermesh and boil over in a cauldron of domestic mayhem, unleashing unworldly spirits into the troubled air. **BPB \$24.99**

Alfred Bester

The Stars My Destination (SF Masterworks 05)

Gully Foyle, Mechanic's Mate 3rd Class. EDUCATION: None. SKILLS: None. MERITS: None. RECOMMENDATIONS: None. That's the official verdict on Gully Foyle, unskilled space crewman. But right now he is the only survivor on his drifting, wrecked spaceship and when another space vessel, the Vorga, ignores his distress flares and sails by, Gully becomes obsessed with revenge. He endures 170 days alone in deep space before finding refuge on the Sargasso Asteroid and returning to Earth to track down the crew and owners of the Vorga. But, as he works out his murderous grudge, Gully Foyle also uncovers a secret of momentous proportions... **BPB \$22.99**

Lauren Beukes

Zoo City

Alex has a talent for finding lost things. To save herself, she's got to find the hardest thing of all: The truth.

But when black magic is afoot, nothing is as it seems and the truth is in short supply ... **BPB \$22.99**

Alex Bledsoe

Blood Groove

Reawakening 60 years after he believed himself staked to death, centuries-old vampire Baron Rudolfo Zginski finds himself in a modern world of simmering racial tensions in 1975 Memphis, where he works to track down a nest of teenage vampires in the hopes of learning how to survive.

APB \$17.95

James Blish

Cities in Flight (SF Masterworks 03)

James Blish's galaxy-spanning masterwork, originally published in four volumes, explores a future in which two crucial discoveries - antigravity devices which enable whole cities to be lifted from the Earth to become giant spaceships and longevity drugs which enable their inhabitants to live for thousands of years - lead to the establishment of a unique Galactic empire. **BPB \$24.99**

Ray Bradbury

Stories of Ray Bradbury

Included here are famous tales like Sound of Thunder, in which the carelessness of a group of time-travellers leads to disastrous consequences, and The Veldt, in which two seemingly innocent young children transform their nursery into a lethal trap. Here are the Martian stories, tales that vividly animate the red planet with its brittle cities and double-mooned sky. Here are stories which speak of a special nostalgia for Green Town, Illinois, the perfect setting for a seemingly cloudless childhood - except for the unknown terror lurking in the ravine. Here are the Irish stories and the Mexican stories, linked across their separate geographies by Bradbury's astonishing inventiveness. Here, too, are thrilling, terrifying stories such as The Fog Horn - perfect for reading under the covers. Read for the first time, these stories are a feast for the imagination; read again - and again - they reveal new, dazzling facets of a master storyteller's extraordinary art. **HC \$45**

Ryan Brown

Play Dead

After a rival team causes his football squad's bus to crash, killing everyone, quarterback Cole Logan--who, due to injury, was not on the bus--enlists the black-magic abilities of a mysterious fan to turn his dead teammates into zombies, so that they can get revenge on the rival team on the field, but if they don't win, they are destined for Hell. A first novel. **HC \$51.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Colin Buchanan

Farlander

The Heart of the World is a land in strife. For fifty years the Holy Empire of Mann, an empire and religion born from a nihilistic urban cult, has been conquering nation after nation. Their leader, Holy Matriarch Sasheen, ruthlessly maintains control through her Diplomats, priests trained as subtle predators.

The Mercian Free Ports are the only confederacy yet to fall. Their only land link to the southern continent, a long and narrow isthmus, is protected by the city of Bar-Khos. For ten years now, the great southern walls of Bar-Khos have been besieged by the Imperial Fourth Army.

Ash is a member of an elite group of assassins, the Roshun - who offer protection through the threat of vendetta. Forced by his ailing health to take on an apprentice, he chooses Nico, a young man living in the besieged city of Bar-Khos. At the time, Nico is hungry, desperate, and alone in a city that finds itself teetering on the brink.

When the Holy Matriarch's son deliberately murders a woman under the protection of the Roshun; he forces the sect to seek his life in retribution. As Ash and his young apprentice set out to fulfil the Roshun orders - their journey takes them into the heart of the conflict between the Empire and the Free Ports... into bloodshed and death. **HC \$54.99**

Anthony Burgess

A Clockwork Orange

Penguin Decades bring you the novels that helped shape modern Britain. When they were published, some were bestsellers, some were considered scandalous, and others were simply misunderstood. All represent their time and helped define their generation, while today each is considered a landmark work of storytelling.

Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange was published in 1962 and has been controversial ever since. It tells the story of fifteen-year-old Alex - whose chief preoccupations are Beethoven's Ninth and ultra-violence - as he and his droogs rampage through a dystopian future seeking thrills, until they come under the control of the state's sinister apparatus. **BPB \$24.95**

Claudia Mair Burney*X Returns (Exorsistah 02)*

SHE'S GOT THE LORD ON HER SIDE AND AN ANGEL BEHIND HER. DON'T CROSS X.

Now that Emme Vaughn is finally eighteen, she's ready to strut her devil-whooping diva boots into Saint Dymphna's Psychiatric Hospital and spring her mama out. Only problem is a lady named Jane Doe beat her to it...two years ago. Jane is as mysterious as her name, but she holds the key to saving Emme's mama and revealing exactly how Emme got into this evil-fighting business -- if Emme can find her. To complicate matters, hottie Francis wants her to be his girlfriend, but Emme's not about to come between her man and God's plan. No, the Exorsistah is on a mission that even a scary three-headed demon can't stop (and the Lord knows it is trying). With a lot of prayer, a couple of archangels, and the help of some new soul-friends, X is armed for battle against a malicious force that will do anything to destroy her. But when she needs His Word the most, will she know where to find it? **BPB \$16.99**

Jim Butcher*Fool Moon Graphic Novel (Dresden Files 02a)*

When the corpse of a brutally mutilated murder victim turns up at the time of the full moon, accompanied by some most unusual paw prints, professional wizard and supernatural investigator Harry Dresden finds himself searching Chicago for the werewolf stalking the city. **HC \$47.95**

Shannon K Butcher*Running Scared (Sentinel Wars)*

Raised to fear and hate the Sentinels--three races--descended from ancient guardians of mankind, Lexi Johns finds her honor and loyalty tested when she meets Zach, a selfless and courageous Sentinel who needs her help in channeling the magic he has absorbed. **PB \$19.95**

Rhyannon Byrd*Touch of Surrender (Primal Instinct 05)*

When lycan and Watchman Kierland Scott teams up with Morgan Cantrell, the woman who betrayed him long ago, to rescue his brother, their combined shape-shifting sensitivities plunge them into a battle that will take them beyond death--and understand the history that tore them apart.

PB \$19.95**Stella Cameron***Out of Sight*

When the evil Embran race attacks New Orleans, Sykes Millet, a psychic master who can read minds and control others with hypnosis, and Poppy Fortune, who is burdened with paranormal talent, must set aside old distrust and use their bonded powers to save their families, themselves and their beloved city. **PB \$19.95**

Jack Campbell*Victorious (Lost Fleet 06)*

When he leads his fleet back into Syndic space to convince the Syndics, who have suffered tremendous losses, to surrender, Captain Jon "Black Jack" Geary is confronted by an even greater alien threat. **APB \$19.95**

Trudi Canavan Australian Author*The Magician's Apprentice (Black Magician 00)*

In the remote village of Mandryn, Tessia serves as assistant to her father, the village Healer - much to the frustration of her mother, who would rather she found a husband. But her life is about to take a very unexpected turn. When treating a patient at the residence of the local magician, Lord Dakon, Tessia is forced to fight off the advances of a visiting Sachakan mage - and instinctively uses magic. She now finds herself facing an entirely different future as Lord Dakon's apprentice. But along with the excitement and privilege, Tessia is about to discover that her magical gifts bring with them a great deal of responsibility. Events are brewing that will lead nations into war, rival magicians into conflict, and spark an act of sorcery so brutal that its effects will be felt for centuries... **BPB \$22.99**

The Ambassador's Mission (Traitor Spy 01)

Sonea, once the despised commoner in the Magicians' Guild, is now a Black Magician of Kyrulia. Though she is now part of the establishment, she comes to find that the past is not so easily left behind...

Lorkin, Sonea's rebellious son, has volunteered to join the formidable Lord Dannyl in his new post as Guild Ambassador to Sachaka - a land ruled by cruel, slave-owning black magicians. There is suspicion that some of the Sachakans still harbor dreams of conquest, so when word comes that Lorkin has gone missing, Sonea is desperate to find him. However, Guild law states that if a Black Magician leaves the city he or she will be exiled forever. As she fears for her missing son, Sonea dedicates herself to helping her old friend Cery. For some time, there has been fear and paranoia on the streets of Imardin. Leading thieves have been dying under irregular circumstances. The need to discover who has been picking off the leading thieves of the city is now a very personal crusade - one that Sonea must aid, for the killer appears to be using magic.

Either a member of the Guild is leading a double life as a hired killer, or there is - once again - a rogue magician on the streets of Imardin . . .

HC \$52.95 TP \$32.99 CD \$39.99**Orson Scott Card***Keeper of Dreams*

A compilation of short fiction by the best-selling author of Ender's Game features 22 stories, including two from the Alvin Maker Universe and others that have never before been published in book form, all with new introductions and commentaries from the author on his life and work.

TP \$34.95**Jacqueline Carey***Kushiel's Justice (Kushiel 05 Treason's Heir 02)*

Imriel, is third in line to the throne and a troubled scion of a dangerous bloodline. In an effort to unite two lands he has been betrothed to Dorelei, an Alban princess, so he may beget future rulers of Alba. Yet he cannot escape the illicit and dark passion he feels for Sidonie, queen-in-waiting of his homeland - and this will be used against him. When Dorelei and her unborn son are betrayed and he is badly wounded, Imriel finds himself torn between his vow to avenge his wife and child and his desire to seek solace in Sidonie's arms. This is a battle Alba's elders would see him loose, even if they must employ sinister forces to accomplish their ends. And treason and magic make murderous bedfellows. **BPB \$24.99**

Gail Carriger

Changeless (Parasol Protectorate 02)

Alexia Tarabotti, now Lady Maccon, awakens in the wee hours of the mid-afternoon to find her husband, who should be decently asleep like any normal werewolf, yelling at the top of his lungs. Then he disappears - leaving her to deal with a regiment of supernatural soldiers encamped on her doorstep, a plethora of exorcised ghosts, and an angry Queen Victoria. But Alexia is armed with her trusty parasol, the latest fashions and an arsenal of biting civility. Even when her investigations take her into the backwaters of ugly waistcoats, Scotland, she is prepared: upending werewolf pack dynamics as only A soulless can. She might even find time to track down her wayward husband, if she feels like it. **APB \$14.99**

Jayne Castle

Amaryllis

Amaryllis Lark is one of the best psychic detectives on St. Helen's, the earth colony recently cut off from the mother planet, yet not so very different from home. . . . Lucas Trent, the rugged head of Lodestar Exploration, isn't keen on the prim type—and from her crisp business suit to her cool evaluation of his request to bust a corporate thief, beautiful Amaryllis is excruciatingly proper. But when a bold hunch heats up into a twisting murder investigation, by-the-book Amaryllis must let her guard down and break some rules—and a red-hot love affair ignites. Now, as they race to solve a puzzle of deadly intrigue, no power—otherworldly or otherwise—can keep them apart! **APB \$14.99**

Mark Chadbourn

Destroyer of Worlds (Kingdom of the Serpent 03)

It is the beginning of the end... The end of the axe-age, the sword-age, leading to the passing of gods and men from the universe. As all the ancient prophecies fall into place, the final battle rages, on Earth, across Faerie and into the land of the dead. Jack Churchill, Champion of Existence, must lead the Brothers and Sisters of Dragons in a last, desperate assault on the Fortress of the Enemy, to confront the ultimate incarnation of destruction: the Burning Man. It is humanity's only chance to avert the coming extinction. At his back is an army of gods culled from the world's great mythologies - Greek, Norse, Chinese, Aztec and more. But will even that be enough? Driven to the brink by betrayal, sacrifice and death, his allies fear Jack may instead bring about the very devastation he is trying to prevent... **BPB \$22.99**

C J Cherryh

Deceiver (Foreigner 10)

Although the civil war among the alien Atevi has ended, and the ruler of the Western Association has returned to his seat of power at the Bujavid, factions loyal to the opposition remain active and still pose a danger. **HC \$52.95**

Sara Creasy

Song of Scarabaeus

Kidnapped by renegade mercenaries, Edie, trained since childhood in advanced biocyph seed technology by the Crib empire, is shackled to a former freedom fighter-turned-slave who will die if she tries to escape. **PB \$19.95**

Casey Daniels

Tombs of Endearment (Pepper Martin mystery 03)

Cemetery tour guide Pepper Martin never imagined she'd get to meet rock legend Damon Curtis, the bad boy poet who made millions of teenage girls scream. After all, he kicked the bucket years before she was born. But thanks to her newfound ability to chat up the dead, Pepper's got a front row seat perfect for swooning over the still-sexy Damon's latest lyrics. He's convinced that his former bandmate Vinnie Pallucci murdered him back in '71, and he's promised Pepper she won't get any rest or peace until she helps him prove it.

But when Pepper goes behind the music, she finds Vinnie with a knife in his heart and the rest of the band members running for their lives. And if Pepper doesn't snare the killer soon, Damon's next hit from the great beyond might be her swan song. **PB \$19.95**

MaryJanice Davidson

Undead and Unwelcome (Undead 08)

Returning the body of her faithful werewolf friend to the home of the Wyndham werewolves, vampire queen Betsy Taylor learns that her posse back home has been frantically trying to outmaneuver her half-sister's increasingly erratic behavior. **APB \$19.95**

Desiree Day

Spiritual Seduction

Her relationship with a cruel husband ended by his murder, Riley endeavors to move on with her children only to fall back in love with her husband's vengeful ghost, who kidnaps Riley and places her in the path of a murderous demon and a handsome demon-slayer. **TP \$30.95**

Stephen Deas

The King of the Craggs (02)

Prince Jehal has murdered, poisoned and betrayed his way to the top. There is a new speaker for the realms, his opposition has been crushed, now he just has to enjoy the fruits of power. And yet...He feels more for the wife he married for power than perhaps he should and his lover knows it. And out in the realms those loyal to the old regime are still plotting and there are rumours that the Red Riders, heralds of revolution and doom are on the ride. And still no-one has found the famous white dragon. The dragon that, if it lived, will have long since recovered from the effects of the alchemical liquid fed to the dragons of the realms to keep them docile, to block their memories of a time when they ruled and the world burned...Stephen Deas has created an epic world, vivid characters, a plot full of betrayals and the most awesome dragons fantasy has seen.

HC \$59.99

Samuel R Delany

Babel-17 (Sf Masterworks 06)

In the far future, after human civilisation has spread through the galaxy, communications begin to arrive in an apparently alien language. They appear to threaten invasion, but in order to counter the threat, the messages must first be understood. **BPB \$22.99**

David Devereux

Eagle Rising (02)

Jack's back! And this time he must face a terrifying supernatural threat from Europe's recent past. Someone has been mad enough to revive the most terrifying evil of the last 60 years. And only one man is bad enough to stop them. EAGLE RISING takes Jack to the rotten heart of big business and the dark secrets of a neo-nazi magical sect intent on giving the world back to a terror from the darkest days of the 1940s. Jack must infiltrate the closed corridors of big business and reach the core of a conspiracy amongst some of the most high-powered city executives in the country. A cabal of business men with occult interests and an insane hunger for the return of an old and dark order. Described as a mix of Dennis Wheatley and Ian Fleming Devereux lives up to the billing with his new novel. **APB \$22.99**

Philip K Dick*Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? (SF Masterworks 04)*

World War Terminus had left the Earth devastated. Through its ruins, bounty hunter Rick Deckard stalked, in search of the renegade replicants who were his prey. When he wasn't 'retiring' them with his laser weapon, he dreamed of owning a live animal - the ultimate status symbol in a world all but bereft of animal life. Then Rick got his chance: the assignment to kill six Nexus-6 targets, for a huge reward. But in Deckard's world things were never that simple and his assignment quickly turned into a nightmare kaleidoscope of subterfuge and deceit - and the threat of death for the hunter rather than the hunted... **BPB \$22.99**

Sara Douglass Australian Author*The Infinity Gate (Darkglass Mountain 03)*

No one is safe when even the past can't be trusted Elcho falling is under siege from the forces of infinity

Axis must deal with treachery while Maximilian confronts the One in the depths of the citadel. Maximilian seems to have the upper hand, but finds his oldest ally's advice disguises a vicious motive.

Meanwhile, everyone has forgotten the Skraelings, who conceal a strange, ancient secret. Now these wraiths face a choice that appears to be no choice at all: the way of Infinity, or allying themselves with the StarMan, whom they have loathed for generations.

In a heart-stopping conclusion to this superb trilogy, Maximilian and his friends battle for survival from the malevolent depths of DarkGlass Mountain to the pinnacle of a crumbling Elcho Falling and beyond ... as the past reaches out to seize Axis and drag him into yet another confrontation with his hated brother, Borneheld. **TP \$32.99**

David Drake*The Legions of Fire*

When a group of magicians prepares to open a supernatural gateway that will lead to the destruction of all life, two men and two women separately embark on a series of magical adventures in order to safeguard humanity's survival. By the author of *The Mirror of Worlds*. **HC \$52.95**

Anna J Evans*Shadow Marked (Demon Bound)*

Samantha Quinn, blinded when her parents sacrificed her sight in a satanic ritual when she was 6, is tormented by horrific premonitions, and tries to prevent the deaths she envisions, especially when the next victim is her lover, Jace. **TP \$30.95**

Christopher Farnsworth*Blood Oath (President's Vampire 01)*

Unexpectedly partnered with a secret agent sworn to protect the President, ambitious young White House staffer Zach Barrows discovers his counterpart's secret vampire identity and joins his efforts to prevent supernatural forces from emerging into the conscious world.

HC \$51.95 CD - Unabridged \$78**Christine Feehan***Wild Fire (Leopard People 03)*

Conner Vega, physically and emotionally scarred by his past, has returned to the lush, exotic landscape of the Panama rainforest - his birthplace, and hopefully an escape from the guilt that consumes him. Free to roam at last, the leopard in him longs to take control, but knowing how dangerous that would be, Connor must resist. However, there are more serious issues to deal with. Connor has been brought back for a specific purpose: to help save his people from an evil threatening their existence, and to avenge his mother's brutal murder. And this time he means to take care of business.

PB \$19.99**Eric Flint, Mercedes Lackey & Dave Freer***Much Fall of Blood (Heirs of Alexandria 03)*

Prince Manfred and his mentor and bodyguard, the deadly warrior Erik, survived dangers and enemies both natural and supernatural, and if they thought that their new mission was going to be anything but more of the same, they soon gave up on that hope. Returning from Jerusalem, they and their escort of knights of the Holy Trinity are escorting an envoy of Il Khan Mongol to the lands of the Golden Horde-between the Black Sea and the Carpathians, which happen to be eastern bastion against their old enemies, the demon Chernobog and his possessed puppet, the Jangellion.

Unfortunately, what began as a diplomatic mission leads to Manfred and his knights being caught up in an inter-clan civil war, rescuing a fugitive woman and her injured brother, and becoming involved in the problems of Prince Vlad, Duke of Valahia, who has been held as a hostage by King Emeric of Hungary until freed by Countess Elizabeth Batholdy to use as bait to capture a group of nonhumans. Instead, the wolflike nonhumans, who masquerade as gypsies, free Prince Vlad, and help him to return to his homeland to raise revolt against Hungary and to renew age-old magics.

Manfred and Erik are forced into an alliance of convenience between the Golden Horde and the ancient magical forces of Valahia, as directed by the troubled Vlad. The magic calls for blood and Vlad is deathly afraid of it-and at the same time, is irresistibly drawn toward it... **HC \$54.95**

Kate Forsyth Australian Author*The Wildkin's Curse (Starthorn Tree)*

Three times a babe shall be born,
between star-crowned and iron-bound.

First, the sower of seeds, the soothsayer,
though lame, he must travel far.

Next shall be the king-breaker, the king-maker,
Though broken himself he shall be.

Last, the smallest and the greatest -
in him, the blood of wise and wild,
farseeing ones and starseeing ones.

Though he must be lost before he can find,

Though, before he sees, he must be blind,

If he can find and if he can see,

The true king of all he shall be.

Merry, Zed and Lilianna - three children born between those of hearthkin blood and starkin blood - are on a perilous quest to the Palace of Zarissa. Amid the splendour and treachery of court, they watch and wait: planning the rescue of Princess Rosalina, held captive in the dazzling Tower of Stars.

And as their pasts and presents unfold, their destinies become clear. **BPB \$16.99**

Jacquelyn Frank*Stealing Kathryn (Gatherers)*

Adrian, also known as Sandman, Angus and Morpheus, reaps the dark energy of nightmares until he meets his earthly match in Kathryn, a woman he's risked everything to obtain not realizing that she has the power to save him from his self-made hell--or destroy them both. **PB \$19.95**

Pamela Freeman Australian Author*Full Circle (Castings 03)*

The road is long and the end is death. If we're lucky. Saker the enchanter will stop at nothing to destroy the Eleven Domains, but has he unleashed a worse evil? As he builds his terrifying army of ghosts, screams from the nether world torment him, foretelling a greater disaster than he can imagine. When Ash is forced to acknowledge his true self in the caverns of the Deep, he realises that all power is duty-bound. He helps Bramble raise Acton's ghost, although plagued by doubts: Who is this ancient warrior - murderer or saviour? And will he help strangers protect a world he has never known? Grieving an impossible love, Bramble learns the painful truth behind the demon's prophecy. She is a leader born but will she reach Turvite in time to face Saker and save the Domains? From the icy winds of Foreverfroze in the north to Turvite, the great free town in the south, FULL CIRCLE is Pamela Freeman's gripping final chapter in The Castings Trilogy. **APB \$19.99**

Laura Anne Gilman*Hard Magic (Cosa Nostradamus Paranormal Scene Investigations 01)*

Bonnie Torres and four other paranormal investigators are hired to prove that the deaths of two Talents were murder, not suicide, while dealing with a vast array of high-profile people who want to shut them down. **TP \$30.95**

Leopoldo Gout*Ghost Radio*

Emanating from the cramped bowels of a dimly lit station—the demented dreamchild of hip, melancholy host Joaquin—Ghost Radio is a sanctuary for sleepless denizens of the night lost halfway between this world and the next. A call-in talk show that invites listeners to share scary stories about vampires and poltergeists, it is a bona fide cult phenomenon. Joined in the booth by his darkly beautiful girlfriend, Alondra, and his devoted engineer, Watt, Joaquin masks his skepticism, encouraging callers to withhold nothing as they spin nightmares and grotesqueries they swear are true. But the wall separating reality from delusion—the living from the dead—is crumbling because Ghost Radio is going national, picked up for syndication by a huge conglomerate. And no one—not Joaquin, Alondra, or Watt—is even remotely prepared for what's coming next . . . **PB \$16.99**

Seth Grahame-Smith*Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*

Through the extraordinary discovery of Abraham Lincoln's previously unknown and long lost journals, Seth Grahame-Smith brings to life the Great US Emancipator's untold history - his lifelong pursuit of the immortal undead. With unparalleled daring, Seth re-writes Abraham Lincoln's biography to include this significant and gory piece of America's national heritage.

Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter **BPB \$24.99**

Jess Granger*Beyond the Shadows*

Commander Yara has spent years living without the distraction of caring for anything--or anyone. It's a sacrifice she's been willing to make. Yara has honed herself into the perfect heir to the Azralen throne, but a bloody coup could destroy everything she's worked so hard for. She must return home quickly to prevent war, but the only ship available belongs to an Earthlen trader with no regard for authority--especially hers. Cyn is a rebel, driven to protect those suffering at the hands of the Elite leaders of Azra. Using his alias to manipulate the lovely but icy commander onto his ship, he has to keep her from Azra long enough to ignite the revolution. But when he awakens a vibrant and feeling woman beneath that icy exterior, he gets more than he bargained for--love. Can Cyn find a way to convince Yara to join him, or will they get caught in a web of lies and deception that could tear them apart? **TP \$30.95**

Mira Grant*Feed*

The year was 2014. We had cured cancer. We had beat the common cold. But in doing so we created something new, something terrible that no one could stop. The infection spread, virus blocks taking over bodies and minds with one, unstoppable command: FEED.

NOW, twenty years after the Rising, Georgia and Shaun Mason are on the trail of the biggest story of their lives-the dark conspiracy behind the infected. The truth will out, even if it kills them. **PB \$21.95**

Kate Griffin*The Midnight Mayor (Matthew Swift 02)*

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 failing: 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 defences - 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 judgement, 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... **PB \$22.99**

Jess Haines*Hunted by the Others*

Hired by a mage to recover an ancient artifact owned by one of New York's most powerful vampires, PI Shiarra Waynest plays a high-stakes game, risking both her life and her heart, when she becomes a secret weapon in a battle between good and evil. **PB \$17.95**

Joe Haldeman*The Forever War (SF Masterworks 01)*

Private William Mandella is a reluctant hero in an interstellar war against an unknowable and unconquerable alien enemy. But his greatest test will be when he returns home. Relativity means that for every few months' tour of duty centuries have passed on Earth, isolating the combatants ever more from the world for whose future they are fighting. **BPB \$22.99**

Tate Hallaway*Honeymoon of the Dead (Garnet Lacey)*

In the latest book from the author of Dead If I Do, Garnet Lacey and her vampire husband are stuck in Minneapolis after a vengeful frost demon ruins their plans for a gothic honeymoon in Transylvania. **TP \$28.95**

Laurell K Hamilton

Guilty Pleasures (Anita Blake 01)

'I don't date vampires. I kill them.' My name is Anita Blake. Vampires call me the Executioner. What I call them isn't repeatable. Ever since the Supreme Court granted the undead equal rights, most people think vampires are just ordinary folks with fangs. I know better. I've seen their victims. I carry the scars...But now a serial killer is murdering vampires - and the most powerful bloodsucker in town wants me to find the killer. **BPB \$12.99**

Narcissus in Chains (Anita Blake 10)

An Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter, novel. 'Something in the look on my face must have frightened him, because his eyes widened, and I saw something like human fear cross his reptilian face.' I'm Anita Blake and I kill monsters. The last thing I want to think about though when I get home after a night out is work. But someone has abducted a wereleopard from the Narcissus in Chains club. It's a dark world out there with shapeshifter crime and were-creature struggles. I may not have seen Jean-Claude, the Vampire Master of the City, for six months, but I need his help now, whatever the consequences. Someone is targeting the lycanthropes and we have to save them. **BPB \$22.99**

Cerulean Sins (Anita Blake 11)

An Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter, novel. 'People don't like dealing with people who raise the dead. Don't ask me why, but we make them nervous.' There's something about Leo Harlan that I don't like. He's asked me to reanimate his long-dead ancestor, and it seems like a perfectly ordinary case for someone like me: Anita Blake, preternatural expert, vampire hunter and raiser of the dead. So I agree - sometimes you deal with the devil not because you want to, but because if you don't, someone else will. But what he hasn't told me is that the corpse may hold the secret to an ancient crime that not everyone wants to be remembered. **BPB \$22.99**

Incubus Dreams (Anita Blake 12)

An Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter, novel. 'The bride was a witch who solved preternatural crimes. The groom raised the dead and slew vampires for a living. It sounded like a Halloween joke, but it wasn't.' When I'm not up my elbows in sacrificial gore, I've got serious preternatural issues to deal with. Psychotic shape-shifters, duplicitous vampires and sexually deviant were-leopards. And that's just my friends. I'm Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter and Federal Marshall. My life is more complicated than ever, caught up between obligations to the living and to the undead. Now there is a vampire serial killer preying on strippers. And I've been called in to help the police. **BPB \$22.99**

Lori Handeland

Chaos Bites (Phoenix Chronicles 04)

While trying to outrun death at every turn, demon-slayer Elizabeth Phoenix must turn to her ex-lover Jimmy Sanducci when she acquires a new set of paranormal powers and discovers that she is pregnant with her late lover's baby. **APB \$19.95**

Charlaine Harris

Dead Until Dark (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 01)

Sookie Stackhouse is a small-time cocktail waitress in small-town Louisiana. She's quiet, keeps to herself and doesn't get out much - not because she's not pretty - she's a very cute bubbly blonde - or not interested in a social life. She really is...but Sookie's got a bit of a disability. She can read minds. And that doesn't make her too dateable. And then along comes Bill: he's tall, he's dark and he's handsome - and Sookie can't 'hear' a word he's thinking. He's exactly the type of guy she's been waiting all her life for. But Bill has a disability of his own: he's fussy about his food, he doesn't like suntans and he's never around during the day... Yep, Bill's a vampire. Worse than that, he hangs with a seriously creepy crowd, with a reputation for trouble - of the murderous kind. And then one of Sookie's colleagues at the bar is killed and it's beginning to look like Sookie might be the next victim... **BPB \$22.99**

Living Dead In Dallas (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 02)

Cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse is having a streak of bad luck. First her co-worker is killed and no one seems to care. Then she comes face-to-face with a beastly creature which gives her a painful and poisonous lashing. Enter the vampires, who graciously suck the poison from her veins (like they didn't enjoy it). The point is: they saved her life. So when one of the bloodsuckers asks for a favour, she obliges - and soon Sookie's in Dallas, using her telepathic skills to search for a missing vampire. She's supposed to interview certain humans involved, but she makes one condition: the vampires must promise to behave and let the humans go unharmed. But that's easier said than done and all it takes is one delicious blonde and one small mistake for things to turn deadly... **BPB \$22.99**

Club Dead (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 03)

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. **BPB \$22.99**

Dead to the World (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 04)

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. **BPB \$22.99**

Dead As A Doornail (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 05)

Sookie Stackhouse enjoys her life, mostly. She's a great cocktail waitress in a fun bar; she has a love life, albeit a bit complicated and most people have come to terms with her telepathy. The problem is, Sookie wants a quiet life - but things just seem to happen to her and her friends. Now her brother Jason's eyes are starting to change: he's about to turn into a were-panther for the first time. She can deal with that, but her normal sly concern turns to cold fear when a sniper sets his deadly sights on the local changeling population. She's afraid not just because Jason's at risk, but because his new were-brethren suspect Jason may be the shooter. Sookie has until the next full moon to find out who's behind the attacks - unless the killer decides to find her first. **BPB \$22.99**

Charlaine Harris

Definitely Dead (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 06)

Sookie doesn't have that many relations, so she hated to lose one - but of all the people to go, she didn't expect it to be her cousin Hadley, a consort of New Orleans' vampire queen - after all, Hadley was technically already dead. But she is gone, beyond recall and she's left Sookie an inheritance - one that comes with a bit of a risk - not least because someone doesn't want Sookie digging too deep into Hadley's past - or her possessions. Sookie's life is once again on the line and this time the suspects range from the rogue werewolves who have rejected Sookie as a friend of the pack to her first love, the vampire Bill. Sookie's got a lot to do if she's going to keep herself alive... **BPB \$22.99**

All Together Dead (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 07)

Sookie's beginning to get used to being surrounded by all varieties of undead, changeling, shapeshifting and other supernatural beings - but even she has her limits. She'd really like to take a while to get over being betrayed by Bill, her long-time vampire lover and get used to her new relationship with the sexy shapeshifter Quinn - but instead, she finds herself attending the long-planned vampire summit, the destination of choice for every undead power player around, as a sort-of human 'Geiger counter' for Sophie-Anne Leclercq, vampire queen of Louisiana. But the job is fraught with difficulties. Sophie-Anne's power base has been severely weakened by Hurricane Katrina and she's about to be put on trial during the event for murdering her king. Sookie knows the queen is innocent, but she's hardly prepared for other shocking murders: it looks like there are some vamps who would like to finish what nature started. **BPB \$22.99**

From Dead to Worse (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 08)

The supernatural community in Bon Temps, Louisiana is reeling from two hard blows: the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina and the manmade horror of the explosion at the vampire summit in the up-north city of Rhodes. Sookie Stackhouse is safe but dazed and she's yearning for things to get back to normal. But that's just not happening. Too many vampires - some friends, some not - were killed or injured and her were-tiger boyfriend Quinn is among the missing. It's clear that things are changing, whether the weres and vamps like it or not. And Sookie, Friend to the Pack, blood-bonded to the leader of the local vampire community, is caught up in those changes. She's about to find herself facing danger and death and, not for the first time, betrayal by someone she loves. And when the fur has finished flying and the cold blood has stopped flowing, Sookie's world will be forever altered... **BPB \$22.99**

Dead and Gone (TV Tie-In) (Sookie Stackhouse 09)

Now it's the turn of the weres and shifters to follow the lead of the undead and reveal their existence to the ordinary world. Sookie Stackhouse already knows about them, of course - her brother turns into a panther at the full moon, she's friend to the local Were pack and Sam, her boss at Merlotte's bar, is a shifter. At first the great Were revelation seems to go well - then the horribly mutilated body of a were-panther is found outside Merlotte's. Though Sookie never cared that much for the victim, no one deserves such a horrible death, so she agrees to use her telepathic talent to track down the murderer. But what Sookie doesn't realise is that there is a far greater danger than this killer threatening Bon Temps: a race of unhuman beings, older, more powerful and far more secretive than the vampires or the werewolves is preparing for war...

