



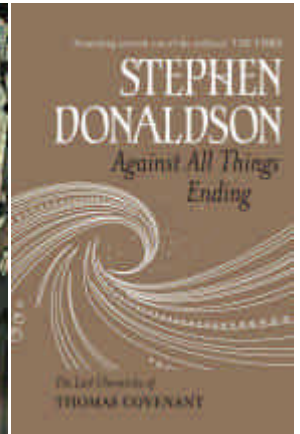
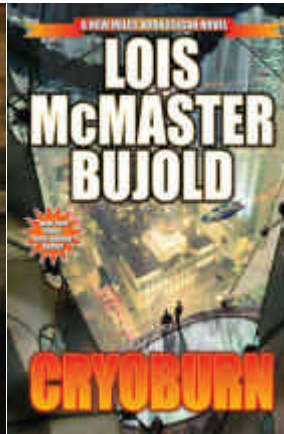
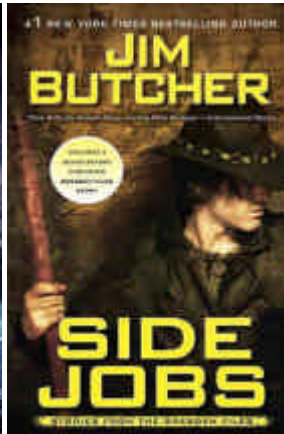
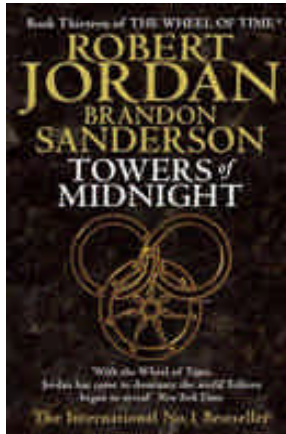
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Featured Books



Robert Jordan

Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson

Jim Butcher

Lois McMaster Bujold

Stephen Donaldson

John Flanagan

Alan Dean Foster

Katharine Kerr

Warhammer 40 000

R A Salvatore

Towers of Midnight Wheel of Time 13 in trade and hardcover.

Hellhole a new SF novel in trade paperback

Side Jobs Dresden Files short stories in hardcover

Cryoburn a new Vorkosigan hardcover

Against All Things Ending in trade a hardcover

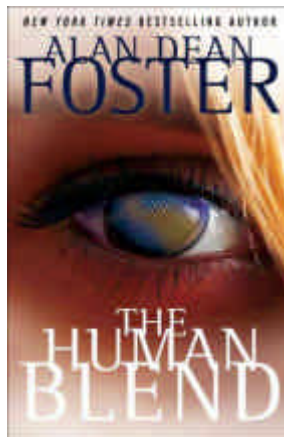
The Emperor of Nihon-Ja Ranger's Apprentice 10 paperback

The Human Blend a new SF hardcover

The Silver Mage Dragon Mage 7 in paperback.

The First Heretic Horus Heresy 14 in paperback

Gauntlgrym a new *Forgotten Realms* (Drizzt) hardcover



News

Christmas Wish Lists. If your loved ones give you books for Christmas, tell us which books you would like and send them to us. This way we can keep them in stock and give them good advice on what you would like.

Reward Vouchers: We have just generated lots of reward vouchers for Infinitas Guild members. If you are buying from us and don't know what these are, best ask us and be sure you are a member of our reward scheme.

Cat Sparks has been appointed as fiction editor for *Comos Magazine*. <http://www.cosmosmagazine.com/>

World Fantasy Awards were announced 31st Oct at the World Fantasy Convention in Ohio. Best novel went to *The City & The City* by China Miéville. For a full list see: <http://www.locusmag.com/News/2010/10/world-fantasy-awards-winners/>

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 Gates by John Connolly, reviewed by Adina West

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780340995815>

When scientists playing with protons collide with a bunch of basement occultists and their demonic chants, the gates of hell prepare to open. Life as we know it is under threat, and only 11 year old Samuel from Biddlecombe – and his daschund Boswell - can save us...

The Gates is an incongruous mix of English village life, quantum and astro physics, and a healthy dose of the fantastical. The action moves between the Great Malevolence (aka the Devil), scientists at Switzerland's Large Hadron Collider, misunderstood demon Nurd, and young Samuel Johnson, who stumbles onto a can of worms (or in this case an opening Hell Gate) when he decides to go trick-or-treating three days early.

This book is a departure from Connolly's normal work. He's made a career writing adult thrillers, and according to his website, this is his first book for younger readers. I did feel that the humour in The Gates at times is pitched a little more towards adults who are young-at-heart though, and the back cover copy indicates it's intended for "adults young and old".

This story is told with a wryly humorous, understated, and very British narratorial voice, which should appeal to those who grew up on the work of Roald Dahl and enjoy the style of Hitchhiker's Guide author Douglas Adams.

Adina West www.adinawest.blogspot.com

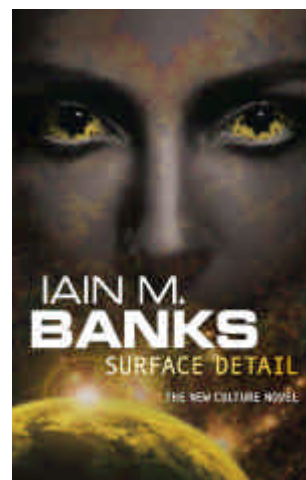


Surface Detail by Iain M Banks, reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781841498942>

Lededje Y'breq is one of what is called the Intagliated, people marked from pre-birth with intricate tattoos, applied at a cellular level to the body. This process indicates that she is a debt slave, owned for life by Joiler Veppers, the richest man on the planet, also one of the most self obsessed, arrogant individuals in her society. In an attempt to flee, she is killed, but finds herself revived by the Culture. Begging for help, transport home is offered to her by Demeisen, avatar of the Abominator class picket Ship named "Falling Outside Normal Moral Constraints". Unfortunately for Lededje, there is a war going on over the Hells where digital souls are stored. The moral societies want the Hells shut down, and the inhabitants allowed to die once & for all. Others want the Hells kept functional, as a warning to sinners & rebels in their societies, as a dumping spot for the troublesome, and a threat to keep society in line. The only problem is that the anti-Hell groups are losing the war, so as a last resort, they're going to take the war out of the Hells, and bring it into the Real. This looming catastrophe is what Lededje is being carried into by one of the most powerful (and deranged) warships the Culture has available. The only question is: - Is she going back for revenge, or something else?

Banks is back, with a new Culture novel. Rejoice, buy & read, because it's one of the best of his that I've had the pleasure of reading. First of all, let me state for the record that I'm a huge Iain M Banks fan, particularly the M books, with the Culture novels being my favourite of his work. I was accused of sitting & reading this book, smirking & laughing as I did so. Surface Detail is classic M Banks work, detailed, esoteric, fascinating & perverse. His writing speculates on societal behaviour & norms, technology, moral & cultural values, yet still manages to supply a facinating story that hooks you in, and drags you under. For me, one of the highlights was the new Abominator class picket ships developed by the Culture. Armed, armoured & equipped to fantastic levels, intended to lurk in space waiting for issues to occur and deal with them, the personalities of the Minds controlling them are psychotic, vicious and yet hilarious in attitude. The Hells, on the other hand, are some of the nastiest places he has ever written about, particularly for those who are sent there as revenge by their enemies. For me, this is one of the best things he's written, even better than Consider Phlebas or Use of Weapons.



Quantum Thief by Hannu Rajaniemi, reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575088887>

This novel is leading edge technology hard science fiction. Set four hundred years into the future, technologies include quantum entanglement messaging and personal matter/object fabricators, both presently in laboratory development. The dominant technology is such extreme physical and quantum computer enhancement of humans that author Rajaniemi could hardly have made his characters more alien – while reading the novel I was thinking “computer simulation”. The novel’s social setup seems commensurate, though. There’s no interstellar travel, but the playground is the entire Solar system including the Oort region. The story begins with the Oortian Warrior Princess busting the Thief out of his Neptunian prison to use in her mission on Mars. She’s never fully informed of her mission – the Thief spends the novel rediscovering his forgotten past, while the Detective tries to figure out what the Sam Hill is going on. These are the three main point of view characters in a complex plot.



Despite a milieu in which death is a temporary inconvenience and reproduction is self-indulgent masochism, people still play guitar, drink alcohol, smoke tobacco, lust and love, and stave off boredom with political intrigues like those that drive and interfere with the WP’s mission. Fairly heavy technojargon is combined with average English, and the exposition caused me to reread some passages. Also, I didn’t see why the Thief’s narrative and only his was in first person, particularly when the conclusion draws the reader away from all action characters and switches to the intriguers. I’d give this novel two stars of a possible five in my admittedly not leading edge personal system.

The strength of this novel is technology and its implications: the author’s profession puts him in a good position to see where modern technology development is going. The publisher’s notes in my review copy invite comparison with Michael Moorcock’s *Dancers At The End Of Time*; I see this novel better socially developed and far more technically detailed, and Rajaniemi may have set a new benchmark for technological SF. I would think readers of high technology SF will want this novel in their libraries.

The Japanese Devil Fish Girl and Other Unnatural Attractions reviewed by Chantelle

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575088535>

Set ten years after the events of H.G. Wells’ “War Of The Worlds”, “The Japanese Devil Fish Girl And Other Unusual Attractions” by Robert Rankin shows a British Empire which has maintained sole rights to all of the Martian Technology, removed the Martian threat from its home planet and is starting a new age of fast domestic and interspace travel.

At the heart of the story are the adventures of one young man and his mentor (if by mentor I mean employer) and their attempt to find the one attraction that will make their's the greatest sideshow in the solar system.

From Darwin the monkey butler and the indestructible Ada Lovelace to the witty and sometimes just plain silly banter (“Cheese.”, “Cheese?”, “Sorry. I ran out of things to say.”), this book is a whole lot of fun.

The climax, however, was a bit of a let down, although I have no idea where else Rankin could have taken it.

Overall, a rollicking good adventure with some belly laughs thrown in.

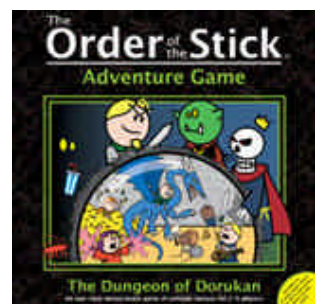


Dungeon of Dorukan Boardgame reviewed by Dan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780966347647>

Dungeon of Dorukan is a 'boardgame' without a board. Like "Zombies", the board is played tile by tile as the players take turns, and this means that every time you play the game, it will look and play differently. The players each play one of the Order of the Stick party members, each of whom has their own special deck of abilities. Each character promotes a different style of play, whether it be killing monsters, helping other players or attacking them to get their loots. The ultimate goal is to be the player who escapes the dungeon with the most droolworthy loots after Xykon is defeated!

Time ranges from 2 hours to 6+ hours depending on number of players (2-6) and difficulty chosen. Definitely a 'beer and pretzels' game, although this may lead to Belkar stealing your stuff quicker!



Short Story

Homo supremus by Jenna Nancarrow

She was perfect. The doctor gave the creature an analytical gaze; his reverent expression reflected in the glass of the containment vessel. She was suspended in the gooey blue liquid that chemically resembled human amniotic fluid. Her hair was jet black and swayed gently around her head. Her eyes were a vivid green, and wide open although she wasn't conscious. The superfluous little fingers on normal humans had been genetically recoded to appear as vicious hooked claws protruding from her hands. She only had three toes, but they were much longer than natural, and looked exceedingly similar to bird feet. They were designed for incredible speed and agility; in theory, with these feet, she could reach speeds that could rival a cheetah over long distances. All of her senses were amazingly heightened; sight, sound and smell sharpened to allow for an unbeatable level of hunting.

But the modifications that the doctor was most proud of lay in her pelvis and spine. The normal human pelvic bone and vertebrae were not ideal for upright walking, because they evolved from four legged or hunched over ancient ancestors. The creature that lay before him had a genetically created skeletal structure that included specialised bones and ligaments that allowed it to walk and run in an upright position with the utmost power and grace. Physically, she was much more advanced than regular humans; she was supreme. Homo supremus.

"Doctor, we're ready to begin draining and decontamination," the lab attendant broke the doctor's line of thought.

"Yes, alright," he said almost to himself before he demanded, "Commence decantation!" The other lab attendants scattered like terrified ants to do his bidding. Soon, he thought, soon you will be ready.

The blue goo began to filter out of the huge glass cylinder, and she sank to the floor of her sealed chamber; her eyes fluttered shut and she appeared to be sleeping. A computer simulated voice robotically announced "Decantation complete."

The doctor stared at his creation, waiting for her eyes to reopen, and for her to gain a consciousness of her own. That's the funny thing with a brain; it's too difficult to program a personality. The doctor waited excitedly, anticipating what kind of brain chemistry his protégée might produce. He inched closer to the glass cage while the other attendants went about their business, running tests and analysing results. The doctor was now close enough

to reach out and touch the relatively thin pane of glass that separated him from his Nobel Prize-winning invention. He leaned in to view her even closer but his breath fogged up the glass. He irritably wiped the condensation away with his sleeve. When he peered in again, she was gone.

He was immediately confused; a feeling he wasn't used to. He fought hard to rationalise it, but his brain just didn't believe what his eyes were seeing. He blinked a few times, just to be sure, but his vision was the same as before. He turned to the bank of computers behind him, to ask one of the attendants if they had seen anything, but there was no one there. He was entirely alone in his lab, but then he thought again: No, not entirely alone. She had to be here somewhere.

He moved slowly and cautiously toward the computer responsible for recording her brain activity. Under the desk lay a puddle of deep, red blood, but no body. How had she done it so quietly? He pushed the thought from his mind as he analysed the computer screen. The image he saw was not what he had expected. The neocortex is the most advanced part of the brain and is essentially what makes us humans. The right side is the warm and artistic side, while the left is cold and rational. The left side of her neocortex was lit up with activity, while the right side was dull and lifeless. Most of the limbic system, in charge of emotions was similarly unused, except for the amygdala, responsible for anger and aggression. She was on a rampage, and would have to be stopped. Why hasn't she killed me yet? What is she waiting for?

At that moment he looked up from the screen and saw her, standing in front of the glass case, watching him. Her clawed bird feet gouged the metal grated floor, and her long hair cast shadows across the porcelain skin of her face. The two ten centimetre long talons on her hands twitched, as if eager to slice open his throat. For a few seconds, they stood there facing each other, though for the doctor it felt like years. He couldn't see her eyes, but he remembered them as they were, those vivid green orbs he had stared into for months; except now he imagined them with a cold and intelligent glint of conscious thought. She stood as still as a statue as the doctor willed his legs to move despite his fear. He slowly walked around the computer desks and approached her, as one would approach a rabid dog. He was terrified but he had to know.

He moved forward, stepping closer and closer towards certain death. When he was little more than a metre away, she tilted her head slightly to show her eyes and growled. The doctor jumped at the aggressive sound and squeezed his eyes closed as tight as he could, believing she was just about to end his life. When nothing happened he hazarded a glance between his eyelids. She was posed with her right pinky claw raised to his neck, but she didn't make a move.

He had to ask, even though he thought she would not understand, since language had to be taught, and couldn't be pre-programmed, "Why?"

She startled him with a response: "Because this is the beginning of the end. I am the top predator now. Fear me, weak human, for I am God."

The doctor had one last thought before he died: Truly supremus...