Top of page **BPB \$22.99**

Dead in the Family (Sookie Stackhouse 10)

Telepathic waitress Sookie Stackhouse contends with the outcome of the Faery War, her feelings for vampire Eric Northman, and the Shifter community going public. **HC \$52.95**

Colin Harvey

Damage Time

It's 2050 and sea-levels have swamped today's coastal regions. New York City is protected by tidal barriers and the USA is bankrupt.

Detective Pervez (Pete) Shah serves with the NYPD's Web Crimes Division as a Memory Association Specialist. When he's accused of murdering a glamorous woman in a bar, he must find the killer, save himself ... and the world. **APB \$20.99**

Robert A Heinlein

Between Planets

Don Harvey was attending school on Earth when his parents suddenly and urgently called him home to Mars. He had been skeptical about the talk of interplanetary war breaking out if Mars and Venus followed through on their threats to declare independence from Earth, but he was wrong. War broke out, and he was stuck on Venus, with no way of getting home.

Then there was the ring that an old family friend had given him just before he had left Earth. Shortly afterward, the friend had been questioned by Earth's secret police and had died—from "heart failure," they claimed. When Earth troops landed on Venus and started looking for Don and that mysterious ring, he realized that he was trapped in the center of a war between worlds that could change the fate of the Solar System forever!

APB \$19.95

The Green Hills of Earth/ The Menace from Earth

The saga of the opening of the space frontier as courageous men and women risked their lives to build the first space station and colonize the Moon and Venus, while praying for one last landing on the globe that gave them birth, to return to The Green Hills of Earth.

From a mysterious region on Earth, where a more advanced lifeform may be studying the interesting creatures called "humans", to the first moon colony, where a young girl's relationship with her boyfriend is endangered by the beautiful Menace from Earth.

Classic Heinlein, in a new Omni-trade format package. **BPB \$24.95**

The Rolling Stones

The rollicking adventures of the Stone Family on a tour of the Solar System. It all started when the twins, Castor and Pollux Stone, decided that life on the Lunar colony was too dull and decided to buy their own spaceship and go into business for themselves. Their father thought that was a fine, idea, except that he and Grandma Hazel bought the spaceship and the whole Stone Family were on their way out into the far reaches of the Solar System, with stops on Mars (where the twins got a lesson in the interplanetary economics of bicycles and the adorable little critters called flatcats who, it turned out, bred like rabbits; or perhaps, Tribbles....), out to the asteroids, where Mrs. Stone, an M.D., was needed to treat a dangerous outbreak of disease, even further out, to Titan and beyond.

Unforgettable Heinlein characters on an unforgettable adventure. **APB \$19.95**

Mark Henry*Happy Hour of the Damned (Amanda Feral 01)*

THE THING NO ONE TELLS YOU ABOUT DYING IS JUST HOW MUCH FUN IT CAN BE.

Alive, ad exec Amanda Feral worked hard to wring enjoyment out of her days. Now that she's a zombie, it's a different story. Turns out, Seattle is home to glamorous undead of every description, and Amanda, stylish and impeccably groomed even in the afterlife - is swigging cocktails and living large (so to speak) among its elite. But there are downsides. not being able to stomach anything except alcohol and human flesh, for instance. And the fact that someone is targeting Seattle's otherworldly inhabitants for their own sinister reasons.

Preying on the undead is seriously uncool. The only option is for Amanda and her zombie BFF Wndy and gorgeous gay vampire pal Gil to unearth the culprit among the legions of Seattle's bloodsuckers, shapeshifters, reapers, succubi, and demons - before they all meet a fate a lot worse than death . . . **APB \$14.95**

Leanna Renee Hieber*The Darkly Luminous Fight for Persephone Parker*

When the ghosts she alone can converse with warn her of a spectral threat to Victorian London, Percy Parker, along with the mighty bastion of Athens Academy and The Guard, who shields mortals from the agents of the Underworld, prepares to fight the oncoming threat. **PB \$17.95**

S E Hinton*Hawkes Harbor*

Surviving life-threatening disadvantages and dangerous adventures throughout his childhood and early seafaring years, Jamie lands in a quiet seaside town in Delaware and encounters a devastating force that tests the limits of his sanity. **TP \$30.95**

Robin Hobb*Dragon Haven (Rain Wild Chronicles 02)*

As the malformed, disabled dragons, their keepers, and their supply barge forge their way deeper into uncharted wilderness in search of the ancient city of Kesingra, human and beast alike discover they are changing in mysterious and dangerous ways. **HC \$54.95**

James P Hogan*Migration*

The world of the past eventually died in the conflagration toward which it had been doggedly heading. A more fragmented and diversified order has emerged from the ruins and . technology has reappeared to a greater or lesser degree in some places and not at all in others.

Unique among them is the nation-state of Sofi, with an exceptional population that has rediscovered advanced science. However, as the old patterns that led to ruin before begin to reassert themselves across the rest of the world, a scientific-political movement within Sofi embarks on a years-long project to build a generation starship that will enable them to create their own world elsewhere.

The circumstances and thinking of future generations growing up in the totally unknown situation of a space environment cannot be known. Accordingly, the mission will include different groups of idealists, reformers, misfits, and dissidents who are not satisfied with the world-in-miniature that constitutes the original mother ship, to go out and build whatever they want. Hence, what arrives at the distant star generations hence will be a flotilla of variously run city states, frontier towns, religious monasteries, pleasure resorts, urban crushes, rural spreads, academic retreats, and who-knows what else.

The trouble began, of course, when all the old patterns that they thought they were getting away from started reappearing . . . **HC \$54.95**

Linda Howard & Linda Jones*Blood Born*

A vampire from birth, Luca Ambrus, a rare specimen of his breed, must stop rogue vampires bent on subjugating the mortal world--a mission that leads him to Chloe Fallon, a conduit who is able to channel spirit warriors into the physical world to protect mankind--and the target of a vampire assassin. **APB \$19.95**

Sarah A Hoyt*Gentleman Takes a Chance (Shifters 02)*

There are those living secretly among us who have the power to change their physical form from that of a human to an animal, even animals thought to be mythical, such as dragons. Throughout out the ages, these shape shifters have come together in a loose organization to protect themselves from humans—and other shape shifters. According to their code, killing another shifter is a crime, no matter if the shifter was slaughtering humans.

Kyrie Smith, a young panther shifter, must decide where she will stand: with her group or with humanity at large. And she'll have to do it while both older shifters and her boyfriend Tom Ormson—a dragon shifter—push her from quandary to quandary and police detective Rafiel Thrall—who happens to be a lion shifter—demands her help in solving mysterious murders that he suspects have been committed by a shifter. But when Tom begins getting telepathic warnings from the Great Sky Dragon that his life is in danger, the same dragon who recently almost killed him, he and Kyrie realize that much more is involved than a homicidal shape shifter.

Someone—or something—has been killing shifters in large numbers, and the most ancient and powerful of shifters are converging on the city to find the killer. And anyone, human or shifter, who gets in their way will be eliminated without mercy. . . **APB \$19.95**

Allyson James*Stormwalker (Stormwalker 01)*

When Janet Begay, a Stormwalker, and her lover Mick arrive in the desert town of Magellan to investigate the disappearance of the police chief's daughter, she fears that her powerful mother might be involved and makes a discovery that leaves her distrustful of Mick. **PB \$19.95**

Jaida Jones & Danielle Bennett*Havemercy (Volstov 01)*

This stunning epic fantasy debut introduces two exciting new authors—and a world brimming with natural and man-made wonders, extraordinary events, and a crisis that will test the mettle of men, the boundaries of magic, and the heart and soul of a kingdom. Thanks to its elite Dragon Corps, the capital city of Volstov has all but won the hundred years' war with its neighboring enemy, the Ke-Han. The renegade airmen who fly the corps's mechanical, magic-fueled dragons are Volstov's greatest weapon. But now one of its more unruly members is at the center of the city's rumor mill, causing a distraction that may turn the tide of victory. With Volstov immersed in a scandal that may have international repercussions, the Ke-Han devise an ingenious plan of attack. To counter the threat, four ill-assorted heroes must converge to save the kingdom they love: an exiled magician, a naive country boy, a young student—and the unpredictable ace airman who flies the city's fiercest dragon, Havemercy. But on the eve of battle, these courageous men will face something that could make the most formidable of warriors hesitate, the most powerful of magicians weak, and the most unlikely of men allies in their quest to rise against it.... Filled with adventure and discovery, treachery and betrayal, Havemercy is a thrill ride to the unexpected—and an unforgettable journey that will linger long after the fire of battle has cleared **PB \$19.95**

Jaida Jones & Danielle Bennett

Shadow Magic (Volstov 02)

From the widely acclaimed authors of Havemercy comes this stunning new epic fantasy, set in the chaotic aftermath of a hundred years of war. Here, amidst the treacherous dance of diplomacy and betrayal lie the darkest secrets of all...and a peace more deadly than war itself.

Led to victory by its magic-fueled Dragon Corps, Volstov has sent a delegation to its conquered neighbors to work out the long-awaited terms of peace. Among those sent are the decorated war hero General Alcibiades and the formerly exiled magician Caius Greylace. But even this mismatched pair can't help but notice that their defeated enemies aren't being very cooperative.

The truth is even worse than they know. For the new emperor is harboring a secret even more treacherous—one that will take every trick in Alcibiades' and Caius' extensive arsenal to unveil. And once it is revealed, they may still be powerless to stop it.

With their only ally, an exiled prince, now fleeing his brother's assassins, the countryside rife with treachery and terror, and Alcibiades and Caius all but prisoners, it will take the most powerful, most dangerous kind of magic to heal the rift between two strife-worn lands and unite two peoples against a common enemy...shadow magic. **APB \$19.95**

Stacia Kane

Demon Possessed

Psychologist and psychic Megan Chase has grown remarkably comfortable hanging out with demons. The demon "family" she leads is happy, her solo practice is stabilizing, and she and her steamy demon lover, Greyson Dante, are closer than ever. But when the couple books a week at a luxury hotel to attend a meeting of demon leaders, some unanticipated problems appear. An FBI agent with an unhealthy interest in less-than-legitimate demon business practices shows up; the demon community is urging Megan to undergo the rite that will make her a real demon; and a slightly shady minister is holding one of his wildly popular "weekend exorcisms" just down the road. And oh, yes, someone with scary magical abilities is attempting to kill her. Then, just when it seems as if things couldn't possibly get any worse, a secret comes to light that could jeopardize Megan and Greyson's future -- if Megan manages to live that long. With things heating up, it's becoming difficult for her to keep a cool head... **APB \$14.99**

Guy Gavriel Kay

Under Heaven

For two long years Shen Tai has mourned his father, living like a hermit at the edge of the Kitan Empire, next to a great lake where a terrible battle was fought between the Kitai and the neighbouring Tagurans years before; a battle for which his father -- a great general -- was honoured, but never recovered from, and where the bones of 40,000 soldiers still lie exposed.

To assuage some of his dead father's regret over the battle, Tai begins to bury the dead. His supplies are replenished by his own people from a nearby fort, and also - now that peace has been bought with the bartering of an imperial princess -- by the Tagurans, for his long service to their dead.

His seclusion is disturbed by a letter from the bartered Princess Cheng-wan. It contains a poisoned chalice: Tai has been gifted 250 Sardian horses for his service to the Taguran dead -- highly-prized animals, long-desired by the Kitans for their cavalry. The owner of such a vast number would instantly be bestowed with great power and wealth.

The horses are being held for him to claim, but getting to them alive, will be tricky. And that isn't Tai's only problem.

As he makes ready to leave, another visitor arrives; this time from Xinan, his home in the south. Yan, Tai's childhood carousing companion, has made the colossal journey north with only a hired Kanlin guard for safety. The soft-bellied poet has risked so much because the news he carries is urgent; but before he can so much as greet his old friend, Yan is slaughtered by his Kanlin guard, who then turns her swords towards a defenceless Tai. The Princess's generosity has made Tai a target, but who wanted to kill him even before news of her gift had spread? **TP \$32.99 HC \$54.95**

Jasper Kent

Thirteen Years Later (02)

Set in Russia in the 1820s, the chilling sequel to the acclaimed historical vampire novel, *Twelve*

Aleksandr made a silent promise to the Lord. God would deliver him -- would deliver Russia -- and he would make Russia into the country that the Almighty wanted it to be. He would be delivered from the destruction that wasteth at noonday, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness -- the terror by night...

1825, Europe -- and Russia -- have been at peace for a decade. Bonaparte is long dead and the threat of invasion is no more. For Colonel Aleksei Ivanovich Danilov, life is peaceful. The French have been defeated, as have the twelve monstrous creatures he once fought alongside, and then against, all those years before. His duty is still to his tsar, Aleksandr the First, but today the enemy is merely human.

But the tsar himself knows he can never be at peace. He is well aware of the uprising fermenting within his own army, but his true fear is of something far more terrible -- something that threatens to bring damnation down upon him, his family and his country. Aleksandr cannot forget a promise: a promise sealed in blood ... and broken a hundred years before.

Now the victim of the Romanovs' betrayal has returned to demand what is his. The knowledge chills Aleksandr's very soul. And for Aleksei, it seems the vile pestilence that once threatened all he held dear has returned, thirteen years later... **TP \$32.95**

Nate Kenyon

Sparrow Rock

The only survivors of a nuclear war, six high school students, hiding out in a high-tech bomb shelter, soon discover that they are no longer alone when a new form of terror rises out of the ashes. **APB \$14.95**

Stephen King & Peter Straub

The Road of Trials (Talisman 01 Graphic Novel)

A graphic interpretation of a best-selling work by the award-winning authors follows the desperate quest of young Jack Sawyer between Earth and a mysterious parallel world called The Territories. **HC \$52.95**

Jay Lake

Pinion

Rejoin the adventure in Lake's Clockwork Earth.

Paolina Barthes, young sorceress, is crossing the Equatorial Wall, attempting to take herself and her magic away from the grasp of powerful men in the empires of the north. Emily Childress is still aboard the renegade Chinese submarine, along with her devoted Captain and the British chief petty officer, Angus al-Wazir. They are all being sought most urgently by the powers that secretly rule the Northern Earth -- the Silent Order and the White Birds. A third power, of the Southern Earth, has its eye on Paolina; she will not be allowed to bring the political turmoil of the North into the more mystical South. **HC \$45**

Jacqueline Lepore

Descent Into Dust (Emma Andrews 01)

The Extraordinary Adventures of Emma Andrews, Victorian Lady and Vampire Hunter

"Though it is many decades later, it all comes back to me; back to those early days when the terror was new and I was dangerously untrained. When I was young and did not yet know I had a secret . . ."

Twenty-five-year-old widow Emma Andrews grew up in the shadow of her mother's madness, so when she arrives at Dulwich Manor in the midst of a mysterious plague and soon thereafter begins to see specters, her family fears fate has finally caught up with her. But one guest among them knows Emma's visions are more than a trick of the mind. Valerian Fox has hunted the great vampire lord Marius through time and across continents, and he knows Emma has a remarkable destiny. She is Dhampir—a vampire hunter.

Surrounded by those who would use her powers for their own ends, Emma does not know who to trust or what she can believe. But when her young cousin is marked for death, she must embrace the terrible inheritance that lies in her very blood to save those she loves. An extraordinary saga of courage, love, duty, and honor, of darkest destiny and ancient evil . . . and of the shadow of the Dracula himself. It begins. **BPB \$24.99**

Gail Carson Levine

Ever

Falling in love is easy . . . for Kezi, a beautiful mortal, dancer, and rug weaver, and for Olus, Akkan god of the winds. Their love brings Kezi the strength to fight her fate, and it gives Olus the strength to confront his fears. Together -- and apart -- they encounter spiders with webs of iron, the cruel lord of the land of the dead, the mysterious god of destiny, and the tests of the Akkan gods. If they succeed, they will be together; but if they fail, Olus will have to endure the ultimate loss, and Kezi will have to make the supreme sacrifice.

Newbery Honor author Gail Carson Levine has created a stunning world of flawed gods, unbreakable vows, and ancient omens. Her story of love, fate, and belief is spellbinding. **BPB \$15.99**

Jane Lindskold

Five Odd Honours

When the lands of the ninth gate are found transformed by magic that has rendered them uninhabitable, the Thirteen Orphans and their allies are challenged to breach the world's Center within five elements from Chinese mythology, a quest that is complicated by a cruel betrayal. By the author of *Through Wolf's Eyes*. **HC \$56.95**

James Lovegrove

Age of Zeus

The Olympians appeared a decade ago, living incarnations of the Ancient Greek gods on a mission to bring permanent order and stability to the world. Resistance has proved futile, and now humankind is under the jackboot of divine oppression. Then former London police officer Sam Akehurst receives an invitation too tempting to turn down, the chance to join a small band of guerrilla rebels armed with high-tech weapons and battlesuits. Calling themselves the Titans, they square off against the Olympians and their ferocious mythological monsters in a war of attrition which not all of them will survive! **APB \$19.95**

Jonathan Maberry

Patient Zero (Joe Ledger 01)

Police officer Joe Ledger - martial arts expert, ex-army and self-confessed brutal warrior - is scared. The man he's just killed is the same man he killed a week ago. He never expected to see the man again, definitely not alive and definitely not as part of the recruitment process for the hyper-secret government agency the Department for Military Sciences. But the DMS are scared too: they have word of a terrorist plot straight from a nightmare, a bid to spread a plague through America - a plague that kills its victims and turns them into zombies. Time is running out and Joe has shown he has the abilities they need to lead one of their field teams. And so begins a desperate three-fold mission - to contain the zombie outbreaks, to break the terrorist cell responsible and to find the man in their own team who is selling them out to the terrorists. **BPB \$22.99**

The Dragon Factory (Joe Ledger 02)

Having protected the world from a zombie plague in *PATIENT ZERO*, Joe Ledger and his crack Department of Special Sciences combat team are thrown into an even more frightening crisis. A genetic-engineering program has been used to create the ultimate fighting machine - soldiers bred for war, soldiers with greater strength, higher reaction speeds and an utter disregard for pain. Theirs and others. It's a nightmare from the pages of Doctor Moreau and soon Joe and his team are up against both the big business concerns who have billions invested in the project and, on the street, adversaries bred expressly to kill them. It's enough to make you wish you were facing zombies again... **HC \$59.99**

Katie MacAlister

Love in the Time of Dragons (Light Dragons)

When she wakes up in a strange world where everyone claims to be dragons, suburban mom Tully Sullivan learns that she is Ysolde de Bochier, a famed figure from dragon history who has been sentenced to death for the misdeeds of a dragon mate she cannot remember. **APB \$19.99**

Tracy Madison

A Breath of Magic

With the help of some gypsy magic, New Age storeowner, Chloe Nichols, the last in a long line of witches, will stop at nothing to get her happily-ever-after. **PB \$17.95**

George Mann

The Affinity Bridge

In an alternate-universe London marked by airships, robots and the survival of a Queen Victoria who is kept alive by a primitive life-support system, agents Newbury and Hobbes investigate the wreckage of a crashed airship while attempting to solve a string of strangling murders. **TP \$28.95**

John Manning

The Killing Room

When she is hired by Howard Young to investigate a string of grisly family deaths, PI and ex-FBI agent Carolyn Cartwright journeys to the Young mansion in Maine where she, in order to stop the murders, must enter the room no one has ever left alive and make herself the next target. **PB \$17.95**

Richard Matheson

I Am Legend (SF Masterworks 02)

The last man on earth is not alone... Robert Neville is the last living man on Earth - but he is not alone. Every other man, woman and child on the planet has become a vampire and they are hungry for Neville's blood. By day he is the hunter, stalking the undead through the ruins of civilisation. By night, he barricades himself in his home and prays for the dawn. How long can one man survive like this? **BPB \$22.99**

Paul McAuley*Gardens of the Sun*

After the Quiet War between Earth and the Outer System, the allies from Earth struggle to maintain peace, Outer refugees who fled from the moons of Jupiter and Saturn to Uranus and Neptune struggle to survive and to define themselves and on Earth, in Greater Brazil, there's growing unrest against the tyranny of the wealthy and powerful gerontocratic families who have ruled for more than a century. **TP \$32.99**

Annette McCleave*Bound By Darkness (Soul Gatherer 02)*

Soul Gatherer Brian Webster, after a young girl dies in his arms while protecting an ancient coin from a demon, decides to take up her cause and kidnaps Soul Gatherer and thief Lena Sharpe, who holds the key to finding these dark relics of immense power that could destroy civilization.

PB \$19.95

Fiona Mc Intosh Australian Author*Beautiful Death (02)*

A man walking his dog by the River Lea in London makes a grisly discovery and soon DCI Jack Hawksworth is in the grip of a confounding case: Londoners have become the target of a calculating killer, who 'trophy' the faces of his victims.

Under enormous pressure from politicians and the public, Jack and his team begin their investigation, which takes them into the murky world of human organ trading. But when the murderer strikes closer to home than Jack could ever have imagined possible, the case becomes a personal crusade -- and a race against time. Can the killer be brought to justice before Jack is removed from the operation?

From London's backstreets to the dangerous frontiers of medicine, Beautiful Death will keep you reading late into the night. **APB \$19.99**

Lindsay McKenna*The Adversary (Warriors for the Light)*

APB \$14.95

Richelle Mead*Succubus Shadows (Georgina Kincaid 05)*

The sexy new supernatural adventure featuring the clothes-obsessed, shape-shifting succubus, Georgina Kincaid. Georgina Kincaid has formidable powers. Immortality, seduction, shape-shifting into any human form she desires, walking in heels that would cripple mere mortals - all child's play to a succubus like her. Helping to plan her ex-boyfriend's wedding is a different story. Georgina isn't sure which is worse - that Seth is marrying another woman, or that Georgina has to run all over Seattle trying on bridesmaid dresses. Still, there are distractions. Georgina's roommate, Roman, is cluttering her apartment with sexual tension. Then there's Simone, the new succubus in town, who's intent on corrupting Seth.

But the real danger lies in the mysterious force that's visiting her thoughts, trying to draw her into a dark, otherworldly realm. Sooner or later, Georgina knows she'll be too weak to resist. And when that happens, she'll discover who she can trust, who she can't...and that Hell is far from the worst place to spend eternity. **TP \$29.95**

Devon Monk*Magic on the Storm (Allie Beckstrom 04)*

When a storm of apocalyptic force bears down on Portland, turning all of the magic in the area unstable, Allison Beckstrom, a Hound who traces illegal spells back to their casters, must team up with her mysterious lover and the Authority to stop a magical wild storm. **PB \$19.95**

Pamela Montgomerie*Amethyst Destiny*

When an old family heirloom transports her back in time to 17th-century Scotland, Julia Brodie wakes up in the arms of Talon, a charming Scottish rogue known as the Wizard, and discovers that magic has called her through time to perform a task in order to guarantee both her and Talon's survival. **PB \$19.95**

Alexis Morgan*Defeat the Darkness (Paladin 06)*

When his beautiful--yet nosy--new landlady follows him into the woods late one night, Hunter Fitzsimon, an immortal warrior tasked with protecting Earth and his world from their mutual enemies, decides to teach her a passionate lesson that unexpectedly awakens his soul. **APB \$14.95**

Vampire Vendetta

APB \$14.95

David Murphy*Zombies for Zombies: Advice and Etiquette for the Living Dead*

In the tradition of megabestsellers like The Zombie Survival Guide, here is the first book to serve the zombies themselves!

There is an enormous, untapped zombie market out there. No, not humans trying to avoid zombies--we're referring to the zombies themselves. These lucky stiffs are the rock stars of the 21st century, but, despite their ever-increasing popularity, sadly little has been written for them.

Zombies for Zombies is the first motivational guide for the newly infected. This guide leads readers by their cootie-covered hands and encourages each one to take the steps necessary to preserve his or her quality of life (and thereby be eligible for any number of government stamp programs). Best of all, the book offers exclusive tips for the active zombie, such as bonus brain recipes and dance steps designed to accommodate the zombies' total lack of flexibility. This hilarious guide sends up both zombie lore and self-help books, with illustrations as funny as the advice. **TP \$22.99**

Elisabeth Naughton*Marked (Eternal Guardians)*

Theron, the leader of an elite group of guardians that defends the immortal realm from the Underworld--and who also is the 200-year-old descendant of Hercules--must find the woman who, bearing a special mark, must be sacrificed to save his people, but when he finds her, he cannot bring himself to let her go. **PB \$19.95**

Chloe Neill*Some Girls Bite (Chicagoland Vampires 01)*

I was doing fine until Chicago's vampires announced their existence to the world - and then a rogue vampire attacked me. But he only got a sip before he was scared away by another bloodsucker...one who decided the best way to save my life was to take it. Turns out my saviour was the master vampire of Cadogan House. Now I've traded sweating over my thesis for learning to fit in at a Hyde Park mansion full of vamps loyal to Ethan 'Lord o' the Manor' Sullivan. Of course, as a tall, green-eyed, four hundred year old vampire, he has centuries' worth of charm, but unfortunately he also seems to expect my eternal gratitude - and servitude... But my burgeoning powers (all of a sudden, I'm surprisingly handy with some serious weaponry), an inconvenient sunlight allergy and Ethan's attitude are the least of my concerns. Someone's out to get me... My initiation into Chicago's nightlife may be the first skirmish in a war - and there's going to be blood. **PB \$22.99**

Stan Nicholls

Weapons of Magical Destruction (Orcs Bad Blood 01)

The original Orcs trilogy ended with Stryke and his band of Orcs finding the ancestral Orc home hidden in another dimension. Orcs Bad Blood will tell the story of their hectic adventures in the other dimensions as they attempt to find peace for their race and escape the ever greedy, savage expansion of mankind. Fast moving, tongue-in-cheek and full of sorcery and bloodshed these are the perfect reads for the fantasy reader who wants a little fresh perspective on the endless war between good and evil. **BPB \$22.99**

Army of Shadows (Orcs Bad Blood 02)

Stryke and the Wolverines returned in 2008 in ORCS BAD BLOOD 1: WEAPONS OF MAGICAL DESTRUCTION, taking their quest to save the Orc race from both man and the sorceress Jennesta across the dimensions. Now they are back in another volume of frenetic action, nail-biting adventure and black humour. Orcs warband the Wolverines are stranded in a parallel world. Their only means of escape, the mysterious instrumentalities, have been seized by their nemesis, the depraved sorceress Jennesta. But regaining the artefacts is only one of their problems. To ignite an uprising in the face of ruthless human oppressors commanding magic, Stryke and his band must reawaken the lost martial spirit of the world's indigenous orcs. You'll never look at an Orc again in the same way. **TP \$32.99**

Larry Niven & Steven Barnes

Dream Park

Suiting up for a role-playing game at a futuristic fantasy theme park filled with holographic technologies, a team of creative adventurers is joined by security head Alex Griffin, who has discovered that one of the players has murdered a guard. Co-written by the Hugo- and Nebula-winning author of the Ringworld series. **HC \$30.95**

Laurie Notaro

Spooky Little Girl

Upon returning from a trip to Hawaii, Lucy Fisher realizes that she died during her vacation and must go to ghost school, where she will need to learn how to make ghostly whispers, move objects and conduct energy if she wants to get closer to heaven. **TP \$28.95**

Marcus Pelegrinas

Teeth of Beasts (Skinners 03)

Horrible things move through the shadows of our world—bloodsuckers, Full Bloods and mongrel beasts, shapeshifters and minor freaks. For centuries creature hunters known as Skinners have protected humankind. But who protects the Skinners . . . from madness?

Unbeknownst to the human population, a pestilence is raging through an unseen community of low-level monstrosities. What seems, at first glance, a boon for the mortal cause has horrific connotations—as the Skinner team of Cole Warnecki and Paige Strobel races across the Midwest to uncover the shocking secret of the “Mud Flu.” For a nightmare of destruction and blood sacrifice is looming—one born of an unholy meeting nearly two centuries ago—that will pit man against beast, and Skinner against Skinner. **APB \$19.95**

Simon Petrie

Rare Unsigned Copy: Tales of Rocketry, Ineptitude, and Giant Mutant Vegetables

Short (and mostly warped) SF and fantasy stories from Simon Petrie, including several previously-unpublished gems. Touching on such important, diverse, and hitherto-ignored topics as the sex life of mythical reptiles, the anachronistic hazardousness of the humble ham sandwich, and the application of radiation-induced gigantism to market gardening, Petrie's work is a direct challenge to the dictum that truth is stranger than fiction.

If you've ever wondered about what to do about that inexplicable triceratops in your backyard, about what happened next in that classic match-up between Hare and Tortoise, or about the absolute very worst thing you can have happen to you while you're ransacking that idyllic alien planet, then you need to read "Rare Unsigned Copy."

It's not all off-planet, off-the-wall, or off-colour. Some of the stories in "Rare Unsigned Copy" are speculation pure and simple, played with a straight bat. But for the most part, the stories dwell on life's unexpected absurdities, like dealing with that artificial intelligence that either wants you, or wants you off its ship, or wants to hold onto that last unique item in its carefully-organised inventory. Even if said item might well be a life-saver. **BPB \$26.95**

Sarah Pinborough

A Matter of Blood (Dog Faced Gods 01)

Detective Inspector Cass Jones has enough on his plate without worrying about the world at large. His marriage is crumbling, he's haunted by the deeds of his past and he's got the high-profile shooting of two schoolboys to solve - not to mention tracking down a serial killer who calls himself the Man of Flies. Then Cass' personal world is thrown into disarray when his brother shoots his own wife and child before committing suicide - leaving Cass implicated in their deaths. And when he starts seeing silent visions of his dead brother, it's time for the suspended DI to go on the hunt himself - only to discover that all three cases are linked...As Jones is forced to examine his own family history, three questions keep reappearing: what disturbed his brother so badly in his final few weeks? Who are the shadowy people behind The Bank? And, most importantly, what do they want with DI Cass Jones? **TP \$35**

Ricardo Pinto

The Third God (Stone Dance of the Chameleon 03)

The concluding volume of Ricardo Pinto's acclaimed and unique The Stone Dance of the Chameleon fantasy trilogy.

Amidst the massacre he himself helped bring about, Carnelian is now desperate to find a way to avoid more carnage. But it is too late for that. His spurned lover, Osidian, seeking revenge and determined to win back his stolen throne, has deliberately stoked the wrath of the Masters who rule the world from its centre, Osrakum. Osidian's actions have stirred into motion political events in Osrakum which threaten to overturn the millennial repressive order of the Commonwealth.

Carnelian learns that he and those he loves are now inextricably enmeshed in the terrible power game of the Masters. If he and they are to survive, he has no choice but to play that game himself, though he does not know how. He has no choice but to stand with Osidian in defiance of the invincible power of the Masters. No choice but to take his loved ones deeper into peril.

In his struggle he will find unlooked-for allies and guidance with dreadful motives of its own. And ultimately, he will unleash apocalyptic forces which will bring him and his world to a reckoning none could have foreseen, though it has been simmering for four thousand years. **APB \$24.95**

J A Pitts

Black Blade Blues (Sarah Beauhall 01)

Sarah Beauhall has more on her plate than most twenty-somethings: day job as a blacksmith, night job as a props manager for low-budget movies, and her free time is spent fighting in a medieval re-enactment group.

The lead actor breaks Sarah's favourite one-of-a-kind sword, and to avoid reshooting scenes, Sarah agrees to repair the blade. One of the extras, who claims to be a dwarf, offers to help. And that's when things start to get weird. Could the sword really be magic, as the dwarf claims? Are dragons really living among us as shapeshifters?

And as if things weren't surreal enough, Sarah's girlfriend Katie breaks out the dreaded phrase... I love you. As her life begins to fall apart, first her relationship with Katie, then her job at the movie studio, and finally her blacksmithing career, Sarah hits rock bottom. It is at this moment, when she has lost everything she has prized, that one of the dragons makes their move.

And suddenly what was unthinkable becomes all too real... and Sarah will have to decide if she can reject what is safe and become the heroine who is needed to save her world. **HC \$52.95 BPB \$22.99**

Frederik Pohl

Gateway (SF Masterworks 09)

Wealth or Death. Those were the choices Gateway offered. Humans had discovered this artificial spaceport, full of working interstellar ships left behind by the mysterious, vanished Heechee. Their destinations are preprogrammed. They are easy to operate, but impossible to control. Some came back with discoveries which made their intrepid pilots rich; others returned with their remains barely identifiable. It was the ultimate game of Russian roulette, but in this resource-starved future there was no shortage of desperate volunteers. **BPB \$22.99**

Christopher Priest

The Dream Archipelago

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

Philip Pullman

The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ

In this ingenious and spellbinding retelling of the life of Jesus, Philip Pullman reimagines the most influential story ever told. Charged with mystery, compassion and great power, The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ says something new about who Jesus was and asks questions that will resonate long after the book has been read.

The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ is subversive, thought-provoking and deeply moving. Pullman's storytelling genius shows just why the charismatic person of a spontaneous, articulate Jesus has captured the hearts and minds of so many. Right to the end the betrayal of Jesus retains the intensity and suspense of high drama. As does the identity of Jesus Christ.

The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ could change the way you think about religion, about God, and about one of the most enduring stories of all time. **HC \$32.95**

Sherrill Quinn

Daring the Moon

Sexy. Primal. Irresistibly male.

It takes a lot to ruffle Taite Gibson. But the enormous, snarling werewolf that's stalking her through the streets of Tucson? Yeah, that oughta do it. Those terrifying attacks convince Taite to seek out Ryder Merrick, a reclusive British horror writer reputed to know everything about werewolves, including how to kill them. Turns out he also knows how to leave her shaking with desire...

On his remote private island, Ryder can live safely with the beast inside him, unable to harm others or himself. Then Taite arrives, her lush, sweet scent and gorgeous curves tempting him to give in to every wicked hunger. And as a full moon rises, the only way to keep Taite safe from the evil that's followed her here is to convince her to trust in an attraction that's deeply dangerous, and wilder than she ever guessed. . . **APB \$12.95**

Erin Quinn

Haunting Warrior

Lured back to the site of his father's disappearance by a woman in his dreams, Rory McGrath is plunged back in time and into the body of another man to discover the secrets of his family. **TP \$30.95**

Robert Rankin

Necrophenia

ONE IN EVERY THREE PEOPLE LIVING IS ACTUALLY DEAD! It is a matter of historical record that during the latter part of World War II, England's top-secret Ministry of Serendipity enlisted the services of arch-magician Aleister Crowley to create a Homunculus. Why? Well that's a long story, spanning almost seven decades as it follows the life and career of Tyler, rock star, private eye - and notable for the fact that he almost saved Mankind. The cast of millions also includes ukulele maestro George Formby, Mick Jagger, Mama Cass, Elvis Presley and Lazlo Woodbine. And Tyler's brother, Andy, who impersonates animals (and who single-handedly brought about the Swinging Sixties). And a lady named Clara from Croydon, who unlocked the meta-phenomena of the Multiverse. And a corner shopkeeper from Brentford, who created a sitting room for God. And a great many living dead. Oh yes and it also involves a monster in human form whose intention it is to turn the Earth into a Necrosphere, a planet totally devoid of life... **BPB \$22.99**

Robert V S Redick

The Rats and the Ruling Sea (Chathrand 02)

Thasha's wedding is hours away. It is a wedding that will both fulfil the promise of a mad god's return and see her murdered. Pazel has thwarted the sorcerer who would bring back the god but both sides now face deadlock. Can Thasha be saved? Can the war between two Empires be stopped? THE RATS AND THE RULING SEA takes the reader further into the labyrinthine plots and betrayals that have underscored the trilogy from the beginning. We learn more about the Ixchel as they fight for survival against the Chathrand's rats, discover more about the true motives of conspirators, live with Thasha and Pazel as they face death and deceit and as the Chathrand sails into the infamous Ruling Sea. **TP \$35**

Matthew Reilly *Australian Author*

The Five Greatest Warriors (Jack West 03)

T BEGAN WITH SIX STONES

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

IT FINISHES HERE

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

WHO ARE THE FIVE WARRIORS?

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

OCEANS WILL RISE, CITIES WILL FALL

Scores will be settled, fathers will fight sons, brothers will battle brothers, and Jack and his friends will soon find out exactly what the end of the world looks like... **TP \$32.99**

Anne Rice

The Tale of the Body Thief (Vampire Chronicles 04)

Electrifying, erotic, terrifying - the fourth book in the Vampire Chronicles is as rich, as violent, as sensual as the three runaway bestsellers that preceded it.

1992. Miami. Lestat, Vampire-hero, rockstar, seducer of millions - is desperate to be free from the nightmare of his own immortality. Lestat yearns to be reborn a man, to think and feel and breathe like a mortal to walk in the sun, to regain his soul, and in a search for a return to mortality, travels through many lands and many times, from the New Orleans of today to 19th-century London, from 18th-century Amsterdam to the Amazon jungles. And all the while he is stalked by the one living being - the body thief - who covets Lestat's power and immortality and is only too eager to give him what he wants - his own mortal body.

Lestat, ignoring the warnings of those he trusts, ultimately surrenders his vampire body. The body thief vanishes. Chaos ensues and the newly mortal Lestat is left to discover what he has forgotten - the anguish of being human - the suffering, the weakness, the fragility of the ordeal of human life.

BPB \$24.95

Memnoch the Devil (Vampire Chronicles 05)

Apocalyptic new novel, the fifth in the chronicles of the Vampire Lestat, who stars (played by Tom Cruise) in the major Hollywood movie INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE.

In this terrifying novel from the phenomenally successful Anne Rice, the vampire Lestat makes a Faustian pact with a fallen angel who calls himself Memnoch.

Lestat soon discovers that Memnoch is in fact the Devil himself and that he has come to New Orleans with a proposition. With his satanic guide Lestat tours the boundaries of space and time as Memnoch offers an alternative and personalised account of the Bible, exploring the events which shaped our world.

Their journey ends with an apocalyptic denouement in hell, from which Lestat returns frail and broken. The experience has shattered his perceptions of the known Universe, but can you ever trust the Devil? **BPB \$24.95**

The Vampire Armand (Vampire Chronicles 06)

Mesmerising, darkly erotic, terrifying - the exciting new volume of Anne Rice's internationally bestselling Vampire Chronicles, which began with Interview with the Vampire.

The previous volume of the Vampire Chronicles, Memnoch the Devil, was called 'a modern Paradise Lost' by the Washington Post. Taking the Vampire Lestat from fiction into legend, it left him lying in a New Orleans convent, at the edge of death. Magnificent and electrifying, this new volume in the Vampire Chronicles returns to the glittering story of Armand, mesmerizing leader of the vampire coven at the eighteenth-century Theatre des Vampires in Paris (seductively played by Antonio Banderas in the film of Interview with the Vampire). Snatched from the steppes of Russia as a child, and sold as a slave in Renaissance Venice, Armand's story sweeps through several hundred years, to New Orleans at the end of the twentieth century, where Lestat lies waiting for immortality, and the legend continues to grow. . . . **BPB \$24.95**

Merrick (Vampire Chronicles 07 / Mayfair Witches)

Vampires, witchcraft and voodoo come together in this vivid, exotic and terrifying new novel from Anne Rice, merging the worlds of the Vampire Chronicles and the Mayfair Witches.

When last the vampire Lestat was seen, he was rising from the dead in present-day New Orleans to walk the world again. Now Lestat lives, but in a twilight world of music and memory.

His charismatic friend Louis is tortured by the memory of the child vampire, Claudia, whom he loved and lost. In a moment of desperation he calls on the beautiful Merrick, an offshoot of the illustrious New Orleans Mayfair clan. To save Louis' sanity, Merrick must use her black witchcraft to call up the ghost of Claudia - however dangerous this may be. There are other Mayfair spirits who will not lie still, and her search takes her close to the edge, through blood and terror, ritual and violence.

Sweeping from New Orleans to the Brazilian jungle and the island of Haiti, this is vampire literature at its most tantalising, sexy and irresistible.

BPB \$24.95

Blood and Gold (Vampire Chronicles 08)

The latest mesmerising and exotic Vampire Chronicle from the mistress of the genre - a must for all readers of The Vampire Armand.

Here is the glorious and sinister life of Marius: patrician by birth, scholar by choice and one of the oldest vampires of them all. From his genesis in ancient Rome, to his present day meeting with Thorne, a Nordic vampire of snow and ice, we follow the story of this aristocratic killer.

His is a tale that spans the breadth of time. When the Visigoths sack his city, Marius is there; with the resurgence of the glory of Rome, he is there, still searching for his lost love Pandora, he even entertains an obsession with Botticelli. So prevalent is Marius that it is he who gives the dark gift to the illustrious vampire Armand.

Intertwined with the stories of Rice's magnificent Pantheon of the undead, haunted by Pandora and by his alter ego Mael and tracked by the ominous Talamasca, this account of Marius is the most wondrous and mind-blowing of them all. **BPB \$24.95**

Anne Rice

Blackwood Farm (Vampire Chronicles 09 / Mayfair Witches)

Another mesmerising masterpiece from the mistress of the vampire genre.

Lestat is back, saviour and demon, presiding over a gothic story of family greed and hatred through generations, a terrifying drama of blood lust and betrayal, possession and matricide. Blackwood Farm with its grand Southern mansion, set among dark cypress swamps in Louisiana, harbours terrible blood-stained secrets and family ghosts. Heir to them all is Quinn Blackwood, young, rash and beautiful, himself a tyro 'bloodhunter' whom Lestat takes under his wing. But Quinn is in thrall not only to the past and his own appetites but, even more dangerously, to a companion spirit, a 'goblin' succubus who could destroy him and others. Only the unearthly power of Lestat combined with the earthly powers of the ubiquitous Mayfair clan could hope to save Quinn from himself and his ghosts, or to rescue the doomed girl Quinn loves from her own mortality- Shocking, savage and richly erotic, this novel with the deceptively gentle title bring us Anne Rice at her most powerfully disturbing. **BPB \$24.95**

Blood Canticle (Vampire Chronicles 10 / Mayfair Witches)

Another mesmerising volume of the bestselling Vampire Chronicles from the mistress of the genre, telling the story of Lestat's quest for redemption, for goodness and for the love of Rowan Mayfair.

Following the recent film of Queen of the Damned (starring the late cult singer Aaliyah and Stuart Townsend) and the success of her latest novel, Blackwood Farm, there's been a resurgence of interest in Lestat, the ultimate vampire creation, and his creator-Lestat has returned, and, moving through the worlds of Blackwood Farm and the Mayfair family, he finds himself ensnared by love and loyalty. Here are all of the brilliantly conceived Anne Rice characters that make up these two worlds of vampires and witches: Mona Mayfair, who's come to Blackwood Farm to die and is brought into the realm of the undead-her uncle, Julian Mayfair, guardian of the family, determined to forever torment Lestat because of what he has done to Mona-Rowan Mayfair, brilliant neurosurgeon, a true witch, a woman who attracts spirits to herself, casts spells on others and finds herself dangerously drawn to the undead and all-powerful Lestat-her husband, Michael Curry, hero of the Mayfair Chronicles, who seeks Lestat's help with the temporary madness of his wife-Ash Templeton, a 5,000 year old Taltos, whose genes live on in the Mayfairs, who has taken Mona's child- Patsy, a country-western singer, killed by Quinn Blackwood and dumped in a swamp, who returns as a ghost to avenge her own death-and at the book's centre - the Vampire Lestat, once the epitome of evil, now following the transformation set in motion with Memnoch the Devil, struggling with his vampiredom, yearning for goodness and purity and love as he saves Patsy's ghost from the dark realm of the Earthbound, uncovers the mystery of the Taltos, and unselfishly decides the fate of his beloved Rowan Mayfair. This latest vampire novel will delight all Anne Rice fans.

BPB \$24.95

Adam Roberts

New Model Army

Adam Roberts' new novel is a terrifying vision of a near future war - a civil war that tears the UK apart as new technologies allow the world's first truly democratic army to take on the British army and wrest control from the powers that be. Taking advances in modern communication and the new eagerness for power from the bottom upwards Adam Roberts has produced a novel that is at once an exciting war novel and a philosophical examination of war and democracy. **HC \$59.99**

I Am Scrooge: A Zombie Story for Christmas

Marley was dead. Again. The legendary Ebenezer Scrooge sits in his house counting money. The boards that he has nailed up over the doors and the windows shudder and shake under the blows from the endless zombie hordes that crowd the streets hungering for his flesh and his miserly braaaaiiiiiiiiins! Just how did the happiest day of the year slip into a welter of blood, innards and shambling, ravenous undead on the snowy streets of old London town? Will the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future be able to stop the world from drowning under a top-hatted and crinolined zombie horde? Was Tiny Tim's illness something infinitely more sinister than mere rickets and consumption? Can Scrooge be persuaded to go back to his evil ways, travel back to Christmas past and destroy the brain stem of the tiny, irritatingly cheery Patient Zero? **HC \$24.99**

Justina Robson

Chasing the Dragon (Quantum Gravity 04)

Lila Black returns in the fourth volume of high-octane, high-magic, high-tech adventures. For ten years now mankind has lived in Otopia - our world, but our world changed. Ever since the Quantum Bomb our dimension and realms of faerie, demonia, of the elementals and of death have been intermingled. We live alongside creatures from our myths, dreams and nightmares. Lila Black, half-robot, all attitude works for Otopia's secret service. In love with a half-elf, half demon and carrying the spirit of another elf inside her, her life is quite complicated enough already. But other complications, other loves, other fears, other deaths wait just around the next dimensional corner. **TP \$32.99**

Michelle Rowen

The Demon in Me (Living in Eden)

Possessed by a demon, who, due to her psychic abilities, can take form during the daylight hours, Eden Riley, a consultant to the police, must learn to live with this devilishly sexy creature whether she likes it or not. **PB \$19.95**

Brian Ruckley

Fall of Thanos (Godless World 03)

Tension between the clans of the Black Road and the True Bloods is mounting, as each side in the conflict becomes ever more riven by internal dissent and disunity. And Aeglyss the na'kyrim continues to spread chaos in the world, exerting a dangerous, insidious influence over events both near and far. As events mount to a climax, the world will change and no side can anticipate the twisted pattern of what lies ahead. **PB \$22.99**

Jaime Rush

Touching Darkness

While working for a shady controller named Darkwell, Nicholas Braden, who has a psychic talent for finding things, draws closer to Darkwell's gorgeous young assistant Olivia and finds himself trapped in a battle between good and evil. **PB \$19.95**

Michelle Sagara

Cast in Secret (Cast 03)

Still avoiding magic whenever possible, Private Kaylin Neya relished investigating a run-of-the-mill theft. Until she found out the mysterious stolen box had been taken from Elani Street, where the mages and charlatans mingled, and it was sometimes hard to tell the difference between the two. And since the box was ancient, without a keyhole, and held tremendous darkness inside, Kaylin knew unknown forces were again playing with her destiny—and her life.... **PB \$17.95**

Hiroshi Sakurazaka

Slum Online

Reality bites for college freshman Etsuro Sakagami, but on the MMO Versus Town he's a karate master who can handle anything. Who will be his greatest opponent - the seemingly invisible Slasher Jack, or his would-be girlfriend Fumiko? Etsuro Sakagami is a college freshman who feels uncomfortable in reality, but when he logs onto the combat MMO Versus Town, he assumes the personality of "Tetsuo," a karate champ on his way towards becoming the most powerful martial artist around. While his relationship with new classmate Fumiko goes nowhere, he spends his days and nights online in search of the invincible fighter Slasher Jack. Floating in between real and virtual, at last, Etsuro finds himself face to face with his most powerful opponent... **TP \$28.95**

Brandon Sanderson

Mistborn (Final Empire 01)

Brandon Sanderson's epic fantasy trilogy overturns the expectations of readers and then goes on to tell the epic story of evil overturned in a richly imagined world. A thousand years ago evil came to the land and has ruled with an iron hand ever since. The sun shines fitfully under clouds of ash that float down endlessly from the constant eruption of volcanoes. A dark lord rules through the aristocratic families and ordinary folk are condemned to lives in servitude, sold as goods, labouring in the ash fields. But now a troublemaker has arrived and there is rumour of revolt. A revolt that depends on criminal that no-one can trust and a young girl who must master Allomancy - the magic that lies in all metals. **BPB \$24.99**

Lynsay Sands

Tall, Dark and Hungry (Argeneau)

When Terri flew from England to New York to help plan her cousin Kate's wedding, she didn't know what she expected - but it certainly wasn't the Argeneaus. Her new in-laws may seem a little strange, with the sometimes-chipper sometimes-brooding writer Lucern - Kate's fiancée - and Vincent, the wacky stage actor (she couldn't imagine Broadway casting a hungrier looking all singing, all dancing Dracula), but having just discovered how expensive New York hotels can be, suddenly their offer of accommodation looks much more attractive. And then there's Bastien. Even taller, darker and hungrier looking than the other two, just looking into his eyes is enough to make Terri admit she's falling for him. Surely she can put up with the Argeneau's odd habits for a few days - to stay in their luxurious penthouse apartment, with the lovely Bastien - if it lets her avoid New York's blood-sucking hotel prices! **BPB \$22.99**

Lisa Shearin

Bewitched and Betrayed (Raine 04)

While searching for the specters of six evil mages who escaped the Saghred, a soul-stealing stone of unimaginable power, Raine Barnes, a seeker, finds the tables turned when one of the escapees, regenerating his body by taking the lives of powerful victims, begins hunting her. **APB \$19.95**

Gena Showalter

Into the Dark (Lords of the Underworld)

Features a trio of darkly sensual paranormal romances including "The Amazon's Curse," in which Zane, a fierce vampire warrior, is enslaved by the Amazons and must place his trust in a rebel Amazon soldier who has captured his heart. **PB \$19.95**

Nalini Singh

Angel's Blood (Guild Hunter 01)

Vampire hunter Elena Deveraux knows she's the best - but she doesn't know if she's good enough for this job. Hired by the dangerously beautiful Archangel Raphael, a being so lethal that no mortal wants his attention, only one thing is clear - failure is not an option...even if the task she's been set is impossible. Because this time, it's not a wayward vamp she has to track. It's an archangel gone bad. The job will put Elena in the midst of a killing spree like no other...and pull her to the razor's edge of passion. Even if the hunt doesn't destroy her, succumbing to Raphael's seductive touch just may. Because when archangels play, mortals break... **BPB \$22.99**

Archangel's Kiss (Guild Hunter 02)

Welcome to a dark new world where lethal, beautiful archangels hold sway over immortals and mortals both, with the Guild Hunters caught in between, tasked with retrieving those vampires who break their contracts with their angelic masters. Elena Deveraux is a Guild Hunter. She was hired to do the impossible - to hunt down a rogue Archangel - and she succeeded where none had believed she could. But in the process, she fell in love. And not just with anyone: with the Archangel Raphael. It's a love that's as powerful as it is terrifying and dangerous. But the world won't stand still while Elena and Raphael enjoy their new-found love. Vampires and angels still go rogue and it's still Elena's job to hunt them down and return them to their angelic masters. For all that she is exceptional, Elena isn't invulnerable - and the more obvious her talents become, the bigger a target she could find herself... **BPB \$22.99**

Bertrice Small

Crown of Destiny (Hetar 03)

In this final installment of the World of Hetar series, Lara, faerie woman of Hetar, needs the support of her Shadow Prince more than ever when her formidable powers aren't enough to stop the darkness from converging on the peaceful world she has struggled to preserve. **TP \$28.95**

Cordwainer Smith

The Rediscovery of Man (SF Masterworks 10)

Welcome to the strangest, most distinctive future ever imagined by a science fiction writer. An interstellar empire ruled by the mysterious Lords of the Instrumentality, whose access to the drug stroom from the planet Norstrilia confers on them virtual immortality. A world in which wealthy and leisured humanity is served by the underpeople, genetically engineered animals turned into the semblance of people. A world in which the great ships which sail between the stars are eventually supplanted by the mysterious, instantaneous technique of planofforming. A world of wonder and myth and extraordinary imagination. **BPB \$24.99**

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Grand Central Arena

It was supposed to be a simple test flight, one that pilot Ariane Austin was on only as a last-ditch backup; intelligent, superhumanly fast automation would handle the test activation and flight of humanity's first faster-than-light vessel. But when the Sandrisson Drive activated, every automated system crashed, the nuclear reactor itself shut down, and only the reflexes and training of a racing pilot saved the test vessel Holy Grail from crashing into the impossible wall that had appeared before them, a wall which is just part of a monstrous enclosure surrounding a space twenty thousand kilometers across. With all artificial intelligences inert and their reactor dead, they had to find some other source of power to reactivate the Sandrisson Drive and—hopefully—take them home.

And that was only the beginning. As Ariane, Dr. Simon Sandrisson, darkly enigmatic power engineer Marc C. DuQuesne, and the rest of the Holy Grail's crew explore the immense artifact, they discover that they are not alone; they have entered a place the alien inhabitants call 'The Arena,' and there is no way out without joining one of the alien factions . . . or winning recognition as a faction in their own right, playing by the Arena's rules ? and by the Arena's rules, one failed challenge could mean death or worse ? perhaps for the entire human race.

Surrounded by alien factions, each with its own secret plans and motivations, some wielding powers so strange as to be magical, Ariane sets out to beat the Arena at its own game. With DuQuesne's strategies, Sandrisson's genius, and her own unyielding determination, she's going to bring the Holy Grail home ? even if she has to beat every faction in the Arena to do it! **APB \$19.95**

Gabi Stevens

The Wish List

When she discovers that her aunts are actually fairy godmothers and that she has her own magical powers, CPA Kristin Montgomery, armed with a wand, finds her life thrown into hilarious chaos, especially when she meets her reluctant--and distractingly sexy--magical arbiter, scholar Tennyson Ritter. **PB \$17.95**

S M Stirling

A Taint in the Blood (Shadowspawn 01)

Part Shadowspawn, but living as an ordinary man, Adrian Breze must now battle the dark forces of the world and within his own blood to save humanity, in this new series from the New York Times bestselling author. **HC \$52.95**

Juliana Stone

The Darkest Hunger

Jaxon Castille: jaguar shifter, warrior, assassin. He has long hungered for the chance to make his former lover, Libby Jamieson, pay for her deadly betrayal. After three long years he's finally found her. The hunt is over . . .

But the Libby that he finds is not what he expected. She has no memory of their tumultuous affair, of her treachery, of anything beyond her own name. A shadowy and deadly clan has marked them both for death, and in an instant, he game changes: the hunter has become the hunted.

On the run, with the ghosts of their past between them and a dark, desperate hunger quickly reclaiming their bodies and souls, Libby and Jaxon must discover the truth behind the dark forces working against them. Together, they must grab hold of a destiny that has the power to either heal them or destroy them. But the truth is far more shattering than anyone could imagine . . . **APB \$14.99**

Benjamin Tate

Well of Sorrows

Fleeing from war-torn Andover with his parents, Colin Harten is the sole survivor of an attack by mysterious Shadow creatures who feed on life force, and must find his way to the Well of Sorrows and his destiny. **TP \$32.95**

Travis S Taylor

Tau Ceti Agenda (Mars 02)

The riveting edge of your seat sequel to One Day On Mars once again takes us on a blindingly fast pace through events from a futuristic Washington D.C. to the Tau Ceti star system. Just days before the presidential election a CIA operative uncovers a plot to overthrow America that reaches deep into the government. To top it off, the forces planning to revolt have somehow developed a technology that allows them to transport across the gulf between the star systems almost instantaneously. The CIA operative braves hand-to-hand combat and even torture in order to get a warning of the coming coup to American officials while at the same time the two most powerful battleships in the U.S. Space Navy are dispatched to overtake the enemy teleportation technology. With armored marines, intense space naval battles, fighter plane, and high technology wizardry perhaps the plot to kill the president can be thwarted. But will that be enough to save the land of the free? **APB \$19.95**

Ian Tregillis

Bitter Seeds

When the Nazis run missions with people who have supernatural abilities: an invisible woman, a man who walks through walls and a woman who uses her knowledge of the future to twist the present, British secret agent Raybould Marsh must rally Britain's secret warlocks to hold an impending World War II invasion at bay. **HC \$52.95**

Elizabeth Vaughan

White Star (Palins 02)

The Lady High Priestess Evelyn, known as Evie to her friends, is a healer, dedicated to using her magic in the service of the goddess, to aid others and give strength where it is needed. Orrin Blackheart couldn't be more different. With his black armour, a black name and a blacker reputation, he's feared and hated in equal parts. So on his defeat and capture in battle, the Goddess's insistence that Evie saves him from a death sentence astonishes them both - as does the growing attraction between them. But in saving Orrin, Evie condemns herself to a prohibition on her magic and a penance posting on the edges of the land, while to retain his salvation Orrin must battle a spreading plague across the land. Fate clearly has plans for them both - but to fulfill them, both must survive the perils ahead. **BPB \$22.99**

Destiny's Star (Palins 03)

Bethral is a mercenary, wise in the ways of weaponry and warfare, but not so good when it comes to dealing with people. Ezren is a quick-witted storyteller, a weaver of mesmerising tales - and more, for the rarest magic, wild magic, runs through his body. But wild magic is rogue, uncontrollable and deadly, and if Ezren is to survive, he will have to rid himself of it, or learn to wield it. And the unlikely couple find they have other, equally pressing concerns, for the portal that wrenched them from their home has dropped them in the middle of the Plains, leaving Bethral badly injured. And not only are the people of the Plains warriors, with their own code of honour and their own rules of pleasure and partnership; they are also in the middle of a civil war. To stay alive, Bethral and Ezren must learn new customs, confront their enemies, and conceal Ezren's fiery power ...for the wild magic in Ezren is also of the Plains.

And when they find that out, they will want it back - even if they have to kill Ezren to do so. **TP \$32.99**

Rachel Vincent*Stray (01)***APB \$19.95****J R Ward***Lover Mine (Black Dagger Brotherhood 08)*

In the shadows of the night in Caldwell, New York, there's a deadly war raging between vampires and their slayers. And there exists a secret band of brothers like no other - vampire warriors, defenders of their race... John Matthew has been through his vampire transition and taken to the life of the Brotherhood with a vengeance, but he still can't shake the nightmare of his past and is unsure of his future as a warrior hero. He's made a promise to honour the Brotherhood and their fight with the slayers at all costs, until the love of his life is kidnapped and he is forced to make a choice that could change his life and the Brotherhood's forever... **HC \$52.95 PB \$19.99**

Dayton Ward*Counterstrike (Last World War 02)*

After a war between two alien races--the Pylsersians and the Chodrecai--spills over to the Earth, human and Pylsersian scientists and engineers race against time to unlock intergalactic portals and harvest alien technology to save its existence. **APB \$19.95**

David Weber*Storm From the Shadows (Honorverse Shadow 02)*

Rear Admiral Michelle Henke was commanding one of the ships in a force led by Honor Harrington in all-out space battle. The odds were against the Star Kingdom forces, and they had to run. But Michelle's ship was crippled, and had to be destroyed to prevent superior Manticoran technology from falling into Havenite hands, and she and her surviving crew were taken prisoner. Much to her surprise, she was repatriated to Manticore, carrying a request for a summit conference between the leaders of the two sides which might end the war. But a condition of her return was that she gave her parole not to fight against the forces of the Republic of Haven until she had been officially exchanged for a Havenite prisoner of war, so she was given a command far away from the war's battle lines. What she didn't realize was that she would find herself on a collision course, not with a hostile government, but with the interstellar syndicate of criminals known as Manpower. And Manpower had its own plans for eliminating Manticore as a possible threat to its lucrative slave trade, deadly plans which remain hidden in the shadows. **APB \$20.95**

Walter Jon Williams*This is Not a Game*

Once upon a time, there were four of them. And though each was good at a number of things, all of them were very good at games... But when one of them is gunned down in a parking lot, the survivors become players in a very different kind of game - one that is played for the highest stake of all. Now they must draw on all their resources - not least millions of online gamers - to track down the killer. Imagine a game with no boundaries. Waiting in a parking lot, sitting at your computer, walking down the street - you could be called at any moment, and you'd better be ready. This is not a game. This is a novel that will blow your mind. **PB \$19.99**

F Paul Wilson*Reborn (Adeversary 04)*

When an ancient artifact dissolves in the hands of a man calling himself Mr. Veilleur, he knows something has gone wrong...terribly, cosmically wrong.

Dr. Roderick Hanley, Nobel Prize-winning geneticist, dies in a plane crash. His last words: "The boy! They'll find out about the boy! He'll find out about himself!" When Jim Stevens, an orphan and struggling writer, learns that he is the sole heir to the Hanley estate, he is sure he has at last found his biological father. But he's only half right. The true nature of his inheritance—and the truth about his conception—will crush him.

In New York City a group of Charismatics has been drawn together—without invitation, simply showing up at a Murray Hill brownstone—with a sense of great purpose. Satan is coming, and they have been chosen to fight him.

Mr. Veilleur too has been drawn to the group, but he realizes it's not Satan who is coming. Satan would be a suitable au pair compared to the ancient evil that is in the process of being Reborn. **TP \$30.95**

Jacqueline Winspear*Among the Mad*

Christmas Eve, 1931. On the way to see a client, Maisie Dobbs witnesses a man commit suicide on a busy London street. The following day, the Home Secretary receives a letter threatening a massive loss of life if certain demands are not met. Maisie is invited into Scotland Yard's elite Special Branch as a special adviser on the case - and becomes involved in a race against time to find a man who soon proves he has the knowledge, and will, to murder thousands of innocent people. Before this harrowing case is over, Maisie must negotiate her way through a darkness not encountered since she was a nurse in wards filled with shell-shocked men. In *Among the Mad*, Jacqueline Winspear combines a heart-stopping story with a rich evocation of a fascinating period to create her most compelling and satisfying novel yet. **PB \$22.99**

Gene Wolfe*The Fifth Head of Cerberus (Sf Masterworks 08)*

Far from Earth two sister planets, Sainte Anne and Sainte Croix, circle each other. It is said that a race of shapeshifting aliens once lived here, only to become extinct when human colonists arrived. But one man believes they still exist, somewhere out in the wilderness. In *THE FIFTH HEAD OF CERBERUS*, Gene Wolfe brilliantly interweaves three tales: a scientist's son's gradual discovery of the bizarre secret of his heritage; a young man's mythic dreamquest for his darker half; the mystifying chronicle of an anthropologist's seemingly-arbitrary imprisonment. Gradually, a mesmerising pattern emerges. **BPB \$22.99**

The Best of Gene Wolfe

From a literary perspective, this will certainly be the best collection of the year in science fiction and fantasy. Gene Wolfe, of whom *The Washington Post* said, "Of all SF writers currently active none is held in higher esteem, has selected the short fiction he considers his finest into one volume.

There are many award winners and many that have been selected for various Year's Best anthologies among the 31 stories, which include: *Petting Zoo*, *The Tree Is My Hat*, *The Island of Dr Death and Other Stories*, *The Hero as Werewolf*, *Seven American Nights*, *The Fifth Head of Cerberus*, *The Detective of Dreams*, and *A Cabin on the Coast*.

Gene Wolfe has produced possibly the finest and most significant body of short fiction in the SF and fantasy field in the last 50 years, and is certainly among the greatest living writers to emerge from the genres. This is the first retrospective collection of his entire career.

It is for the ages. **TP \$32.99**

Hiroshi Yamamoto*The Stories of Ibis*

In a world where humans a minority and androids have created their own civilization, a wandering storyteller meets the beautiful android Ibis. She tells him seven stories of human/android interaction in order to reveal the secret behind humanity's fall. The story takes place centuries in the future, where the diminished populations of humans live uncultured lives in their own colonies. They resent the androids, who have built themselves a stable and cultural society. In this brutal time, our main character travels from colony to colony as a "storyteller," one that speaks of the stories of the past. One day, he is abducted by Ibis, an android in the form of a young girl, and told of the stories created by humans in the ancient past. The stories that Ibis speaks of are the 7 novels about the events surrounding the announcements of the development of artificial intelligence (AI) in the 20th to 21st centuries. At a glance, these stories do not appear to have any sort of connection, but what is the true meaning behind them? What are Ibis' real intentions? **TP \$32.95**

Roger Zelazny*Lord of Light (Sf Masterworks 07)*

Imagine a distant world where gods walk as men, but wield vast and hidden powers. Here they have made the stage on which they build a subtle pattern of alliance, love and deadly enmity. Are they truly immortal? Who are these gods who rule the destiny of a teeming world? Their names include Brahma, Kali, Krishna and also he who was called Buddha, the Lord of Light, but who now prefers to be known simply as Sam. The gradual unfolding of the story - how the colonisation of another planet became a re-enactment of Eastern mythology - is one of the great imaginative feats of modern science fiction. **BPB \$22.99**

Anthologies

Gardner Dozois & Jonathan Strahan Editor*New Space Opera 2*

Some of the most beloved names in science fiction spin all-new tales of interstellar adventure and wonder.

Neal Asher
John Barnes
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John Kessel
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Garth Nix
Mike Resnick
Justina Robson
Kristine Kathryn Rusch
John Scalzi
Bruce Sterling
Peter Watts
Sean Williams
Tad Williams
Bill Willingham
Robert Charles Wilson **APB \$22.99**

Derwin Mak & Eric Choi Editor*The Dragon and the Stars*

Featuring contributions from Tony Pi, Charles Tan, William F. Wu and Derwin Mak, this landmark anthology of imaginative sci-fi and fantasy stories, featuring tales by authors of Chinese ancestry, draws upon China's rich heritage and traditions and cultures **PB \$19.95**

C E Murphy, Carrie Vaughn & Laura Anne Gilman*Running With the Pack*

Remember the werewolves of classic stories and films, those bloodthirsty monsters that transformed under the full moon, reminding us of the terrible nature that lives within all of us? Today's werewolves are much more suave - and even sexy - and they've moved from British moors to New York City lofts, shaved, and got jobs. But as the tales of these writers will show you, they remain no less wild and passionate, and they still tug at the part of our being where a wild animal used to be. "Running With the Pack" includes stories from Carrie Vaughn, Laura Anne Gilman, and C.E. Murphy, and they will convince you that despite their gentrification, werewolves remain as fascinating and terrifying as ever. **TP \$30.95**

Michael Newton Editor*The Penguin Book of Ghost Stories*

This new selection of ghost stories, by Michael Newton, brings together the best of the genre. From Elizabeth Gaskell's 'The Old Nurse's Story' through to Edith Wharton's 'Afterword', this collection covers all of the most terrifying tales of the genre. With a thoughtful introduction, and helpful notes, Newton places the stories contextually within the genre and elucidates the changing nature of the ghost story and how we interpret it. **BPB \$26.95**

Brian M Thomsen & John Ringo Editor*Citizens*

Citizens is a new kind of science fiction anthology. The names appearing between its covers are not only veteran authors, among the very best in the field, they are military veterans as well. New York Times best-selling author John Ringo (a veteran of the 82nd Airborne) and Brian M. Thomsen, a Hugo finalist and one of the most respected editors in the field, have selected a treasure trove of gems written by writers who know first hand what it means to wear their country's uniform.