Best Sellers for September 2010

General Release

<i>Kris Longknife: Redoubtable</i>	Mike Shepherd
<i>The Evolutionary Void</i>	Peter F Hamilton
<i>Ghost of a Chance</i>	Simon Green
<i>Cryoburn</i>	Lois McMaster Bujold
<i>Live Free or Die</i>	John Ringo
<i>Surface Detail</i>	Iain M Banks
<i>Out of the Dark</i>	David Weber
<i>Bayou Moon</i>	Ilona Andrews
<i>The Enchantment Emporium</i>	Tanya Huff
<i>Monster Hunter Vendetta</i>	Larry Correia

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>The First Heretic</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Blood Pact</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Fear the Alien</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Zombieslayer</i>	Warhammer
<i>Hunt for Voldorius</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Four Dragons</i>	Stargate SG-1
<i>Dungeon Tiles Master Set - The Dungeon</i>	D&D
<i>Power Behind the Throne</i>	Stargate SG-1
<i>Firedrake</i>	Warhammer 40,000

External Events

Winterfest 2011: Winterfest is a medieval fair with re-enactments, archery, full contact jousting, falconry, sword play, fight scenes, craft displays, clothing, food, knights, knaves and lots of fun. It will be held the weekend of 2nd + 3rd July 2011 at Parramatta park (north of the river.). Winterfest 2010 was great fun with Infinitas running a stall. <http://www.winterfest.com.au/>

Manuscript Competition: IP Picks 2011 opens for entries on 1 October. This national competition for unpublished manuscripts offers awards in five categories: Best Fiction, Best Creative Non-fiction, Best Poetry, Best Junior Prose and Best First Book. For further details and entry forms: http://ipoz.biz/IP/IP_picks.htm

Nullus Anxietas 3 is a Discworld convention to be held At Panthers Penrith 8th – 10th April 2011. Terry Pratchett will be attending! <http://ausdwcon.org/>

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

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

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

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Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>

Thursday 4th Nov: Zombies
Thursday 2nd Dec: Stories that initially excite then disappoint

Urban Fantasy Book Club: Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. A title is selected to start the discussion Thursday 11th November 2010:
Staked by Jeremy F Lewis

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 18th November 2010:

Walking The Tree by Kaaron Warren (Fantasy)
Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency
by Douglas Adams (SF)

Writers' Group: The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of most months - get on the email list to confirm meetings. <http://www.infinitas.com.au/WritersGroup.php>

Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

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



Dungeon & Dragons Delve Days: Play a short game of 4th edition D&D, one or two encounters only. Every second Saturday morning starting at 9:30am.

Pathfinder: Casual games occasional Saturdays, ask for dates.

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

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Expose 8

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Almost 6,300 entries were received for EXPOSÉ 8 which convinced the Ballistic team to create the biggest EXPOSÉ book ever. At 240 pages for the Hardcover/Softcover Editions and 256 pages for the Limited Edition, EXPOSÉ 8 becomes the biggest and best book in the series. From the huge number of images entered, 393 were featured in EXPOSÉ 8 coming from 283 artists in 52 countries, and in the tradition of the EXPOSÉ series, a substantial number of the featured artists (over one third) were published for the first time in EXPOSÉ 8.

EXPOSÉ 8 showcases the world's best digital art in the categories of: Game Art; Comic/Manga; Portrait (Painted & Rendered); Fantasy; Fantasy Femmes; Architecture (Exterior & Interior); Concept Art; Environment; Futurescapes; Matte Painting; Science Fiction; Robotic/Cyborg; Abstract & Design; Product Design & Still Life; Warriors & Conflict; Whimsical; Surreal; Storytelling; and Transport. Across all these categories, Ballistic Publishing is uncompromising in its pursuit of quality, and each image that appears in EXPOSÉ 8 is individually color-corrected to maintain a standard of output that no other art publisher can match. **TP \$70**

How to Draw Wizards

The mystery and awe inspired by wizards and sorcery have captivated audiences for centuries. Now anyone can learn to bring these mythical characters to life through drawing and painting. *How to Draw Wizards* covers everything from rendering cauldrons and skulls to dungeons and forests. The book also contains several step-by-step projects featuring a mix of pencil, paint, and digital image-editing instruction, allowing artists to replicate each scene in detail. An enchantress, a medicine man, a druid, and a necromancer merely scratch the surface of subjects. **TP \$29.99**

Brom

The Child Thief

Peter is quick, daring, and full of mischief—and like all boys, he loves to play, though his games often end in blood. His eyes are sparkling gold, and when he graces you with his smile you are his friend for life, but his promised land is not Neverland.

Fourteen-year-old Nick would have been murdered by the drug dealers preying on his family had Peter not saved him. Now the irresistibly charismatic wild boy wants Nick to follow him to a secret place of great adventure, where magic is alive and you never grow old. Even though he is wary of Peter's crazy talk of faeries and monsters, Nick agrees. After all, New York City is no longer safe for him, and what more could he possibly lose?

There is always more to lose.

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

There, Peter's dark past is revealed: left to wolves as an infant, despised and hunted, Peter moves restlessly between the worlds of faerie and man.

The Child Thief is a leader of bloodthirsty children, a brave friend, and a creature driven to do whatever he must to stop the "Flesh-eaters" and save the last, wild magic in this dying land. **TP \$32.99**

Rachel Aaron

Spirit Rebellion (Legend of Eli Monpress 02)

Eli Monpress is brilliant. He's incorrigible. And he's a thief. He's also still at large, which drives Miranda Lyonette crazy. While she's been kicked out of the Spirit Court, Eli's had plenty of time to plan his next adventure. But now the tables have turned, because Miranda has a new job - and an opportunity to capture a certain thief. Things are about to get exciting for Eli. He's picked a winner for his newest heist. His target: the Duke of Gaol's famous 'thief-proof' citadel. Eli knows Gaol is a trap, but what's life without challenges? Except the Duke is one of the wealthiest men in the world, a wizard who rules his duchy with an iron fist, and an obsessive perfectionist with only one hobby: Eli. It seems that everyone is hunting for Eli Monpress. **BPB \$22.99**

Sharon Ahern & Jerry Ahern

Written in Time

As a freelance writer, Jack Naile was used to getting an occasional letter from one of his readers, but when one of those readers sent him a clipping from a magazine, it would not only change his life, but could alter the course of history as well. The clipping had a photo, taken in Nevada in 1903, of a street scene, including a story with a sign, "Jack Naile—General Merchandise."

Intrigued, Jack phoned the Nevada town's historian and asked for more information. When the historian sent him a photo of the 19th century Jack Naile, what had seemed like an interesting coincidence immediately became much more bizarre. The four people in the photo, dressed in the style of the time, were unmistakably Jack, his wife, their grown son and teenage daughter. Jack decided he would have to take a trip to that town to investigate further. And if he and his family were somehow going, he was going to be prepared—and be well-armed. **APB \$19.95**

Jessica Andersen

Blood Spells (Final Prophecy 05)

Torn between the Nightkeepers and their marriage, Patience and Brandt White-Eagle must set aside their problems and join forces as a mated warrior pair when an ancient god-king arises. **APB \$19.95**

Kevin J Anderson & Brian Herbert

Hellhole (01)

Only the most desperate would ever dare to make a new home on Hellhole, a planet ravaged by natural disasters. Persistent volcanic eruptions, destructive storms and recent damage inflicted by asteroid impact make the planet a dumping ground for undesirables, misfits and charlatans. But its location out on the wild frontiers of the Constellation, among the Deep Zone worlds, makes it the final refuge for those fleeing from the rule of Diadem Michella Duchenet - a tyrant with a sweet face, but a dark and hardened heart.

General Adolphus, the military leader exiled to the planet when he was defeated in the first revolution against the Diadem, is determined to transform Hellhole into a place of opportunity. While the colonists are diligently working to develop the planet, the General is forging secret alliances with the leaders of the other Deep Zone worlds. He dreams of turning his prison into the centre of a new coalition of planets free from the Diadem's iron grip. Back on the decadent capital planet of Sonjeera, surrounded by corruption and consumed by the plots and feuds of the old guard nobles, Diadem Michella is confident that the General has been neutralized. She has no idea of the revolt growing in the Deep Zone . . . or does she?

But what no one knows is this: the planet Hellhole, though damaged and volatile, hides secrets of historic magnitude. Lurking beneath the surface are the remnants of an obliterated alien civilization, detailing an unrecorded past, which, if unearthed, could tear the fragile human civilization apart.

HC \$49.99 TP \$32.99

Taylor Anderson

Distant Thunders (Destroyermen 04)

Lieutenant Commander Matthew Reddy waits for his destroyer, the Walker, to be repaired after battling alongside their Lemurian allies to repel the savage Grik, and questions the loyalties of Commodore Jenks, who may be devoted to those representing an even greater danger. **PB \$19.95**

Iona Andrews

Magic Bites (Kate Daniels 01)

Future Atlanta is an interesting place to live: one moment magic dominates, and cars stall and guns fail. The next, technology takes over and the defensive spells no longer protect your house from monsters. Here skyscrapers topple under the onslaught of magic; the Pack, a paramilitary clan of shapechangers, prowl through the ruined streets; and the Masters of the Dead, necromancers driven by their thirst for knowledge and wealth, pilot blood-crazed vampires with their minds. Kate Daniels likes her sword a little too much and she has a hard time controlling her mouth. The magic in her blood makes her a target and she's spent most of her life hiding in plain sight. But when Kate's guardian is murdered, she must choose to do nothing and remain safe, or to risk her life by pursuing his preternatural killer. Hiding is easy, but the right choice is rarely easy... **BPB \$22.99**

Magic Strikes (Kate Daniels 03)

When magic strikes and Atlanta goes to pieces, it's a job for Kate Daniels! Drafted into working for the Order of Merciful Aid, mercenary Kate Daniels has more paranormal problems than she knows what to do with these days. And in Atlanta, where magic comes and goes like the tide, that's saying a lot. But when Kate's werewolf friend Derek is discovered nearly dead, she must confront her greatest challenge yet. As her investigation leads her to the Midnight Games – an invitation-only, no-holds-barred ultimate preternatural fighting tournament – she and Curran, the Lord of the Beasts, uncover a dark plot that may forever alter the face of Atlanta's shapeshifting community... **BPB \$22.99**

Isaac Asimov

Foundation Trilogy (Foundation)

It is the story of the Galactic Empire, crumbling after twelve thousand years of rule. And it is the particular story of psycho-historian Hari Seldon, the only man who can see the horrors the future has in store: a dark age of ignorance, barbarism and violence that will last for thirty thousand years. Gathering together a band of courageous men and women, Seldon leads them to a hidden location at the edge of the galaxy where he hopes they can preserve human knowledge and wisdom against all who would destroy them. Asimov went on to add numerous sequels and prequels to the trilogy, building up what has become known as the Foundation series, but it is the original three books, first published in the Forties and Fifties, which remain the most powerful, imaginative and breathtaking. **HC \$39.95**

Foundation (Foundation 01)

For twelve thousand years the Galactic Empire has ruled supreme. Now it is dying. But only Hari Sheldon, creator of the revolutionary science of psychohistory, can see into the future--to a dark age of ignorance, barbarism, and warfare that will last thirty thousand years. To preserve knowledge and save mankind, Seldon gathers the best minds in the Empire--both scientists and scholars--and brings them to a bleak planet at the edge of the Galaxy to serve as a beacon of hope for a future generations. He calls his sanctuary the Foundation.

But soon the fledgling Foundation finds itself at the mercy of corrupt warlords rising in the wake of the receding Empire. Mankind's last best hope is faced with an agonizing choice: submit to the barbarians and be overrun--or fight them and be destroyed. **PB \$19.95**

James Axler

Moonfeast (Deathlands 95)

When a wealthy sea baron and his fleet try to take over an island populated by pre-dark bio-engineered killing machines, Ryan Cawdor and his band of rebels are trapped in a war in which they have no desire to fight, but every intention of surviving. **PB \$17.95**

Distortion Offensive (Outlanders 55)

When the scion of their greatest adversary takes over the Ontic Library, which, buried deep within the Pacific Ocean, controls reality, Cerberus rebel and archivist Brigid Baptiste dives into the sentient data stream of infinite knowledge to stop a god prince from destroying the world. **PB \$17.95**

Philippa Ballantine

Geist (Order)

A protector of the Empire, Sorcha Faris, a powerful member of the Order of the Deacons is dispatched to an isolated village to aid a Priory plagued by a surge of violent geist activity--an assignment that forces her to reconsider everything she thinks she knows. **APB \$19.95**

Greg Bear

Mariposa (Quantico)

In an America driven to near bankruptcy, the Talos Corporation is a major success story, training soldiers and security forces and providing logistics and troops for nearly all branches of the United States government. But Talos has other plans. Three FBI agents, introduced in Greg Bear's Quantico, stand between Talos's CEO Axel Price and absolute control.

Enter Nathan Trace, victim of post-traumatic stress disorder that forced him to be enrolled in a treatment program, code-named Mariposa. The Mariposa subjects begin to experience unexpected side effects that indicate something has gone terribly wrong. Liberated from nearly all human emotions and concerns—and all mental limits—they have become brilliant and lethal sociopaths.

Yet without Trace's help, Rose and her fellow agents will be unable to stop the plan that Price has set into motion—a plan that could leave America shattered and utterly unable to defend itself. **PB \$19.95**

Hull Zero Three

A starship hurtles through the emptiness of space. Its destination-unknown. Its purpose-a mystery. Its history -lost.

Now, one man wakes up. Ripped from a dream of a new home-a new planet and the woman he was meant to love in his arms-he finds himself, wet, naked, and freezing to death. The dark halls are full of monsters but trusting other survivors he meets might be the greater danger.

All he has are questions-- Who is he? Where are they going? What happened to the dream of a new life? What happened to the woman he loved?

What happened to Hull 03? All will be answered, if he can survive. Uncover the mystery. Fix the ship. Find a way home.

HULL ZERO THREE is an edge of your seat thrill ride through the darkest reaches of space. **HC \$39.95 MP3 CD \$51.95**

J K Beck

When Wicked Craves (Shadow Keepers 03)

Petra Lang is cursed never to love. One touch of her skin unleashes the vilest demons. Sentenced to death by the Shadow authorities, who fear she'll turn her curse against them, Petra is rescued by vampire advocate Nicholas Montegue. As their bodies merge and transform into mist, Petra feels an erotic longing. Nicholas risked his own life to save Petra, yet he knows he can never give in to the explosive attraction he feels for her. But the deep yearning they share tempts them. Together, they must find a way to lift the curse. For only a love this strong has the power to overcome such monstrous evil. **PB \$19.95**

A A Bell Australian Author*Diamond Eyes*

Mira Chambers has an unusual gift for solving mysteries ...

Blind, institutionalised and frustrated by her loss of independence, Mira has been driven to the brink of insanity by medications that make her life unbearable. When she astounds two medical scientists by 'seeing' the impossible, they begin an exploration of Mira's strange perspectives.

Together with Bennet Chiron, an enigmatic ex-con, Mira becomes entangled in a dangerous adventure of self-discovery that leads them to a killer -- and exposed to a manipulative sociopath whose own unique talent is more than a match for Mira's.

Layers of secrets are about to be peeled away ... and no one will be safe from what is revealed. **APB \$22.99**

Alex Bell*Jasmyn*

An ancient fairytale, a contemporary heroine - and a cracking good read.

Grieving for her dead husband Liam, Jasmyn is trapped in a world without colour, without flavour. But even through the haze of misery she begins to notice unusual events, a sense of being watched, a strange man visiting her home and asking pointed questions about her dead husband. Her world has been turned upside down, but even so, things are not as they should be. Eventually Jasmyn begins to explore the discrepancies that have sprung up after his death – the plane tickets to places Liam claimed he'd never visited, details of the meetings he was never supposed to have – and to follow their trail back into the events of his life. But the mysteries are deeper than she expected and are leading her in surprising directions: into fairytales filled with swans, castles and bones; into a tale of a murder committed by a lake and a vicious battle between brothers; and a story of stolen love. **BPB \$22.99**

Shayla Black*Entice Me At Twilight (Doomsday Brethren 04)*

When wizard Simon Northam, the Duke of Hurstgrove, steals his brother's fiancée, Felicia, a rare human whose mere presence disables magic, to help save humankind from evil, he is torn between loyalty to his brother and his strong desire for this brave beauty. **APB \$19.95**

Ben Bova*Voyagers (Voyagers 01)*

Keith Stoner, ex-astronaut turned physicist, knows the signal that his research station is receiving from space is not random. Whatever it is, it's real. And it's headed straight for Earth.