Among the top writers appearing in Citizens are Isaac Asimov, Robert A. Heinlein, Arthur C. Clarke, Elizabeth Moon, Gordon R. Dickson, David Drake, Joe Haldeman, Harry Harrison, Keith Laumer, Frederik Pohl, Jerry Pournelle, Gene Wolfe and more, nearly all authors of best sellers, and recipients of Hugo and Nebula awards. Citizens will have strong appeal to readers of military science fiction, as well as more general readers. **TP \$32.95**

Young Adult

Louisa May Alcott & Lynn Messina

Little Vampire Women

The classic novel of love and family in 19th century Massachusetts will never be the same, especially now that Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy are little vampire women. Readers will be agog and aghast at the hilarity of the sisters' transformation-especially now that they have (much) longer lives and (much) more ravenous appetites. This uproarious retelling of a timeless American classic will leave readers craving the bloodthirsty drama on each and every page. Age 14+ **BPB \$24.99**

Martine Allars

The Littlest Witch (01)

When triplets Gwen, Nel and Rain turned thirteen, they expected cake, balloons and presents. What they got was family secrets, cranky professors, evil shapeshifters and some shocking news:

- Book-worm Gwen discovers she's a witch with a destiny - about to collide with magical beings from another world.
- Fashion-loving Rain finds out she's a vampire (does this mean she'll never be able to do a daytime shoot?).
- Nel loves animals and wants to be a vet, but how does she feel about being... an elf!

The three feisty sisters have to juggle homework, school rivalries, magic lessons, and defy the evil plans of the greatest witch of all. **BPB \$14.99**

Kelley Armstrong

The Reckoning (Darkest Powers 03)

The nail-biting climax to Kelley Armstrong's bestselling Darkest Powers trilogy Chloe Saunders is fifteen and would love to be normal. Unfortunately, Chloe happens to be a genetically engineered necromancer who can raise the dead without even trying. She and her equally gifted (or should that be 'cursed?') friends are now running for their lives from the evil corporation that created them. As if that's not enough, Chloe is struggling with her feelings for Simon, a sweet-tempered sorcerer, and his brother Derek, a not so sweet-tempered werewolf. And she has a horrible feeling she's leaning towards the werewolf... Definitely not normal. **APB \$19.99**

H Badger

The Big Freeze (Space Scout 01)

Kip Kirby is going on his first Space Scout mission! But how much fun will it be if his starship is acting like a grumpy babysitter? **BPB \$9.95**

The Robot King (Space Scout 02)

High-speed walkways, skyscrapers and a race of friendly robots - this planet's not so different from Earth! Until Kip realises the robots want him to stay forever... **PB \$9.95**

The Jelly People (Space Scout 03)

Scouting a giant underwater city sounds awesome to Kip. That is, until he meets the poisonous Jelly People who live there... **PB \$9.95**

The Shrinking Race (Space Scout 04)

When Kip beams down onto a new planet, the tiny blue aliens there are terrified. Kip's like a giant! But he soon discovers that the mini-aliens weren't always such midgets... **PB \$9.95**

Catherine Banner

Voices in the Dark

The eagerly awaited sequel to *The Eyes of a King*, from extraordinary new young talent, Catherine Banner.

Anselm Andros has always thought he had a normal life - confidante to his mother, Maria, confessor to his stepfather, Leo, a man haunted by the secrets of his past, and support to his sister Jasmine. But when the political landscape of Malonia starts to shift, this unassuming family begin to unravel.

Even though they have spent the past fifteen years leading a quiet life, Maria and Leo's actions are forever linked to the turbulent history of Malonia and its parallel world, modern-day England. The voices from the past still echo in the present and Anselm must pull all the pieces together - whatever the cost. **BPB \$17.95**

Tom Becker

Blackjack (Darkside 05)

Jonathan's mother is alive. Jonathan is shocked when he finds out his mother has been locked away in Darkside's most infamous madhouse, The Bedlam, for years-and he's determined to rescue her. But with the rotten borough's brutal new leader causing mass chaos, a mysterious stone wreaking havoc on all who possess it, and the wereman Carnegie nowhere to be found, will he be able to save his mum without losing everything else? **BPB \$16.99**

Amanda Braxton-Smith

Merrow

Life doesn't just grow you up and leave you there;
it keeps beating you into different shapes,
like the cliffs.

The people of Carrick have been whispering behind Neen's back for most of her life; ever since her father drowned and her mother disappeared.

The townspeople say her mother was a merrow who has returned to her real home in the ocean. Neen wonders if perhaps the villagers are right. But if her mother is a merrow then what does this make Neen?

This pitiless summer all the talk will end in trouble.

All Neen wants is the truth. **PB \$18.99**

Libba Bray

A Great and Terrible Beauty

BPB \$19.99

Rachel Caine

Kiss of Death (Morganville Vampires 08)

Vampire musician Michael Glass has attracted the attention of a famous producer who wants him to cut a demo and play some gigs--which means Michael will have to enter the human world; for this, he's been assigned escorts that include both a dangerous immortal and Michael's all-too-human friends--with a mix like this, it's going to be a road trip from hell... **APB \$17.95**

Lewis Carroll

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass

Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* have captivated the imagination of adults and children alike since they first appeared more than a hundred years ago. Since that time many artists have attempted to capture their dreamlike combination of impossible events, precise detail and weird logic. Mervyn Peake is one of the few to have succeeded. Famed worldwide for his Gormenghast trilogy, Mervyn Peake was also an illustrator of rare and wondrous talent, whose editions of *Treasure Island* and *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* are universally admired. In the 1940s he was commissioned to produce a set of 70 pen-and-ink drawings to accompany Lewis Carroll's two classics, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-Glass*. They are among his best work as an illustrator. Unavailable in any edition since 1978, these extraordinary illustrations, many of which were drawn on poor quality wartime paper, have been restored to their former clarity and crispness by a combination of old-fashioned craft and the latest computer technology. They are now meticulously reproduced, for the first time, as they were meant to be seen. This exquisite two-volume set is the first edition to do justice to two great English eccentrics. **BPB \$19.99**

P C Cast & Kristen Cast

Marked (House of Night 01)

When sixteen-year-old Zoey Redbird gets Marked as a fledgling vampire she must join the House of Night school where she will train to become an adult vampire. That is, if she makes it through the Change. But Zoey is no ordinary fledgling.

She has been chosen as special by the Goddess Nyx and discovers her amazing new power to conjure the elements: earth, air, fire, water and spirit. When Zoey discovers that the leader of the Dark Daughters, the school's most elite group, is misusing her Goddess-given gifts, Zoey must look within herself to embrace her destiny - with a little help from her new vampire friends. - Not suitable for younger readers **PB \$16.99**

Betrayed (House of Night 02)

It seems that (un)life is going pretty well for Zoey Redbird. She's settled in at the House of Night finishing school and is coming to terms with the vast powers the vampyre goddess, Nyx, has given her. She even has a boyfriend ...or two.

Best of all, Zoey finally feels she has found somewhere she belongs. Then the unthinkable happens. Human teenagers are being killed, and all the evidence points to the vampires at Zoey's school.

While danger stalks the humans from Zoey's past life, she begins to realise that the very powers that made her so unique might also threaten those she loves. Then, when she needs her new friends the most, death strikes the House of Night. Zoey finds herself facing a betrayal that could break her heart and jeopardise the very fabric of her world. **PB \$16.99**

Chosen (House of Night 03)

"I guess it had gone okay with Stevie Rae. I mean, she had agreed to meet me tomorrow. And she hadn't tried to bite me, which was a plus.

Of course, the whole trying-to-eat-the-street-person thing was highly disturbing ..." Zoey's best friend, Stevie Rae, is undead - in an eww! zombie! kind-of-way, not in a cool vampire kind-of-way. She's struggling to retain her humanity and Zoey doesn't have a clue how to help. But she does know that anything they discover must be kept secret.

Trust has become a rare commodity. Sinister forces are at work at the House of Night, where the line between friend and enemy is becoming dangerously blurred. - Not suitable for younger readers **PB \$16.99**

Untamed (House of Night 04)

A week ago Zoey had a group of special friends, three boyfriends and a (kinda) clear conscience. Now she has none of the above. Luckily ice-queen Aphrodite is showing signs of melting and ex-roomie Stevie Rae isn't as dead as she'd thought.

Though Stevie's now hanging out in tunnels with freaks - gross. If she can get them to listen, Zoey will need all her friends as events take a frightening turn at the House of Night school for vampyres. Shocking true intentions are about to come to light, loyalties will be tested and an ancient evil is about to rise again.

Some days being special just doesn't seem all that ...- Not suitable for younger readers **PB \$16.99**

Hunted (House of Night 05)

'The door closed with a sickening thud of finality, shutting my friends out and leaving me alone with my enemy, a fallen angel, and the monstrous bird creature his ancient lust had created. Then I did something I'd only done twice before in my entire life. I fainted.' It's all happening, though Zoey Redbird wishes it wasn't.

She has her friends back, which is great. But a dark angel has taken over the House of Night, supported by High Priestess Neferet. Not so great.

This leaves Zoey hiding out with the (supposedly friendly) red fledglings in Tulsa's prohibition-era tunnels. The not greatness continues. Zoey has some boy-thoughts to distract her, with a chance to make-up with super-hot-ex Eric.

But thoughts of the archer that died, semi-permanently, in her arms also keep distracting her. Then he shows up as Neferet's newest minion. Well, hell. Zoey and friends need a plan to put things right, soon, if she's to keep both head and heart intact. - Not suitable for younger readers **PB \$16.99**

Tempted (House of Night 06)

Zoey needs a break after some serious excitement. Sadly, the House of Night school for vampyres doesn't feature breaks on its curriculum - even for a High Priestess in training and her gang. Plus juggling three guys is no stress reliever, especially when one is a sexy Warrior so into protecting Zoey that he's sensing her emotions.

Wider stresses lurk too, and the dark force in Tulsa's tunnels is spreading. Could Stevie Rae be responsible for more than a group of misfit fledglings? And Aphrodite's visions warn Zoey to stay away from the immortal Kalona and his dark allure - but they also show that only Zoey can stop him. She's not exactly keen to meet up, but if Zoey don't go to Kalona he'll exact a fiery vengeance on those closest to her.

She just has to find the courage to do what's necessary, or everything that's important to her will be destroyed. **PB \$16.99**

Burned (House of Night 07)

Zoey Redbird, vampyre High Priestess in training, seems to have lost herself. Her awesome powers over the elements were not enough to save someone close to her, and now her group must help her reclaim her centre and find herself again. But evil has its own plans, and these won't wait for Zoey to return to full power. The House of Night is facing its biggest threat yet and Zoey, and her BFFs, are needed at full strength to face the trials that have besieged it. And these trials go beyond any (un)usual red vampyre, fallen immortal, or even boyfriend troubles. Darkness is taking on the world and only Zoey can fight a path through to the light ... if she dares ... **TP \$29.99**

Bruce Coville

Dark Whispers (Unicorn Chronicles 03)

This is a tale of two quests: Cara Diana Hunter's search for an ancient story that may unravel the secret of the long enmity between the unicorns and the delvers, and her father's journey to free Cara's mother from the Rainbow Prison.

Cara's journey leads her through the strange underground world of the delvers to the court of the centaur king, while her father must travel from mysterious India to the depths of the Rainbow Prison itself. **BPB \$14.99**

Marianne Curley Australian Author

The Named (Named 01)

I've just made a huge mistake and it's really going to cost me. I've broken a vital code - never reveal your powers in public.

Ethan is Named - he has the ability to travel back in time, where he must use his special skills to try and intercept the dark forces intent on unravelling history. But Ethan is also a normal school boy, and leading a single life with a double identity is becoming just too much to handle, especially when even the normal part is getting more and more complicated.

And then Isabel comes along. **PB \$16.99**

The Key (Named 02)

The Order of Chaos begins its final and devastating assault on the Named in a desperate bid to annihilate them and gain absolute control of all the realms. The Named are in trouble. Not only must they find the precious lost key to unlock their ancient treasury of weapons, but there is a traitor in their midst. Suspicion is making them weaker, as the prophecy predicted, and they desperately need new hope. **PB \$16.99**

The Dark (Named 03)

A dark and compelling sequel to *The Named*, *The Dark* crackles with suspense and intrigue. Hell-bent on avenging the death of one of their best, the Order of Chaos gain the upper hand in their battle against the Guardians. As the Order's attempts to change history bear fruit, Ethan and Isabel notice subtle changes in their daily lives as an altered past impacts on the future. Before they can confront the Order, Ethan and Isabel, joined by Isabel's brother Matt, must risk everything to travel through a dark world and save Arkarian, without whom the future looks bleak. Told from the perspectives of Isabel and Arkarian, the edgy relationships and pacy narrative make for an unputdownable read. **PB \$16.99**

Kimberly Derting

The Body Finder

Violet Ambrose is grappling with two major issues: Jay Heaton and her morbid secret ability. While the sixteen-year-old is confused by her new feelings for her best friend since childhood, she is more disturbed by her "power" to sense dead bodies-or at least those that have been murdered. Since she was a little girl, she has felt the echoes the dead leave behind in the world . . . and the imprints that attach to their killers.

Violet has never considered her strange talent to be a gift; it mostly just led her to find dead birds her cat left for her. But now that a serial killer is terrorizing her small town, and the echoes of the local girls he's claimed haunt her daily, Violet realizes she might be the only person who can stop him.

Despite his fierce protectiveness over her, Jay reluctantly agrees to help Violet find the murderer-and Violet is unnerved by her hope that Jay's intentions are much more than friendly. But even as she's falling intensely in love, Violet is getting closer and closer to discovering a killer . . . and becoming his prey herself. **HC \$34.95**

Diane Duane

Wizard of Mars (Wizard)

Young wizards Kit Rodriguez and Nita Callahan are part of an elite team investigating the mysterious "message in a bottle" that holds clues to the long-lost inhabitants of Mars. But not even wizardry is enough to cope with the strange events that unfold when the "bottle" is uncorked and life emerges once more to shake the Red Planet with its own perilous and baffling brand of magic.

The good news is that the Martians seem friendly. The bad news is that now they're free to pick up on a long-dormant plan that could change the shape of more than one world—and they don't mind using their well-intentioned rescuers to achieve their goals. Kit's fascination with all things Martian unexpectedly enmeshes him in a terrible age-old conflict, turning him into both a potential key to its solution and a tool that in the wrong hands threatens the human race.

Only Kit has a shot at defusing the threat. But when he vanishes from the Mars of here and now, his fellow wizards are uncertain where his true loyalties lie. Nita's determination to find the truth—and Kit—sends her into battle against an implacable enemy who may be conquerable only by violating wizardry's most basic tenets. As the shadow of interplanetary war stretches ever more darkly over both worlds, Kit and Nita must master the strange and ancient synergy binding them to Mars and its last inhabitants. If they fail, the history that left Mars lifeless will repeat itself on Earth. **HC \$36.95**

Steve Feasey

WERELing

Fourteen-year-old Trey Laporte is not a kid anymore. Not after the day he wakes up in agony—retina-splitting, vomit-inducing agony. His clothes are torn. His room is trashed.

Enter Lucien Charron, the mysterious, long-lost "uncle" with freakish fire-flecked eyes and skin that blisters in the sun. Suddenly, Trey finds himself living in a luxury penthouse at the heart of a strange and sinister empire built on the powers of the Netherworld—vampires, demons, sorcerers, and djinn.

And there is a girl—Alexa Charron—who is half vampire, half human, and insanely pretty, with powers all of her own. Trey is falling for her.

Trey is training night and day to control the newly discovered power lurking inside him. Now, demons are closing in on every side, and the most psychopathic bloodsucker to rock the Netherworld wants to destroy him. Above all, he must face one terrifying question:

Is he a boy . . . or is he a beast? **PB \$22.95**

Christopher Fowler

The Curse of Snakes (Hellion)

A creepy, thrilling urban teen novel from the multi award-winning adult author Christopher Fowler. Read it if you dare!

'Something had been released into the night streets. It moved unnoticed and sucked the life from people. It caused slow painful death, but even those who could sense its presence were too scared to admit it was there.

And now, with quiet deliberation, it was heading for the street where I lived.'

Red Hellion lives opposite the creepy, tightly locked Torrington Park, or 'Viper's Green'. Walking home from school one day, he meets Max, who is trying to break in. Before he knows it, Red finds himself sucked into Max's plans to discover the whereabouts of his father, who disappeared weeks before under sinister circumstances connected with the park. But neither Max nor Red realize just how much their lives are at risk for their investigations into the park, are linked to the terrible the legend of Medusa, and are about to lead them into horrific danger... **BPB \$17.95**

Rene Goscinny & Albert Uderzo

Asterix and Obelix's Birthday The Golden Book (Asterix 34)

A collection of 12 new stories - all linked by the theme of Asterix's anniversary celebration. **HC \$35**

Rene Goscinny*Nicholas (Nicholas)*

In France and Germany practically every child of seven and upwards knows the adventures of Nicholas. Written by the author of Asterix, Ren Goscinny, and with illustrations by New Yorker illustrator, Jean-Jacques Semp, the five Nicholas books tell of the endearing exploits of the young French school boy and his chums. Available in twenty six languages and established as a literary cult figure, the sublimely innocent Nicholas has seduced millions of readers all over the world. Considered a classic and regularly used by primary and junior school teachers, these stories have the ability to delight both children and adults. Nicholas is the first of five titles to become available to English speaking children all over the world. In some way similar to the cheekiness of Calvin and Hobbes and the innocence and naiveté of characters created by the Italian film maker Roberto Benigni, Goscinny and Semp have created a world of confusion that makes you chuckle out loud. Written between 1959 and 1965 these classic books are continually reprinted around the globe and offer, not only an entertaining read, but a vivid description of French life and culture

HC \$29.95**David Hair***Taniwha's Tear*

David Hair's stunning first book established a new genre we have chosen to call Maori Gothic - weaving together elements of fantasy, horror and Maori and Celtic mythology for young readers who enjoy the imaginative leaps and thrills of speculative fiction. The mix works brilliantly, with the Bone Tiki not only appealed to younger readers, but was enjoyed by an adult audience as well.

The Taniwha's Tears continues the story, which will be completed in a third novel - The Heart of the Land. When Puarata, a tohunga makutu or black magician, seeks to capture and manipulate the soul of Wiri, a young warrior, he fails to account for a threat that will come many years later, when a boy is born who combines the strengths of two ancient mythologies - Maori and Celtic. Matiu Douglas faces and defeats him in the first novel, but the forces unleashed by Puarata survive his destruction and once again Mat and Wiri must battle them across time and between the parallel worlds of modern New Zealand and timeless Aotearoa. Compelling, action packed fantasy horror with a creepily familiar local setting that will challenge and captivate. **BPB \$16.99**

Anne Hamilton*Many Coloured Realm***PB \$19.95****Stephen Hawking & Lucy Hawking***George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt (George 02)*

Following the smash-hit success of *GEORGE'S SECRET KEY TO THE UNIVERSE* comes a second out of this world adventure from Lucy Hawking and Professor Stephen Hawking, the most famous science genius in the Universe!

'We are going,' said Annie, 'on a great cosmic journey. So listen up, Savers of Planet Earth, and prepare to meet the Universe.'

George's best friend Annie needs help. Her scientist father, Eric, is working on a space project - and it's all going wrong. A robot has landed on Mars, but is behaving very oddly. And now Annie has discovered something wierd on her dad's super-computer.

Is it a message from an alien? Could there be life out there? How do you find a planet in outer space? And if you could talk to aliens, what would you say? **BPB \$21.95**

Mary Hoffman*City of Ships (Stravaganza 05)*

Set in Classe (Ravenna in our world), the Stravagante is Isabel, a younger twin by a matter of minutes. Her talisman is a pouch of silver mosaic tiles and she stragvates to Classe, where she is met by Flavia, a successful female merchant who trades spices, silks, tapestries, and whose son is an outcast and a pirate. Isabel finds that Classe and Bellezza are under threat from attack by the fierce Gate people. What can she do to help save the city? A thrilling story packed with action, pirates and drama. **PB \$16.99**

Nancy Holder*Possessions*

The It Girl meets The Exorcist in this chilling, haunted boarding school tale

New-girl Lindsay discovers all is not right at the prestigious Marlwood Academy for Girls. Ethereal, popular Mandy and her clique are plotting something dangerous. Lindsay overhears them performing strange rituals, and sees their eyes turn black. It doesn't help that the school itself is totally eerie, with ancient, dilapidated buildings tucked into the Northern California woods, a thick white fog swirling through campus. There are hidden passageways, odd reflections in the windows at night, and scariest of all is the vast lake rumored to have captured the ghost of a girl who drowned many years ago.

What Lindsay doesn't yet realize is that Mandy and her cohorts are becoming possessed by spirits who have haunted the school for two hundred years. Spirits who want someone dead...

And that someone is Lindsay. **TP \$14.95**

Pretty Little Devils

Watch out! These babysitters will stab you in the back.

Everything changes for Hazel Stone when she's noticed by Sylvia, queen bee of their high school's popular girls, the Pretty Little Devils. Sylvia invites Hazel to one of the group's famous soirees - held at the site of one of their babysitting jobs. Hazel couldn't be more thrilled! But what she doesn't know is that popularity comes with a price. Some people can become jealous of a girl's newfound status - deadly jealous. One of these babysitting babes is a killer! Hazel has to figure out which one, before they turn their backstabbing ways on her. **TP \$14.95**

Erin Hunter*Sunrise (Warriors Power of Three 06)*

Warriors fans will devour Sunrise, as disastrous secrets are revealed, long-buried deceptions are uncovered, and ThunderClan is nearly torn apart. The conclusion of this arc sets things up perfectly for the fourth arc, Omen of the Stars, to start with a bang. The Warriors: Power of Three story arc has all the thrilling adventure, mystery, and battles that Warriors fans crave. With series sales topping six million and new fans entering the world of the Clans every day, Warriors excitement is at a fever pitch. Ages 10+

There will be three, kin of your kin . . . who hold the power of the stars in their paws.

The secret of Hollyleaf's, Jayfeather's, and Lionblaze's true identities has been revealed, but one shocking question remains unanswered. Now, in the harshest days of leaf-bare, Clanmate turns upon Clanmate, danger lurks behind familiar faces, and one more warrior may be lost forever. . . .

BPB \$9.99

Ian Irvine Australian Author

The Headless Horseman (grim and Grimmer 01)

The Fey Queen, Emajicka, is stealing the children of Grimmery for her Collection. She bathes in their nightmares to relieve her own. There is one nightmare she wants most of all. If Ike had stayed home that Tuesday, he would not have betrayed a princess or robbed a murderous queen. He would not have been tied to an insane imp desperate to eat his liver. He certainly would not have floated across a strange land on an impossible rescue mission, powered by exploding manure. Nor would he have tried to escape via that disastrous troll-bum door . . . But can he ever escape the Nightmare Queen? **BPB \$16.99**

Rebecca James

Beautiful malice

'Truth or dare?' she asks.

I hesitate. I have so many secrets, so many things I don't want to reveal, but this is only a game, only a bit of fun. 'Truth,' I say finally. 'I can imagine one of your dares, and I don't fancy running down Oxford Street naked tonight.'

'Truth,' Alice says slowly, drawing out the vowel sound as if she's savouring the word. 'Are you sure? Are you sure you can be completely honest?'

'I think so. Try me.'

'Okay.' And then she looks at me curiously. 'So. Were you glad, deep down? Were you glad to be rid of her? Your perfect sister? Were you secretly glad when she was killed?'

Katherine has moved away from her shattered once-perfect family to start a new life in Sydney. There she keeps her head down until she is befriended by the charismatic Alice, and her life takes her in new directions. But there is a dark side to Alice, and as we learn the truth of Katherine's sister's death and Alice's background their story spirals to an explosive finale.

A potent, intense and simply unputdownable psychological thriller from an exciting voice. **TP \$24.99**

David Jones

Meltdown

Aboard the Prominence, a spaceship abbey filled with holy treasures, is a 14-year-old novice-monk. But Bart is more interested in flying the old ship than worshipping the sun. When the Prominence goes to the aid of an unidentifiable spacecraft, it's Bart who realises the danger of stopping. For not only are the passengers space-pirates, but the Prominence's engines then fail. Temperatures soar as monks and pirates alike drift closer to the sun. It's up to Bart to risk everything or it's meltdown. **PB \$15.99**

Marilyn Kaye

Finders Keepers (Gifted 04)

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

Dead people don't make great companions - something cute, athletic Ken finds out the hard way when, following an accident on the football field, he starts hearing ghostly voices. It's not the kind of gift he would have asked for, but there's nothing he can do about it, until an anonymous note invites him to a seance. Completely convinced by the medium he meets, Ken tries to tell her about his secret. Only his gifted classmates can save him from revealing the truth - and finding himself in terrible danger... **BPB \$16.99**

Victor Kelleher Australian Author

Taronga

A bleak but compelling look at the future beyond the nuclear holocaust. Ben comes upon Taronga Zoo, which seems unaffected by the general chaos. But is it? **BPB \$19.95**

Phoebe Kitanidis

Whisper

Although 15-year-old Joy, who uses her mind-reading ability to grant wishes for people, and her older sister Jessica, who uses the same ability to bring misery into the lives of others, do not get along, Joy tries to find and protect Jessica when she goes missing. **HC \$34.95**

Amber Kizer

Meridian

Half human, half angel, Meridian Sozu has a dark responsibility.

Meridian has always been an outcast. It seems that wherever she goes, death and grief follow. On her sixteenth birthday, a car crashes in front of her family's home - and though she's untouched, Meridian's body explodes in pain.

Before she can fully recover, Meridian is told that she's a danger to her family and is hustled off to her great-aunt's house in Revelation, Colorado. There she learns the secret her parents have been hiding for her entire life: Meridian is a Fenestra, the half-angel, half-human link between the living and the dead.

It's crucial that Meridian learn how to transition human souls to the afterlife - how to help people die. Only then can she help preserve the balance between good and evil on earth. But before she can do that, Meridian must come to terms with her ability, outsmart the charismatic preacher who's taken over Revelation, and maybe - if she can accept her sworn protector, Tens, for who he is - fall in love. Meridian and Tens face great danger from the Aternociti, a band of dark forces who capture vulnerable souls on the brink of death and cause chaos. But together, they have the power to outsmart evil.

Dark, lovely and lushly romantic, MERIDIAN will entrance readers. **BPB \$18.95**

Stephen Lawhead

Tuck (King Raven 03)

Seven months ago on a rainy March night, Willow's parents drank too much wine at dinner and asked her to drive them home. But they never made it - Willow lost control of the car, and both of her parents were killed. Now seventeen, Willow is living with her older brother, who can barely speak to her. She has left behind her old home, friends, and school. But Willow has found a way to survive, to numb the new reality of her life: She is secretly cutting herself. And then she meets Guy, a boy as sensitive and complicated as she is. When Guy discovers Willow's secret, he pulls her out of the solitary world she's created for herself, and into a difficult, intense, and potentially life-changing relationship. **BPB \$16.99**

Gabrielle Lord *Australian Author*

May (Conspiracy 365)

The sound of screaming fills the air. Cal's identity has been stripped from him and he's been locked up in an asylum where danger lurks on both sides of the bars. He has no idea who has put him there, but the doctors are convinced Cal-Ben Galloway-is delusional, and have no intention of setting him free. Cal can't reach Great-uncle Bartholomew or solve the Dangerous Mystery of the Ormonds when he's wearing a straightjacket . . . No-one believes a word he says-not even the truth can save him now. The clock is ticking. Any second could be his last. Callum Ormond has been warned. He has 245 days. The countdown continues . . . **BPB \$14.99**

Margaret Mahy

Kaitangata Twitch

'What we need is a powerful enchantress,' Meredith cried. 'Someone who could put a spell on Marriott.' As she spoke, a strange thought came into her head, running round and round inside her like a mouse on a pet-shop wheel. It was not a thought she could share, for it had a wickedness hidden in it and Meredith did not want anyone to know just how wicked she could be, even if it was only in her dreams.

The brooding island of Kaitangata lies just across the water from Meredith's home. It seems to have a supernatural presence, a will and a voice of its own, although only Meredith can hear it.

Can Meredith save the island from an unscrupulous developer? How could the dreamer of the family succeed where grown-ups have failed? Only Kaitangata can tell... **PB \$15.99**

Melissa Marr

Radiant Shadows (04)

The events of FRAGILE ETERNITY have left the faery world off-balance, and characters grapple with the effects in this story.

We meet Ani (Halfling member of the Dark Court), and get to know Devlin (member of the High Court and semi-brother to the High Queen, Sorcha). The two of them struggle with finding their places in the world-the right places to "belong" and ones that will let them truly be themselves-and in the process also find each other and create a strong personal bond shot-through with romance. Their actions have direct impacts on the characters fans already know and love, and broad implications for the fate of all faeries.

This is the penultimate book in the WICKED LOVELY series and sets up the climatic events of book #5. **TP \$19.99**

Stephfordy Mayo

New Moan (Twishite Saga 01)

Heffa Lump is a self-centred seventeen-year-old who needs to grow up and get a life. Unfortunately, she's distracted from her attempts to leave adolescence behind when she meets Teddy Kelledy - an impossibly gorgeous boy who eats rare meat, is super-strong, and never goes out in daylight. Could he - just maybe - be a vampire? **HC \$19.99**

Richelle Mead

Spirit Bound (Vampire Academy 05)

Salvation has its price...

After a long and heartbreaking journey to Siberia, Dimitri's birthplace, Rose Hathaway has finally returned to St. Vladimir's - and to her best friend, Lissa Dragomir. It's graduation, and the girls can't wait for their real lives outside the Academy's cold iron gates to finally begin. But even with the intrigue and excitement of court life looming, Rose's heart still aches for Dimitri. He's out there, somewhere.

She failed to kill him when she had the chance, and now her worst fears are about to come true. Dimitri has tasted her blood, and she knows in her heart that he is hunting her. And if Rose won't join him, he won't rest until he has silenced her... forever.

But Rose can't forget what she learned on her journey - whispers of a magic too impossible and terrifying to comprehend. A magic inextricably tied to Lissa that could hold the answer to all of Rose's prayers, but not without devastating consequences. Now Rose will have to decide what - and who - matters most to her. And in the end, is true love really worth the price? **TP \$19.95**

Amy Meredith

Shadows (Dark Touch 01)

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

Fifteen-year-old Eve Evergold is cute, sassy and enjoying a busy social life. What she doesn't know yet is that someone close to her is an evil demon that only she has the supernatural power to defeat. She needs to work out who it is - and fast! Because although there's something very attractive about the dark side . . . dating a demon? Pure hell! **BPB \$16.95**

Isabelle Merlin

Bright Angel

Sylvie is in the wrong place at the wrong time . . .

When Sylvie and her older sister Claire survive a horrific encounter with a gunman, they're sent to stay with their aunt in the south of France. There, Sylvie meets a little boy called Gabriel, who says he can see angels. Gabriel's fiercely protective older brother, Daniel, although initially rude and dismissive, grows a lot more charming and Sylvie finds herself falling for him.

But when Gabriel gets kidnapped, dark and dangerous secrets start to emerge, and Sylvie will need all her courage, the skills of Houdini and the blessing of the angels to see her friends and family again. **PB \$17.95**

M A Miller

Mis'ka Rite of Ascension

PB \$24.95

Belinda Murrell *Australian Author*

The Ruby Talisman

A ruby talisman is the key to entering a thrilling adventure in this timeslip tale that takes readers into one of the most dangerous periods in history: the French Revolution.

When Tilly's aunt tells her of their ancestress who survived the French Revolution, she shows Tilly a priceless heirloom. Tilly falls asleep wearing the ruby talisman, wishing she could escape to a more adventurous life . . .

In 1789, Amelie-Mathilde is staying at the opulent palace of Versailles. Her guardians want her to marry the horrible old Chevalier to revive their fortunes. Amelie-Mathilde falls asleep holding her own ruby talisman, wishing someone would come to her rescue . . .

Tilly wakes up beside Amelie-Mathilde. The timing couldn't be worse. The Bastille has fallen and starving peasants are rioting across the country. The palace is in chaos.

Tilly knows that Amelie and her cousin Henri must escape from France if they are to survive the Revolution ahead. But with mutinous villagers, vengeful servants and threats at every turn, there seems nowhere to run. Will they ever reach England and safety? **PB \$15.95**

Sam Osman

Quicksilver

Unseen, unstoppable, uncontrollable-beware the forces of cosmic energy . . . Wolfie, Tala and Zi'ib were born on the same day on opposite sides of the world. They are brought together by astonishing coincidence-or so it seems. But only these three children can fulfil an ancient prophecy-and find a treasure of incalculable power. Are their lives controlled by the powerful energies that flow through the earth's mysterious ley lines? Will they discover the secret of who they really are? **PB \$16.99**

James Patterson & Ned Rust

Watch the Skies (Daniel X 02)

Daniel X takes on the wildest threat the world has ever seen - someone whose craving for fame could destroy the planet!

All's quiet in the small town of Holliswood - television sets, computers, and portable devices aglow in every home, classroom, and store. But everything is not as perfect as it may seem. An evil is lurking, just out of sight, behind the screen.

From the darkest depths of imagination flickers the most terrifying enemy Daniel X is yet to face. A villain with more ambition than the world can withstand, dead set on throwing the sleepy neighbourhood into chaos and documenting the destruction of every person in it, including Daniel, his friends, and his family.

Daniel X is the only person who can stop this devilish director. But, as the super-villain assembles an all-star team of his own creation, not even Daniel can imagine the enormity of his plans.

Can Daniel X stop this deranged outlaw before he stages the most spectacular finale the world has ever seen? Or will Daniel find himself on the cutting room floor? **BPB \$19.95**

Aprilynne Pike

Spells (02)

Six months have passed since Laurel saved the gateway to Avalon. Now, Laurel has been summoned to spend her summer at the Academy in Avalon in order to hone her skills as a Fall Faerie. She expects to be able to return to normal life after her classes have ended, but she quickly realizes that danger is still lurking. With her strong and steady human boyfriend, David, by her side, she stands at the ready to protect her parents and friends from danger. But as the trolls encroach, she must turn to Tamani - the electrifying faerie with whom her connection is undeniable. **TP \$19.99**

Sarah Prineas

The Magic Thief Found (Magic Thief 03)

In the third adventure of the Magic Thief, Conn is following a shooting star through a wilderness of woods and mountains, far from his home. He thinks the star will lead him to his locus magicalicus, or wizard stone. He needs this to save his city of Wellmet, whose magic is close to dying. With a new order of exile from Wellmet, this time with a death penalty, Conn has never been in such a tight fix. **PB \$17.95**

Emily Rodda Australian Author

The Forests of Silence (10th Anniversary) (Deltora Quest 01)

Deltora is a land of monsters and magic ... The evil Shadow Lord is plotting to invade Deltora and enslave its people. All that stands against him is the magic Belt of Deltora, with its seven gems of great and mysterious power. When the gems are stolen and hidden in dark, terrible places throughout the kingdom, the Shadow Lord triumphs and Deltora is lost. In secrecy, with only a hand-drawn map to guide them, two unlikely companions set out on a perilous quest. Determined to find the lost gems and rid their land of the tyrant, they struggle towards their first goal-the sinister Forests of Silence. **BPB \$14.99**

The Lake of Tears (10th Anniversary) (Deltora Quest 02)

Lief, Barda and their unruly new companion, Jasmine, are on a perilous quest to find the seven gems stolen from the magic Belt of Deltora. The golden topaz has already been found. But only when all the gems have been restored to the Belt can their land be freed from the dark power of the evil Shadow Lord. To find the second stone, the three heroes must travel through territory ruled by the monster-sorceress Thaegan. Their journey is filled with treachery, trickery and danger, and at its end they must face the hideous guardian of the enchanted Lake of Tears. **BPB \$14.99**

Brandon Sanderson

Alcatraz versus the Evil Librarians (Alcatraz 01)

A hero with an incredible talent...for breaking things. A life-or-death mission...to rescue a bag of sand. A fearsome threat from a powerful secret network...the evil Librarians.

Alcatraz Smedry doesn't seem destined for anything but disaster. On his 13th birthday he receives a bag of sand, which is quickly stolen by the cult of evil Librarians plotting to take over the world. The sand will give the Librarians the edge they need to achieve world domination. Alcatraz must stop them!...by infiltrating the local library, armed with nothing but eyeglasses and a talent for klutziness. **BPB \$17.95**

Alcatraz Versus the Scrivener's Bones (Alcatraz 02)

Alcatraz Smedry has an incredible talent . . . for breaking things! It generally gets him into a lot of trouble, but can he use it to save the day? In this second Alcatraz adventure, our hero finds himself swept up by a glass dragon headed to the ancient Library of Alexandria (which some silly people think was long-ago destroyed!) to look for clues leading to Alcatraz's dead father who might not be dead afterall! They must also battle the creepy, soul-sucking curators who await them . . . **PB \$17.95**

Alcatraz Versus the Knights of Crystallia (Alcatraz 03)

When Alcatraz and Grandpa Smedry make a pilgrimage to the Free Kingdom city of Crystallia, the Smedry home base, Alcatraz is shocked to see that he is, in fact, a legend. When he was a baby he was stolen by the Evil Librarians, and his mother, a Librarian herself, was behind the whole scheme. Now, with his estranged father, who is acting indeed strange, Bastille, who has been stripped of her armor, and Grandpa Smedry, who is, as always, late to everything (that's his Talent), Alcatraz tries to save a city under siege. From who? Why, the Librarians of course! **HC \$34.95**

Maria V Snyder

Storm Glass (01)

Untrained. Untested. Unleashed.

As a glassmaker and a magician-in-training, Opal Cowen understands trial by fire. Now it's time to test her mettle. Someone has sabotaged the Stormdancer clan, killing their most powerful magicians. The Stormdancers — particularly the mysterious and mercurial Kade — require Opal's unique talents to prevent it from happening again. But when the mission goes wrong, Opal must tap into a new kind of power as stunningly potent as it is frightening. And the deeper she delves into the mystery, the more distorted things appear. With lives hanging in the balance Opal and Kade must learn to control unknown powers... powers that could lead to disaster beyond anything they've ever seen. **PB \$19.99**

Justin Somper

Empire of Night (Vampirates 05)

Sidorio, fuelled by grief and revenge, is intent on becoming King of the Vampirates and building a new empire to bring terror to the oceans. He faces growing opposition from both the Pirate Federation, including Vampirate Assassin Cheng Li, and the Nocturnals - the more benign vampirate realm - led by Mosh Zu and Lorcan Furey. Both the pirates and the Nocturnals are forced to raise their game in response to the new and urgent threat from Sidorio and the renegade Vampirates. Twins Grace and Connor Tempest, still ricocheting from the recent discovery of their true parenthood and its explosive implications, are thrust deep into the heart of the conflict. Old foes and allies are thrown together in unexpected ways and, as the stakes rise higher than ever before, Grace and Connor find their alliances shifting in ways no-one could ever have possibly foreseen... **BPB \$14.99**

Paul Stewart

Wrymeweald (01)

Book One of a new three-part fantasy sequence by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell set in Wrymeweald, a Wild-West world where dragon-like beasts roam supreme.

Young pioneer, Micah, enters Wrymeweald full of hope to return home having made his fortune. But this is a land where wrymes, fabulous dragon-like beasts, roam wild and reign supreme. In Wrymeweald man is both hunter and hunted - and seventeen-year-old Micah may never return alive, let alone a hero...

After a near-brush with death on the edge of a canyon, Micah soon finds a chance to prove his worth when he meets with Eli, a veteran tracker of Wrymeweald. They choose to defend a rare whitewyrme egg and its precious hatchling before it falls into the hands of a band of evil Kith. But the fledgling wyrme has its own guardian in the shape of the beautiful, brave and dangerous Thrace.

Thrace, a Kin and a highly-skilled wyrme rider-assassin; and Micah, a would-be Kith, should never mix - but the magnetism between them is strong. Together they join forces on a mission to rescue the hatchling and seek vengeance for loved-ones lost at the hand of Kith bandits. Meanwhile the glorious whitewyrme colony of Wrymeweald looks on as its land is encroached by gold-diggers and ravaged by bounty hunters. Is Exodus the only option? And if so, when - and where - will they flee too? **HC \$32.95**

Pat Walsh

Crowfield Curse

It's 1347 and fifteen-year-old Will, an orphan boy, lives at Crowfield Abbey. Sent into the forest to gather wood, he rescues instead, a creature from a trap - a hob, who shares with Will a terrible secret. Somewhere in the forest behind the abbey where he lives, is a grave.

And buried deep in the snow is an angel. But how can an angel die? What has it to do with the monks of the Abbey? When two hooded strangers arrive at Crowfield asking questions about the angel's grave. Will is drawn into a world of dangerous Old Magic. **PB \$16.99**

Robin Wasserman

Crashed (Lia's Story 02)

Before the accident, Lia Kahn was happy. Before the accident, Lia Kahn was loved. Lia was a lot of things before... She was normal, alive... and human.

But Lia no longer believes in before. Six months after the crash that killed her, six months after being reborn, Lia has finally accepted her new reality. She is a machine, a mech, and she belongs with her own kind. It's a wild and carefree life, without rules and without fear. Because there's nothing to fear when you have nothing left to lose.

But when a voice from her past cries out for revenge, everything changes and Lia is forced to choose between her old life and her new one. How many people - mechs and human - is Lia willing to hurt to protect her freedom? And how far is she willing to go to protect the people she loves?

In the tradition of Scott Westerfeld comes the second book in this riveting and edgy science fiction novel which raises questions of mortality, technology and morality. **BPB \$16.99**

Joshua Wright *Australian Author*

Jim Springman and the Realm of Glory

Jim's birthday has been a great disappointment. His present is a bus pass, two annoying girls have moved in next door, and his mad-scientist brother has accidentally altered reality as we know it by unleashing the Fifth Dimension. Suddenly there are goblins riding the bus, a giant eel in the river and a massive dragon terrorising the town. In fact, the town of Queen's Port is starting to resemble the best-selling fantasy novel *The Realm of Glory*, written by Jim's sister Ingrid, who has mysteriously vanished. Together with his neighbours, Jim must figure out what has happened, and how to fix it. **BPB \$17.99**

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Robin Hood (Film Tie-In)

David B Coe

Robin Hood chronicles the life of an expert archer, previously interested only in self-preservation, from his service in King Richard's army against the French. Upon Richard's death, Robin travels to Nottingham, a town suffering from the corruption of a despotic sheriff and crippling taxation, where he falls for the spirited widow Lady Marion, a woman skeptical of the identity and motivations of this crusader from the forest. Hoping to earn the hand of Maid Marion and salvage the village, Robin assembles a gang whose lethal mercenary skills are matched only by its appetite for life. Together, they begin preying on the indulgent upper class to correct injustices under the sheriff.

The film of Robin Hood will star Oscar award-winning actors Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett, and William Hurt. **APB \$16.99**

24 Declassified

Death Angel

David Jacobs

When a mole infiltrates a top-secret research center for the development of high-tech and nuclear weaponry, CTU agent Jack Bauer has 24 hours to stop America's worst nightmare. **PB \$19.95**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Buffy the Vampire Slayer 5

Jane Espenson

Buffy's former-classmate-turned-vampire, Harmony Kendall, lands her own reality TV show, causing humans to line up to have their blood consumed and Sayers to be forced into hiding, while Faith and Giles discover a town where Slayers retreat from a world that has turned against them and Dawn addresses her insecurities with the help of a would-be demon lover. **TP \$32.95**

CSI

Blood Quantum

Jeff Mariotte

Following a free-spending night at an exclusive Las Vegas nightclub, the chairman of the Grey Rock Paiute Tribe is found brutally murdered in his home, a cryptic message scrawled on a wall in his own blood. Soon, crime scene investigators Ray Langston and Nick Stokes have their hands full with a growing mystery -- already surrounded by controversy, the victim appears to have met his end from a crime of revenge, but the chairman's inner circle isn't talking about who or why...quickly leading to an escalation of violent retribution...

At the same time, Catherine Willows and Greg Sanders investigate the mysterious shooting of a homeless man on the palatial estate of Helena Cameron -- the widow of one of Sin City's first casino tycoons. At first, it seems like an open-and-shut case of trespassing and self-defense...but the CSIs soon uncover layer upon layer of heartbreak and tragedy in connection to a family keeping secrets as old as Las Vegas itself.... **APB \$14.99**

Doctor Who

11th Doctor: *Night of the Humans*

David Llewellyn

'This is the Gyre -- the most hostile environment in the galaxy.'

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When the Doctor is kidnapped, it's up to Amy and "galaxy-famous swashbuckler" Dirk Slipstream to save the day.

But who is Slipstream, exactly? And what is he really doing here? **HC \$21.95**

The Forgotten Army

Brian Minchin

'Let me tell you a story. Long ago, in the frozen Arctic wastes, an alien army landed. Only now, 10,000 years later, it isn't a story. And the army is ready to attack'.

New York is one of the greatest cities on 21st century Earth...But what's going on in the Museum? And is that really a Woolly Mammoth rampaging down Broadway? An ordinary day becomes a time of terror, as the Doctor and Amy meet a new and deadly enemy. The vicious Army of the Vykoid are armed to the teeth and determined to enslave the human race, even though they're only seven centimetres high.

With the Vykoid army swarming across Manhattan and sealing it from the world with a powerful alien force field, Amy has just 24 hours to find the Doctor and save the city. If she doesn't, the people of Manhattan will be taken to work in the doomed asteroid mines of the Vykoid home planet. But as time starts to run out, who can she trust? And how far will she have to go to free New York from the Forgotten Army? This is a thrilling, all new adventure featuring the Doctor and Amy, as played by Matt Smith and Karen Gillan in the spectacular hit series from BBC Television. **HC \$21.95**

Apollo 23

Justin Richards

'Houston -- we have a problem.'

An astronaut in full spacesuit appears out of thin air in a busy shopping centre. Maybe it's a publicity stunt.

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But as the Doctor and Amy find out, these are just minor events in a sinister plan to take over every human being on earth. The plot centres on a secret military base on the moon -- that's where Amy and the TARDIS are.

The Doctor is back on Earth, and without the TARDIS there's no way he can get to the moon to save Amy and defeat the aliens.

Or is there? The Doctor discovers one last great secret that could save humanity: Apollo 23.

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Fourth Doctor Audio Hornet's Nest 05: *Hive of Horror*

Paul Magrs

Hive of Horror finds the Doctor and Mike facing an onslaught of savage animals at Nest Cottage. A perilous journey must be made, and for this they are joined by the indomitable Mrs Wibbsey. But at the centre of the hive is the Queen, whose formidable powers are difficult to resist. The stakes are incredibly high as the last, great battle begins. **CD \$24.99**

Star Trek

New Frontier: *Treason*

Peter David

Three years have passed since the events of the previous New Frontier novel, *Missing in Action*, and tensions within the New Thallonian Protectorate are at fever pitch following the murder of Prime Minister Si Cwan. Captain Mackenzie Calhoun and the crew of the USS *Excalibur* face an uncertain future in the turbulent Andromeda Galaxy. The sudden power vacuum will have far-reaching consequences for them all, as lives and the very fate of Sector 221-G are catapulted into utter chaos.

In *Treason*, the New Frontier storyline jumps ahead three years from the events depicted in *Stone and Anvil*, picking up again at a point of crucial change, where new and old Star Trek readers are at the same level of discovery for the series. **APB \$14.99**

Online: *The Needs of the Many*

Michael A Martin

Prior to the terror-filled times of the Long War -- the seemingly endless struggle against the Undine, a paranoid, shapeshifting race once known only as Species 8472 -- enemy sleeper agents quietly penetrated every echelon of Federation society, as well as other starfaring civilizations throughout the Alpha and Beta quadrants. The ensuing conflict shook humanity to its very core, often pitting its highest ideals against a pure survival instinct. All too often the Undine War demanded the harshest of sacrifices and exacted the steepest of personal costs.

Drawn from his exhaustive research and interviews, *The Needs of the Many* delivers a glimpse of Betar Prize-winning author Jake Sisko's comprehensive 'living history' of this tumultuous era. With collaborator Michael A. Martin, Sisko illuminates an often poorly-understood time, an age marked equally by fear and by courage. **APB \$14.99**

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Fate of the Jedi 01: *Outcast*

Aaron Allston

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The Galactic Alliance is in crisis. Worse still, the very survival of the Jedi Order is under threat. In a shocking move, Chief of State, Natsi Daala, orders the arrest of Luke Skywalker for failing to prevent Jacen Solo's turn to the dark side. But it's only the first blow in an anti-Jedi backlash fueled by a hostile government and a media-driven witch hunt. Facing conviction, Luke must strike a bargain with the calculating Daala -- his freedom in exchange for his exile from Coruscant and from the Jedi Order.

Though forbidden to intervene in Jedi affairs, Luke is determined to keep history from being repeated. With his son, Ben, at his side, Luke sets out to unravel the shocking truth behind Jacen Solo's corruption and downfall. But the secrets he uncovers among the enigmatic Force mystics of the distant world Dorin may bring his quest -- and life as he knows it -- to a sudden end. And all the while, another Jedi Knight, consumed by a mysterious madness, is headed for Coruscant on a fearsome mission that could doom the Jedi Order . . . and devastate the entire galaxy. **APB \$21.95**

Fate of the Jedi 05: *Allies*

Christie Golden

A secret revealed with a blast from the past...in the fifth novel in a thrilling new story arc for fans of the Legacy of the Force series, the Dark Lords of the Sith, and the most popular characters in Star Wars, Luke, Han, and Leia!

In the middle novel of the bestselling nine-book Star Wars series *Fate of the Jedi*, an uneasy - and unprecedented - coalition of Jedi and Sith enter the dark and treacherous area of space known as the Maw to search out the strange being that has been reaching out to Luke Skywalker during his journey to retrace the travels of his late nephew, Jacen Solo. Forced to wait on the planet Klatooine for reinforcements from Lando Calrissian, this already fragile alliance is threatened by the presence of the Hutts, and while Leia, Han, Jaina, and Jag walk a fine line between obeying the law of the Galactic Alliance and supporting Luke, Jedi Ben Skywalker and Sith Apprentice Vestara Khai may be the ones to lead the mission to triumph - or disaster. **HC \$55**

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Legacy (Forty years after the Battle of Yavin and beyond) - As this era began, Luke Skywalker had unified the Jedi order into a cohesive group of powerful Jedi Knights. It was a time a relative peace, yet darkness approached on the horizon. Now, Skywalker's descendants face new and resurgent threats to the galaxy, and to the balance of the Force. The events in this story begin approximately 137 years after the Battle of Yavin. **TP \$35.95**

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Dmitry Glukhovsk

The year is 2033. The world has been reduced to rubble. Humanity is nearly extinct. The half-destroyed cities have become uninhabitable through radiation. A few score thousand survivors live on in the Moscow Metro - the biggest air-raid shelter ever built. It is humanity's last refuge. Stations have become mini-statelets. It is a world without a tomorrow, with no room for dreams or hopes.

VDNKh is the northernmost inhabited station on its line. It was one of the Metro's best stations and still remains secure. But now a new and terrible threat has appeared. Artyom, a young man living in VDNKh, is given the task of penetrating to the heart of the Metro, to the legendary Polis, to alert everyone to the awful danger and to get help. **TP \$35**

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Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman

Raistlin Majere, a Black Robe wizard, must battle his sister, Kitiara, and her terrifying ally, the death knight Lord Soth, in order to thwart Takhisis, the Dark Queen, who plans to stop time and banish the three moons on the Night of the Eye, in a fantasy adventure from a best-selling pair of authors. **PB \$19.95**

Eve-Online

Eve: The Burning Life

Hjalti Danielson

The capsuleers are the immortal pilots that string together the vast Interglactic empire that makes up the universe of EVE. Remote from the mortal population they have come from they are cold and distant. They are needed but hated. Drem has reason to hate them - a capsuleer attack on the pirate space colony he worked in killed his family. Ralea hates them too. But her hatred is for herself as well. She worked as an agent for capsuleers acquiring missions for capsuleer agents and taking a cut from the profits. Missions that lead to countless people dying. Drem seeks revenge, Ralea, redemption. The key to their futures lies with the Sisters of Eve, a philanthropic rescue organisation who span the known worlds. But how do you revenge yourself against an immortal? Where can you find redemption if you have killed thousands? Drem and Ralea will find that their quests are intertwined and that they will lead to an unexpected place. EVE: THE BURNING LIFE is a fast moving space opera: a tale of revenge and redemption that spans the Universe. **TP \$32.99**

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James P Davis

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Dan Abnett & Graham McNeill

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The acts of terror and warmongering by Konrad Curze, Primarch of the Night Lords Legion, have earned the ire of his brother primarch, Rogal Dorn. Wracked by terrible visions of the future, Curze is driven insane and attacks Dorn, setting the Night Lord on an inexorable course towards eternal damnation.

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Magic the Gathering

Rise of the Eldrazi

Carnage Shall Follow

or thousands of years, Zendikar has had a reputation as a deathtrap. It's been a world of deadly perils to planeswalkers and native explorers, punishing any who seek to loot its hidden treasures and exploit its potent mana.

But unknown to the plane's denizens, there's a sinister reason for Zendikar's danger: for millennia, the plane has served as a prison for the Eldrazi, astral monstrosities native to the Blind Eternities. Now, the perils facing adventurers on the plane of Zendikar have taken an even deadlier turn. The Eldrazi have been released.

Hailing from the Blind Eternities, the space between planes, the Eldrazi have transcended the colors of mana as we know them. As a result, the Eldrazi progenitors themselves and those closest to them are colorless. But don't let the mana cost fool you—these Eldrazi are not artifacts.

Each of the colossal Eldrazi spawns its own "brood lineage." The three brood lineages are composed of Eldrazi Drones and other subordinate beings, each reflecting the image of its progenitor. The smaller Eldrazi Drones that are aligned with colored mana and many of these drones, as well as some spells, produce Eldrazi Spawn creature tokens. These 0/1 colorless creatures can be sacrificed to add one colorless mana to your mana pool—perfect for casting those enormous Eldrazi.

The Rise of the Eldrazi set also marks the debut of colorless instants and sorceries. Like their Eldrazi creators, these versatile spells can be put into almost any deck. **Card \$6.95**

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Aravind Adiga

Between the Assassinations

On India's south-western coast, between Goa and Calicut, lies Kittur - a small, nondescript everytown. Ranging through the city's streets and schoolyards, bedrooms and businesses, its inner workings and its outer limits, Aravind Adiga acts as our guide to the town. Mapping the overlapping lives of Kittur's residents, an entire world is vividly and unforgettably brought to life. Here, an illiterate Muslim boy working at the train station finds himself tempted by an Islamic terrorist; a bookseller is arrested for selling a copy of *The Satanic Verses*; a rich, spoiled, half-caste student decides to explode a bomb in school; a sexologist has to find a cure for a young boy who may have AIDS. What emerges is the moral biography of an Indian town and a group portrait of ordinary Indians in a time of extraordinary transformation, over the seven-year period between the assassinations of Prime Minister Gandhi and her son Ranjiv.

Keenly observed and finely detailed, *Between the Assassinations* is a triumph of voice and imagination. **PB \$22.99**

Boris Akunin

The Coronation

Grand Duke Georgii Alexandrovich arrives in Moscow for the coronation with three of his children. During an afternoon stroll, daughter Xenia is dragged away by bandits, only to be rescued by an elegant gentleman and his oriental sidekick. The passing heroes introduce themselves as Fandorin and Masa, but panic ensues when they realise that four-year old Mikhail has been snatched in the confusion. A ransom letter arrives from an international criminal demanding the handover of the Count Orlov, an enormous diamond on the royal sceptre which is due to play a part in the coronation. Can the gentleman detective find Mikhail in time? **PB \$22.99**

Robin Baker *Australian Author*

Killing Richard Dawson

TP \$24.99

David Baldacci

Deliver Us From Evil

In South America a wealthy ninety-six year old man reads a book late into the night. Within an hour, he is dead, leaving a trail of secrets behind him. Six months later, in Provence, Shaw from *The Whole Truth* witnesses the murder of a mysterious man, his body left lifeless at the bottom of a pool. Shaw barely escapes the incident himself; and with a new partner of sorts in tow, begins to realise that there has to be another organization at work that rivals his own in secrecy.

At the same time, half a world away, journalist Katie James is working on a new story. But shortly after meeting with a potential inside source she's unconscious and on a plane to an unknown destination.

As Baldacci pulls the reader around the world at a blinding pace, the new Shaw and Katie James chronicle will leave readers' hearts pounding; and wondering if anyone is actually safe anymore... **TP \$32.99 HC \$56.95**

Stephen Booth

The Kill Call

On a rain-swept Derbyshire moor, hounds from the local foxhunt find the body of a well-dressed man whose head has been crushed. Yet an anonymous caller reports the same body lying half a mile away. Called in to investigate the discovery, detectives DS Diane Fry and DC Ben Cooper become entangled in the violent world of hunting and hunt saboteurs, horse theft and a little-known sector of the meat trade.

As Fry follows a complex trail of her own to unravel the shady business interests of the murder victim, Cooper realizes that the answer to the case might lie deep in the past. History is everywhere around him in the Peak District landscape -- particularly in the 'plague village' of Eyam, where an outbreak of Black Death has been turned into a modern-day tourist attraction.

But, even as the final solution is revealed, both Fry and Cooper find themselves having to face up to the disturbing reality of the much more recent past. **BPB \$24.99**

Gerry Boyle

Damaged Goods (Jack McMorrow Mystery)

After his social-worker wife Roxanne has a confrontation with the father of neglected children she has removed, ex-reporter Jack McMorrow sees his life further turned upside down when the mysterious Mandi enters the picture, bringing with her dangers that threaten Jack, Roxanne and their daughter. **HC \$51.95**

John Brady

Venom

Recently released from prison, David Marion doesn't expect to find a hitman at his door. Their meeting is lethal - for the hitman. Warned that a powerful secret organisation is after him, David disappears until the moment comes for him to strike back.

Physicist Helen Freyl owns a colony of bees with unique venom. When her lover dies, she accepts a job offer from a giant pharmaceutical company who are close to finding a cure for radiation poisoning. But when the mysteriously sudden death of a colleague is followed by another, Helen begins to doubt her employers' motives and realises that her own life is in danger, too.

Venom brings David and Helen together as they fight for their lives against a backdrop of industrial espionage, corporate greed and human tragedy. **TP \$32.99**

Alafair Burke

City of Lies

In New York City nights are dangerous. Days are numbered.

When New York University student Megan Gunther is murdered in a vicious attack after receiving threats posted on a campus website, NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher is convinced there is a link.

With straight-talking partner J. J. Rogan at her side, Ellie tries to identify Megan's enemies, but she begins to wonder if the girl's murder was more than just the culmination of a cyber obsession.

Then phone records reveal a link between Megan and a murdered real-estate agent who was living a dangerous double life.

Even more suspiciously, the detectives also learn that the dead real-estate agent shared a secret connection to a celebrity mogul whose bodyguard was mysteriously killed a few months earlier.

And when Megan's roommate suddenly disappears, they know they have to find her before it's too late...

With fans including everyone from Michael Connelly, Harlan Coben, and Lee Child to Tess Gerritsen, Lisa Gardner and Kathy Reichs, Alafair Burke gives us another nail-biting thriller to keep us on the edge of our seats. **TP \$32.99**

Tom Cain

Assassin (Sam Carver)

He is the most popular President in decades – which is why they want him dead

When a people-trafficker dies a violent death in Dubai, and a gangland money-launderer has a fatal car accident in San Francisco, both bear the hallmarks of a Sam Carver 'accident'.

The only problem is Sam Carver no longer plays that game. He made a promise. But someone is setting Carver up, framing him for crimes he didn't commit. And now his old paymasters at MI6 want him stopped.

A copycat killer wants to crush Carver, and then beat him at his own game by hitting the world's most prominent target, the new President of the United States.

Carver will have to use all his cunning and tradecraft to stop this deadly opponent. Alone and on the run, he must fight to clear his name – but first he must stop a fatal shot that will be heard around the world. **APB \$21.95**

Elizabeth Lynn Casey

Death Threads

Yankee librarian Tori Sinclair is basking in the warmth of her new circle of friends from South Carolina's Sweet Briar Ladies Society sewing circle. That is until local author Colby Calhoun reveals an unflattering secret about the town's historic past-and then disappears, leaving a bloody trail behind him. And when Tori begins to see a pattern of the townsfolk's age-old Southern pride standing in the way of justice, she knows it's time to unravel the mystery. **PB \$17.95**

F J Chase

Bargain With the Devil

When a routine business proposal entangles him in a complex plot to stage a political coup in central Africa, security consultant Peter Avakian turns to the CIA and is forced to become their mole inside the conspiracy where he, fighting to stay alive, becomes torn between two women. **APB \$19.95**

Meredith Cole

Dead in the Water

Taking pictures of prostitutes on the waterfront for a new project, photographer Lydia McKenzie is shocked when her first subject is found murdered, a case Lydia comes to suspect may be linked to a subsequent job involving a wayward husband. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Connelly

The Scarecrow

Forced out of the Los Angeles Times amid the latest budget cuts, newspaperman Jack McEvoy decides to go out with a bang, using his final days at the paper to write the definitive murder story of his career. He focuses on Alonzo Winslow, a 16-year-old drug dealer in jail after confessing to a brutal murder. But as he delves into the story, Jack realises that Winslow's so-called confession is bogus. The kid might actually be innocent. Jack is soon running with his biggest story since The Poet made his career years ago. He is tracking a killer who operates completely below police radar - and with perfect knowledge of any move against him. Including Jack's. **PB \$22.99**

John Connolly

Whisperers (Charlie Parker)

The border between Maine and Canada is porous. Anything can be smuggled across it: drugs, cash, weapons, people. Now a group of disenchanted former soldiers has begun its own smuggling operation, and what is being moved is infinitely stranger and more terrifying than anyone can imagine. Anyone, that is, except private detective Charlie Parker, who has his own intimate knowledge of the darkness in men's hearts. But the soldiers' actions have attracted the attention of the reclusive Herod, a man with a taste for the strange. And where Herod goes, so too does the shadowy figure that he calls the Captain. To defeat them, Parker must form an uneasy alliance with a man he fears more than any other, the killer known as the Collector . . . **TP \$32.99**

Deborah Coonts

Wanna Get Lucky?

When a young woman falls to her death from a Vegas sightseeing helicopter, casino "fixer" Lucky O'Toole discovers that one of her own exes may be involved and finds the case further complicated by cutthroat business stakes and her relationship with a female impersonator. **HC \$51.95**

Douglas Corleone

One Man's Paradise

His reputation destroyed by a media frenzy when an innocent man he helped to convict is murdered in jail, cutthroat defense lawyer Kevin Corvelli flees to Hawaii planning to refuse all but misdemeanor cases before meeting a law student who has been wrongly accused of killing his ex-girlfriend. **HC \$51.95**

Neil Cross

Always the Sun

What do you do when your son is bullied? How far will you go to protect him from those who seek to cause him harm? Jamie is thirteen years old, an only child. His mother has recently died. He and his father Sam have moved to Sam's home town. A fresh start. An aunt to lend support. A new job for Sam, a new school for Jamie. But one day Jamie comes home, bearing the scars of every parent's nightmare. Something must be done....So it begins. **BPB \$22.99**

Neil Cross*Captured*

Even though he is still young, Kenny has just weeks to live. Before he dies, he wants to find his childhood best friend Callie Barton and thank her for the kindness she showed him when they were at school together.

But when Kenny begins his search, he discovers that Callie Barton has gone missing. Although cleared of any involvement, her husband Jonathan seems to be hiding something.

Kenny has no choice but to take matters into his own hands. And knowing that time is running out on him, he's prepared to do whatever it takes . . . **TP \$32.99**

Halloway Falls

Meet William Holloway: Family man. Gentle man. Wanted man. Holloway has secrets. Years ago, he witnessed his wife's betrayal and his life fell apart. Now someone's toying with his mind and the life of a missing woman, the prostitute Holloway pays to imitate his ex-wife. When she is murdered, his ex-wife's name scrawled on her abdomen, Holloway is trapped by the consequence of love and sex, of infidelity and violence in a world of his own terrible making. Hunted as a rogue policeman and a killer, he's on the run. And planning retribution. **BPB \$22.99**

Claire Curzon*Devil in the Detail*

Who's been dealt the devil's hand from this Tarot pack? Superintendent Mike Yeadings and his Thames Valley team have to find out

When the body of a young woman is discovered hanging upside down from a tree, the village reverberates with whispers of tarot, occult practices and pagan rituals. The mystery deepens when the autopsy reveals that the body had already been dead for a year before being put on gruesome display. Amidst ritual slaughter, outbreaks of fire, and a convincing clairvoyant, can Superintendent Yeadings, in the absence of DS Rosemary Zyczynski, lay the mystery, and the dangling victim, to rest? **HC \$58.95**

Clive Cussler *Editor**Thriller 2*

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Lila Dare*Tressed to Kill (Southern Beauty Shop Mystery)*

When snooty Constance DuBois, after an unfortunate hair-tinting incident, threatens to close down their salon, and then is found dead, Grace and her mother Violetta stand accused of the crime, and, with a vast array of people working against them, must find a way to untangle the clues to prove their innocence. **PB \$19.95**

Diane Mott Davidson*Fatally Flaky*

A latest installment in a recipe-enhanced series that includes the best-selling *Sweet Revenge* and *Dark Tort* finds Colorado caterer Goldy Schulz endeavoring to solve a murder that has overshadowed a spoiled bride's nuptial plans. **PB \$19.95**

Peter de Jonge*Shadows Still Remain*

After investigating the disappearance of a beautiful and envied college student, detective Darlene O'Hara is unable to let go when the young woman is found murdered and the case is turned over to homicide, risking her career in order to pursue a secret parallel inquiry. **PB \$19.95**

John Denis*Hostage Tower (Alistair Maclean's Unaco)*

The most ingenious criminal in the world has come up with his most spectacular exploit, to kidnap the mother of the president of the United States and hold her and the Eiffel Tower for ransom. He hires for his team: a top weapons expert, who can steal and use the newest, most secret military equipment the best cat burglar, who can scale any heights a man whose extraordinary strength and ingenuity will conquer any obstacle. Faced with this audacious crime of the century, the world's top politicians can only turn to UNACO and its team. **APB \$19.99**

P T Deutermann*Nightwalkers*

Seeking more peaceful pastures in North Carolina, Cam Richter buys a 700-acre plantation and immediately finds himself the target of a killer; and as he tries to find out why someone wants him dead, Cam deals with all the entanglements of a place suddenly alive with secrets of a bloody past.