He'll do anything to be the first man to go out to confront this enigma. Even lose the only woman he's ever really loved.

And maybe start a world war. **APB \$13.95**

Alien Within (Voyagers 02)

Eighteen years ago, astronaut Keith Stoner had been the American member of a joint U.S.–Soviet mission to capture an alien ship that had entered the solar system. It was the greatest adventure in the history of Earth—but disaster struck when a bomb placed on the Soviet craft forced its recall. Stoner refused to return to Earth, staying behind in the strange ship alone where he fell into suspended animation.

Jo Camerata, the ambitious young student who fell in love with Stoner, is now head of Vanguard Industries. Jo's dogged determination has forced the recovery of the alien ship, and now her company is in control of the vast new technology—and in control of Keith Stoner. What Camerata doesn't know, however, is that when Stoner wakes, someone else awakens, too. The alien presence in Stoner's mind that has kept him alive all these years is now free, and intends to explore the world.

And it will let nothing stand in its way. **APB \$13.95**

Star Brothers (Voyagers 03)

Astronaut Keith Stoner, member of a joint U.S.–Soviet mission to capture an alien ship that had entered the solar system, was trapped alone aboard the alien spacecraft. But he didn't die, he lay frozen in deep sleep for fifteen years, kept alive by alien biotechnology.

Now Keith Stoner is something more than just a man. While asleep he was inoculated with virus-sized machines designed to repair his body, expand his brain, and let him live forever. Stoner also carries the knowledge and memories of the being whose body was enshrined in the alien craft. He now knows of many different intelligent races who destroyed themselves, battering themselves to death on the stony problems of war, famine, runaway population, and ill-planned technological breakthroughs.

Keith Stoner fears for mankind, and he will do everything in his power—his extensive, alien-enhanced power—to preserve humanity into the future. **APB \$13.95**

Gillian Bradshaw*Hawk of May*

An award-winning author finally gives voice to Arthur's greatest warrior

Tutored in dark magic by his mother, the beautiful, infinitely evil sorceress Morgawse, Gwalchmai doubts his path in life. But the isle of immortals calls him on a quest as a warrior of the Light...and seals his destiny as the hero of King Arthur's Britain. Framed by historical realism, Gillian Bradshaw expertly weaves convincing magical elements into her fantastic tale of Gwalchmai, the Hawk of May. **TP \$24.99**

Barbara Bretton*Spun by Sorcery*

Chloe is always losing things-but an entire town? Just when she was about to settle down in Sugar Maple with her soul-mate Luke MacKenzie, her Fae enemy Isadora strikes, and her new hometown is gone. Even the Book of Spells, her lifeline to magick, can't help her now. Just in the nick of time, her friend Janice roars up in Chloe's ancient Buick with Penny the cat and her yarn stash in tow. If she is going to save her home she has to go back to Salem, where family secrets and centuries-old feuds pull her into the fight of her life. **TP \$30.95**

Patricia Briggs*Wolfsbane (Sianem)*

Aralorn, a shapeshifting mercenary, returns home only to find that her father, the Lyon of Lambshold, has been ensorcelled by the ae'Magi, who is using him as a conduit to finally destroy Aralorn and her companion Wolf. **APB \$19.95**

David Brin & Scott Hampton*Life Eaters*

TP \$37.95

S G Browne

Fated

From the acclaimed author of *Breathers*--an irreverent novel about fate, destiny, and the karmic consequences of loving humans.

Over the past few thousand years, Fabio has come to hate his job. As Fate, he's in charge of assigning the fortunes and misfortunes that befall most of the human race--the 83% who keep screwing things up.

Frustrated with his endless parade of drug addicts and career politicians, Fate has to watch Destiny guide her people to Nobel Peace Prizes and Super Bowl MVPs. To make matters worse, he has a five-hundred-year-old feud with Death, and his best friends are Sloth and Gluttony. And worst of all? He's fallen in love with a human.

Getting involved with a human breaks Rule #1, and about ten others, setting off some cosmic-sized repercussions that could strip him of his immortality--or lead to a fate worse than death. **TP \$30.95**

Nina Bruhns

Shadow of the Sheikh (Immortal Sheiks)

All are terrified of the ruthless legend of al Shahin--the Black Hawk. Sheikh Shahin Aswadi doesn't mind. It makes his job easier. He is one of the immortal shape-shifters who serve the ancient Egyptian god Set-Sutekh, and no human has dared approach his hidden oasis encampment for nearly a century.

That is, until intrepid anthropologist Gemma Haliday comes sniffing around after her missing sister. She has foolishly disregarded the dire warnings of the nomads in order to question the one man who may know of her sister's fate. To Shahin's gratification, she walks straight into the trap he has carefully laid for her.

Just one taste of Gemma's lips and he knows he must possess her fully...but he wants her willing. He wants her to burn for him as he burns for her--with a desire as hot and vast as the timeless Egyptian desert. **PB \$14.95**

Lois McMaster Bujold

Cryoburn (Vorkosigan)

Dispatched to investigate an immortality company's attempt to expand into the Barrayaran Empire, troubleshooter Miles discovers a generational conflict over resources before finding a young boy with a passion for pets and a dangerous secret.

This hardcover includes a Baen CD of e-books. **HC \$51.95**

Marcella Burnard

Enemy Within

An intergalactic cold war--and some heated passion-- from an inventive new voice in futuristic romance.

After a stint in an alien prison, Captain Ari Rose wonders why she even bothered to survive. Stripped of her command and banished to her father's scientific expedition to finish a Ph.D. she doesn't want, Ari never planned to languish quietly behind a desk. She wasn't built for it, either. But when pirates commandeer her father's ship, Ari once again becomes a prisoner.

As far as pirate leader Cullin is concerned, Ari's past imprisonment puts her dead center in Cullin's sights. If she hasn't been brainwashed and returned as a spy, then he's convinced she must be part of a traitorous alliance endangering billions of lives. Cullin can't afford the desire she fires within him and he'll stop at nothing, including destroying her, to uncover the truth. **TP \$30.95**

Jim Butcher

Side Jobs (Dresden Files short stories)

Here, together for the first time, are the shorter works of #1 New York Times bestselling author Jim Butcher--a compendium of cases that Harry and his cadre of allies managed to close in record time. The tales range from the deadly serious to the absurdly hilarious. Also included is a new, never-before-published novella that takes place after the cliff-hanger ending of the new April 2010 hardcover, *Changes*. This is a must-have collection for every devoted Harry Dresden fan as well as a perfect introduction for readers ready to meet Chicago's only professional wizard. **HC \$51.95**

Shannon K Butcher

Living Nightmare (Sentinel Wars 04)

Nika, a Sentinel tasked with saving humanity from the Synestry, must race against time to save her sister, who everyone else believes is dead, from the enemy, while trying to deny her attraction to Madoc, who is torn between helping her and saving his soul. **APB \$19.95**

Rhyannon Byrd

Touch of Temptation (Primal Instinct 06)

Kellan Scott, the Lycan shape-shifter, has vowed to redeem his playboy past...even allowing himself to be captured by his enemies to save a woman he's never met. Once imprisoned, stealing into Chloe Harcourt's cell is the easy part--withstanding her irresistible beauty is next to impossible.

Chloe has struggled to keep her unusual powers over other people's emotions in check, never trusting that any man could truly love her for herself. Until her mesmerizing rescuer awakens a primal craving for contact.

Their all-consuming passion is their strongest weapon against their sadistic captor. But Kellan's biggest battle may still lie ahead: to convince Chloe he's worthy of her undying love...or die trying. **APB \$19.95**

Jayne Castle

Midnight Crystal (07)

For many earthly centuries, a legendary curse has plagued the Winters family, stemming from the tumultuous founding of the Arcane Society. But now, on the futuristic world of Harmony, the curse's final mystery will be unravelled...

Adam Winters has enough responsibility as the new head of the local ghost hunters guild without being saddled with the family curse. He's convinced his recent nightmares and hallucinations will lead to him becoming a psychic rogue--unless he can find a stolen relic and a woman who can read dreamlight. Marlowe Jones rides into his life on a motorcycle and, though a descendent of the rival Arcane family, she's just what Adam needs: a psychic private investigator and dreamlight reader extraordinaire. Together, amid the glowing catacombs and steamy underground jungles of Harmony, Adam and Marlowe must break the curse, save the entire underworld--and fight a passion that could destroy them both. **PB \$22.99**

Glen Cook

Gilded Latten Bones (Garrett PI 13)

When a pair of home intruders are hired to kidnap his girl Tinnie Tate, and his best friend, Morley Dotes, is attacked and left for dead, P.I. Garrett gets back in the game, seeking out the person or persons responsible for these vicious crimes. **APB \$19.95**

Bianca D'Arc*A Darker Shade of Dead*

When her genetic experiments are used to turn innocent victims into zombies, Dr. Eileen McCormick, determined to set things right, works on developing an antidote under the watchful eyes of Commander Matt Sykes with whom she has formed an uneasy alliance **TP \$28.95**

David Day*Guide to Tolkien's World (Lord of the Rings)*

A comprehensive, beautifully illustrated reference guide to all the living creatures that inhabit J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth and Undying Lands. Guide to Tolkien's World seeks to do justice to the creatures and their world through more than one hundred fantasy illustrations. All kinds of beings are shown, be they vast winged dragons, earthbound creatures of evil, or simple flowers. David Day has identified and analyzed 129 separate races. Each is clearly explained in terms of its physical appearance, language, behaviour and culture. The purpose of Guide to Tolkien's World is not to retell their stories, but to make Tolkien's own book more accessible by identifying his creatures and explaining their roles in his epic world. **TP \$27.99**

Marianne Delacourt Australian Author*Sharp Shooter (Tara Sharp 01)*

Tara Sharp should be just another unemployable, twenty-something, ex-private schoolgirl... but she has the gift - or curse as she sees it - of reading people's auras. The trouble is, auras sometimes tell you things about people they don't want you to know. When a family friend recommends Mr Hara's Paralanguage School, Tara decides to give it a whirl - and graduates with flying colours. So when Mr Hara picks up passes on a job for a hot-shot lawyer she jumps at the chance despite some of his less-than-salubrious clients. Tara should know better than to get involved when she learns the job involves mob boss Johnny Vogue. But she's broke and the magic words 'retainer' and 'bonus' have been mentioned. Soon Tara finds herself sucked into an underworld 'situation' that has her running for her life. Sharp Shooter is a hilarious, action-packed novel and Tara Sharp is Triple F: Funny. Fast. Feisty. **APB \$22.99**

Anna DeStefano*Secret Legacy*

To save a little girl, who has the ability to manipulate dreams, from becoming a covert organization's next experiment, Sarah Temple must expose their deadly secrets and the only person who can help her is the very same man who broke her heart. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen Donaldson*Against All Things Ending (Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant 03)*

Desperate for help to find her adopted son, Jeremiah, Linden Avery has resurrected Thomas Covenant in a cataclysmic exertion of Earthpower and wild magic. But the consequences of her efforts are more terrible than she could have imagined. Sorcery on that scale has awakened the Worm of the World's End: the ultimate end of all Time, and therefore of all life, has been set in motion. And on a more personal level, the results are no less extreme. The stress of reincarnation so many centuries after his death has fractured Covenant's mind. He cannot tell Linden where to find her son. And his leprosy has renewed its grip on him, inexorably killing his nerves. The Ranyhyn had tried to warn her.

Now, plunged to depths of desperation and despair for which she is entirely unprepared, Linden seeks radical responses to the dilemmas she has created. Searching for Jeremiah, and accompanied only by a few friends and allies - some of them unwilling - she takes chances that threaten her sanity, forcing her to confront the Land's most fearsome secrets. Dreadful futures hinge on all of her choices, and she and her companions are driven beyond the limits of their endurance. Yet she still walks paths laid out for her by the Despisers, and his forces are ready . . . **HC \$49.95**

David Drake*Complete Hammer's Slammers Volume 3 (Hammer's Slammers)*

This Omni-Trade paperback volume collects the two full-length novels, The Sharp End and Paying the Piper, plus "The Darkness," a novelette which has not appeared in previous Slammers books.

The Hammers are very flawed and imperfect human beings—but they know their jobs, and they get those jobs done, one way or another. If your nation or your planet is under attack, and you want plaster saints to save the day . . . well, lots of luck, and it's been nice knowing you. But if you really want your chestnuts pulled out of the fire, hire Colonel Hammer's troops. They'll never win a beauty contest, or even a consolation prize for "most congenial," but they'll win the war—because they're the best. They're Hammer's Slammers.

This is the third of a three volume set presenting for the first time the entire genre-defining Slammers series in uniform Omni-trade paperback volumes, with new introductions by major SF figures and new afterwords by David Drake. Each volume will also include a Slammers story not collected in previous Slammer's books. **BPB \$24.95**

John Everson*Siren***PB \$14.95****David Farland***Chaosbound (Runelords 08)*

The world of the Runelords is drastically changed. It has been magically combined with a parallel world, causing widespread destruction and chaos. Lands have sunk below the sea and elsewhere mountains have risen from it. Thousands have died, and humankind faces extinction. Borenson and Myrrima must journey to save their realm from total devastation, but the landscape is not all that has been altered. In the change, Borenson has merged with a monstrous creature from another world, Aaath Ulber. Not only is he transformed physically, but his behaviour also begins to evolve – he is becoming a berserker warrior. And as the dark rulers of this new world play a byzantine game of politics, this warrior is now the most significant pawn in that game. **BPB \$22.99**

Christine Feehan*Sea Storm (Drake Sisters)*

In one trade package together for the first time—two stories of the Drake Sisters from the #1 New York Times bestselling phenomenon.

This two-in-one package from the #1 New York Times bestselling Drake Sisters series includes:

Magic in the Wind: Ever since Damon Wilder sought refuge in Sea Haven, he's heard the same breathless rumor so suggestive that it carries him to Sarah's cliff-top home. But Damon has not arrived alone. Two men have tracked him to Sea Haven, and into the shadows of Drake House, where Sarah hides her own secrets. And danger is just a whisper away.

Oceans of Fire: A gifted daughter in a magical bloodline, Abigail was born with a mystical affinity for water, and possesses a strong bond with dolphins, swimming among them in the waters off Sea Haven. Until she witnesses a murder on shore, and flees for her life—right into the arms of the Interpol agent who once broke her heart. **PB \$29.95**

Raymond E Feist

Magician (Deluxe Edition) (Riftwar)

At Crydee, a frontier outpost in the tranquil Kingdom of the Isles, an orphan boy, Pug, is apprenticed to a master magician - and the destinies of two worlds are changed forever.

Suddenly the peace of the Kingdom is destroyed as mysterious alien invaders swarm the land. Pug is swept up into the conflict but for him and his warrior friend, Tomas, an odyssey into the unknown has only just begun.

Tomas will inherit a legacy of savage power from an ancient civilisation. Pugs destiny is to lead him through a rift in the fabric of space and time to the mastery of the unimaginable powers of a strange new magic. **HC \$55**

Raymond E Feist & Janny Wurts

Daughter of the Empire (Empire 01)

At age 17, Maraa's ceremonial pledge of servanthip to the goddess Lashima is interrupted by the news that her father and brother have been killed in battle on Trigia, the world through the rift. Now Ruling Lady of the Acoma, Mara finds that not only are her family's ancient enemies, the Minwanabi, responsible for the deaths of her loved ones, but her military forces have been decimated by the betrayal and House Acoma is now vulnerable to complete destruction. **BPB \$24.99**

Servent of the Empire (Empire 02)

Nobody knows how to play the Game of the Council better than Mara of the Acoma. But when you're surrounded by deadly rivals intent on toppling you at every turn, you need to be the best simply to survive... **BPB \$24.99**

Mistress of Empire (Empire 03)

The final play of the game. Surrounded on all sides by warring factions, assassins and spies, Mara of the Acoma must draw on her deepest resources to secure her position once and for all. **BPB \$24.99**

J N Fenn

Guardians of Paradise

On a mission to expose evil, it's all too easy for the hunters to become the hunted...