PB \$19.95

Garry Disher & Chris Riddell *Australian Author**The Wyatt Curse*

Two classic Wyatt novels in one volume

PORT VILA BLUES

Wyatt snatches the cash easily enough. He bypasses the alarm system, eludes the cops, but can he make it safely back to his bolthole in Hobart?

Port Vila Blues is Wyatts fifth heist, this time leading him to a reckoning far from home.

THE FALLOUT

The Fallout takes off where Port Vila Blues left Wyatt: on a boat with policewoman Liz Redding and a fortune in stolen gems. He escapes, triggering a manhunt, but who exactly is hunting him?

In this sixth Wyatt novel, Wyatt joins forces with his nephew to pull off one of his trickiest robberies. In doing so he faces his most dangerous task yet. **TP \$32.95**

Paul Doherty*Mysterium*

In Paul Doherty's new novel, will Hugh Corbett find the deadly assassin stalking London's streets? February 1304, and London is in crisis. A succession of brutal murders shocks the city as it comes to terms with the fall from power of Walter Evesham, Chief Justice in the Court of the King's Bench. Accused of bribery and corruption, Evesham has sought sanctuary to atone for his sins. When Evesham is discovered dead in his cell at the Abbey of Sion though, it appears that the Mysterium, a cunning killer brought to justice by Evesham, has returned to wreak havoc. Sir Hugh Corbett is ordered to investigate the murder. Has the Mysterium returned or is another killer imitating his brutal methods? As Corbett traces the ancient sins that hold the key to discovering the murderer's identity he must face his most cunning foe yet. **TP \$32.99**

Paul Doherty*Templar Magician*

Murder and mayhem set at the time of the secretive Templar Order. The year is 1152, and Jerusalem is still in the hands of the Crusaders, although the lofty ideals of before have now been replaced by subtle power-play. Meanwhile, in England, King Stephen is waging bloody war against Henry Fitzempress. The Templar Order, now fifty years old, is a wealthy power, glittering with tempting riches. Against this background of bloodshed, Robert de Payens, grandson of Eleanor, one of the co-founders of the Temple, and Englishman Edward Sendal find themselves caught up in a murder mystery when Raymond, Count of Tripoli, is brutally assassinated. Who would have wanted to murder Raymond, and is it possible that the answer may lie within the hallowed ranks of the Templar order itself? **APB \$19.99**

Vicki Doudera*A House to Die For (Darby Farr Mystery 01)*

Red-hot realtor Darby Farr escaped her stifling hometown of Hurricane Harbor, Maine, to build a new life in California, free of painful memories and her controlling aunt. But when Darby gets a shocking phone call from her elderly aunt's assistant, it sends her back to the Maine island to close a multimillion-dollar sale—her dying aunt's last wish. Fairview, a breathtaking waterfront estate, seems like a simple deal . . . until a malicious local scuttles the sale by digging up an obscure deed restriction, and the back-up buyer is found hacked to death. Facing a desperate buyer, a dangerous ex-Navy SEAL, and a storm surging up the coast, Darby must salvage the deal, piece together this deadly puzzle, and somehow stay alive. **TP \$30.95**

Nick Drake*Tutankhamun*

A gripping historical crime novel set in Ancient Egypt, from a CWA-shortlisted author

For Rahotep, chief detective, life is about to get very complicated. On the shadowy city streets the cryptically mutilated bodies of several young people are discovered. These brutal acts are destabilizing a ruthless regime already made precarious by corruption and the appalling divide between rich and poor.

Meanwhile, Tutankhamun has inherited an empire that should be at the height of power and glory. But the King, just eighteen, faces only the political conspiracies of the Court, and a bitter struggle for ascendancy. And when his own security is threatened by an intruder in the palace, he needs an outsider he can trust to track down the traitor. Rahotep receives a mysterious invitation to the labyrinthine halls of the Royal Palace. But what he discovers at the dark heart of power will put his life, and his family, in grave danger. . . **BPB \$24.95**

Tananarive Due, Steven Barnes & Blair Underwood*From Cape Town With Love (Tennyson Hardwick 03)*

After a child he is guarding in South Africa is kidnapped, Tennyson Handwick must go to the United States to unravel the lies the baby's mother has told him, seek out the Pan-African gang that carried out the kidnapping and save the child before it is too late. By the authors of *In the Night of the Heat* **HC \$51.95**

Glen Duncan*A Day and a Night and a Day*

This is the story of Augustus Rose -- half African-American, half Italian; journalist, lover, restaurateur, unlikely terrorist -- and his interrogator, Harper, a Grand Inquisitor armed with twenty-first century cruelty, clarity and charisma. As Harper's assault on his body and soul intensifies, Augustus raises the only shield he has: memory. His mind turns to the women in his life, from his outcast mother, to the vigilante who recruited him, to the last female tenderness he's ever likely to know. Outshining them all is the memory of the stunning, wealthy and white Selina, and the love affair that began in 1960s Manhattan -- an epic, taboo mix of politics and passion that would lead Augustus from Harlem to Greenwich Village, from El Salvador to Barcelona, from Morocco to a bleak Scottish island where hope or death must overcome... **BPB \$22.99**

Patricia Duncker*The Strange Case of the Composer and His Judge*

New Year's Day, 2000. Hunters on their way home through a forest in the Jura stumble upon a half-circle of dead bodies lying in the freshly fallen snow. A nearby holiday chalet contains the debris of a seemingly ordinary Christmas: champagne, decorations, presents for the dead children. The hunters are questioned and sent away. As they descend the mountain, a large dark car rises past them in the gloom. The woman within barely acknowledges their presence. The Judge, Dominique Carpentier, is in charge of the investigation. Commissaire Andre Schweigen is waiting for her. They have encountered this suicide sect before. In the chalet they find a strange leather-bound book, written in mysterious code, containing maps of the stars. The book of *The Faith* leads them to the Composer, Friedrich Grosz, who is connected to every one of the dead. Surely he must be implicated in *The Faith*? And so the pursuit begins. Carpentier, Schweigen and the Judge's idiosyncratic assistant Gaelle are drawn into a world of complex family ties, ancient cosmic beliefs and seductive, disturbing music. Carpentier, known as the sect hunter, prides herself on her ability to expose frauds and charlatans. She also likes to win. Has she met her match in the Composer? **TP \$29.99**

Sam Eastland*Eye of the Red Tsar*

Recalled out of exile in Siberia on condition that he solve the mystery of the Romanov family murders, Pekkala, once the Tsar's most trusted ally, is partnered with the brother who betrayed him before discovering a dark secret that he realizes should stay hidden. **HC \$51.95**

Barry Eisler*Fault Line*

Silicon Valley: the eccentric inventor of a new encryption application is murdered in an apparent drug deal. Istanbul: a cynical undercover operative receives a frantic call from his estranged brother, a patent lawyer who believes he'll be the next victim. And on the sun-drenched slopes of Sand Hill Road, California's nerve center of money and technology, old family hurts sting anew as two brothers who share nothing but blood and bitterness wage a desperate battle against a faceless enemy.

Alex Treven has sacrificed everything to achieve his sole ambition: making partner in his high-tech law firm. But then the inventor of a technology Alex is banking on is murdered, the patent examiner who reviewed the innovation dies—and Alex himself narrowly escapes an attack in his own home. Off balance, out of ideas, and running out of time, he knows that the one person who can help him is the last person he'd ever ask: his brother. Ben Treven is a military liaison element, an elite undercover soldier paid to -find, fix, and finish- high-value targets in the United States global war on terror. Disenchanted with what he sees as America's culture of denial and decadence, Ben lives his detached life in the shadows because the black ops world is all he really knows—and because other than Alex, whom he hasn't spoken to since their mother died, his family is long gone.

But blood is thicker than water, and when Ben receives Alex's frantic call he hurries to San Francisco to help him. Only then does Alex reveal that there's another player who knows of the technology: Sarah Hosseini, a young Iranian American lawyer whom Alex has long secretly desired—and whom Ben immediately distrusts. As these three struggle to identify the forces attempting to silence them, Ben and Alex are forced to examine the events that drove them apart—even as Sarah's presence, and her own secret yearnings, deepens the fault line between them. **APB \$19.95**

Robert Fannin*Falling Slowly*

When Desmond Doyle finds his girlfriend dead in the bath, having cut her wrists, he is devastated. But there are inconsistencies with how suicide wounds would be inflicted and he quickly comes under suspicion and is arrested for murder. Though soon released, Detective Inspector Harry Kneebone is convinced of Doyle's involvement. As they await the coroner's verdict, Doyle attempts some semblance of normality by returning to his job as curator for a new restaurant that will display original art. When he meets up with artist Gina Harding, he is deeply disturbed by paintings she has been strangely compelled to create in recent days. He recognises in them the likeness of his girlfriend's death scene. Can they shed light on Daphne's death, or is it all a bizarre coincidence? As Doyle's grip on what is real and unreal becomes increasingly uncertain, a chain of events unfold that lead him to doubt his own sanity. *Falling Slowly* is a compelling and fast-paced psychological drama that questions the nature of perception and experience, as one man struggles to uncover a dark truth. **TP \$32.99**

Gerrie Ferris Finger*The End Game*

Hired to track down two sisters who went missing after their foster parents' house burned down, investigator Moriah Dru teams up with her lover, Lieutenant Lake, and discovers links to the abductions of two other foster girls years earlier amid rumors of an illicit sex organization. **HC \$51.95**

Barbara Fister*Through the Cracks*

A serial rapist investigation leads Private Detective Anni Koskinen to a politically ambitious prosecution attorney who led a high-profile trial 20 years earlier and a missing woman whose uncertain fate has caught the attentions of a restless public. By the author of *In the Wind*. **HC \$51.95**

Stona Fitch*Give + Take*

Operating behind his jazz musician persona to rob the wealthy and give to the poor, a disillusioned thief finds his grifter lifestyle threatened by an enigmatic singer and his teenage nephew's criminal aspirations. **HC \$49.95**

Irene Fleming*The Edge of Ruin*

Informed by her starry-eyed husband that they are moving to 1909 New York to become independent movie producers, Emily Weiss finds the effort challenged by Thomas Edison's disruptive goons, one of whom is murdered under incriminating circumstances. **HC \$51.95**

Earlene Fowler*State Fair (Benni Harper Mystery)*

Attending the San Celina Mid-State Fair, Benni Harper's enjoyment of the fair's activities are put on hold after the theft of a quilt intended for a special exhibition and the discovery of a corpse in the Piebald Family Farm Exhibit. **HC \$51.95**

Brian Freeman*Burying Place*

In the quiet town of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, a baby vanishes from her bedroom in an opulent lakeside home. It looks like an abduction, but Lieutenant Jonathan Stride suspects that her father has a great deal to hide. That same night, a young policewoman stumbles into the middle of a horrific crime in an encounter which will bring a sadistic killer right into the heart of her already complicated life. Meanwhile, deep in the woods, a small and shallow grave conceals a secret that Stride and his team must unearth before time runs out... **APB \$19.99**

Nicci French*The Other Side of the Door*

Panicking when she discovers her secret lover dead on the floor of his apartment, Bonnie attempts a cover up by hiding the body and removing every trace of herself from the area before being caught in a desperate game of cat and mouse. By the best-selling author of *Until It's Over*. **HC \$52.95**

Elizabeth George*The Body of Death (Inspector Lynley)*

While DI Thomas Lynley is still on compassionate leave after the murder of his wife, Isabelle Ardery is brought into the Met as his temporary replacement. The discovery of a body in a Stoke Newington cemetery offers Isabelle the chance to make her mark with a high profile murder investigation. Persuading Lynley back to work seems the best way to guarantee a result: Lynley's team is fiercely loyal to him and Isabelle needs them - and especially Barbara Havers - on side. The Met is twitchy: a series of PR disasters has undermined its confidence. Isabelle knows that she'll be operating under the unforgiving scrutiny of the media, so is quick - perhaps too quick - to pin the murder on a convenient suspect. The murder trail leads Lynley and Havers to the New Forest, and the eventual resolution of the case. Its roots are in a long-ago act of violence that has poisoned subsequent generations and its outcome is both tragic and shocking. **TP \$32.99 HC \$58.95**

David Gibbins*Mask of Troy*

Jack Howard becomes part of a terrifying legacy and a race against time, in the action-packed new adventure from bestselling author David Gibbins. Greece. 1871. Heinrich Schliemann, the great archaeologist, raises the Mask of Agamemnon and makes a mind-blowing discovery. Determined to keep it a secret until the time is right, he then dies. Germany. 1945. The liberation of a concentration camp reveals clues to lost antiquities stolen by the Nazis. But the operation is covered up after a deadly secret surfaces. Northern Aegean. Present day. Marine archaeologist Jack Howard discovers a shipwreck with ancient inscriptions that indicate the galley is part of the war fleet of Agamemnon, king of the Greeks. When Jack's daughter finds a drawing made by a concentration camp survivor that holds a clue to Schliemann's secret, Jack becomes embroiled in a desperate chase across Europe against a ruthless enemy... **TP \$32.99**

Rachel K Gibson*Nothing But Trouble*

Leaving Hollywood behind to become the personal assistant to a famous hockey player, Chelsea Ross believes she has made the worst career move ever until her ornery new boss makes a play for her heart. **PB \$19.95**

Mark Gimenez*Accused*

'Scott, it's Rebecca. I need you.' After years of silence, Texan lawyer Scott Fenney receives a devastating phonecall from his ex-wife. She has been accused of murdering her boyfriend, Trey (the man she left Scott for) and is being held in a police cell. Now she is begging Scott to defend her. Scott is used to high-stakes cases, but this one is bigger than anything he has handled before. If Rebecca is found guilty, under Texan law she will be sentenced to death. He will have her blood on his hands. As he prepares to take the stand in the most dramatic courtroom appearance of his life, Scott is forced to question everything he believes to get to the truth to save the life of the ex-wife he still loves.... **PB \$32.99**

Sally Goldenbaum*Moon Spinners (Seaside Knitters Mystery)*

The national best-selling author of *Patterns in the Sand* describes the quaint fishing village where the Seaside Knitters are helping their friend, Gracie, open a café, but instead find themselves stitching together clues when Gracie's aunt is murdered. **HC \$49.95**

David Goodwillie*American Subversive*

Four days after a small bombing attack on a Manhattan office tower, failed journalist Aidan Cole receives an anonymous e-mail that identifies an attractive young woman as the bomber, a clue that leads Aidan from a Smoky Mountains community to a bomb factory in Vermont. By the author of *Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time*. **HC \$49.95**

Chris Grabenstein*Rolling Thunder (John Ceepak)*

There's more fireworks down the Jersey shore in Chris Grabenstein's sixth fast-paced John Ceepak mystery *Rolling Thunder*. A prominent citizen suffers a heart attack on opening day of a brand new boardwalk roller coaster in the seedy seaside resort town Sea Haven, New Jersey. Initially ruled a tragic accident, it isn't long before there are suspicious hints of foul play--especially after another dead body is discovered: a stunning young beach beauty.

Fortunately for mystery lovers, the straight-arrow cop John Ceepak and his wise-cracking young partner Danny Boyle are on the case, a detective/sidekick duo critics have compared to Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe and Archie Goodwin. **HC \$51.95**

Mitchell Graham*Dead Docket*

Settling into a long-distance relationship after the events of *Majestic Descending*, Atlanta lawyer Katherine Adams and former NYPD detective-turned-lawyer John Delaney travel to Atlanta to settle the affairs of a family friend who has died in a suspicious accident. **PB \$19.95**

David Grann*Devil and Sherlock Holmes*

As Sherlock Holmes once conceded to Dr. Watson, 'If we could fly out of that window hand in hand, hover over this great city, gently remove the roofs and peep in at the queer things which are going on, the strange coincidences, the planning, the cross-purposes, the wonderful chain of events, working through generations and leading to the most outré results, it would make all fiction with its conventionalities and foreseen conclusions most stale and unprofitable.' And with such a spirit for investigation and discovery does David Grann set out in *The Devil and Sherlock Holmes* to unravel the truth of twelve great, real-life mysteries.

Although Holmes is the subject of just one of the mesmerizing true stories in this collection, all twelve contain elements of intrigue. Many of the protagonists are sleuths: a Polish detective trying to determine whether an author planted clues to a real murder in his post-modern novel; an arson investigator racing to prove whether a man about to be executed is innocent; a legendary French con man questioning whether he is the one who is suddenly being conned; and scientists stalking a sea monster.

Unlike the adventures of Sherlock Holmes, these tales are all true. The protagonists are mortal and pieces of the puzzle often elude them. Some of the characters are driven to deception and murder. Others go mad.

But ultimately the stories contained in *The Devil and Sherlock Holmes* shed light on the human condition, and why some people on this earth devote themselves to good and others to evil. As Holmes put it, 'Life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent'. **TP \$35**

Andrew Grant*Due Twice (David Trevellyan)*

Summoned to the British Consulate in Chicago after his previous mission compels him to leave New York City, David Trevellyan is assigned to track down a rogue agent who has murdered Trevellyan's new handler, a case that exposes dangerous system vulnerabilities. By the author of *Even*. **HC \$51.95**

J M Gregson*Only a Game (DCI Peach)*

Foul play's afoot at Bruton Rovers Football Club. - Bruton Rovers FC has been promoted to the Premiership, but Jim Capstick's days as Chairman have made him some enemies in the Lancashire mill town. With the team fighting relegation, the debts are piling high. But when the club is rocked by a murder after Jim makes a surprise announcement, the question's not who had the motive, but who had the balls to actually do it. 'Percy' Peach and DS Lucy Blake have their work cut out for them . . . **HC \$58.95**

Lois Greiman*Not One Clue*

While dealing with emotionally unstable people in her own life, L.A. psychologist Christina McMullen finds her relationship with Detective Jack Rivera threatened by Micky Goldenstone, one of her patients, whose dangerous confessions from his past place her in the crosshairs of a killer.

PB \$19.95

Andrew Gross*Reckless*

Ty Hauck has left law enforcement for a job with a big-time private security firm. But he quickly learns that life in the private sector can be every bit as dangerous as wearing a badge -- if not more so.

When a successful trader at one of Wall Street's largest firms is murdered in his suburban home along with his wife and daughter, it seems at first to be a case of burglary gone wrong.

Then another financial executive is found dead in a very suspicious 'suicide'. As Hauck digs deeper he uncovers a horrifying financial conspiracy that stretches from New York to Central Europe to London. And the masterminds behind it will kill anyone who gets in their way ... **TP \$32.99**

Michael Gruber*The Good Son*

Somewhere in Pakistan, Sonia Laghari and eight fellow members of a symposium on peace are being held captive by armed terrorists. Sonia, a deeply religious woman as well as a Jungian psychologist, has become the de facto leader of the kidnapped group. While her son Theo, an ex-Delta soldier, uses his military connections to find and free the victims, Sonia tries to keep them all alive by working her way into the kidnappers' psyches and interpreting their dreams. With her knowledge of their language, her familiarity with their religion, and her Jungian training, Sonia confounds her captors with her insights and beliefs. Meanwhile, when the kidnappers decide to kill their captives, one by one, in retaliation for perceived crimes against their country, Theo races against the clock to try and save their lives. **HC \$54.95**

Elliott Hall*Rapture*

When an old army buddy goes missing, PI Felix Strange can't help but get involved. After all, Isaac saved his life in Tehran, the least he can do is try to dig up some leads. But as Felix soon discovers, Isaac is not just missing - there is no trace of him ever having existed. It is as if his whole life has been eradicated - virtually impossible in an America that monitors and records your every move. As his search widens, Felix finds that Isaac is not the only one. Hundreds of New Yorkers are disappearing - quite literally without a trace. Felix begins to uncover a conspiracy on so great a scale that he realises he can't trust anyone. Then Iris, the love of his life, goes missing and Felix knows that he has to act. And fast. A dark and compelling thriller, *The Rapture* is a brilliantly realised depiction of a society all too chillingly close to our own. The second in the Strange trilogy - it pays homage to the genius of Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler and James Ellroy, while offering a wholly original take on the noir genre. **TP \$32.99**

Gerald Hammond*Silent Intruder*

Who'd break in and leave the house untouched? - When Michael and Hilda return from holiday to find two police officers awaiting them, a chaotic series of events ensues. The police have had an anonymous tip-off about child pornography being stored on Michael's computer. It's easy to prove his innocence, but who would do such a thing and why? At the same time it becomes clear that someone was living in the cottage while they were away, and may still be returning. Soon, they decide to take action of their own, with devastating consequences . . . **HC \$56.95**

Rosemary Harris*Dead Head (Dirty Business)*

Learning that one of her popular neighbors is actually an escaped convict, investigator Paula is hired to find out which of the community's inner circle ladies is a fugitive from the law and why the woman's long-kept secret is being exposed. By the author of *Pushing Up Daisies*. **HC \$51.95**

Michael Harvey*The Third Bell*

The Emmy-winning documentary producer and author of *The Chicago Way* presents a tale set in the public transit system in which former Irish police officer-turned-private investigator Michael Kelly witnesses a sniper shooting and discovers unsettling ties between the killer and his own past. **HC \$51.95**

Richard Hawke*House of Secrets*

Unsatisfied with his successful political career and devoted family, Senator Andy Foster engages in various affairs until one of his lovers ends up murdered, a situation that threatens everything he has worked for and renders him the killer's target. **HC \$51.95**

Danielle Hermans*The Tulip Virus*

When a Dutchman is found dying and clutching a 17th-century book about tulips, the victim's nephew and his antique dealer friend place their own lives in jeopardy to find the killer, in a case with bizarre ties to the nearly 400-year-old murder of a tulip trader. **HC \$51.95**

Reginald Hill*Midnight Fugue*

It starts with a phone call asking for help. But where it ends is a very different story.

Gina Wolfe is searching for her missing husband, believed dead, and thinks Superintendent Dalziel can help. What neither realize is that there are others on the same trail.

A tabloid hack with some awkward questions about an ambitious MP's father. The honourable member's secretary who shares his suspicions. The ruthless entrepreneur in question -- and the two henchmen out to make sure the past stays in the past.

Four stories, two mismatched detectives trying to figure it all out, and 24 hours in which to do it: Dalziel and Pascoe are about to learn the hard way exactly just how much difference a day makes ... **BPB \$24.99**

Reece Hirsch*The Insider*

While leading negotiations in a merger transaction for a new client, corporate attorney Will Connelly stumbles upon a government conspiracy--a discovery that makes him the target of an SEC insider-trading investigation, a suspect in a murder and a pawn in a deadly game involving the Russian mafia and a terrorist plot. **PB \$19.95**

Travis Hunter*Momma's a Virgin*

Having struggled with sexual and physical abuse all of her life, Ngia Zaire finds the strength to escape and take control of her future, an endeavor that is threatened by her driving need for revenge. By the author of *Dark Child*. **TP \$30.95**

James W Huston*Falcon Seven*

Captured after bombing a hospital that was mistaken for a terrorist meeting site, two Navy fliers are put on a high-profile trial for war crimes by the International Criminal Court, prompting an impassioned defense by Washington, D.C. lawyer and former Navy seal Jack Caskey. By the best-selling author of *Marine One*. **HC \$51.95**

Marine One

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

PB \$21.95

Elise Hyatt*French Polished Murder (Daring Finds Mystery)*

While giving an antique piano a much-needed facelift, Candyce Dare, owner of a furniture refinishing business, discovers an old letter from a woman who's been missing for decades and, deciding to investigate, finds herself at odds with a very powerful family who do not want old scandals to be aired. **PB \$17.95**

David Ignatius*The Increment*

When a hidden Tehran scientist sends encrypted messages to the CIA that reveal Iran's bomb-development program, agent Harry Pappas enlists the aid of a secret British spy team to safeguard the scientist, an agenda that forces Pappas to betray the American government in order to protect its interests. **TP \$28.95**

Lisa Jackson*Without Mercy*

An exclusive school with a terrifying secret . . . Ever since her father was stabbed to death, Jules Farentino has been plagued by nightmares. Her teenaged sister Shay has reacted with a rap sheet for drug use, theft and vandalism. Still, when her mother decides to send Shay to an elite boarding school in Oregon, Jules is worried. The Academy has a reputation for turning wayward kids around - but one of its students went missing six months ago and her body has never been found. On impulse, Jules applies for a teaching job at the Academy. Just before she arrives, a student is found hanged, and a hysterical Shay believes it was murder. Then another girl goes missing, and yet another is found dead. Behind the Academy's idyllic veneer lurks an evil force on a brutal and terrifying mission. And Jules is the next target of a bloodthirsty killer without limits, without remorse, without mercy. **TP \$32.99**

Quintin Jardine*Skinner's Mission*

Skinner must help a criminal in order to catch a killer, in this sixth novel in the bestselling Edinburgh crime series. When an Edinburgh car showroom is torched, leaving a charred body among the burnt-out luxury cars, Deputy Chief Constable Bob Skinner wonders if a life of crime has finally caught up with one of the city's most elusive villains. But the corpse turns out not to be that of Jackie Charles, the owner of the showroom, but his wife Carole. Skinner now finds himself on the same side as his old enemy in the search for the killer... **PB \$22.99**

Iris Johansen*Blood Game (Eve Duncan Forensics 09)*

In the aftermath of a senator's daughter's murder, Eve Duncan is horrified by the killer's tactic of draining the victim's blood, a case during which she is drawn into the web of a serial killer who taunts her with sadistic messages and hints about her missing daughter. **PB \$19.95**

Paul Johnston*Maps of Hell*

Crime writer Matt Wells, the victim of brainwashing experiments run by a secretive militia in the Maine wilderness, cannot trust his own memories as he tries to piece together his life and figure out if he is responsible for the three brutal killings he accused of. **PB \$19.95**

Mari Jungstedt*The Killer's Art*

One of Scandinavia's best crime writers' The Times

It is a cold wintry morning in the picturesque port town of Visby when art dealer Egon Wallin's battered and naked body is found suspended feet from the ground, hanging from the 'gate of love' in the town's old city walls. His was a very public death - but who killed him, and why?

As Inspector Knutas begins to investigate, Egon's secrets quickly begin to come to the surface. Recently divorced and with a new mistress, is his death a spurned lover's revenge? And when a painting by a new cause célèbre artist is stolen from his new gallery in Stockholm more questions are raised. Are the death and the theft connected?

As the police begin to piece together the clues one scandal is followed by another. Inspector Knutas will discover that beneath the patina of glamour, the high society world of art collecting hides many secrets - some worth killing for. **TP \$32.95**

Jim Kelly*Death Watch*

5th of September, 1992

Fifteen-year-old Norma Jean Judd disappeared from her home on Erebus Street, Kings Lynn, never to be seen again. Exactly eighteen years later, another tragedy is about to strike the Judd family...

5th of September, 2010

Bryan Judd, Norma Jean's twin, is found dead in a hospital incinerator and when his charred remains are examined, the murder squad confirm that his death was no accident. Could his murder somehow be linked to his sister's disappearance all those years ago?

For DI Peter Shaw and DS George Valentine, this case is their most bewildering yet. As they begin their investigation into Bryan's life and his questionable associates, they uncover a secret world of criminal activity in Bryan's neighbourhood and at the hospital where he died. Can Shaw and Valentine solve Bryan's murder before any more lives are violently snatched away? And will they ever learn the truth about what happened to Norma Jean? **BPB \$24.95**

J A Kerley*The Broken Souls*

Blood was everywhere, like the interior had been hosed down with an artery ...

The gore-sodden horror that greets homicide detective Carson Ryder on a late-night call out is enough to make him want to quit the case. Too late.

Now he and his partner Harry are up to their necks in a Southern swamp of the bizarre and disturbing. An investigation full of twists and strange clues looks like it's leading to the city's least likely suspects -- a powerful family whose philanthropy has made them famous. But behind their money and smiles is a dynasty divided by hate.

Their strange and horrific past is about to engulf everyone around them in a storm of violence and depravity. And Ryder's right in the middle of it ...

BPB \$24.99

Gene Kerrigan*Dark Times in the City*

Thoroughly absorbing page-turner thriller set among Dublin underworld. Kerrigan's best book yet.

Danny Callaghan is having a quiet drink in a Dublin pub when two men with guns walk in. They're here to take care of a minor problem - petty criminal Walter Bennett. On impulse, Callaghan intervenes to save Walter's life. Soon, his own survival is in question. With a troubled past and an uncertain future, Danny finds himself drawn into a vicious scheme of revenge.

Dark Times in the City depicts an edgy city where affluence and cocaine fuel a ruthless gang culture, and a man's fleeting impulse may cost the lives of those who matter most to him. Kerrigan's new novel is his finest yet; gripping from start to finish, powerful, original and impossible to put down. **BPB \$24.95**

Laurie R King*The God of the Hive*

A conclusion to the best-selling *The Language of Bees* finds Mary Russell picking up a mysterious friend while making her way back to London, Sherlock Holmes investigating questions about a ruthless villain while hiding a wounded son, and murderous adversaries setting a deadly trap.

HC \$51.95

Tom Knox*The Marks of Cain*

Bequeathed an ancient map that leads him to the dangerous interior of the Basque mountains, a young lawyer learns of a genetic curse with ties to western history; while a London journalist investigates the murders of two secret Nazi camp survivors. By the author of the best-selling *The Genesis Secret*. **HC \$54.95**

Camilla Lackberg*The Stone Cutter*

The remote resort of Fjällbacka has seen its share of tragedy, though perhaps none worse than that of the little girl found in a fisherman's net. But the post-mortem reveals that this is no case of accidental drowning ...

Local detective Patrik Hedström has just become a father. It is his grim task to discover who could be behind the methodical murder of a child both he and his partner, Erica, knew well. He knows the real question -- and answer -- lies with why. What he does not know is how this case will reach into the dark heart of Fjällbacka and the town's past, and tear aside its idyllic façade, perhaps forever. **TP \$32.99**

Jim Lavene & Joyce Lavene*A Timely Vision (Missing Pieces Mystery)*

Dae O'Donnell, the mayor of Duck, North Carolina, has a talent for finding lost things, and when the town matriarch asks her to find her missing watch, Dae is unwittingly drawn into a murder investigation, which she must help solve before time runs out. **APB \$19.95**

Dennis Lehane*Mystic River*

There are threads in our lives. You pull one, and everything else gets affected. When they were children, Sean Devine, Jimmy Marcus and Dave Boyle were friends. But then a strange car pulled up their street. One boy got in the car, two did not, and something terrible happened something that ended their friendship and changed all three boys forever. Twenty-five years later, Sean Devine is a homicide detective. Jimmy Marcus is an ex-con who owns a corner store. And Dave Boyle is trying to hold his marriage together and keep his demons at bay demons that urge him to do horrific things. When Jimmy Marcus' daughter is found murdered, Sean Devine is assigned to the case. His personal life unravelling, he must go back into a world he thought he'd left behind to confront not only the violence of the present but the nightmares of his past. His investigation brings him into conflict with Jimmy Marcus, who finds his old criminal impulses tempt him to solve the crime with brutal justice. And then there is Dave Boyle, who came home the night Jimmy's daughter died covered in someone else's blood. **PB \$24.95**

Donna Leon*A Question of Belief (Commissario Guido Brunetti)*

Donna Leon's best-selling series featuring the principled, warmhearted Venetian Commissario Guido Brunetti has won her countless fans, critical acclaim, and international renown as one of the world's best crime writers. In *A Question of Belief*, Brunetti must contend with ingenious corruption, bureaucratic intransigence, and the stifling heat of a Venetian summer. With his hometown beset by hordes of tourists and baking under a glaring sun, Brunetti's greatest wish is to go to the mountains with his family, where he can sleep under a down comforter and catch up on his reading. But before he can go on vacation, a folder with court records has landed on his desk, brought by an old friend. It appears that cases at the local court—hardly known as a model of efficiency—are being delayed to the benefit of one of the parties. A creative new trick for corrupting the system, perhaps, but what can Brunetti do about it? And just when it looks like Brunetti will be able to get away, a shocking, violent crime forces him to stay in Venice. This is a stellar addition to Leon's celebrated series: atmospheric, packed with excellent characters, and building to an explosive, indelible ending. **HC \$49.95 TP \$32.95**

About Face

The wonderful new Commissario Brunetti novel, from Sunday Times Bestselling author Donna Leon

At a dinner party given by his parents-in-law, Commissario Brunetti meets Franca Marinello, the wife of a prosperous Venetian businessman. He's charmed – perhaps too charmed, suggests his wife Paola – by her love of Virgil and Cicero, but shocked by her appearance.