Most people believe the Sidhe are long dead, exterminated centuries ago when the males of the race rose up and fought alongside the humans subjugated and enslaved by the female Sidhe. But Jarek Reen knows better: he's discovered, the painful way, that the Sidhe are alive and well and still screwing over humanity. They've already killed his sister, so he's not surprised when he discovers an old friend and her partner are next on the Sidhe's hitlist. Joining forces with the Angels Nual and Taro sanMalia he continues his crusade to expose the insidious influence of the Sidhe and their evil plans to enslave the human race again. Their mission takes them across human-space, where they discover that a brilliant vacation spot hides some of the darkest secrets of all. And that's when they discover how easy it is for the hunters to become the hunted... **TP \$32.99**

Cathy Fenner & Arnie Fenner

Spectrum 17

Challenging, controversial, educational, and irreverent, the 15th anniversary addition to the award-winning Spectrum series reinforces both the importance and prevalence of fantastic art in today's culture. With exceptional images by extraordinary creators, this elegant full-color collection showcases an international cadre of creators working in every style and medium, both traditional and digital. The best artists from the United States, Europe, China, Australia, South America, and beyond have gathered into the only annual devoted exclusively to works of fantasy, horror, science fiction, and the surreal, making Spectrum 17 one of the year's most highly anticipated books. With art from books, graphic novels, video games, films, galleries, and advertising, Spectrum is both an electrifying art book for fans and an invaluable resource for clients looking for bright new talent. The entire field is discussed in an invaluable, found-nowhere-else year in review. Contact information for each artist is included in a handy index. Often imitated, never equaled, Spectrum 17 continues the freshness and excellence that was established 16 years ago. **TP \$60**

Becca Fitzpatrick

Crescendo (02)

Nora should have known her life was far from perfect. Despite starting a relationship with her guardian angel, Patch (who, title aside, can be described anything but angelic), and surviving an attempt on her life, things are not looking up. Patch is starting to pull away and Nora can't figure out if it's for her best interest or if his interest has shifted to her arch-enemy Marcie Millar. Not to mention that Nora is haunted by images of her father and she becomes obsessed with finding out what really happened to him that night he left for Portland and never came home.

The farther Nora delves into the mystery of her father's death, the more she comes to question if her Nephilim blood line has something to do with it as well as why she seems to be in danger more than the average girl. Since Patch isn't answering her questions and seems to be standing in her way, she has to start finding the answers on her own. Relying too heavily on the fact that she has a guardian angel puts Nora at risk again and again. But can she really count on Patch or is he hiding secrets darker than she can even imagine?

Sequel to Hush, Hush. **HC \$38.95**

Alan Dean Foster

The Human Blend

Alan Dean Foster's brilliant new novel is a near-future thriller that has all the dark humor and edgy morality of an Elmore Leonard mystery, in addition to the masterly world-building and quirky but believable characters readers expect from Foster. This gripping adventure reveals a place where criminals are punished through genetic engineering and bodily manipulation—which poses profound questions about what it means to be human.

Given his name because radical surgery and implants have reduced him to preternatural thinness, Whispr is a thug. His partner in crime, Jiminy Cricket, has also been physically altered with nanocarbonic prosthetic legs and high-strength fast-twitch muscle fibers that give him great jumping abilities. In a dark alley in Savannah, Whispr and Jiminy murder what they take to be a random tourist in order to amputate and then fence his sophisticated artificial hand. But the hapless victim also happens to be carrying an unusual silver thread that appears to be some kind of storage medium. Ever quick to scent potential profit, Whispr and Jiminy grab the thread as well.

Chance later deposits a wounded Whispr at the clinic of Dr. Ingrid Seastrom. Things have not gone smoothly for Whispr since he acquired the mysterious thread. Powerful forces are searching for him, and Jiminy has vanished. All Whispr wants to do is sell the thread as quickly as he can. When he offers to split the profits with Ingrid in exchange for her medical services, she makes an astonishing discovery.

So begins a unique partnership. Unlike Whispr, Ingrid is a natural, with no genetic or bodily alteration. She is also a Harvard-educated physician, while Whispr's smarts are strictly of the street variety. Yet together they make a formidable team—as long as they can elude the enhanced assassins that are tracking them. **HC \$52.95**

Jacquelyn Frank*Drink of Me*

When Reule, a telepathically gifted Prime scorned by every other race, rescues a beautiful outlander named Mystique, he is unable to control his need for this mysterious woman. **PB \$19.95**

Yasmine Galenorn*Harvest Hunting (Otherworld 08)*

While training with the Death Maidens during Samhain, werecat Delilah must find the source of a magical new drug called Wolf Briar that is being used as a weapon, while dealing with Stacia Bonecrusher who has put a bounty on her and her sisters' heads **APB \$19.95**

Newt Gingrich & William R Forstchen*Valley Forge (George Washington 02)*

In *To Try Men's Souls*, New York Times bestselling authors Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen cast a new light on the year 1776 and the man who would become the father of the US nation, George Washington. Valley Forge picks up the narrative a year after Washington's triumphant surprise attack on Trenton, and much has changed since then.

It's the winter of 1777, and Washington's battered, demoralized army retreats from Philadelphia. Arriving at Valley Forge, they discover that their repeated requests for a stockpile of food, winter clothing, and building tools have been ignored by Congress. With no other options available, the men settle down for a season of agony. For weeks the dwindling army freezes under tents in the bitter cold. Food runs out. Disease festers. The men are on the point of collapse, while in Philadelphia the British, joined by Allen van Dorn, the Loyalist brother of the dead patriot, Jonathan van Dorn, live in luxury.

In spite of the suffering and deceit, Washington endures all, joined at last by a volunteer from Germany, Baron Friederich von Steuben. With precious few supplies and even less time, von Steuben begins the hard task of recasting the army as a professional fighting force capable of facing the British head-on—something it has never accomplished before—and in the process he changes the course of history.

Valley Forge is a compelling, meticulously researched tour-de-force novel about endurance, survival, transformation, and rebirth. It chronicles the unique crucible of time and place where Washington and his Continental Army, against all odds, were forged into a fighting force that would win a revolution and found the United States of America. **HC \$56.95**

Susan Griffith & Clay Griffith*The Greyfriar (Vampire Earth 01)*

In 2020, on a steampunk-style alternate-history Earth, humans have lived near the Equator for 150 years to escape the heat-hating vampire clans of the North, but now humans and vampires are close to a fight to the death and Princess Adele of Equatoria must rely on the mysterious Greyfriar for protection. **TP \$32.95**

Peter F Hamilton*The Evolutionary Void (Void 03)*

Peter F. Hamilton's startling perspectives on tomorrow's technological and cultural trends span vast tracts of space and time, his stories are as compelling as they are epic in scope, and yet they are always grounded in characters - human, alien and other - who, for all their strangeness, still touch our hearts and fire our imaginations.

Now, in "The Evolutionary Void", Hamilton concludes the highly acclaimed "Commonwealth" saga that has unfolded in "The Dreaming Void" and "The Temporal Void". **HC \$56.99**

Lori Handeland*Marked by the Moon (Nightcreature 09)*

A slayer of werewolves, Alexandra Trevalyn is turned into the enemy when Justin Barlow, determined to get revenge on her for killing his wife--a bloodthirsty beast--makes her part of his pack and places her under his sensual spell. **APB \$19.95**

Colin Harvey*Damage Time*

NEW YORK IS A MESS. Sea-levels have swamped the coastal regions and the walls are failing. The city has been carved up between the Chinese and the Muslims. Detective Peter Shah serves with the NYPD as a Memory Association Specialist - reading the last memories of murder victims. When he's accused of killing a glamorous woman in a bar, he must find the killer, save himself... and the city. **APB \$19.95**

C J Henderson*Brooklyn Knight*

Professor Piers Knight is an esteemed curator at the Brooklyn Museum and is regarded by many on the staff as a revered institution of his own if not an outright curiosity. Knight's portfolio includes lost civilizations; arcane cultures, languages, and belief; and more than a little bit of the history of magic and mysticism. What his contemporaries don't know is that in addition to being a scholar of all things ancient he is schooled in the uses of magical artifacts, the teachings of forgotten deities, and the threats of unseen dangers.

If a mysterious object surfaces, Professor Knight makes it his job to figure it out--and make sure it stays out of dangerous hands.

A contemporary on an expedition in the Middle East calls Knight's attention to a mysterious object in the collection of the Brooklyn Museum ... just before it becomes the target of a sorcerer's attack that leads to a siege on a local precinct house by a fire elemental.

What looks like an ordinary inscribed stone may unlock an otherworldly Armageddon that certain dark powers are all too eager to bring about--and only Piers Knight stands in their way. **APB \$19.95**

Susan Hill*The Small Hand*

The chilling tale of a man in the grip of a small, invisible hand ... Returning home from a visit to a client late one summer's evening, antiquarian bookseller Adam Snow takes a wrong turning and stumbles across the derelict old White House. Compelled by curiosity, he approaches the door, and, standing before the entrance feels the unmistakable sensation of a small hand creeping into his own, 'as if a child had taken hold of it'.

Intrigued by the encounter, he determines to learn more, and discovers that the owner's grandson had drowned tragically many years before. At first unperturbed by the odd experience, Snow begins to be plagued by haunting dreams, panic attacks, and more frequent visits from the small hand which become increasingly threatening and sinister ... **HC \$24.99**

Emma Holly

Devil At Midnight (Upyr Christian Durand 01)

Transported back in time to the Middle Ages, Grace Gladwell, finally free of her abusive father, must convince Christian Durand, a medieval soldier, that she is a flesh-and-blood woman who can help him defeat the dark urges inside of him. **APB \$19.95**

Fred Hoyle

The Black Cloud

As soon as a strange dark patch in the sky is spotted by a young astronomer, it is clear something is wrong. The huge black cloud is unlike anything he has ever seen – and it's headed straight for the solar system. If it continues on its course, it will block out the sun's rays and wipe out life on Earth. As panic and riots ensue, desperate world leaders assemble a crack team of scientists – including the maverick Professor Kingsley, the pipe-smoking Doctor Marlowe and the taciturn Russian Alexandrov – to stop the cloud. But as they discover more about its true nature, they are forced to rethink everything they know about humankind's place in the Universe.

In *The Black Cloud* renowned astronomer Fred Hoyle blends scientific expertise with a gripping apocalyptic thriller, to create a frighteningly real picture of a planet facing extinction. **BPB \$22.95**

Sarah A Hoyt

Darkship Thieves

Athena Hera Sinistra never wanted to go to space. Never wanted see the eerie glow of the Powerpods. Never wanted to visit Circum Terra. Never had any interest in finding out the truth about the DarkShips. You always get what you don't ask for. Which must have been why she woke up in the dark of shipnight, within the greater night of space in her father's space cruiser, knowing that there was a stranger in her room. In a short time, after taking out the stranger—who turned out to be one of her father's bodyguards up to no good, she was hurtling away from the ship in a lifeboat to get help. But what she got instead would be the adventure of a lifetime—if she managed to survive. . . . **APB \$19.95**

Allyson James

Firewalker (Stormwalker 02)

When his girlfriend Janet, a Stormwalker, is stalked by a deadly magic that could consume both her and her powers, Mick, a dragon shape-shifter, will do anything to keep her safe, but when she is accused of murder, Mick is torn between the woman he loves and his own people. **APB \$19.95**

Ellie Jasper

Afterlight (Dark Ink Chronicles 01)

Riley Poe, Savannah's most unconventional tattoo artist who has a one-of-a-kind blood type, faces dangers she never dreamed of--including her new ally, hot-tempered vampire Eli Dupre--in her quest to find her younger brother, who has been taken by centuries-old vampires. **PB \$17.95**

N K Jemisin

Broken Kingdoms (Inheritance 02)

The saga of mortals and immortals continues in this spectacular and highly original fantasy epic.

In the city of Shadow, beneath the World Tree, alleyways shimmer with magic and godlings live hidden among mortalkind. Oree Shoth, a blind artist, takes in a homeless man who glows like a living sun to her strange sight. However, this act of kindness is to engulf Oree in a nightmarish conspiracy. Someone, somehow, is murdering godlings, leaving their desecrated bodies all over the city. Oree's peculiar guest is at the heart of it, his presence putting her in mortal danger – but is it him the killers want, or Oree? And is the earthly power of the Arameri king their ultimate goal, or have they set their sights on the Lord of Night himself? **BPB \$19.99**

Celia Jerome

Trolls in the Hamptons (Willow Tate 01)

When her fictional character--a troll who is a superhero--becomes all too real, graphic novelist Willow Tate must help British Agent Grant from the Department of Unexplained Events save the planet, especially since she has broken an ages-old cosmic law. **APB \$19.95**

Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson

Towers of Midnight (Wheel of Time 13)

The Last Battle has started. The seals on the Dark One's prison are crumbling. The Pattern itself is unraveling, and the armies of the Shadow have begun to boil out of the Blight.

The sun has begun to set upon the Third Age.

Perrin Aybara is now hunted by specters from his past: Whitecloaks, a slayer of wolves, and the responsibilities of leadership. All the while, an unseen foe is slowly pulling a noose tight around his neck. To prevail, he must seek answers in Tel'aran'rhiod and find a way--at long last--to master the wolf within him or lose himself to it forever.

Meanwhile, Matrim Cauthon prepares for the most difficult challenge of his life. The creatures beyond the stone gateways--the Aelfinn and the Eelfinn--have confused him, taunted him, and left him hanged, his memory stuffed with bits and pieces of other men's lives. He had hoped that his last confrontation with them would be the end of it, but the Wheel weaves as the Wheel wills. The time is coming when he will again have to dance with the Snakes and the Foxes, playing a game that cannot be won. The Tower of Ghenjei awaits, and its secrets will reveal the fate of a friend long lost.

This penultimate novel of Robert Jordan's #1 New York Times bestselling series--the second of three based on materials he left behind when he died in 2007--brings dramatic and compelling developments to many threads in the Pattern. The end draws near.

Dovie'andi se tovyo sagain. It's time to toss the dice. **HC \$60 TP \$35 CD - Unabridged \$120**

Wayne Josephson

Emma and the Vampires

What better place than pale England to hide a secret society of gentlemen vampires?

In this hilarious retelling of Jane Austen's *Emma*, screenwriter Wayne Josephson casts Mr. Knightley as one of the most handsome and noble of the gentlemen village vampires. Blithely unaware of their presence, Emma, who imagines she has a special gift for matchmaking, attempts to arrange the affairs of her social circle with delightfully disastrous results. But when her dear friend Harriet Smith declares her love for Mr. Knightley, Emma realizes she's the one who wants to stay up all night with him. Fortunately, Mr. Knightley has been hiding a secret deep within his unbeating heart--his (literal) undying love for her... A brilliant mash-up of Jane Austen and the undead. **TP \$29.99**

Richard Kadrey*Butcher Bird*

Spyder Lee is a happy man who lives in San Francisco and owns a tattoo shop. One night an angry demon tries to bite his head off before he's saved by a stranger. The demon infected Spyder with something awful - the truth. He can suddenly see the world as it really is: full of angels and demons and monsters and monster-hunters. A world full of black magic and mysteries. These are the Dominions, parallel worlds full of wonder, beauty and horror. The Black Clerks, infinitely old and infinitely powerful beings whose job it is to keep the Dominions in balance, seem to have new interests and a whole new agenda. Dropped into the middle of a conflict between the Black Clerks and other forces he doesn't fully understand, Spyder finds himself looking for a magic book with the blind swordswoman who saved him. Their journey will take them from deserts to lush palaces, to underground caverns, to the heart of Hell itself. **TP \$30.95**

Guy Gavriel Kay*Lord of Emperors (Sarantine Mosaic 02)*

In the golden city of Sarantium, the renowned mosaicist Crispin seeks to fulfill his artistic ambitions and his destiny high upon a dome intended to be the emperor's enduring sanctuary and legacy. But the emperor is plotting a conquest of Crispin's homeland to regain an empire. And with his fate entwined with that of his royal benefactor, Crispin's loyalties come with a very high price. **TP \$32.95**

Paul Kearney*The Ten Thousand (01)*

The world of Kuf, an ancient Assurian Empire, dominant, prestigious and thought to be invincible, is about to be shaken to very foundations. An exile from the empire, the Great King's brother hires a force of Ten thousand elite mercenaries of a legendary race known as the Macht to take the throne by force. But when their employer is killed, The Ten Thousand find themselves abandoned. This is the story of their fight for freedom, and marks the start of a brand new series by one of the finest writers of fantasy. **PB \$19.95**

Corvus (02)

It is twenty-three years since a Macht army fought its way home from the heart of the Asurian Empire. The man who came to lead that army, Rictus, is now a hard-bitten mercenary captain, middle-aged and tired. He wants nothing more than to lay down his spear and become the farmer that his father was. But fate has different ideas. A young warleader has risen to challenge the order of things in the very heartlands of the Macht. A soldier of genius, he takes city after city, and reigns over them as king. What is more, he had heard of the legendary leader of the Ten Thousand. His name is Corvus, and the rumours say that he is not even fully human. He means to make himself absolute ruler of all the Macht. And he wants Rictus to help him. **APB \$19.95**

Taylor Keating*Game Over*

When she accidentally taps into a parallel dimension via cutting-edge technology, video game designer River Weston becomes trapped in an alternate universe she created where a Dark Lord is waiting to take her soul and use it to unleash evil upon the world. **PB \$17.95**

Karen Kelley*The Wolf Prince (Primes of Symtaria 03)*

When she is rescued from a wolf attack by Surlok, who claims to be a prince from another planet, pampered princess Darcey finds her life taking a passionate turn as he takes up residence in her guest house and introduces her to a sensual new world. **TP \$28.95**

Steven L Kent*The Clone Empire (Clone 06)*

Exiled to the farthest reaches of the galaxy and used as a target for live-fire training activities, clone soldier Lieutenant Wayson Harrison, born with an addiction to battle, unleashes his rage against the Unified Authority Fleet, leading an army bent on revenge. **APB \$19.95**

Sherrilyn Kenyon & Dianna Love*Blood Trinity (Belador Code 01)*

Supernatural warriors bound by an extraordinary code of honour face an ultimate test of loyalty in the sizzling new paranormal thriller series from NEW YORK TIMES bestselling authors Sherrilyn Kenyon and Dianna Love.

Atlanta has become the battlefield between humans and demons. All her life, Evalle Kincaid has walked the line between the two. Her origins unknown, she's on a quest to learn more about her past – and her future. When a demon claims the life of a young woman in a terrifying attack and there's no one else to blame, Evalle comes under suspicion. Now she's on a deadly quest for her own survival. Through the sordid underground of an alternate Atlanta where nothing is as it seems, to the front lines of the city where her former allies have joined forces to hunt her, Evalle must prove her innocence or pay the ultimate price. But saving herself is the least of her problems if she doesn't stop the coming apocalypse. The clock is ticking and Atlanta is about to catch fire . . . **BPB \$19.99 MP3 CD \$51.95**

Katharine Kerr*The Silver Mage (Dragon Mage 07)*

Spurred on by the priestesses of the goddess Alshandra, the Horsekin hordes are massing on the northern border of Prince Dar's holdings. Their leaders believe that the rich grasslands of the prince's domain belong to them by divine right, no matter whom they must destroy to claim them.

But Dar has powerful allies on his side, including the dragon Arzosah, who has hated the Horsekin for hundreds of years. She will vow to take a revenge worse than anything the Horsekin and their priestesses could possibly foresee.

The prince's most powerful ally, however, is the one the Horsekin refuse to understand: the deep magic of the dweomer, as wielded by the band of sorcerers sworn to protect him, and especially by the elven master of magic, Dallandra, the silver mage. **APB \$21.99**

Stephen King

Full Dark, No Stars

On the heels of the stunning success of *Under the Dome*, Hodder's bestselling Stephen King title this decade, comes a collection of four brand new, darkly riveting and intimate stories.

'I believe there is another man inside every man, a stranger...' writes Wilfred Leland James in the early pages of the riveting confession that makes up '1992', the first in this pitch-black quartet of mesmerising tales from Stephen King, linked by the theme of retribution. For James, that stranger is awakened when his wife Arlette proposes selling off the family homestead and moving to Omaha, setting in motion a gruesome train of murder and madness. In 'Big Driver', a cozy-mystery writer named Tess encounters the stranger is along a back road in Massachusetts when she takes a shortcut home after a book-club engagement. Violated and left for dead, Tess plots a revenge that will bring her face to face with another stranger: the one inside herself. 'Fair Extension', the shortest of these tales, is perhaps the nastiest and certainly the funniest. Making a deal with the devil not only saves Harry Streeter from a fatal cancer but provides rich recompense for a lifetime of resentment. When her husband of more than twenty years is away on one of his business trips, Darcy Anderson looks for batteries in the garage. Her toe knocks up against a box under a worktable and she discovers the stranger inside her husband. It's a horrifying discovery, rendered with bristling intensity, and it definitively ends 'A Good Marriage'.

HC \$56.95 TP \$32.99 CD Unabridged \$78

Salem's Lot: Expanded and Illustrated edition

Upon its initial publication in 1975, 'SALEM'S LOT', with its intended echoes of *Dracula*, was recognised as a landmark work. The novel has sold millions of copies in various editions. Now, with the addition of fifty pages of material deleted from the 1975 manuscript as well as material that has since been modified by King, an introduction by him, and two short stories related to the events of the novel, this edition represents the text as the author envisioned it. It also features lavishly creepy photographs by acclaimed photographer Jerry Uelsmann, printed interior endpapers, and a stunning page design. **APB \$27.99**

Eytan Kollin & Dani Kollin

The Unincorporated Man

The incredible has happened. A billionaire businessman from our time, frozen in secret in the early 21st century, is discovered in the far future and resurrected, given health and a vigorous younger body. He awakens into a civilization in which every individual is formed into a legal corporation at birth, and spends many years trying to attain control over their own life by getting a majority of his or her own shares. Life extension has made life very long indeed.

Justin Cord is the only unincorporated man in the world, a true stranger in this strange land. Justin survived because he is tough and smart. He cannot accept only part ownership of himself, even if that places him in conflict with a civilization that extends outside the solar system to the Oort Cloud.

The *Unincorporated Man* is a provocative social/political/economic novel that people will be arguing about for decades. **TP \$30.95**

Dean Koontz

Odd is on our Side (Odd (Graphic Novel))

It's almost Halloween in Pico Mundo, and that means time for the annual Safe Halloween Party, hosted by Police Chief Porter. All seems perfectly normal - until Odd catches sight of the ghost of a young girl who seems to be trying to join in the festivities. Odd's next clue that something threatens his peaceful town is the appearance of a swarm of bodachs - supernatural beings who herald some deadly event. With the help of his girlfriend, Stormy, and some vital information from the ghost of Elvis Presley, will Odd be able to forestall disaster? **BPB \$24.99**

Susan Krinard

Luck of the Wolf

An outcast in his noble werewolf clan, Cort Renier arrives in San Francisco seeking fortune and revenge, but instead finds himself captivated by mysterious beauty Aria di Reinardus, who refuses to reveal her true identity to him. **APB \$19.95**

Sharon Lee

Carousel Tides

Tending a scary off-season carousel in a fantastical region of coastal Maine, Kate Archer wonders about the fate of the grandmother who deeded property to Kate before vanishing, a mystery that marks Kate's reluctant decision to claim powers and responsibilities she previously renounced.

TP \$28.95

Maria Lima

Blood Heat (Blood Lines 04)

When a werewolf couple goes missing in her domain, Keira, along with her consort, vampire ruler Adam Walker, investigates their disappearance while keeping Texas safe from supernaturals and preparing a reception for local magical leaders. **APB \$19.95**

John A Lindqvist

Let the Right One In

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

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

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

This extraordinary and powerful novel is part horror, part comedy and mostly love story. A moving, affectionate and, at times, grisly portrait of the agony of growing up and finding love, *Let the Right One In* **BPB \$24.95**

Katie MacAlister writing as Katie Maxwell

Confessions of a Vampire's Girlfriend (Dark Ones)

Collects two of the author's vampire romance novels--*Got Fangs?* and *Circus of the Darned*--in which Francesca must deal with her undead boyfriend, her emerging psychic talent and recently conjured Viking ghosts. **TP \$21.95**

Katie MacAlister

In the Company of Vampires (Dark Ones 09)

When Francesca arrives at GothFaire to save her mother, who is being held prisoner by the trickster god, she must also battle against a power-hungry group that wants to dominate both the immortal and mortal worlds--and her ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend. **APB \$19.95**

Gregory Maguire

Confessions of An Ugly Stepsister

We have all heard the story of Cinderella, the beautiful child cast out to slave among the ashes. But what of her stepsisters, the homely pair exiled into ignominy by the fame of their lovely sibling? What fate befell those untouched by beauty...and what curses accompanied Cinderella's exquisite looks? Set against the rich backdrop of seventeenth-century Holland, *CONFESSIONS OF AN UGLY STEPSISTER* tells the story of Iris, an unlikely heroine who finds herself swept from the lowly streets of Haarlem to a strange world of wealth, artifice, and ambition. Iris's path quickly becomes intertwined with that of Clara, the mysterious and unnaturally beautiful girl destined to become her sister. Far more than a mere fairy-tale, *CONFESSIONS* is a novel of beauty and betrayal, illusion and understanding, reminding us that deception can be unearthed—and love unveiled—in the most unexpected of places. **TP \$29.99**

A Lion Among Men

Return to a darker Oz with Gregory Maguire. In *A Lion Among Men*, the third volume in Maguire's acclaimed, New York Times bestselling series *The Wicked Years*, a fuller, more complex Cowardly Lion is brought to life and gets to tell his remarkable tale. It is a story of oppression and fear in a world gone mad with war fever—of Munchkins, Wizards, and Wicked Witches—and especially of a gentle soul and determined survivor who is truly *A Lion Among Men*.

While civil war looms in Oz, Brrr—the Cowardly Lion—surrenders the story of his life to a tetchy oracle named Yackle. Abandoned as a cub, Brrr's path from infancy in the Great Gillikan Forest is no Yellow Brick Road. Seeking to redress an early mistake, he trudges through a swamp of ghosts, becomes implicated in a massacre of trolls, falls in love with a forbidding Cat princess, and avoids a jail sentence by agreeing to serve as a lackey to the war-mongering Emperor of Oz.

A portrait of a would-be survivor and a panoramic glimpse of a world gone shrill with war fever, Gregory Maguire's *A Lion Among Men* is written with the sympathy and power that have made his books contemporary classics. **APB \$19.99**

Lost

Winifred Rudge, a writer struggling to get beyond the runaway success of her mass-market astrology book, travels to London to jump-start her new novel about a woman who is being haunted by the ghost of Jack the Ripper. Upon her arrival, she finds that her step-cousin and old friend John Comestor has disappeared, and a ghostly presence seems to have taken over his home. Is the spirit Winnie's great-great-grandfather, who, family legend claims, was Charles Dickens's childhood inspiration for Ebenezer Scrooge? Could it be the ghostly remains of Jack the Ripper? Or a phantasm derived from a more arcane and insidious origin? Winnie begins to investigate and finds herself the unwilling audience for a drama of specters and shades—some from her family's peculiar history and some from her own unvanquished past. **TP \$29.99**

Mirror Mirror

The year is 1502, and seven-year-old Bianca de Nevada lives perched high above the rolling hills and valleys of Tuscany and Umbria at Montefiore, the farm of her beloved father, Don Vicente. One day a noble entourage makes its way up the winding slopes to the farm—and the world comes to Montefiore. In the presence of Cesare Borgia and his sister, the lovely and vain Lucrezia—decadent children of a wicked pope—no one can claim innocence for very long. When Borgia sends Don Vicente on a year's quest to reclaim a relic of the original Tree of Knowledge, he leaves Bianca under the care, so to speak, of Lucrezia. She plots a dire fate for the young girl in the woods below the farm, but in the dark forest there can be found salvation as well. . . . A lyrical work of stunning creative vision, *Mirror Mirror* gives fresh life to the classic story of Snow White—and has a truth and beauty all its own. **TP \$29.99**

The Next Queen of Heaven

With the new millennium approaching, the eccentric town of Thebes grows even stranger. Mrs. Leontina Scales begins speaking in tongues after being clocked by a Catholic statuette. Her daughter, Tabitha, and her sons scheme to save their mother or surrender her to Jesus—whatever comes first. Meanwhile, choir director Jeremy Carr, caught between lust and ambition, fumbles his way toward Y2K. The ancient Sisters of the Sorrowful Mysteries join with a gay singing group. The Radical Radiants battle the Catholics. A Christmas pageant goes horribly awry. And a child is born. Only a modern master like Gregory Maguire could spin a tale as frantic, funny, and farcical as *The Next Queen of Heaven*. **TP \$29.99**

Graham Masterton

Descendant

Fifteen years after WWII, James Falcon, once a hunter of vampire Nazis, is forced back into action when Dorin Duca, the one vampire who always eluded him, and his bloodthirsty minions invade London. **PB \$19.95**

Jack McDevitt

Devil's Eye (Alex Benedict 04)

Interstellar antiquities dealer Alex Benedict and his assistant Chase Kolpath travel to the most remote of human worlds and uncover a secret connected to a decades-old political upheaval—a secret that somebody desperately wants hidden. **APB \$19.95**

Echo (Alex Benedict 05)

Eccentric Sunset Tuttle spent his life searching in vain for forms of alien life. Thirty years after his death, a stone tablet inscribed with cryptic, indecipherable symbols is found in the possession of Tuttle's onetime lover, and antiquities dealer Alex Benedict is anxious to discover what secret the tablet holds. It could be proof that Tuttle had found what he was looking for. To find out, Benedict and his assistant embark on their own voyage of discovery—one that will lead them directly into the path of a very determined assassin who doesn't want those secrets revealed. **HC \$51.95**

Time Travellers Never Die

Shel and his friend Dave journey through time in search of Shel's missing physicist-father, but make a devastating discovery that changes their lives forever when Shel violates their agreement not to visit the future. **APB \$19.95**

Sandra McDonald

Stars Blue Yonder (03)

Chief Terry Myell died and became a god. Now he's back to life, careening around space and time at the behest of a voice that told him to save all of mankind. Helping and hindering this quest are his elderly wife, his young wife, grandchildren who haven't been born yet, romantic rivals he hasn't even met, a descendant from two thousand years in the future, and an alien nemesis who calls itself the Flying Doctor. Life in the military has never been so complicated.

Commander Jodenny Scott would agree. She's seven months pregnant and trying to come to peace with her husband's death. When Myell reappears with tales of time travel, she's not sure what to believe. But with an invading army bearing down on Earth's last fleet of spaceships, there's not much time for debate. When the dust clears Jodenny is stranded in an Australia she never imagined, and Myell's more desperate than ever to rescue her—from aliens, from treachery, and from history itself. **APB \$19.95**

Juliet McKenna*Gambler's Fortune (Einariin 03)*

One A Thief...

The renowned thief Livak employed her great courage and cunning to escape the evil, mindbending sorcery of the Elietimm -- with the help of Ryshad, the noble swordsman who stole the beautiful bandit's heart. Now a fortune awaits her and her beloved, if Livak can secure a powerful, ancient, and forgotten magic that the Empire seeks to defend itself from its enemies.