A few days later, Brunetti is visited by Carabinieri Maggiore Filippo Guarino from the nearby city of Marghera. As part of a wider investigation into Mafia takeovers of businesses in the region, Guarino wants information about the owner of a trucking company who was found murdered in his office. He believes the man's death is connected to the illegal transportation of refuse – and more sinister material – in his company's trucks. No stranger to mutual suspicion and competition between rival Italian police departments, Brunetti is nevertheless puzzled by the younger man's paranoid behaviour. Eventually Guarino agrees to email a photo of his suspect, but by the time the photograph arrives, he himself is dead. Was he killed because he got too close? **BPB \$24.95**

Elmore Leonard*Tishomingo Blues*

Daredevil Dennis Lenahan has brought his act to the Tishomingo Lodge and Casino in Tunica, Mississippi - diving off an eighty-foot ladder into nine feet of water for the amusement of gamblers, gangsters and luscious belles. His riskiest feat, however, was witnessing a Dixie-style mob execution while atop his diving platform. Robert Taylor saw the hit also. A blues-loving Detroit hustler touring the Southland, Taylor's got his own secret agenda and he wants Dennis in on the game. And high-diver Dennis could be about to take a long, fatal fall - right into a mess of hoop skirts, Civil War play-acting and more trouble than he ever dreamed possible. **PB \$22.99**

Elmore Leonard*Be Cool*

The sequel to Chili Palmer's hit movie tanked and now Chili's itching for a comeback. So when a power lunch with record-label executive and former associate Tommy Athens ends in a mob hit, he soon finds himself in an unlikely alliance with organized-crime detective Darryl Holmes and the likely next target of Russian gangsters. But where others see danger, Chili Palmer sees story possibilities. Enter Linda Moon, a singer with aspirations that go further than her current gig in a Spice Girls cover band. Chili takes over as Linda's manager, entering the world of rock stars, pop divas and hip-hop gangstas. As he wings his way to success in the music business with his trademark cool, Chili manipulates his adversaries and advances his friends, all the while basing the plot of his new film on the action that results. **PB \$22.99**

Daniel Levin *Australian Author**The Last Ember*

Forced out of archaeology after an illegal dig that resulted in a colleague's death, antiquities lawyer Jonathan Marcus is sent to Rome to testify against an official who he subsequently aids during a high-stakes search for a priceless and religiously significant historical artifact. **TP \$32.95**

Emily Listfield*Best Intentions*

Struggling with marital difficulties and a nagging suspicion that her husband is having an affair, Lisa discovers incriminating photographs of her husband and a mutual friend, whose subsequent murder places Lisa, her husband and the woman's boyfriend under suspicion. **TP \$30.95**

Jon Loomis*Mating Season*

Investigating the murder of a popular Cape Cod woman who is discovered to have been conducting affairs with several men, reluctant detective Frank Coffin learns that the victim had been secretly taping her escapades and blackmailing her lovers, a situation that is further complicated by the theft of her recording device. **PB \$19.95**

Merline Lovelace*Now You See Her (Smanatha Spade)*

When she saves the life of Sergeant Diane Rothe, who was attacked by someone she served with in Afghanistan, USAF Lieutenant Samantha Spade wonders if there is more than meets the eye when high-level investigators arrive and disturbing incidents from Diane's past are revealed. **PB \$19.95**

Alastair MacNeill*Death Train (Alistair Maclean's Unaco)*

A deadly cargo of plutonium-IV is secreted in a freight car travelling through Europe. The United Nations Anti-Crime Organization mount an operation to discover how the plutonium was stolen. Their agents find themselves up against a conspiracy of interests including a sinister arms dealer and a highly-placed business magnate. Of the six kegs discovered, one contains a substance that could have catastrophic results for the whole world for generations to come. **APB \$19.99**

Phillip Margolin*Supreme Justice*

Attorney Brad Miller, FBI agent Keith Evans and private investigator Dana Cutler try to untangle a five-year-old case involving a ghost ship and the President's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. By the best-selling author of Executive Privilege. **HC \$52.95**

Diedre Martin*Straight Up*

On the run from New York's Irish mob, Liam O'Brien returns to his parents' old village in Ireland where he works as a bartender and, eagerly accepting a wager, pursues the stubborn and beautiful Aislinn, who, after being jilted at the altar, wants nothing to do with men. **APB \$19.95**

William Martin*City of Dreams*

Invited by a Wall Street bigwig to participate in a financial treasure hunt that promises to rescue America's economy, Peter Fallon begins a race against time to find a box of valuable 18th-century bonds, a search that pits him against such adversaries as renegade treasury agents and the Russian mob. By the best-selling author of Back Bay. **HC \$52.95**

Steve Martini*Guardian of Lies (Paul Madriani)*

Defense attorney Paul Madriani gets caught in a web of deceit and murder involving Cold War secrets, a rare coin dealer who once worked for the CIA, and a furious assassin in one of the most entertaining novels yet in this New York Times bestselling series.

A woman pauses in the hallway of a darkened San Diego beach house at night—listening for just the right moment when she can flee before her companion notices that she's gone.

A man outside watches the same mansion, waiting for a sign that he can enter on his mission of blood and carnage.

So begins this riveting new tale about Paul Madriani and his latest case—that of Katia, a woman accused of an unlikely crime—a trial that will unravel a careful but horrifying conspiracy. Madriani soon realizes that he's signed onto something much more sinister than a botched heist. As he searches for the truth that will clear Katia's name, he finds himself on a path that takes him from Southern California to Costa Rica, and, ultimately, to a secret buried since Castro's rise to power.

Together with his partner, Harry Hinds, Madriani must piece together the threads of a decades-old conspiracy involving priceless gold coins, an aging American spy, a disaffected Russian soldier, and a forgotten weapon from the days of JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis. As the separate strands of the story come together, Madriani finds information that will ultimately lead him to the one person who holds the key to it all: a man some call "The Guardian of Lies." **PB \$21.95**

Carole Matthews*It's Now or Never*

If life begins at forty don't let it start without you! When twins Annie and Lauren attend their sister Chelsea's fortieth birthday party at the Dorchester Hotel, they wonder why their lives are so totally different from their gorgeous, glamorous sister. Why is it that Chelsea's handsome husband is twirling her round the dance floor, with an expression of utter devotion on his face, while Annie's husband is away on a fishing trip and Lauren's boyfriend is at home with his wife and kids. Surely, they are doing something wrong here.

The question is, is it too late for them to change...? **PB \$24.99**

Val McDermid

The Wire in the Blood (Tony Hill)

Young girls are disappearing around the country, and there is nothing to connect them to one another, let alone the killer whose charming manner hides a warped and sick mind.

Nobody gets inside the messy heads of serial killers like Dr Tony Hill. Now heading up a National Profiling Task Force, he sets his team an exercise: they are given the details of thirty missing teenagers and asked to use their new techniques to discover whether there is a sinister link between any of the cases. Only one officer comes up with a concrete theory - a theory that is ridiculed by the group...until one of their number is murdered and mutilated. For Tony Hill, the murder becomes a matter of personal revenge, and joined by colleague Carol Jordan, he embarks on a campaign of psychological terrorism -- a game where hunter and hunted can be all too easily reversed. **BPB \$24.99**

The Grave Tattoo

A 200 year-old-secret is now a matter of life and death. And it could be worth a fortune.

It's summer in the Lake District and torrential rain has uncovered a bizarrely tattooed body on a hillside. Could it be linked to centuries-old rumours that surround Fletcher Christian, mutinous First Mate on the ill-fated Bounty, a legendary massacre on the strange island of Pitcairn, and Christian's possible return to England? Jane Gresham wants to know. An expert on Wordsworth, she has a theory that the Lakeland poet, a childhood friend of Christian's, had harboured the fugitive and turned his tale into an epic poem - which has since stayed hidden. But as she follows each lead, death is hard on her heels. The 200-year-old mystery is putting lives at risk. And it isn't just the truth that is waiting to be discovered, but a bounty worth millions of pounds... **BPB \$24.99**

The Last Temptation

A twisted killer targeting psychologists has left a grisly trail across Europe.

Dr Tony Hill, expert at mapping the minds of murderers, is reluctant to get involved. But then the next victim is much closer to home...

Meanwhile, his former partner, DCI Carol Jordan, is working undercover in Berlin, on a dangerous operation to trap a millionaire trafficker. When the game turns nasty, Tony is the only person she can call on for help.

Confronting a cruelty that has its roots in Nazi atrocities, Tony and Carol are thrown together in a world of violence and corruption, where they have no one to trust but each other. **BPB \$24.99**

A Place of Execution

Winter 1963: two children have disappeared off the streets of Manchester; the murderous careers of Myra Hindley and Ian Brady have begun. On a freezing day in December, another child goes missing: thirteen-year-old Alison Carter vanishes from the isolated Derbyshire hamlet of Scardale, a small-inward-looking community which has little contact with the outside world. For the young George Bennett, a newly promoted inspector, it is the beginning of his most difficult and harrowing case: a murder with no body, an investigation with more dead ends and closed faces than he'd have found in the anonymity of the inner city, an outcome which reverberates down the years.

Decades later he finally tells his story to journalist Catherine Heathcote, but just when the book is poised for publication, Bennett unaccountably tries to pull the plug. He has new information which he refuses to divulge, new information that threatens the very foundations of his existence. Catherine is forced to reinvestigate the past, with results that turn the world upside down.

A Greek tragedy in modern England, *A PLACE OF EXECUTION* is a taut psychological suspense thriller that uniquely explores, exposes and explodes the border between reality and illusion in a multi-layered narrative that turns expectations on their head and reminds us that what we know is what we do not know. A monstrous tale of deception, the technique of the telling is the greatest deception of all. **BPB \$24.99**

The Torment of Others

For some, there is nothing so sweet, so thrilling, as the torment of others ...

A dead girl lies on a blood-soaked mattress, her limbs spread in a parody of ecstasy. The scene matches a series of murders which ended when irrefutable forensic evidence secured the conviction of one Derek Tyler. But Tyler's been locked up in a mental institution for two years, barely speaking a word - except to say that 'the Voice' told him to do it.

Top criminal psychologist Dr Tony Hill is prepared to think the unthinkable - this is not a copycat murder but something much stranger. While DCI Carol Jordan and her team mount a desperate and dangerous undercover police operation to trap the murderer, Hill heads towards a terrifying face-off with one of the most perverse killers he has ever encountered... **BPB \$24.99**

Catriona McPherson

Dandy Gilver and the Proper Treatment of Bloodstains

1st May 1926 Dear Alec, Just when those who should be working are all downing tools for this wretched strike (and I still can't believe it - I mean to say: riots, Alec - in Edinburgh of all places) guess who is setting her virgin shoulder to its very first wheel? I am dressed in serge and sensible footwear, sleeping in an iron bed and dining off pickled tongue at six o'clock each day. I am, in short, that nice young Mrs Balfour's new maid. But don't worry, Alec dear: things haven't got as bad as all that. It's just that that nice young Mr Balfour is going to kill his wife. At least, she thinks so, and the more I hear about him from butler, cook and bootboy the more I'm inclined to agree. So I'm undercover, in disguise, bent upon foiling. And jolly hard work it is too - tomorrow is my half-day free if you'd care take me out for a restorative bun. (Every maid needs a beau to buy buns for her.) Yours, Dandy xx p.s. Ask for Miss Rossiter: below stairs I am she. **PB \$22.99**

Deon Meyer

Thirteen Hours

Some would call Detective Benny Griessel a legend. Others would call him a drunk. Either way, he has trodden on too many toes over the years ever to reach the top of the promotion ladder, and now he concentrates on staying sober and mentoring the new generation of crime fighters - mixed race, Xhosa and Zulu. But when an American backpacker disappears in Capetown, panicked politicians know who to call: Benny has just thirteen hours to save the girl, save his career - and crack open a conspiracy which threatens the whole country. A potent, suspenseful thriller, and a brilliant portrait of life in South Africa. **TP \$32.99**

Walter Mosley

Known to Evil

A mystery caller sends Leonid McGill to an uptown address 'just to check a girl's okay'. There's no explanation, just a name - Angelique - a reward and the chilling knowledge that he's working for Rinaldo Alphonse, the most feared man in New York. What Leonid finds is a crime scene. A girl lies with her face blown off, her assassin felled by a knife. But the dead girl isn't the one he was sent to find and her killer's injuries don't make sense. The next day Alphonse comes calling: Leonid must find Angelique before the assassin's assassin tracks her down. Alphonse isn't the only one who wants a bit of Leonid's time - the NYPD, finding his appearance too convenient, think they can finally put away the thorn in their side. As both plots career towards a thrilling finale, McGill must put his street know-how and book of lethal contacts to the test, while haunted by the re-appearance of a face from his crooked past and his wife Katrina's continued infidelities. **TP \$32.99**

Jo Nesbo*The Snowman*

The first snowfall in Oslo brings a series of gruesome murders, and Harry Hole is pitted against a brutal killer who will drive him to the edge. The night the first snow falls a young boy wakes to find his mother gone. He walks through the silent house, but finds only wet footprints on the stairs. In the garden looms a solitary figure: a snowman bathed in cold moonlight, its black eyes glaring up at the bedroom windows. Round its neck is his mother's pink scarf.

Inspector Harry Hole is convinced there is a link between the disappearance and a menacing letter he received some months earlier. As Harry and his team delve into unsolved case files, they discover that an alarming number of wives and mothers have gone missing over the years. When a second woman disappears Harry's suspicions are confirmed: he is a pawn in a deadly game. For the first time in his career Harry finds himself confronted with a serial killer operating on his turf, a killer who will drive him to the brink of insanity.

A brilliant thriller with a pace that never lets up, *The Snowman* confirms Jo Nesbø's position as an international star of crime fiction. **TP \$32.95**

Malla Nunn*Let the Dead Lie*

Forced back into service by the brutal murder of a boy in apartheid South Africa, Detective Emmanuel Cooper is wrongfully targeted by the Afrikaner police before discovering that the killing is linked to a political power struggle. By the author of *A Beautiful Place to Die*. **TP \$30.95**

Alan Orloff*Diamonds For the Dead*

Talk to anyone in Reston, Virginia, and they'll say Josh Handleman's dad "Honest Abe" was a real mensch. But when Josh returns home to bury his estranged father, he gets the shock of his life: his thrifty dad was filthy rich. Oy!

Who was this man who donated millions to charity, invested in the dreams of Josh's friends, and shared his home with a strange vodka-swilling Russian? Apparently, Abe collected diamonds too. But when Josh can't find the gems, he begins to wonder if his dad's death was truly an accident.

Hounded by grief and remorse, Josh resolves to find his dad's diamond stash—which could be his inheritance and proof of his father's love. What he doesn't realize is that this emotionally charged treasure hunt is taking him closer to his dad's killer. **TP \$30.95**

Robert B Parker*Rough Weather (Spenser)*

Boston P.I. Spenser is to accompany a wealthy lady to her daughter's wedding, a seemingly straightforward job. But when Spenser's old nemesis Rugar - the Gray Man - arrives, Spenser realises that something is amiss. As a storm strikes, cutting off the island, a kidnapping and several murders turn celebrations into chaos. With six dead bodies and questions to answer, Spenser begins a search for answers - and the Gray Man. **BPB \$24.95**

Split Image (Spenser)

A body has been found in the trunk of a Cadillac. Jesse Stone's investigation takes him to the neighbouring homes of two retired gangsters. But it isn't the mobsters who fascinate Jesse it's their wives: two completely identical twin sisters, who not even their husbands can tell apart. And when one of the mobsters is found with a bullet in his skull, Jesse is forced to start digging into the twins' past. **TP \$32.95**

P J Parrish*Little Death*

P. I. Louis Kincaid has never liked working for the rich. Despite the blinding white of the Palm Beach pavement and the gleaming metal of the Bentleys at the curbside, it's clear to him that the creepy cleanliness only runs so deep.

When the headless body of a male escort is found in the aptly named Devil's Garden, Louis's client is in the frame. Determined to clear his name, Louis is forced to delve behind the bedroom doors of the wealthiest women in the county as he uncovers a series of similar murders: young, handsome, penniless men who have been keeping company with rich, married, powerful women. But in a county where power is everything, women here will do anything to preserve their place in the social pecking order, and if someone breaks the rules, someone pays. Louis must watch his back, as behind Palm Beach's united front lurks a killer determined to cover their tracks. **BPB \$22.99**

Richard North Patterson*The Spire*

When a mentor who enabled his education and career entreats him to accept a college presidency amid an embezzlement scandal, trial lawyer Mark Darrow remembers his discovery of a murdered girl 16 years earlier that resulted in a classmate's questionable conviction. **PB \$21.95**

Louise Penny*Brutal Telling*

In the heart of the forest, two men sit at midnight, haunted by fear of discovery. In a few hours time, one of them will be dead, his secrets following him to the grave... When C. I. Gamache is called to investigate a murder in a picturesque Three Pines, he finds a village in chaos. A man has been found, bludgeoned to death, and there is no sign of a weapon, a motive or even the dead man's name. Gamache and his colleagues, Inspector Beauvoir and Agent Isabelle Lacoste, start to dig under the skin of this peaceful haven for clues. They slowly uncover a trail of stolen treasure, mysterious codes and a shameful history that begins to shed light on the victim's identity and point to a terrifying killer... **PB \$22.99**

Thomas Perry*Strip*

An aging but formidable strip club owner, Claudiu "Manco" Kapak, has been robbed by a masked gunman as he placed his cash receipts in a bank's night-deposit box. Enraged, he sends his half-dozen security men out to find a suspect who is spending lots of cash and is new enough to Los Angeles not to know he was robbing a gangster.

Their search leads them to Joe Carver, an innocent but hardly defenseless newcomer who evades capture and sets out to make Kapak wish he'd chosen someone else. Meanwhile, the real culprit, Jefferson Davis Falkins, and his new girlfriend Carrie seem to believe they've found a whole new profession: robbing Manco Kapak.

Lieutenant Nick Slosser, the police detective in charge of the puzzling and increasingly violent case, has his own troubles, including worries about how he's going to afford to send the oldest child of each of his two bigamous marriages to college without making their mothers suspicious.

As this odd series of difficulties explodes into a triple killing, Carver finds himself in the middle of a brewing gang war over Kapak's little empire, while Falkins and Carrie journey into territory more strange and violent than either had imagined. **HC \$52.95**

Paul Pickering*The Leopard's Wife*

A painstakingly researched work by the author of *Charlie Peace* finds a gifted young pianist traveling through the Congo to meet a former mentor with whom he shares a dark past, a journey during which he falls in love with a Congolese army officer's wife. **HC \$52.95**

Stefanie Pintoff*A Curtain Falls*

Pursuing separate careers after a tragic ferry disaster in turn-of-the-20th-century New York, Detective Simon Ziele and Captain Declan Mulvaney are brought together again by a case involving the murders of three Broadway actresses. By the award-winning author of *In the Shadow of Gotham*. **HC \$51.95**

Stefanie Pintoff*In the Shadow of Gotham*

Having relocated to less-violent Westchester County after the tragic loss of his fiancée, detective Simon Ziele takes the case of a brutally murdered young woman and follows leads to a local criminologist's violent subject; an investigation during which Simon wonders if someone is imitating the suspect's methods. **TP \$30.95**

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child*Fever Dream (Pendergast)*

At the old family manse in Louisiana, Special Agent Pendergast is putting to rest long-ignored possessions reminiscent of his wife Helen's tragic death, only to make a stunning-and dreadful-discovery. Helen had been mauled by an unusually large and vicious lion while they were big game hunting in Africa. But now, Pendergast learns that her rifle-her only protection from the beast-had been deliberately loaded with blanks. Who could have wanted Helen dead...and why?

With Lieutenant Vincent D'Agosta's assistance, Pendergast embarks on a quest to uncover the mystery of his wife's murder. It is a journey that sends him deep into her past where he learns much that Helen herself had wished to keep hidden. Helen Pendergast had nursed a secret obsession with the famed naturalist-painter John James Audubon, in particular a long-lost painting of his known as the Black Frame.

As Pendergast probes more deeply into the riddle-the answer to which is revealed in a night of shocking violence, deep in the Louisiana bayou-he finds himself faced with an even greater question: who was the woman he married? **HC \$54.95**

Ann Purser*Hangman's Row Enquiry (Ivy Beasley Mystery)*

Senior sleuth Ivy Beasley teams up with Gus, a mysterious newcomer, and her cousin, a widow with too much time and too much money, to solve the murder of Gus's elderly neighbor and together they discover that there is no shortage of suspects or secrets in their small English village.

PB \$19.95

Imogen Robertson*Instruments of Darkness*

Thornleigh Hall, seat of the Earl of Sussex, dominates its surroundings. Its heir is missing, and the once vigorous family is reduced to a cripple, his whore and his alcoholic second son, but its power endures. Impulsive Harriet Westerman has felt the Hall's menace long before she happens upon a dead man bearing the Thornleigh arms. The grim discovery cries out for justice, and she persuades reclusive anatomist Gabriel Crowther to her cause, much against his better judgement; he knows a dark path lies before those who stray from society's expectations. That same day, Alexander Adams is killed in a London music shop, leaving his young children orphaned. His death will lead back to Sussex, and an explosive secret that has already destroyed one family and threatens many others. **BPB \$22.99**

Patrick Robinson*Intercept*

After a liberal judge releases four al-Qaeda terrorists, they slip away from CIA surveillance and disappear into the mountains of Pakistan, and soon the CIA learns that an attack on the U.S. mainland is imminent, an attack that can only be stopped by retired Navy SEAL Mack Bedford. **HC \$52.95**

Jeremy Robinson*Instinct*

A genetic disease known as Brugada Syndrome kills its victims without warning, without symptom. When the President of the United States falls victim to a weaponized and contagious strain of the disease, the Chess Team – King, Queen, Rook, Knight and Bishop – are assigned to protect Sara Fogg, a CDC detective, as she journeys to the source of the new strain: the Annamite Mountains in Vietnam. Surrounded by Vietnam War era landmines, harsh terrain and more than one military force not happy about the return of American boots to the Ho Chi Minh trail, the fight for survival becomes a grueling battle in the humid jungle.

Pursued by VPLA Death Volunteers, Vietnam's Special Forces unit, the team's flight through a maze of archaic ruins reveals an ancient secret... a primal secret that may stop the disease from sweeping the globe – even as it threatens both the mission and their lives. **HC \$45**

M J Rose*The Hypnotist (Reincarnationist 03)*

In this compelling follow-up to *The Reincarnationist* and *The Memorist*, Lucian Glass, special agent with the FBI's Art Crime Team, questions his own faith after a brutal attack, while a modern-day reincarnationist will stop at nothing to find tools to aid in past-life regressions. **HC \$51.95**

Laura Rowland*Bedlam: Further Secret Adventures of Charlotte Bronte*

A second entry in a series by the best-selling author of *Red Chrysanthemum* finds Charlotte Bronte struggling with the losses of family members and her growing literary prominence before recognizing her ex-lover at a famous London asylum and uncovering a global conspiracy. **HC \$51.95**

William Ryan*The Holy Thief*

Introducing Captain Alexei Dimitrevich Korolev, and an outstanding new voice in historical crime fiction...

Moscow, 1936 and Stalin's Great Terror is beginning. In a deconsecrated Church, a young woman is tortured to death, her mutilated body displayed on the altar for all to see. Captain Alexei Dimitrevich Korolev, finally beginning to enjoy the benefits of his success with the Criminal Investigation Division of the Moscow Militia, is asked to investigate. But when he discovers that the victim is an American citizen, the NKVD - the most feared organisation in Russia - becomes involved. Soon, Korolev's every move is under close scrutiny and the Zone - the place where not only Russia's criminals are despatched, but anyone deemed to be an Enemy of the State - doesn't seem quite so distant. Committed to uncovering the truth behind this gruesome murder, Korolev, assisted by his friend, the poet Isaac Babel, enters the realm of the Thieves, who run Moscow's underworld; and discovers that the American woman's murder is tied up with the theft of a precious religious icon. But as more bodies are discovered and the pressure from above builds, Korolev begins to question who he can trust; and who, in this Russia where fear, uncertainty and hunger pervades, are the real criminals. Soon, Korolev will find not only his moral and political ideals threatened, but also his life... **TP \$25**

John Sandford*Wicked Prey (Prey 19)*Danger stalks Lucas Davenport at work and all too close to home. **PB \$21.95****John Sandford***Storm Prey (Prey 20)*Witnessing a robbery gone wrong that has caused the death of a pharmacy employee, Lucas Davenport's surgeon wife, Weather Karkinnen, is targeted by the thieves when they become fearful that she can identify them. By the best-selling author of Rough Country. **HC \$56.95****Jonathan Santlofer & S J Rozan** *Editor**The Dark End of the Street*

Bold, original new fiction from some of our greatest writers on two irresistible subjects: sex and crime.

In one fast-paced story, a strong and aggravated man considers the pretty woman at the bar while he fingers the knife in his pocket. But what becomes of his prey when they move to the bedroom? In another tale, a man remembers the victim of a ghastly murder who visited the same hair salon as he does. And a Don Juan of a protagonist has a hobby of marrying vulnerable women, getting access to their bank accounts, and then robbing them blind.

But there is much more to this collection than dark-haired vixens and crimes of passion. Some stories are brooding, some twisted; some bring righteous satisfaction, some linger in the back of your mind. What is truly on display is an impressive collection of literary talent: a group of some of the best writers we have, weaving fresh and memorable stories from a pair of classic themes. Taken as a whole, they are a rare treat for fans of great fiction, whether it's high literature, good old-fashioned suspense, or anything in between. Original black-and-white art by artist/author Jonathan Santlofer completes this innovative, exciting, and irresistibly intriguing book—a true literary gem. **TP \$32.95****Meryl Sawyer***Play Dead*When she is believed to be dead, the victim of an assassin's bomb, Newport Beach heiress and artist Hayley Fordham must help FBI investigator Ryan Hollister figure out who wants her out of the picture--forever. **PB \$19.95****Lisa Scottoline***Think Twice*

Sassy, smart, and full of suspense from the New York Times bestselling author of Look Again

Unbeknownst to her identical twin Bennie Rosato, Alice Connelly is on the run from her drug-dealing confederates who are trying to kill her. Alice sees only one way out – to become Bennie. She slips a drug into her drink, and usurps her life. Not only does she sleep with her boyfriend, impersonate her at work – and steal her money, but she also warns the police that her evil twin is out to get her. Her plan works perfectly, because when Bennie emerges to fight back, everyone thinks she's Alice – including the police.

Meanwhile, Mary DiNunzio, distracted by personal problems is also duped by Alice. The happy DiNunzio home is disrupted by the arrival of a sexy and mysterious cousin who claims to be a witch – and manages to put Mary's father under her spell!

Bennie, with everything at stake, is fighting for her life – on all levels. She's reached breaking point. But when the chips are finally down, what will she do? Is blood thicker than water, and can an ordinary, law-abiding woman be driven to evil? **TP \$32.99****Tom Rob Smith***The Secret Speech*Tom Rob Smith—the author whose debut, *Child 44*, has been called "brilliant" (Chicago Tribune), "remarkable" (Newsweek) and "sensational" (Entertainment Weekly)—returns with an intense, suspenseful new novel: a story where the sins of the past threaten to destroy the present, where families must overcome unimaginable obstacles to save their loved ones, and where hope for a better tomorrow is found in the most unlikely of circumstances . . .

THE SECRET SPEECH

Soviet Union, 1956. Stalin is dead, and a violent regime is beginning to fracture—leaving behind a society where the police are the criminals, and the criminals are innocent. A secret speech composed by Stalin's successor Khrushchev is distributed to the entire nation. Its message: Stalin was a tyrant. Its promise: The Soviet Union will change.

Facing his own personal turmoil, former state security officer Leo Demidov is also struggling to change. The two young girls he and his wife Raisa adopted have yet to forgive him for his part in the death of their parents. They are not alone. Now that the truth is out, Leo, Raisa, and their family are in grave danger from someone consumed by the dark legacy of Leo's past career. Someone transformed beyond recognition into the perfect model of vengeance.

From the streets of Moscow in the throes of political upheaval, to the Siberian gulags, and to the center of the Hungarian uprising in Budapest, THE SECRET SPEECH is a breathtaking, epic novel that confirms Tom Rob Smith as one of the most exciting new authors writing today. **TP \$28.95****Martin Solares***The Black Minutes*When a young journalist named Bernardo Blanco is killed in the fictional Mexican port city of Paracuán, investigation into his murder reveals missing links in a disturbing multiple homicide case from twenty years earlier. As police officer Ramón "el Macetón" Cabrera discovers, Blanco had been writing a book about a 1970s case dealing with the murder of several young schoolgirls in Paracuán by a man known as el Chacal. Cabrera realizes that whoever killed Blanco wanted to keep the truth about el Chacal from being revealed, and he becomes determined to discover that truth. The Black Minutes chronicles both Cabrera's investigation into Blanco's murder and goes back in time to follow detective Vicente Rangel's investigation of the original el Chacal case. Both narratives expose worlds of corruption, from cops who are content to close the door on a case without true justice to powerful politicians who can pay their way out of their families' crimes. Full of dark twists and turns, and populated by a cast of captivating—and mostly corrupt—characters, The Black Minutes is an electrifying novel from a brilliant new voice. **TP \$28.95****Mickey Spillane & Max Allan Collins***The Big Bang (Mike Hammer)*In midtown Manhattan, Mike Hammer, recovering from a near-fatal mix-up with the Mob, runs into drug dealers assaulting a young hospital messenger. He saves the kid, but the muggers are not so lucky. Hammer considers the rescue a one-off, but someone has different ideas, as indicated by a street-corner knife attack. With himself for a client, Hammer—and his beautiful, deadly partner Velda—take on the narcotics racket in New York just as the streets have dried up and rumors run rampant of a massive heroin shipment due any day. In a New York of flashy discotheques, swanky bachelor pads, and the occasional dark alley, Hammer deals with doctors and drug addicts, hippie chicks and hit men, meeting changing times with his timeless brand of violent vengeance. Originally begun and outlined by Spillane in the mid-sixties, and expertly completed by his longtime collaborator Max Allan Collins, The Big Bang is vintage Mike Hammer on acid . . . literally. **HC \$51.95**

Jennifer Stanley*Path of the Wicked (Hope Street Church Mystery)*

While volunteering at a local charity, Door-2-Door Dinners, Cooper Lee, her boyfriend Nathan and the Sunrise Bible Study group discover that murder is on the menu when an elderly recipient is found dead and the prime suspects are the volunteers. **PB \$19.95**

Oliver Stark*American Devil*

A brilliant debut thriller from new talent Oliver Stark. The American Devil is stalking New York's streets. Will a cop and a psychiatrist be able to stop him? Detective Tom Harper, one of the New York Police Department's star homicide detectives, is on administrative leave for striking a superior officer when the city is left reeling by a series of brutal murders. Young socialites are being targeted by one of the most gruesome killers New York has ever seen and the top brass know that Harper is the only detective who has a chance of stopping the newly dubbed 'American Devil' before he strikes again. With Harper already living on the edge, they have no choice but to appoint psychiatrist, and new profiler, Denise Levene, to oversee his return. But as the murders escalate Harper and Levene find that they must work together if they are to find the killer. The American Devil is in their city and he wants to play... the only question is do Harper and Levene have what it takes to bring him down? **TP \$29.99**

Olen Steinhauer*The Tourist*

In today's CIA, there are hotspots everywhere. And wherever there's trouble, there's a Tourist: the men and women who do the CIA's dirty work. They're the Company's best -- and until he burnt out, Milo Weaver was the best of them all.

Milo has spent the last four years behind a desk, tracking the elusive killer known as 'The Tiger'. When the Tiger unexpectedly gives himself up, it's because he wants something in return: revenge.