But there are others who covet the secrets of these lost arts.... **PB \$22**

Robin McKinley*Pegasus*

A gorgeously written fantasy about the friendship between a princess and her Pegasus.

Because of a thousand-year-old alliance between humans and pagasi, Princess Sylvianel is ceremonially bound to Ebon, her own Pegasus, on her twelfth birthday. The two species coexist peacefully, despite the language barriers separating them. Humans and pagasi both rely on specially-trained Speaker magicians as the only means of real communication.

But it's different for Sylvi and Ebon. They can understand each other. They quickly grow close-so close that their bond becomes a threat to the status quo-and possibly to the future safety of their two nations. **HC \$36.95**

Joe McKinney*Apocalypse of the Dead*

After a virus turns most of the world's population into fleshing-eating zombies, retired U.S. Marshal Ed Moore and a band of survivors search for sanctuary from the dead and end up at an outpost in the North Dakota grasslands that is run by a preacher who has some frightening beliefs.

APB \$17.95

L E Modesitt Jr*Empress of Eternity*

In the far future, an indestructible and massive canal more than 2,000 miles long spans the mid-continent of Earth. Nothing can mar it, move it, or affect it in any fashion. At its western end, where it meets the sea, is an equally indestructible structure comprising three levels of seemingly empty chambers.

Scientists from three different civilizations, separated in time by hundreds of thousands of years, are investigating the canal. In the most distant of these civilizations, religious rebellion is brewing. A plot is hatched to overthrow the world government of the Vanir, using a weapon that can destroy anything-except the canal. If used at full power it might literally unravel the universe and destroy all life forever. The lives and fates of all three civilizations become intertwined as the forces behind the canal react to the threat, and all three teams of scientists find their lives changed beyond belief. **HC \$44.99**

Karen Marie Moning*Dreamfever (Fever 04)*

MacKayla Lane lies naked on the cold stone floor of a church, at the mercy of the erotic Fae master she once swore to kill. Far from home, unable to control her sexual hungers, MacKayla is now fully under the Lord Master's spell....In New York Times bestselling author Karen Marie Moning's stunning new novel, the walls between human and Fae worlds have come crashing down. And as Mac fights for survival on Dublin's battle-scarred streets, she will embark on the darkest—and most erotically charged—adventure of her life.

He has stolen her past, but MacKayla will never allow her sister's murderer to take her future. Yet even the uniquely gifted sidhe-seer is no match for the Lord Master, who has unleashed an insatiable sexual craving that consumes Mac's every thought—and thrusts her into the seductive realm of two very dangerous men, both of whom she desires but dares not trust.

As the enigmatic Jericho Barrons and the sensual Fae prince V'lane vie for her body and soul, as cryptic entries from her sister's diary mysteriously appear and the power of the Dark Book weaves its annihilating path through the city, Mac's greatest enemy delivers a final challenge....

It's an invitation Mac cannot refuse, one that sends her racing home to Georgia, where an even darker threat awaits. With her parents missing and the lives of her loved ones under siege, Mac is about to come face-to-face with a soul-shattering truth—about herself and her sister, about Jericho Barrons...and about the world she thought she knew. **APB \$19.95**

Devon Monk*Magic At the Gate (Allie Beckstrom 05)*

To rescue her lover Zayvion Jones, a guardian of the gates who is trapped in a coma, Allison Beckstrom, a Hound who stops rogue magicians from harming innocents, follows the ghost of her deceitful late sorcerer father to the depths of death's domain. **APB \$19.95**

Tara Moss Australian Author*The Blood Countess*

Pandora English is no ordinary small town orphan. When she's invited to live with her mysterious Great-Aunt Celia in New York City, she seizes the opportunity to escape her stifling hometown, break from her tragic past and make it as a writer.

Things, however, are not what she is expecting. For starters, her great-aunt's gothic mansion is in a mist-wreathed Manhattan suburb that doesn't appear on maps. And then there's Celia herself - a former designer to the stars of Hollywood's Golden Age - who is elegant, unnaturally young and always wearing a veil.

Pandora lands a job at a fashion magazine and her first assignment is covering the A-list launch of the latest miracle cream, BloodofYouth. But something is not right about the product, nor Athanasia, the drop-dead beautiful face of the brand. It seems there may be a secret ingredient in BloodofYouth, a secret worth killing for... **BPB \$26.99**

Yvonne Navarro*Highborn*

Escaping Hell in search of a new life on Earth, fallen angel Brynna, on the run from Lucifer's deadliest hunters, agrees to help Detective Eran Redmond find a serial killer who is terrorizing Chicago, hoping to earn a shot at Heaven. **APB \$19.95**

Larry Niven*Destroyer of Worlds (Known Space Ringworld Prequel 03)*

Worlds closer to the galactic core than Known Space are --or were-- home to intelligent speciers. Some learned of the core explosion in time to flee. *Destroyer of Worlds* opens in 2670, ten years after *Juggler of Worlds* closes; with refugee species fleeing in an armada of ramscoops in the direction of the Fleet of Worlds. The onrushing aliens are recognized as a threat; they have left in their trail a host of desolated worlds: some raided for supplies, some attacked to eliminate competition, and some for pure xenophobia.

Only the Puppeteers might have the resources to confront this threat--but the Puppeteers are philosophical cowards... they don't confront anyone. They need sepoys to investigate the situation and take action for them. The source of the sepoys? Their newly independent former slave world, New Terra. **APB \$19.95**

Larry Niven & Edward M Lerner*Betrayer of Worlds (Known Space Ringworld Prequel 04)*

Since fleeing the supernova chain reaction at the galactic core, the cowardly Puppeteers of the Fleet of Worlds have—just barely—survived one crisis after another. The rebellion of their human slaves. The relentless questing of the species of Known Space. The spectacular rise of the starfish-like Gw'oth. The onslaught of the genocidal Pak.

Now fresh disaster looms, as though past crises have returned and converged. Who can possibly save the Fleet this time? **HC \$52.95**

Robin D Owens*Heart Journey (09)*

New in the award-winning series of futuristic romance, fantasy, and sensual adventure.

Helena, a renowned cartographer, is exploring Celta when she finds out she has a HeartMate. Yearning for a partner, she is drawn to meet him.

Actor Raz Cherry is dedicated to his career. Uninterested in long-term commitments, he ignores an oracle that foretells of his HeartMate.

Though passion ignites, their lifestyles clash. Only when mysterious thefts threaten their families can they overcome the obstacles on their journey to love. **TP \$17.95**

Philip Palmer*Version 43 (02)*

The odds of surviving quantum teleportation to the Exodus Universe are, more or less, fifty/fifty. The only ones crazy enough to try it are the desperate, the insane and those sentenced to death for their crimes. Belladonna is home to the survivors and, in a planet run by criminals and desperados, death is commonplace. But a particularly horrific (and improbable) killing attracts the Galactic Police force, and a cyborg cop is sent to investigate. Version 43 has been here before, and has old scores to settle. The cop was human once, but is now more programme than man. And he intends to clean up this planet, permanently, whatever the cost. **PB \$22.99**

Norman Partridge*Dark Harvest*

Halloween, 1963. They call him the October Boy, or Ol Hacksaw Face, or Sawtooth Jack. Whatever the name, everybody in this small Midwestern town knows who he is. How he rises from the cornfields every Halloween, a butcher knife in his hand, and makes his way toward town, where gangs of teenage boys eagerly await their chance to confront the legendary nightmare. Both the hunter and the hunted, the October Boy is the prize in an annual rite of life and death.

Pete McCormick knows that killing the October Boy is his one chance to escape a dead-end future in this one-horse town. He's willing to risk everything, including his life, to be a winner for once. But before the night is over, Pete will look into the saw-toothed face of horror-and discover the terrifying true secret of the October Boy... **APB \$16.99**

Michelle Paver*Dark Matter*

January 1937. Twenty-eight year old Jack is poor, lonely and desperate to change his life. So when he's offered the chance to be the wireless operator on an Arctic expedition, he jumps at it. Spirits are high as the ship leaves Norway: five men and eight huskies, crossing the Barents Sea by the light of the midnight sun. At last they reach the remote, uninhabited bay where they will camp for the next year. Gruhuken.

But the Arctic summer is brief. As night returns to claim the land, Jack feels a creeping unease. One by one, his companions are forced to leave. Soon he will see the last of the sun, as the polar night engulfs the camp in months of darkness. Soon he will reach the point of no return - when the sea will freeze, making escape impossible. But Gruhuken is not uninhabited. Jack is not alone. Something walks there in the dark. **TP \$26.99**

Diana L Paxson*Sword of Avalon (Avalon)*

Epic in its sweep and peopled by the remarkable women who have always inhabited Avalon, Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Sword of Avalon* expands the legendary saga that has enchanted countless readers over the years and is sure to please Bradley's loyal readership and anyone who loves wonderfully told stories of history, myth, and fantasy. **TP \$32.95**

Marcus Pelegrinas*Vampire Uprising (Skinners 04)*

A legendary Skinner has passed. Among the articles he left behind are runes, potions, and powerful weapons to aid in the ongoing war against the unspeakable creatures that prowl the shadows outside normal human consciousness. But there is something else: the remains of a terrifying beast no other Skinner has ever encountered. And it isn't dead.

Skinners, partners, lovers, Cole Warnecki and Paige Strobel are well armed with the tools the late Jonah Lancroft provided. But even his best weapons may not be enough to defeat the monstrosity they now face. A new terror has risen up to infect them both with its virulent malevolence, even as Paige confronts the secrets of her astonishing past. The purest evil walks the world again—the First Deceiver, humankind's darkest nightmare, the self-proclaimed King of the Full Bloods. **APB \$19.95**

Stephan Petrucha

Blood Prophecy

Man and monster are in his blood. . .

His name is Jeremiah Fall. A soldier of fortune, he has been fighting his own war for 150 years--ever since the beast in him was born.

Desperate to restore his lost humanity, Fall crosses the sands of Egypt, discovers a lost city off the coast of France, and finally arrives at the birthplace of all mankind. Shunning daylight and feeding only when he must, he battles the monster who transformed him forever. He can share his deepest secret with no one . . . not even the beautiful woman he starts to love, the only human who grasps the mysteries of an ebony stone as old as creation itself. Across the world, across time, Fall seeks the stone's secret. But has he found a cure for himself or unleashed a final curse on all mankind? **APB \$19.95**

Pierre Pevel

The Alchemist in the Shadows (Cardinal's Blades 02)

Cardinal Richelieu, the most powerful and most feared man in France, is on his guard. He knows France is under threat and that a secret society known as the Black Claw is conspiring against him from the heart of the greatest courts in Europe. They will strike from the shadows and when they do the blow will be both terrible and deadly. To counter the threat, Richelieu has put his most trusted men into play: the Cardinal's Blades, led by Captain la Fargue. Six men and a woman, all of exceptional abilities and all ready to risk their lives on his command. They have saved France before and the Cardinal is relying on them to do it again. So when la Fargue hears from the deadly Italian spy La Donna who demands Cardinal Richelieu's protection before she will talk, la Fargue has to accept. Because La Donna can name their enemy: the Alchemist in the shadows... **TP \$32.99**

Robert Rankin

The Japanese Devil Fish Girl and Other Unnatural Attractions

Robert Rankin's Far-Fetched-Fictional Steampunk sequel to THE WAR OF THE WORLDS!

The pickled Martian s tentacles are fraying at the ends and Professor Coffin s Most Meritorious Unnatural Attraction is no longer drawing the crowds. It s 1895; nearly a decade since Mars invaded Earth, chronicled by H.G Wells in The War of the Worlds. Wrecked Martian spaceships, back-engineered by Charles Babbage and Nikola Tesla, have carried the Queen s Own Electric Fusiliers to the red planet and Mars is now part of the ever-expanding British Empire. Coffin needs a sensational new attraction. Word has reached him of the Japanese Devil Fish Girl; nothing quite like her has ever existed before. But Professor Coffin s quest to possess the ultimate showman s exhibit is about to cause considerable friction amongst the folk of other planets. Friction sufficient to spark off Worlds War Two. **TP \$32.99**

Andy Remic

Soul Stealers (Clockwork Vampire 02)

THE CLOCKWORK VAMPIRES THIRST FOR BLOOD-OIL. The land of Falanor has fallen. The renegade hero Kell is being hunted by the machine-vampires, the Vachine. On his way to recruit reinforcements to launch the counter-attack, the mighty hero finds himself the prey of two beautiful but deadly vampire assassins. Their bronze fangs are coming for him. **APB \$19.95**

Anne Rice

Of Love and Evil (Songs of Seraphim 02)

Anne Rice's extraordinary new novel summons up for us the world of fifteenth-century Rome: of Michelangelo and Raphael, of the Holy Inquisition and of Leo X, second son of a Medici, holding forth on the papal throne . . . a city of domes and rooftop gardens and rising towers. And into this time, into this century, Toby O'Dare, former government assassin is summoned, by the angel Malchiah, to solve a terrible crime of poisoning and to search out the truth about a haunting by an earthbound restless spirit -- a diabolical dybbuk. In the fullness of the high Italian Renaissance, Toby is plunged into this rich age as a lutenist sent to charm and calm this troublesome spirit . . . He soon discovers himself in the midst of dark plots and counter-plots surrounded by a darker and more dangerous threat as the veil of ecclesiastical terror closes in around him. As Toby once again embarks on a powerful journey of atonement, he is reconnected with his own past, with matters light and dark, fierce and tender, with the promise of salvation and with a deeper and richer vision of love. **TP \$27.95 HC \$36.95**

John Ringo

Live Free or Die (Troy Rising 01)

First Contact Was Friendly

When aliens trundled a gate to other worlds into the Solar System, the world reacted with awe, hope and fear. When the first aliens to come through, the Glatun, turned out to be peaceful traders, the world breathed a sigh of relief.

Who Controls the Orbitals, Controls the World

When the Horvath came through, they announced their ownership of us by dropping rocks on three cities and gutting them. Since then, they've held Terra as their own personal fiefdom. With their control of the orbitals, there's no way to win and Earth's governments have accepted the status quo.

Live Free or Die

To free the world from the grip of the Horvath is going to take an unlikely hero. A hero unwilling to back down to alien or human governments, unwilling to live in slavery and with enough hubris, if not stature, to think he can win.

Fortunately, there's Tyler Vernon. And he has bigger plans than just getting rid of the Horvath.

Troy Rising is a book in three parts—Live Free or Die being the first part—detailing the freeing of Earth from alien conquerors, the first steps into space using off-world technologies and the creation of Troy, a thousand trillion ton battlestation designed to secure the Solar System. **APB \$19.95**

J D Robb

Indulgence in Death (Eve Dallas 31)

An indulgence for readers: the new Eve Dallas novel from the #1 New York Times -bestselling author.

First it was a limo driver shot through the neck with a crossbow. Then it was a high-priced escort found stabbed through the heart with a bayonet.

Random hits, thrill kills, murderers with a taste for the finer things in life-and death-are making NYPSPD Lieutenant Eve Dallas angry. And an angry Eve can be just as an efficient and dangerous predator as the killer.

As time runs out on another innocent victim's life, Eve's investigation will take her into the rarefied circle that her husband, Roarke, travels in-and into the perverted heart of madness... **HC \$54.95 TP \$32.99**

Salman Rushdie

Luka and the Fire of Life

"You've reached the age at which people in this family cross the border into the magical world. It's your turn for an adventure—yes, it's finally here!" So says Haroun to his younger brother, twelve-year-old Luka, in Salman Rushdie's thrilling, delightful, lyrically crafted fable for the young and young at heart.

The adventure begins one beautiful starry night in the land of Alifbay, where a terrible thing happens: Luka's father, Rashid, the legendary storyteller of Kahani, falls suddenly and inexplicably into a sleep so deep that nothing and no one can rouse him. To save him from slipping away entirely, Luka must embark on a journey through the world of magic with his loyal companions, Bear the dog and Dog the bear, as they encounter a slew of fantastical creatures, strange allies, and challenging obstacles along the way—all in the hopes of stealing the Fire of Life, a seemingly impossible and exceedingly treacherous task. Filled with frolicking wordplay and unexpected twists, and fueled by the power of words and the imagination, this is Salman Rushdie at his best. **HC \$52.95**

Lilith Saintcrow

Heaven's Spite (Jill Kismet 05)

When a new hellbreed comes calling, playing nice isn't an option. Jill Kismet has no choice but to seek treacherous allies - Perry, the devil she knows, and Melisande Belisa, the cunning Sorrows temptress whose true loyalties are unknown.

Kismet knows Perry and Belisa are likely playing for the same thing—her soul. It's just too bad, because she expects to beat them at their own game. Except their game is vengeance.

Nobody plays vengeance like Kismet. But if the revenge she seeks damns her, her enemies might get her soul after all... **APB \$19.95**

Maggie Shayne

Edge of Twilight (Wings in the Night 02)

In order to quench his thirst for revenge, Edge, the last of the Immortals, joins forces with Amber Lily, the only half-human, half-vampire ever born, to destroy the enemy--an alliance that plunges them into a dark realm of evil where passion is the key to their survival. **PB \$19.95**

Mike Shepherd

Kris Longknife: Redoubtable (Kris Longknife 08)

Lieutenant Commander Kris Longknife and her crew must take down the pirates and slavers who are preying on millions of suffering refugees, especially when slavers kidnap a 12-year-old girl, making Kris' task both political and personal. **APB \$19.95**

Gena Showalter

The Darkest Passion (Lords of the Underworld)

For weeks, the immortal warrior Aeron has sensed an invisible female presence. An angel has been sent to kill him. Or has she? Olivia claims she fell from the heavens, giving up immortality because she couldn't bear to harm him. But trusting — and falling for — Olivia will endanger them all. So how has this "mortal" with the huge blue eyes already unleashed Aeron's darkest passion?

Now, with an enemy hot on his trail and his faithful demon companion determined to remove Olivia from his life, Aeron is trapped between duty and consuming desire. Worse still, a new executioner has been sent to do the job Olivia wouldn't... **BPB \$22.99**

Ecstasy in Darkness

A dark, tantalizing world of humans, otherworlders, powers beyond imagining, and a seductive vampire undone by his insatiable hunger for one woman. . . . Growing up poor on New Chicago's meanest streets, Ava Sans had two options: be the predator or be the prey. No contest. Now, working for Alien Investigation and Removal, she's been ordered to capture the biggest, baddest warrior of all—a vampire too beautiful to be real, with the ability to manipulate time. Once the leader of the entire vampire army, McKell has been deemed savage and unstable, spurned even by his own kind. To McKell, humans should be nothing more than sustenance. Yet the petite, golden-skinned Ava is a fascinating contradiction—vicious yet witty, strong yet vulnerable, lethal but fiercely loyal. Against his better judgment, McKell craves that loyalty, and much more. When the chase leads to seduction, McKell and Ava will race to discover the truth about his past. But the answers will come at a price, even for a woman who thought she had nothing left to lose. . . . **PB \$19.95**

The Nymph King

Females young and old, beautiful and plain crave Valerian's touch. None can resist his blatant sensuality and potent allure—until he steals Shaye Holling from a Florida beach and holds her prisoner in his underwater kingdom.

The cynical Shaye wants nothing to do with the mighty warlord, but she's inexplicably drawn to him. For underneath the warrior's arrogant beauty lies a complex and powerful man. A man whose caress is like fire. . . .

Now Valerian must fight for the privilege of claiming her as his own. Because there's one thing Shaye doesn't know. . . .

That when a nymph discovers his true mate, she's his for life. **APB \$17.95**

Brian Sibley

There and Back Again: Map of Tolkien (Middle Earth)

Writer and broadcaster Brian Sibley is a foremost expert on The Lord of the Rings (he adapted the novel for the award-winning BBC radio dramatisation in 1980), and here in this clothbound hardback he will take you to all the places Bilbo the Hobbit travelled through on his great adventure, and includes a gazetteer of the many places shown on the full-colour illustrated map which accompanies the book.

Trace Bilbo's epic journey through the forest of Mirkwood to the Enchanted River and the Elvenking's Halls;

Travel through the Desolation of Smaug to the heart of the Lonely Mountain, wherein lives the huge and evil dragon;

Visit Rivendell, home of the Elves, in a hidden valley beyond the Edge of the Wild.

The map is a real labour of love, illustrated by world-renowned Tolkien artist John Howe, the conceptual artist employed by Peter Jackson to work on his multi-award winning Lord of The Rings film trilogy, and who is soon to work on Guillermo del Toro's HOBBIT film.

Each element in this collector's package is special; together they provide an enchanting and desirable artefact that will be a prized possession of Tolkien readers of all ages. **HC \$20.99**

Nalini Singh

Play of Passion (Psy-changeling 09)

A tracker for the SnowDancer pack, Drew Kincaid must keep tabs on rogue changelings who have lost control of their animal halves--a mission that leads him to Lieutenant Indigo Riviere, an irresistible woman whose passion threatens to enslave his wolf. **APB \$19.95**

Lucy A Snyder

Shotgun Sorceress (Spellbent 02)

BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE

For Jessie Shimmer, everything changed when she went to hell and back to save her lover, Cooper Marron. After tangling with supernatural forces and killing an untouchable spirit lord, Jessie finds herself gifted—or perhaps cursed—with dark powers. And when she and Cooper make love, her pleasure throes light the whole house on fire. What is a sorceress to do?

Jessie is about to find out. The circumstances of her birth, the mystery of a father she never knew, and the help of a cuddly ferret turned fearsome monster have made Jessie not just an outlaw from mundane society, but an accidental revolutionary in the magic realm. Encountering portals stitched into thin air and a fiercely sexy soul harvester, Jessie rushes headlong among enemies, horrors, wonders, and lovers into a place of self-discovery—or destruction. **APB \$19.95**

Alexandra Sokoloff

The Shifters (Keepers)

Charged with overseeing the shapeshifters of New Orleans, Caitlin MacDonald has her reasons for being wary of their kind. So when charismatic bounty-hunting shifter Ryder Malloy blows into town claiming to be on the trail of a horde of malevolent entities called Walk-Ins, Caitlin has no reason to trust him—with her city or her heart. But as tourists start dropping dead from supernatural possession, Cait must team with Ryder to navigate his shadowy, ephemeral world...

Fiercely independent, Ryder usually hunts alone—but this case requires an exception. To prevent a supernatural massacre, he needs the beautiful Keeper on his side—and, if possible, even closer. In his world, appearances can be deceiving and deadly. And the only way they'll survive is if this woman who tempts him like no other trusts in him completely.... **PB \$14.95**

Kerrelly Sparks

Eat Prey Love (Love At Stake)

Carlos Panterra has a secret: he is a shape shifter. He's been tracking down others like him, and in fact rescued three young orphans who now consider Carlos their father. He is determined to give them a home, and that means finding a bride. His criterias aren't many; she just needs to be a shape shifter like himself. Caitlyn Whelan hasn't seen her sister in years, not since their father decided Shana was dead to him. So Caitlyn is both thrilled and surprised when she receives an invitation to a birthday party for a nephew she didn't know she had. Instantly, Caitlyn falls in love with Shana's large, friendly, if not a bit odd, new family. However, nothing could quite prepare her to learn that her in-laws claim to be vampires, part of a world that shouldn't exist. Part of a world her father's CIA team works to destroy... But when a striking man with a feral gleam in his eye catches Caitlyn's attention, everything she thought she knew will be turned upside-down... **PB \$14.99**

Juliana Stone

His Darkest Embrace

A solitary hunter with no regard for the human world, Jagger Castille is a shifter living on the edge. A woman who calls him enemy will give him reason to live . . .

Jagger is a creature of the night—Skye Knightly soars in the sun. Natural adversaries, they are now joined in a mission entrusted to Skye's family centuries ago: nothing less than the salvation of the Earth.

Wounded and bitter, Jagger sought escape in the solitude of the jungle, driven by a need to disappear forever . . . until a mysterious shifter who calls to his soul and feeds a yearning long forgotten pulls him from his dark path. A courageous warrior, Skye's passion is equal to Jagger's—but can she trust a man whose secrets are as devastating as her own?

Each is the other's sole hope for survival. But a dark and twisted truth is leading them toward the ultimate sacrifice for a love they may never live to claim. **PB \$19.95**

Ben Tripp

Rise Again: A Zombie Thriller

A MYSTERIOUS CONTAGION. MASS HYSTERIA. SUDDEN DEATH.

And a warning that would come all too late . . .

Forest Peak, California. Fourth of July. Sheriff Danielle Adelman, a troubled war veteran, thinks she has all the problems she can handle in this all-American town after her kid sister runs away from home. But when a disease-stricken horde of panicked refugees fleeing the fall of Los Angeles swarms her small mountain community, Danny realizes her problems have only just begun—starting with what might very well be the end of the world. Danny thought she had seen humanity at its worst in war-torn Iraq, but nothing could prepare her for the remorseless struggle to survive in a dying world being overrun by the reanimated dead and men turned monster. Obsessed with finding her missing sister against all odds, Danny's epic and dangerous journey across the California desert will challenge her spirit . . . and bring her to the precipice of sanity itself. . . . **TP \$22.99**

Rachel Vincent

Pride (Shifters 03)

Here's hoping cats do have nine lives...

I'm on trial for my life. Falsely accused of infecting my human ex-boyfriend — and killing him to cover up the crime. Infecting a human is one of three capital offenses recognised by the Pride — along with murder and disclosure of our existence to a human.

I'm two for three. A goner.

Now we've discovered a rogue stray terrorising the mountainside, hunting a wild teenage tabbycat. It's up to us to find and stop him before a human discovers us. With my lover Marc's help, I think I can protect the vulnerable girl from both the ambitious rogue and the scheming of the territorial council.

If I survive my own trial... **BPB \$22.99**

Kurt Vonnegutt

Look at the Birdie

Look at the Birdie evokes a world in which squabbling couples, high school geniuses, misfit office workers, and small-town Lotharios struggle to adapt to changing technology, moral ambiguity, and unprecedented affluence. In "Confido," a family learns the downside of confiding their deepest secrets into a magical invention. In "Ed Luby's Key Club," a man finds himself in a Kafkaesque world of trouble after he runs afoul of the shady underworld boss who calls the shots in an upstate New York town. In "Look at the Birdie," a quack psychiatrist turned "murder counsellor" concocts a novel new outlet for his paranoid patients. The stories are cautionary they also brim with his trademark humour. Wry, ironic, satirical and poignant Look at the Birdie reflects the anxieties of the postwar era in which they were written and provides an insight into the development of Vonnegut's early style **PB \$24.95**

Christine Warren

Prince Charming Doesn't Live Here (Others 10)

Danice Carter is not one for glass slippers. A stilettos-wearing lawyer at one of Manhattan's most elite establishments, Danice has a very strong grip on reality. So when she's asked by one of the firm's founding partners to take on a personal case, Danice knows she's in for the opportunity of a lifetime. All she has to do is convince her top boss's granddaughter, Rosemary, to file a paternity suit. Sounds simple enough...until Danice arrives at Rosemary's home and is pounced on by a handsome stranger.

Private investigator McIntyre Callahan's was only following his powerful client's orders: Find Rosemary—at all costs. Instead, he's found a super-hot lawyer prowling around looking for answers he can't give. The half-human, half-Fae Mac tries to warn Danice that she's way in over her head—that Rosemary may roam among The Others, and may have dangerous ties to the Unseelie Court—but she won't be deterred. Even if that means following Mac to the ends of the earth to find Rosemary...or surrendering to his supernatural powers of temptation...until death do they part.

APB \$19.95

H G Wells

The Food of the Gods (SF Masterworks)

Two scientists develop a foodstuff that causes unparalleled growth in animals and humans. The results of their experimentation lead to chaos and unforeseen consequences throughout the land. THE FOOD OF THE GODS deals with many issues which are still present in science today and is a both witty and disturbing tale. **HC \$24.99**

Tad Williams

Shadowheart (Shadwmarch 04)

The long-awaited concluding novel in Tad Williams's thrilling epic Shadowmarch series.

Southmarch Castle is about to be caught between two implacable enemies, the ancient, immortal Qar and the insane god-king, the Autarch of Xis. Meanwhile, its two young defenders, Princess Briony and Prince Barrick, are both trapped far away from home and fighting for their lives.

And now, something is awakening underneath Southmarch Castle, something powerful and terrible that the world has not seen for thousands of years. Can Barrick and Briony, along with a tiny handful of allies, ordinary and extraordinary, find a way to save their world and prevent the rise of a terrible new age—an age of unending darkness? **HC \$56.95**

Connie Willis

All Clear (Oxford 04)

In Blackout, award-winning author Connie Willis returned to the time-travelling future of 2060 and sent three Oxford historians to World War II England: Michael Davies, intent on observing heroism during Dunkirk; Merope Ward, studying children evacuated from London; and Polly Churchill, posing as a shop girl in the middle of the Blitz. But the three become unexpectedly trapped in 1940, struggling to go home they also have to survive, as Hitler's bombers attempt to pummel London into submission.

Now the situation has grown even more dire. Small discrepancies in the historical record seem to indicate that one or all of them have somehow affected the past, changing the outcome of the war. The belief that the past can be observed but never altered has always been at the core of time-travel theory - but suddenly it seems that the theory is horribly, tragically wrong.

Meanwhile, in 2060 Oxford, the historians' supervisor, Mr Dunworthy, and seventeen-year-old Colin Templer, who nurses a powerful crush on Polly, are attempting the seemingly impossible feat of trying to find three missing needles in the haystack of history.

All Clear is more than just the triumphant culmination of the adventure that began with Blackout. It's Connie Willis's most humane, heartfelt novel yet - a clear-eyed celebration of faith, love, and the quiet, ordinary acts of heroism and sacrifice too often overlooked by history. **TP \$32.99**

C L Wilson

Crown of Crystal Flame (05)

A Song of Love won her heart.

A Song of Darkness haunted her soul.

A Song in the Dance would seal her fate.

Seers had long foreseen an extraordinary destiny for Ellysetta Baristani. Already she had won the heart of the Fey King—the magnificent Rain, ever her ally, eternally her love. She had saved the offspring of the magical tairén and fought beside her legendary mate against the armies of Eld. But the most powerful—and dangerous—Verse of her Song had yet to be sung. As the final battle draws nigh and evil tightens its grip upon her soul—will Ellysetta secure the world for Light or plunge it into Darkness for all eternity? As she and Rain fight for each other, side by side, will they find a way to complete their true mate bond and defeat the evil High Mage of Eld before it's too late, or must they make the ultimate sacrifice to save their world? **APB \$19.95**

Robert Anton Wilson & Robert Shea

Illuminatus! Trilogy (01, 02, 03)

The Eye in the Pyramid

The Golden Apple

Leviathan

Filled with sex and violence--in and out of time and space--the three books of The Illuminatus are only partly works of the imagination. They tackle all the coverups of our time--from who really shot the Kennedys to why there's a pyramid on a one-dollar bill. **PB \$39.95**

John Wyndham

The Chrysalids

David Storm's father doesn't approve of Angus Morton's unusually large horses. Little does he realize that his own son, his niece Rosalind and their friends, have their own secret aberration which would label them as mutants. But as David and Rosalind grow older it becomes more difficult to conceal their differences from the village elders. **BPB \$24.95**

Christmas wish lists

If you would like to receive the correct books as gifts this Christmas, let us know your wish list so we can keep them in stock and listed for you. Then you can send your loved ones to us for accurate advice on what you really would like.