Once a Tourist, always a Tourist and soon Milo is back in the field, a world of betrayal, skewed politics and extreme violence. It's a world he knows well -- but he's still about to learn the toughest lesson of all. **BPB \$24.99**

The Nearest Exit

Forced to prove his loyalty to his new bosses in order to return to the CIA, reluctant spy Milo Weaver finds himself caught between the self-interests of patriots and traitors. By the Edgar finalist author of the best-selling *The Tourist*. **HC \$52.95**

Brenda R Stewart & Wanda Lou Willis *Editor**Bedlam at the Brickyard*

Bedlam at the Brickyard is a collection of fifteen stories written by some of today's best emerging mystery writers. This delightful collection revolves around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's 400 Mile stock car race and the festivities that surround it. Each story is separated by a historical narrative or statistical chart to enlighten as well as entertain the reader. All the stories are written by members of the Speed City Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime. **TP \$30.95**

David Stone*The Skorpion Directive (Micah Dalton)*

Traveling to Vienna to meet with a former Mossad agent, Micah Dalton finds himself targeted by a complex plot designed to shatter America's strategic alliances, a conspiracy that pits him against a secret U.S. agency and a cadre of trained KGB assassins. **HC \$52.95**

Denise Swanson*Murder of a Small-Town Honey (Scumble River Mystery 01)*

Fired from her job, jilted by her boyfriend, and rejected by her credit cards, school psychologist Skye Denison reluctantly returns to her hometown of Scumble River, where she finds plenty of mystery and romantic intrigue. **PB \$17.95**

Leann Sweeney*The Cat, The Professor and the Poison (Cats in Trouble Mystery)*

While running her kitty quilt-making business, Jillian Hart agrees to help find a milk cow that has gone missing from her friend's farm--an investigation that leads to the discovery of 50 stray cats and one dead body. **PB \$17.95**

Peter Temple *Australian Author**Truth*

Inspector Stephen Villani, head of homicide in Melbourne, Australia, has a full agenda: a murdered woman in a penthouse apartment, three men butchered in a sadistic rampage, a tattooed drug dealer corrupting his rebellious daughter, a crumbling marriage. As these seemingly unrelated events begin to unfold, Villani finds himself immersed in an unfamiliar world of political scandal and ethical ambiguity. He must navigate the inept bureaucracy that is the police department, all the while maintaining a solid front and trying to keep the press, his family, and his own past from breaking him completely. With each twist and every turn of this taut crime novel, Villani is forced to question whom he can trust.

While *The Broken Shore* captured the harshness and beauty of regional Australia, *Truth* captures the grim reality of the city and the people who struggle to hold on to any certainty that they can find. Tense and unrelenting, this unforgettable novel confronts the complexity of human relationships and the difficulty of escaping the past. **HC \$54.95**

P J Tracy*Shoot to Thrill (Monkeewrench)*

Enlisted by the FBI to investigate a series of murder videos that have been posted on the web, the Monkeewrench crew discovers an unsettling link between the videos and the recent murder of an unlucky Minneapolis bride. By the authors of *Snow Blind*. **HC \$51.95**

Play to Kill

A serial killer is terrifying enough, but when the murder videos begin showing up online – well, then it becomes an issue for computer analyst Grace MacBride and her eccentric crew of geniuses and mavericks. Recruited by the FBI, MacBride, along with Minneapolis cops Leo Magozzi and Gino Rolseth, work together to hunt down the killer. Using sophisticated tracking software, MacBride and her team scour the internet for signs of a possible attack, trying to weed out the staged videos from the real thing in hopes of finding a pattern.

But bodies keep turning up, and videos keep being posted, and the team is getting desperate to save lives. It's not until they come across a sinister website that a real lead is discovered. And it takes them all the way to a shocking conclusion . . . **TP \$32.95**

Scott Turow*Presumed Innocent*

The ultimate thriller – with a killer twist. Prosecutor Rusty Sabich enters a nightmare world when Carolyn, a beautiful attorney with whom he has been having an affair, is found raped and strangled. He stands accused. **BPB \$24.95**

Fred Vargas*Wash This Blood Clean From My Hand*

Between 1943 and 2003 nine people have been stabbed to death with a most unusual weapon: a trident. In each case, arrests were made, suspects confessed their crimes and were sentenced to life in prison. One slightly worrying detail: each presumed murderer lost consciousness during the night of the crime and has no recollection of it.

Commissaire Adamsberg is convinced all the murders are the work of one person, the terrifying Judge Fulgence. Years before, Adamsberg's own brother had been the principal suspect in a similar case and avoided prison only thanks to Adamsberg's help.

History repeats itself when Adamsberg, who is temporarily based in Quebec for a training mission, is accused of having savagely murdered a young woman he had met. In order to prove his innocence, Adamsberg must go on the run from the Canadian police and find Judge Fulgence. **PB \$24.95**

Elaine Viets*Half-Price Homicide (Dead-End Job Mystery 09)*

Tired of living life on the lam, Helen Hawthorne goes back to St. Louis to clear her name of alimony evasion so she can finally marry the man she loves. But she still has to pay the bills, even if it means working at a consignment shop where the designer duds are to die for--literally. Secondhand clothes. First-degree murder. At Snapdragon, the high-end designer consignment shop, Helen is at the beck and call of snobby--yet frugal--customers. That alone is a deadly combination, but the sellers of the drool-worthy fashions can be even more high maintenance. Especially Chrissy, who comes in with a purse to sell and ends up screaming it out with her own husband and another customer. If Helen didn't have a greedy ex-husband demanding more money and a mother in a Florida nursing home, she'd be hanging up her cash register. But when Chrissy is found dead in a dressing room with a hand-painted scarf around her neck, Helen goes from being low on society's totem pole to high on the police's suspect list.

HC \$47.95

Kathryn R Wall*Canaan's Gateway (Bay Tanner 10)*

A latest entry in the award-winning series finds the intrepid Bay Tanner investigating the suspicious death of a wealthy matron amid allegations of a scam targeting seniors, a situation that is complicated by the disappearance of Bay's client and Red's mixed feelings about working for the agency.

HC \$51.95

Tim Weaver*Chasing the Dead*

One year ago, Alex Towne's body was found. One month ago, his mother saw him on the street. One week ago, David Raker agreed to look for him. Now he wishes he hadn't.

Mary Towne's son, Alex, went missing six years ago. Five years later he finally turned up – as a corpse in a car wreck. Missing persons investigator David Raker doesn't want the work: it's clearly a sad but hopeless case of mistaken identity brought to him by a woman unable to let go of her son. But haunted by a loss of his own, Raker reluctantly agrees. Big mistake. For as he digs deeper, he discovers that Alex's life was not the innocent one his mother believed. Buried in his past are secrets that were never meant to be found – and dark, dangerous men willing to kill to protect them. Soon Raker will discover that there are things far worse than death . . . **APB \$19.95**

Debra Webb*Anywhere She Runs*

Stalked by a killer who knows her darkest secrets, former Alabama Police Detective Adeline Cooper decides to go back to work and teams up with her ex-lover to take down a twisted madman who craves her death. **PB \$19.95**

Emily Winslow*The Whole World*

Studying abroad at Cambridge in part to escape their past, Polly and Liv fall for fellow student Nick, with whom they work on a photography project for a blind professor with a mysterious history, a situation that is further complicated by Nick's suspicious disappearance. **HC \$51.95**

Stuart Woods*Hothouse (Holly Barker 05)*

Taking a sabbatical in the Florida town where she was once a police chief, Special Agent Holly Barker remembers her unsuccessful charges against a commanding officer who attempted to rape her and considers leaving the CIA to challenge the corrupt man for control of the police department. By the best-selling author of *Loitering With Intent*. **PB \$21.95**

Raffi Yessayan*2 In the Hat*

When a young couple from a local university is found murdered in a Boston park, Detective Angel Alves discovers bizarre commonalities between the killings and an unsolved case from his rookie period. By the author of *8 in the Box*. **HC \$51.95**

Juli Zeh*Dark Matter*

A startling philosophical thriller from an immensely gifted young star of European fiction

Sebastian and Oskar have been friends since their days studying physics at university, when both were considered future Nobel Prize candidates. But their lives took divergent paths, as did their scientific views. Whenever Oskar comes to visit from his prestigious research post in Geneva, there is tension in the air, and it doesn't help their friendship that he feels Sebastian has not lived up to his intellectual capacities, having chosen marriage and fatherhood as an exit strategy.

A few days after a particularly heated argument between the two men, Sebastian leaves his son sleeping in the back seat while he goes into a service station. When he returns, the car has disappeared without trace. His phone rings and a voice informs him that in order to get his son back he must kill a man. As Sebastian's life unravels, the only person he can safely reach out to is Oskar. Then Detective Schilf comes on the scene, with a most unorthodox method of uncovering the truth. With intelligence, wit, precision, and grace, Juli Zeh crafts a philosophical thriller which uses the clash of the ideal and the material worlds, the bending of reality, and the search for a definition of time to explore the ideas of guilt and innocence and the infinite configurations of love. **TP \$32.95**

Other Books

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

Awkward Family Photos

Family. The people we love, the people we trust and confide in, but there's something else about family that isn't often spoken about because, well, it's a little awkward. And it's time we finally talked about it; it doesn't matter who you are or where you live - family is awkward. We've all experienced the forced conversations around the dinner table, the exchanging of cringe-worthy cable knit sweaters during the holidays, and of course, the ubiquitously uncomfortable family photo. When else are we asked to dress up in matching outfits, sandwich ourselves between family members, and straddle a tree limb? This book celebrates family photos that capture the moment and present it for the whole world to see, connecting us all in our glorious awkwardness. **PB \$22.99**

The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Paranormal

The concept of the paranormal can be defined in many ways—from encompassing any strange experience that can't be defined by science to psychic phenomena to monsters and weird creatures and things that go bump in the night. In *The Complete Idiot's Guide® to the Paranormal*, the focus is on the most interesting and bone-chilling aspects—the ones that have kept people up all night reading for hundreds of years (often because they're afraid to go to sleep!), including:

- Ghosts and spirits—lost souls, hauntings, poltergeists, and revenging spirits that reach from beyond the grave to torment the living.
- Angels, demons, and spellcasters—including necromancy and voodoo.
- Monsters and creatures—vampires, zombies, werewolves and shapeshifters, the New Jersey devil, the Loch Ness Monster, and more.
- Unexplained phenomena—crop circles, the Bermuda Triangle and the Mystery Cloud of Gallipoli (in which an entire army disappeared), doppelgangers, and the 2012 'conspiracy,' to name just a few.
- Comprehensive listings of monsters, creatures, and phenomena, and a further reading appendix for those who just can't get enough of the paranormal. **TP \$22.95**

SBS Complete World Cup Companion

The FIFA World Cup, staged every four years, is the largest single-sport spectacle in the world. The 2006 finals attracted a total television audience of more than 26 billion, including millions in Australia. The World Cup 2010 Fact File will be a comprehensive guide to football's greatest tournament. The book will contain an analysis of each team, its star players and its prospects in the finals. Also found in the book are a guide to each of the stadiums and host cities, a history of the World Cup and a tournament progress chart which can be filled in as the competition progresses.

PB \$19.95

Swords: A Visual History

The ultimate record of swords through the ages

From knives and daggers to bayonets and axes, a cutting-edge guide to over 300 of the most important edged weapons from the last 5,000 years. Discover revealing features on twenty 'iconic' swords from the short gladius of the Roman Legionary to the North American Bowie knife.

You'll learn all about legendary warriors and witness the cut-and-thrust of deadly sword duels. Find out about how weapons were made and where, plus admire ceremonial weapons, made for display, not war.

Meet famous warriors through history and the weapons they used, from the finely crafted swords of the Japanese samurai to the brutal bayonet of the World War I infantryman. It's the essential visual history of swords. **HC \$35**

Larry Alexander

Shadows in the Jungle: Alamo Scouts Behind Japanese Lines in World War II

A new account of World War II heroism from the national bestselling author of *Biggest Brother*.

Determined to retake the Philippines ever since his ignominious flight from the islands in 1942, General Douglas MacArthur organized a first-rate intelligence-gathering unit. They were called the Alamo Scouts.

Larry Alexander follows the men who made up the elite recon unit that served as General MacArthur's eyes and ears in the Pacific War. Drawing from personal interviews and testimonies from Scout veterans, Alexander weaves together the tales of the individual Scouts, who often spent weeks behind enemy lines to complete their missions. Now, more than sixty years after the war, the story of the Alamo Scouts will finally be told.

HC \$24.95

Alex Archer

The Bone Conjurer (Rogue Angel 24)

The discovery of the Skull of Sidon, an object whose power bends to the true nature of its owner, places archaeologist Annja Creed in the path of a man who wields unimaginable power—and who will do anything to stop Annja from protecting the mysterious relic. **APB \$17.95**

Jeffrey Archer

Paths of Glory

This is the story of a man who loved two women, and one of them killed him. Some people have dreams that are so outrageous that if they were to achieve them, their place in history would be guaranteed. Christopher Columbus, Isaac Newton, Florence Nightingale, Thomas Eddison, Nancy Astor, Charles Lindbergh, Amy Johnson, Edmund Hillary and Neil Armstrong are among such individuals. But what if one man had such a dream, and when he'd achieved it, there was no proof that he had fulfilled his ambition?

Paths of Glory is the story of such a man. But not until you've turned the last page of this extraordinary novel will you be able to decide if George Mallory should be added to this list of legends, because if he were, another name would have to be removed. **APB \$19.99**

Antony Beevor

D-Day: The Battle For Normandy

Even Stalin was awed by D-Day. 'In the whole history of war,' he wrote to Churchill, 'there has never been such an undertaking.' Those who took part in the great cross-Channel invasion, whether soldier, sailor or airman, would never forget the sight. It was by far the largest invasion fleet ever known. Nor, of course, would the German defenders alerted at the last moment on the Normandy coasts.

The very scale of the undertaking and its meticulous planning were unprecedented, but although the beachheads were established as planned, it soon became clear that the next stage of the battle would be far more difficult than anyone had imagined. The thick hedgerows of Normandy were ideal for the defender, and the Germans, especially the Waffen-SS divisions, fought with cunning and a desperate ferocity. As they made their way inland, the British, Canadian and American forces became involved in battles whose savagery was often comparable to the Eastern Front.

Casualties began to mount and so did the tension between the principal commanders on both sides. French civilians, caught in the middle of these battlefields or under Allied bombing, endured terrible suffering. Even the joys of Liberation had their darker side. The war in northern France marked not just a generation but the whole of the post-war world, profoundly influencing relations between America and Europe. Making use of overlooked and new material from over thirty archives in half a dozen countries, D-Day is the most vivid and well-researched account yet of the battle of Normandy. As with Stalingrad and Berlin - The Downfall, Antony Beevor's gripping narrative conveys the true experience of war. **TP \$35**

Jo Beverley & Mary Jo Putney

Chalice of the Roses

From the bestselling and award-winning authors of Dragon Lovers comes an anthology of fantasy, romance, and eternal love. In these four novellas, history and destiny spark passion, and everything depends on the fate of one mystical cup: the Holy Grail.

A young woman must find her love to summon the Grail to bring peace to England; a Regency lady must keep it safe from Napoleon's spies; a modern sorceress must keep the Grail from falling into Nazi hands, and an American must put the chalice at risk to rescue her one true love. These are four passionate and enchanting stories of desire and destiny inspired by one of our most powerful legends. **PB \$19.95**

Louann Brizendine M.D.

The Male Brain

The author the best-selling *The Female Brain* identifies gender differences in the brain, behavior, and hormones to reveal the fundamental characteristics of male realities, offering insight into such topics as the male problem-solving process, competitive aptitude and sexual drive.

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Candace Bushnell

The Carrie Diaries (Carrie Diaries 01)

Before Carrie Bradshaw became the queen of the New York City social scene, she was a regular girl growing up in the suburbs of Connecticut. How did she turn into one of the most-read social observers of our generation?

THE CARRIE DIARIES opens in Carrie's senior year of high school. She and her best friends are inseparable - and then Sebastian Kydd comes into the picture. Sebastian is a bad boy - older, intriguing and unpredictable. Carrie falls into the relationship that she was always supposed to have in high school - until a friend's betrayal makes her question everything. With her high school days coming to a close, Carrie will realise it's finally time to go after everything she ever wanted.

Fans of SEX AND THE CITY will love seeing Carrie Bradshaw evolve from a regular girl into a sharp, insightful writer. And we'll see what brings Carrie to her beloved New York City, where the next CARRIE DIARIES book will take place. **HC \$24.99**

Winston Churchill

Marlborough: His Life and Times Book One

"It is my hope to recall this great shade from the past, and not only invest him with his panoply, but make him living and intimate to modern eyes."—
from the preface to Volume One

John Churchill, the Duke of Marlborough (1644-1722), was one of the greatest military commanders and statesmen in the history of England. Victorious in the Battles of Blenheim (1704), Ramillies (1706), and countless other campaigns, Marlborough, whose political intrigues were almost as legendary as his military skill, never fought a battle he didn't win. Although he helped James II crush the rebellion of the Duke of Monmouth, Marlborough later supported William of Orange against James II in the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and brilliantly managed England's diplomatic triumphs during the War of the Spanish Succession. Marlborough also bequeathed the world another great British military strategist and diplomat—his descendant, Winston S. Churchill, who wrote this book to redeem Marlborough's reputation from Macaulay's smears.

One million words long and ten years in the making, Churchill's Marlborough stands as both a literary and historical masterpiece, giving us unique insights into the Churchill of World War II, for just as Churchill's literary skill helps us understand the complexities of Marlborough's life, so too did his writing of Marlborough help Churchill master the arts of military strategy and diplomacy. This two-volume edition includes the entire text and almost all the original maps. **TP \$60**

Winston Churchill

Marlborough: His Life and Times Book Two

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Richard Cohen

By the Sword

The art and science of sword fighting goes back almost to the dawn of civilization and has been an obsession for much of mankind throughout recorded history. From the Roman arena to feudal Japan and from the duellists of Europe to the development of modern-day Olympic fencing, Richard Cohen traces the course of swordsmanship with wit and erudition in a fascinating and wonderfully discursive account. Packed with anecdote, superbly written and built on a solid foundation of historical research, this is a tribute to a deadly but beautiful skill, the mastery of which for centuries defined a man. **BPB \$22.99**

Elizabeth George

Write Away: One Novelist's Approach

Elizabeth George is one of the most successful writers of crime fiction in the world. Her novels have appeared on bestseller lists in the UK, USA and Australia, and several of them have been dramatised as the Inspector Lynley Mysteries. She has also written a collection of short stories and edited a crime anthology. Now she shares this wealth of experience with would-be novelists, and with crime fiction fans. Drawing extensively on her own work, and that of other bestselling writers including Stephen King, Harper Lee, Dennis Lehane and many others, she illustrates her points about plotting, characterisation and technique with great clarity. She also includes extracts from her own Journals - the diaries she keeps as writes each of her novels - and these give us an unprecedented insight into the creative mind, with all its highs and lows. **PB \$24.99**

A D Gilbert

Voices of the Foreign Legion

The story of the the French Foreign Legion as seen through the eyes of the men who have served in it.

The French Foreign Legion has established a reputation as the most formidable of military institutions. Established as a means of absorbing foreign troublemakers, the Legion spearheaded French colonialism in North Africa during the nineteenth century. Accepting volunteers from all parts of the world, the Legion acquired an aura of mystery – and a less than enviable reputation for brutality within its ranks.

Voices of the Foreign Legion looks at how the Legion selects its recruits, where they come from and why they seek a life of hardship and danger. It also analyses the Legion's 'robust' attitude to discipline, questions why desertion is a perennial problem and assesses the Legion's military achievements since its formation in 1831.

This is the real story of the Legion, featuring first-hand accounts from the men who have fought in its ranks. Its scope ranges from the conquest of the colonies in Africa and the Far East through the horrors of the two World Wars to the bitter but ultimately hopeless battles to maintain France's imperial possessions. The story is then brought fully up to date with accounts and anecdotes from those foreign legionnaires who continue to fight for French interests around the globe. **BPB \$24.95**

Jan Guillou

The Templar Knight (Crusades 02)

Templar Knight Arn Magnusson forges a friendship with his enemy, Saladin, and becomes a free man after the Battle of Hattin, but he must face a long a bloody road home if he is ever going to be reunited with his betrothed. **HC \$52.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon & Dianna Love

Silent Truth (BAD Agency)

While attending a charity fund-raiser to find the ruthless assassin he's hunted for four years, Bureau of American Defense agent Hunter Thornton-Payne is distracted by a beautiful brunette who draws him into a dangerous conspiracy involving the government and an evil enterprise. **APB \$19.95**

Ian Kershaw

Hitler

Ian Kershaw's two-volume biography of Hitler was greeted with universal acclaim as the essential work on one of the most malign figures in history. Now this landmark biography is available in one single, abridged edition, tracing the story of how a bitter, failed art student from an obscure corner of Austria rose to unparalleled power and destroyed the lives of millions. **BPB \$29.95**

Giles Kristian

Sons of Thunder (Raven 02)

The sequel to Giles Kristian's acclaimed historical debut, Raven: Blood Eye, this brutal, bloody and unputdownable novel continues the story of the Viking Raven and his warrior brotherhood...

If you betray a Fellowship you are a dead man, and Ealdorman Ealdred of Wessex had betrayed us...

With revenge on their minds, Raven and the Wolfpack plough the sea road in pursuit of the traitor Ealdred. Having left the Fellowship for dead, the ealdorman sails in search of the Frankish Emperor Charlemagne to sell the holy book of St Jerome for riches beyond his imagining. There will be a reckoning, but in following Ealdred, Raven and his sword-brothers find themselves in the heart of a Christian empire that would wipe their kind from the face of the earth. And danger waits round every bend of the great river up which they travel – Sigurd will fight for his life in a holmgang, a time-honoured and brutal duel, and Raven will be betrayed, imprisoned and left to rot.

A mysterious young man with no memory and a blood-tainted eye, Raven has found friendship and purpose amongst this fierce brotherhood. He has proven himself in battle and is certain now that Viking blood flows in his veins, but to survive, his cunning must now be as sharp as his blade...

This thrilling new chapter in the Raven saga confirms that, in Giles Kristian, action-packed historical fiction has a new master. **TP \$32.95**

Lynn Kurland

One Enchanted evening

Tasked with rebuilding the most dilapidated castle in all of England, knight Montgomery de Piaget discovers that magic does exist and that danger lurks in the most unexpected places when Pippa Alexander, a costume designer from the future, storms into his life. **PB \$19.95**

Lora Leigh et al

Men of Danger

This dangerously sexy collection of stories features Lora Leigh's "Hannah's Luck," in which kindergarten teacher Hannah Brookes, after burglars attempt to break into her home, finds safety--and intense passion--in the arms of Sheriff Rick Grayson. **PB \$19.95**

Lora Leigh*Black Jack*

The Secret Service can't control him. The British government can't silence him. But renegade agent Travis Caine is one loose cannon you don't want to mess with, so his commanders cut him a break – and cut him loose. His new HQ is America's top intelligence force, Elite Ops. His new code name is Black Jack. And his new assignment is to die for...

She's smart, sexy, scintillating – and one of Elite Ops savviest agents. Lillian Belle's code name is Night Hawk, and Travis certainly wouldn't mind flying a few midnight maneuvers with her. But when their mission turns into a red-hot game of danger, deceit, and double-crossed signals, Travis begins to wonder: Can he trust her? Can her resist her? **APB \$16.99**

Elmore Leonard*10 Rules of Writing*

'These are rules I've picked up along the way to help me remain invisible when I'm writing a book, to help me show rather than tell what's taking place in the story.' - Elmore Leonard. For aspiring writers and lovers of the written word, this concise guide breaks down the writing process with simplicity and clarity. From adjectives and exclamation points to dialect and what he calls 'hoopedoodle', Elmore Leonard explains what to avoid, what to aspire to and what to do when it sounds like 'writing' (rewrite). Beautifully designed, filled with free-flowing, elegant illustrations and specially priced, Elmore Leonard's 10 RULES OF WRITING is the perfect writer's - and reader's - guide. **HC \$22.99**

Debbie Macomber*Summer on Blossom Street***PB \$19.95****Charlotte Madison***Dressed to Kill*

My fingers close around the trigger. I pause for a split second to think about the bullets I am about to spray across the ground. After today, I'll no longer be the new girl.' Captain Charlotte Madison is blonde, beautiful and flies Apache helicopters for a living. She has completed two tours of duty in Afghanistan and is currently fighting on the frontline in her third. DRESSED TO KILL shows us what life is like for a girl in a resolutely male-dominated environment. But she isn't just a woman in a man's world, she's a woman women aspire to be - glamorous as well as brave, and beating the men at their own game. Only a tiny percentage of people can multi-task to the extreme level the aircraft demands, and most airmen who try to qualify as an Apache pilot fail. Full of the exciting, adrenaline-filled action that has made other military memoirs so successful, DRESSED TO KILL is also unique. A highly intelligent and brilliant young woman, Charlotte is Britain's first female Apache pilot, and the first British female pilot to kill in an Apache. **PB \$35**

Fern Michaels*Return to Sender*

Lin Townsend becomes pregnant at 17 and her baby's father shirks his responsibility, with all her letters to him sent back marked "Return to Sender," but she perseveres and raises the boy herself, until, 19 years later, she crosses paths with the father, now a millionaire, and soon plots her revenge. By the best-selling author of Mr. and Miss Anonymous. **HC \$49.95**

Richard Overy*War in the Pacific*

Slipcased large format hardcover with inserts and slip out documents including maps, posters, etc.

A detailed look at the war against Japan in the Pacific Islands during the Second World War. Published to coincide with the forthcoming ten-part HBO mini series, The Pacific, produced by Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg and Gary Goetzman - the team behind the hugely successful Band of Brothers.

War in the Pacific 1941-1945 looks at the relentless war against Japan in the Pacific Islands which formed an integral part of eventual Allied victory in World War II. Setting the scene with the unprovoked Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour and the almost simultaneous attack on US bases on Guam and Wake Island it then goes on to document the bloody battles fought in the jungle islands of Guadalcanal and the Philippines and the seas of the Pacific. As fortunes turned in 1942 the Allies fought hard to regain lost ground and the intensity of battle did not waver. It tells the story of the heroic actions of the men who toiled on the islands, the names of which have now become synonymous with bloodshed, hardship and unstoppable spirit which eventually resulted in victory for the Allies - Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Rabaul, Guam, Iwo Jima and finally Okinawa.

This fascinating and heart-wrenching story is brought to life by the addition of 15 pieces of carefully selected facsimile memorabilia, ranging from military orders, to propaganda leaflets dropped by the Japanese on US troops to the personal diaries and letters home of both generals, officers and ordinary soldiers. **HC \$49.95**

Sean Padraic*Confession of a Crooked Cop*

From the Golden Mile to Witness Protection

- An Explosive True Story

Detective Sergeant Trevor Haken was one of the infamous Golden Mile's most crooked cops. Now he lives in hiding, in a hell of his own creation.

Graduating from small bribes to stealing money and receiving kickbacks from drug dealers, Haken became an informant for the Wood Royal Commission into corruption in the New South Wales Police Service. The Commission's findings sent shockwaves through the police force and beyond, resulting in the dismissal and resignation of many officers, and the reorganisation of policing in the state.

Haken's role in gathering evidence was crucial to the outcome of the Commission and highly dangerous. If anyone had searched him and found a wire, he would have been killed. And Haken was wired at least eighty times. The danger increased at every meeting.

Remarkably, author Sean Padraic gained Haken's support and trust. Using Haken's words and testimony, CONFESIONS OF A CROOKED COP is a startling exposé of a system that was supposed to uphold the truth and protect its citizens, but instead fell into chaos and had corruption at its very heart. **TP \$27.99**

Chuck Palahnuik*Tell-All*

Personal assistant Hazie Coogan discovers that a new suitor of her boss, movie star Katherine "Miss Kathie" Kenton, has already written a celebrity tell-all memoir foretelling Miss Kathie's death, and realizes she must hatch a plan to save Miss Kathie for her fans--and for posterity. **HC \$51.95**

Don Pendleton*Death Run (Executioner 378)*

When a group of fundamentalist extremists steal a shipment of weapons-grade plutonium from Pakistan, Mack Bolan is sent in to stop them from constructing a weapon of mass destruction and must infiltrate a professional motorcycle-racing circuit with ties to al Qaeda. **APB \$13.95**

Mary Jo Putney

Never Less Than a Lady (Lost Lords)

Alexander Randall, the sole remaining heir to the Earl of Daventry, must find a suitable bride, but instead finds himself drawn to Julia Bancroft, a village midwife who needs his protection from her first husband's ruthless enemies. **PB \$17.95**

Clifford J Rogers

The Wars of Edward III: Sources and Interpretations

Contemporary documents and classic studies follow Edward's fortunes on the battlefield, from failure against the Scots to major military successes in France. This collection of sources and interpretations lays bare the truth about the wars of Edward's reign... Professor Rogers has provided a valuable service to scholars, students and general readers alike in bringing together this fascinating collection.

MATTHEW BENNETT When Edward III came to the throne of England in 1327, England's military reputation had reached a low ebb. The young king's first campaign against the Scots was a complete failure, and the next year the 'shameful peace' set the seal on Robert Bruce's victory in the First Scottish War of Independence. Twenty-two years later, however, King Jean II of France and King David II of Scotland were both prisoners in London, an English army was camped outside Paris, and Edward was widely considered the most skilful warrior in the world.

Clifford Rogers uses contemporary documents (campaign bulletins, administrative documents, and excerpts from 29 different chronicles) to tell the story of the battles, sieges, and chevauches that produced this remarkable reversal - and the subsequent restoration of French fortunes under Du Guesclin and Charles V. The majority of the texts employed have never before been translated into modern English (and a number have never been published before in any language). Complementing these primary source materials are eight classic articles covering the Scottish Wars, the outbreak of the Hundred Years War, the recruitment, organisation and supply of English armies, English strategy and war aims, and the war's impact on French society and on the development of Parliament in England. Together, they provide a complete introduction to the topic. **TP \$70**

James Shapiro

Contested Will: Who Wrote Shakespeare?

For two hundred years after Shakespeare's death, no one thought to argue that someone else had written his plays. Since then dozens of rival candidates - including Sir Francis Bacon and the Earl of Oxford - have been proposed as their true author. *Contested Will* unravels the mystery of when and why so many people began to question whether Shakespeare wrote the plays (among them such leading writers and artists as Sigmund Freud, Henry James, Mark Twain, Helen Keller, Orson Welles and Sir Derek Jacobi.).

Shakespeare scholar James Shapiro's fascinating search for the source of this controversy retraces a path strewn with fabricated documents, calls for trials, false claimants, concealed identity, bald-faced deception and a failure to grasp what could not be imagined. If *Contested Will* does not end the authorship question once and for all, it will nonetheless irrevocably change the nature of the debate by confronting what is really contested: are the plays and poems of Shakespeare autobiographical, and if so, do they hold the key to the question of who wrote them? **HC \$49.99**

Suzanne Somers

Knockout

In *Knockout*, Suzanne Somers interviews doctors who are successfully using the most innovative cancer treatments-treatments that build up the body rather than tear it down. Somers herself has stared cancer in the face, and a decade later she has conquered her fear and has emerged confident with the path she's chosen. Now she shares her personal choices and outlines an array of options from doctors across the country:

Effective alternative treatments; without chemotherapy ;without radiation; sometimes, even without surgery

Integrative protocols; combining standard treatments with therapies that build up the immune system

Methods for managing cancer; outlining ways to truly live with the disease

Since prevention is the best course, Somers' experts provide nutrition, lifestyle, and dietary supplementation options to help protect you from getting the disease in the first place. Whichever path you choose, *Knockout* is a must-have resource to navigate the life-and-death world of cancer and increase your odds of survival. After reading stunning testimonials from inspirational survivors using alternative treatments, you'll be left with a feeling of empowerment and something every person who is touched by this disease needs...HOPE. **HC \$54.95**

Alisatir Urquhart

The Forgotten Highlander

Alistair Urquhart was a soldier in the Gordon Highlanders captured by the Japanese in Singapore. He not only survived working on the notorious Bridge on the River Kwai , but he was subsequently taken on one of the Japanese 'hellships' which was torpedoed. Nearly everyone else on board died and Urquhart spent 5 days alone on a raft in the South China Sea before being rescued by a whaling ship. He was taken to Japan and then forced to work in a mine near Nagasaki. Two months later a nuclear bomb dropped just ten miles away . . . This is the extraordinary story of a young man, conscripted at nineteen and whose father was a Somme Veteran, survived not just one, but three close encounters with death - encounters which killed nearly all his comrades. **TP \$35**

Wayne Williams

1001 Ridiculous Way to Lose a Fortune

HC \$24.99

Bonnie Worth

One Cent, Two Cents, Old Cent, New Cent (Cat in the Hat's Learning Library)

THE CAT IN the Hat puts to rest any notion that money grows on trees in this super simple look at numismatics, the study of money and its history. Beginning with the ancient practice of bartering, the Cat explains various forms of money used in different cultures, from shells, feathers, leather, and jade to metal ingots to coins (including the smallest-the BB-like Indian fanam-and the largest-the 8-foot-wide, ship-sinking limestone ones from the Islands of Yap!), to the current king of currency, paper. Also included is a look at banking, from the use of temples as the first banks to the concept of gaining or paying interest, and a step-by-step guide to minting coins. A fascinating introduction is bound to change young reader's appreciation for change! Children's - Grade 1-2, Age 6-7 **HC \$19.95**

Bill Yenne

Aces High

They were two of the greatest heroes of World War II. But only one could be top gun... Capturing the hearts of a beleaguered nation, the fighter pilots of World War II engaged in a kind of battle that became the stuff of legend-and those who survived showdowns earned the right to be called aces. But two men in particular rose to become something more. They became icons of aerial combat, in a heroic rivalry that inspired a weary nation to fight on. Richard 'Dick' Bong was the bashful, pink-faced farm boy from the Midwest. Thomas 'Tommy' McGuire was the wise-cracking, fast-talking kid from New Jersey. What they shared was an unparalleled gallantry under fire which earned them each the Medal of Honor.

What separated them was a closely watched rivalry to see who would emerge as the top-scoring American ace of the war. What they left behind is a legacy and a record of aerial victories that has yet to be surpassed anywhere in the world. **PB \$22.95**