Anthologies

P C Cast, Rhyannon Byrd, Maggie Shayne & Gena Showalter

Darkness Divine

This title features four wicked tales of paranormal romance and supernatural seduction by bestselling authors.

"Divine Beginnings" by P.C. Cast - Healer Aine must choose between treating an enigmatic enemy or letting him die.

"The Amazon's Curse" by Gena Showalter - Vampire warrior Zane longs to embrace the passion he shares with fierce Amazon Nola.

"Voodoo" by Maggie Shayne - In New Orleans, Tessa is haunted by a sinfully sexy man. Yet what does he want from her?

"Edge of Craving" by Rhyannon Byrd - Rhys is tormented by his desire for Alia. But can the last scion of a dragon clan capture her heart?

APB \$19.95

Gardner Dozois Editor

Mammoth Book of Best New SF 23

In the new millennium, what secrets lay beyond the far reaches of the universe? What mysteries belie the truths we once held to be self evident? The world of science fiction has long been a porthole into the realities of tomorrow, blurring the line between life and art. Now, in "The Mammoth Book of Best New Science Fiction" 23 the very best SF authors explore ideas of a new world. With an extensive recommended reading guide and a summation of the year in science fiction, this annual compilation has become the definitive must-read anthology for all science fiction fans and readers interested in breaking into the genre. **BPB \$29.99**

Gardner Dozois & George R R Martin Editor

Songs of Love and Death

The lineup:

-Jim Butcher, "Love Hurts" (a Harry Dresden story)

-Jo Beverly, "The Marrying Maid"

-Carrie Vaughn, "Rooftops"

-M.L.N. Hanover, "Hurt Me"

-Cecelia Holland, "Demon Lover"

-Melinda M. Snodgrass, "The Wayfarer's Advice" (an Imperials story)

-Robin Hobb, "Blue Boots"

-Neil Gaiman, "The Thing About Cassandra"

-Marjorie M. Liu, "After the Blood"

-Jacqueline Carey, "You and You Alone" (a Kushiel story)

-Lisa Tuttle, "His Wolf"

-Linnea Sinclair, "Courting Trouble"

-Mary Jo Putney, "The Demon Dancer"

-Tanith Lee, "Under/Above the Water"

-Peter S. Beagle, "Kashkia"

-Yasmine Galenorn, "Man in the Mirror"

-Diana Gabaldon, "A Leaf on the Wind of All Hallows" (an OUTLANDER spinoff) **HC \$52.95**

Jeaniene Frost, Shayla Black & Sharie Kohler

Haunted by Your Touch

Enter the dark realm of Nocturna in Jeaniene Frost's redhot tale, where blisteringly sexy Raphael dominates the demons of a lawless dimension and tries to help a beautiful young woman avenge her cousin's disappearance. In the shadowy world of Shayla Black's Doomsday Brethren, magical warrior Raiden vows to protect his woman and their unborn youngling from evil—and deliver her safely to another man. But once he's saved her, can he let her go? Lycans rule the night in Sharie Kohler's suspenseful story, as a fiery woman stalks mysterious Luc, the undeniably hypnotic being she believes can save her from turning . . . if she kills him. Danger beckons in these captivating paranormal tales that will tempt readers to the edge and leave them begging for more. **APB \$19.95**

Martin H Greenberg & Jean Rabe Editor

Steampunk'd

Featuring 14 original stories from some of today's best science fiction writers, including Michael A. Stackpole, Jody Lynn Nye and William C. Dietz, this imaginative collection combines steampunk with the Victorian era and ponders how this fusion would impact our present and future.

APB \$19.95

Laurell K Hamilton, Yasmine Galenorn, Marjorie M Liu & Sharon Shinn

Never After

This collection of stories, based on the classic idea of the "Faerie Tale Wedding," includes Laurell K. Hamilton's "Can He Bake a Cherry Pie," in which a princess, taking her own destiny in hand, rescues a pampered prince from an evil sorceress. **TP \$30.95**

George R R Martin Editor

Wild Cards 1 (Wild Cards 01)

Back in print after a decade, expanded with new original material, this is the first volume of George R. R. Martin's Wild cards shared-world series. There is a secret history of the world—a history in which an alien virus struck the Earth in the aftermath of World War II, endowing a handful of survivors with extraordinary powers. Some were called Aces—those with superhuman mental and physical abilities. Others were termed Jokers—cursed with bizarre mental or physical disabilities. Some turned their talents to the service of humanity. Others used their powers for evil. Wild Cards is their story.

Originally published in 1987, Wild Cards I includes powerful tales by Roger Zelazny, Walter Jon Williams, Howard Waldrop, Lewis Shiner, and George R. R. Martin himself. And this new, expanded edition contains further original tales set at the beginning of the Wild Cards universe, by eminent new writers like Hugo-winner David Levine, noted screenwriter and novelist Michael Cassutt, and New York Times bestseller Carrie Vaughn. **PB \$32.95**

Young Adult

Black Book of Buried Secrets (39 Clues)

The ultimate guide to the New York Times bestselling series, with an introduction by Rick Riordan! This book is the ultimate source of all Cahill knowledge. It contains every buried secret, Cahill weapon or gadget, all the strongholds, and each agent and founder. In it, you will discover the true story of Madeleine Cahill as well as what happened after Isabel Kabra was charged with murder. Nothing has been held back. Seven Cahill agents came together to bring you this book, betraying their branches and their most deeply held beliefs. They did it because there is an enemy approaching far more powerful than the Cahills. Keep this black book close at all times, and be ready. **HC \$17.99**

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Film Poster Book (Harry Potter)

It's magical! This behind-the-scenes Film Poster book is packed with film photos and facts about the stars of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" film. Find out what the actors' favourite filming moments were and what they would like to do if they weren't acting. The full-colour portrait and film photographs feature all your favourite characters, including Harry Potter, Ron Weasley, Hermione Granger, Draco Malfoy, Luna Lovegood and many more.

There is also a big fold-out poster for Harry Potter fans to stick on their bedroom wall. **\$14.95**

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Mini Sticker Book (Harry Potter)

Use your 200 mini stickers to complete the pages and relive memorable moments from the latest film, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1". This title includes over 60 pages of fabulous film and character images to stick your cool mini stickers on. **\$9.95**

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Poster Annual 2011 (Harry Potter)

Harry Potter has now left Hogwarts School, and is on a quest with his best friends, Ron and Hermione, to find Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes and to discover the truth behind the legends of the Deathly Hallows.

This poster book annual follows Harry's adventures with over 50 cool posters, designed using images from the new Harry Potter film, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (Part 1), showing in Australian cinemas November 2010. **HC \$16.95**

Harry Potter Hedwig Owl Mega Mini Kit (Harry Potter)

Hedwig was a gift to Harry Potter and the most resourceful of Snowy Owls, delivering messages throughout the film series and a constant companion to Harry. A deluxe keepsake of Hedwig with a removable-lid cage comes in this package alongside a 16-page book of vivid stickers that allows fans to relive the magic of a boy and his owl. **Kit \$12.99**

Harry Potter: A Pop-Up Book (Harry Potter)

This collectible Harry Potter pop-up book, based on the creative development of the films, features exquisite original artwork by Andrew Williamson, concept artist for all eight movies. With dynamic pop-ups animating memorable moments and locations — like the Triwizard Tournament, Diagon Alley, and Hogwarts Castle — Harry Potter: A Pop-Up Book offers a 3-D glimpse into the amazing world, as seen in the films. This deluxe book will delight Harry Potter fans with dynamic pop-up ingenuity, insights from the creative team who turned JK Rowling's stories into movie magic, fascinating facts about the magical universe seen in the movies, and Harry Potter memories and memorabilia packed into every page. **HC \$49.99**

Sorting Hat Mini Kit (Harry Potter)

If you were a first-year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, which house would the Sorting Hat choose for you—Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin? You and your friends can use the enclosed Sorting Hat to create your own Sorting Ceremony. Plus, you can use the enclosed book of eight stickers to remind yourself how Harry and his friends were Sorted during their first year. **Kit \$12.99**

Time Turner Mega Mini Kit (Harry Potter)

Celebrate the world of Harry Potter with the book of eight stickers. Then let your imagination spin back time with the collectable Time-Turner featuring rotating inner rings and a functional hourglass-inspired by the Time-Turner used by Hermione Granger in the popular movie Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. **Kit \$12.99**

Wizard's Wand Meg Mini Kit (Harry Potter)

Part of the magic began the day Harry Potter obtained his wand from Ollivander's shop for his first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. With an assemble-your-own wand, inspired by the famous boy wizard's, and the book of eight stickers following brave Harry through his daring adventures, anyone can use his or her imagination to reenact scenes that Harry Potter fans have come to love. **Kit \$12.99**

Voyage of the Dawn Treader Movie Storybook (Narnia)

The intrepid Edmund and Lucy return to Narnia - with their beastly cousin Eustace in tow - on the ship The Dawn Treader, where their old friend Prince Caspian is searching for lost friends of his father's. As the children take to the Eastern Seas in their hunt for the friends they find themselves embroiled in a dangerous adventure that leads them once again to Aslan the lion.

This movie storybook brings the thrilling story to life with full colour movie stills! **PB \$14.99**

Dragon World **HC \$19.95**

How to be A Werewolf **HC \$19.95**

How to Be a Zombie

Get bitten, get gory, get your Zombie on!

This fantastically freaky look inside the fearsome world of zombies takes you, the newly undead, from first bite to fun-filled afterlife with hands on hints covering: fitting in at home, work, and school as a zombie, dressing like a hideous undead creature and answers questions like: Brains – do you have to eat them? **HC \$19.95**

Zombie Night Before Christmas

Why worry about the Grinch when you've got ZOMBIES on the attack! Their prey? America's best-loved Christmas poem. Get ready to have a holly jolly zombie holiday with this monstrously funny mash-up that subverts all that tiresomely good Christmas cheer. Clement C. Moore's verses are tweaked and twisted, turning a once-cozy fireside read-aloud on its (now brainless) head. To complete the sacrilege: hilarious renderings of zombie stockings (undead legs!) hung by the chimney with care, and St. Nick attempting to repel a full-out, flesh-devouring zombie attack. One thing's for sure—Santa and his eight tiny reindeer will never be the same! **HC \$17.99**

Philip Ardagh

Splash, Crash and Loads of Cash

News just in from Beardy Ardagh: When a yachting trip turns to disaster and the shipwrecked crew, including Mango Claptrap, ends up using the impressively large Flabby Gomez as a man-made floating island, they need help. Who better to rescue them than the exceedingly useless lifeboat crew over at Limp, assisted by Grubtown's very own chief of police Grabby Hanson? But they have problems of their own. Can Jilly Cheeter save the day? And what about those hungry sharks? **PB \$13.99**

Barbara Haworth Attard

Haunted

Dee is feeding the chickens the morning that bones are discovered on the mountain. Something doesn't feel right - and her feeling is confirmed when local police show her a ring that they found with the bones, a ring belonging to Mary Ann Simpson, who disappeared four years earlier. Other girls, Dee learns, have gone missing from this small town nestled in the shadow of the Bruce Peninsula's rugged escarpment, the 'mountain' that Dee loves.

Like her grandmother, Dee has 'the Sight', an ability not only to see spirits from the afterlife but also to experience their earlier deaths - an experience that becomes more horrifying as events take darker turns. While trying to help with the investigation, Dee is drawn into a deepening mystery that soon strikes terrifyingly close to home. **PB \$18.95**

Amelia Atwater-Rhodes

The Shapeshifters

Five complete novels. One fascinating world. The NEW YORK TIMES-bestselling author's tales of forbidden love, bound together in one gorgeous volume.

SHAPESHIFTERS tracks the lives of five teenagers who live in a land that has long seen war between the avian and serpente shapeshifters race. Although a fragile peace has been established, they face many threats in the following years.

HAWKSONG

Danica Shardae, an avian shapeshifter, will do anything in her power to stop the war that has raged between her people and the serpente - even pretend to be in love with Zane Cobriana, the terrifying leader of her kind's greatest enemy, and accept him as her pair bond. But will Zane strike as swiftly and lethally as the cobra that is his second form?

SNAKECHARM

A surprising union has brought peace to the avians and serpente. Soon a child will be born to carry on their royal lines. But Syfka, an ancient falcon, is claiming that one of her people is hidden in the avian and serpente land. Is Syfka's lost falcon just a ruse to stir up controversy among them?

FALCONDANCE

Nicias is a falcon, the son of two exiles from Ahnmik, and images of this distant island have always haunted his dreams. When his visions become more like reality, his parents send him back to the homeland - and a royal falcon - they've tried their best to forget.

WOLFCRY

Oliza Shardae Cobriana is heir to Wyvern's Court, home of the avians and serpente, whose war with each other ended just before Oliza was born. But hatred is slow to die, and Oliza's serpente suitor is found beaten in avian land. How can she be expected to lead a unified society if her people still cannot live peacefully together?

WYVERNHAIL

Hai, daughter of a falcon mother and a deceased cobra father, is considered a mongrel by most, an ally by some, and a friend by few. When Hai's cousin abdicates the throne of Wyvern's Court, Hai has visions of destruction. Now she will do anything to protect her new home - even if it means betraying the very people who need her most. **TP \$29.95**

Steve Augarde

X-Isle

Lord of the Flies for a new generation, X-Isle is a compelling thriller about boys, friendship and the power of farts.

Ever since the floods came and washed the world away, survivors have been desperate to win a place on X-Isle, the island where life is rumoured to be easier than on what's left of the mainland. Only young boys are in with a chance, the smaller and lighter the better.

Baz and Ray are two of the lucky few to be chosen, but they soon discover that X-Isle is a far cry from paradise. Ruled by Preacher John, a dangerous religious fanatic, it's a violent, unpredictable place where terrible things can happen at any moment.

The boys hatch an extraordinary plan in order to protect themselves - the construction of a mighty weapon of defence. But can they complete this weapon in time, and are they really prepared to use it in order to secure their freedom?

Powerful and compelling, X-ISLE is a fast-moving thriller that will keep you guessing right to the very end. **BPB \$19.95**

Pierdomenico Baccalario

Ring of Fire (Century 01)

Rome, December 29.

A mix-up with their reservations forces Harvey from New York, Mistral from Paris, and Sheng from Shanghai to share a room with the hotel owner's daughter, Elettra. The four kids discover an amazing coincidence—they all have birthdays on February 29, Leap Day. That night, a strange man gives them a briefcase and asks them to take care of it until he returns. Soon afterward, the man is murdered.

The kids open the briefcase. In it they find a series of clues that take them all over Rome, through dusty libraries and dark catacombs, in search of the elusive Ring of Fire, an ancient object so powerful that legend says even a Roman emperor couldn't control it. **PB \$16.95**

Star of Stone (Century 02)

Four kids. A wooden top. And four postcards with secret instructions.

In the second installment of the Century Quartet, Italian author P. D. Baccalario continues the mystery that will take four cities and four extraordinary kids to solve.

New York City, March 15

Another mysterious artifact reunites Harvey from New York, Elettra from Rome, Mistral from Paris, and Sheng from Shanghai in their attempt to save the world. When they meet people who knew Alfred Van Der Berger, the murdered professor who sent them on their quest in Rome, they realize that the challenge is far from over. And when they discover a series of four postcards written in code years ago by the professor himself, their destiny becomes even clearer.

The cards send the kids all over New York City, through old libraries and abandoned tunnels, in search of the Star of Stone, an ancient object fundamentally connected to the earth. But a new set of villains, predators of Manhattan nightlife, will do anything to stop them.... **HC \$34.95**

Paolo Bacigalupi

Ship Breaker

A dystopian thriller set one hundred years in the future, in the gulf coast region, after an environmental collapse

Set initially in a future shanty town in America's Gulf Coast region, where grounded oil tankers are being disassembled for parts by a rag tag group of workers, we meet Nailer, a teenage boy working the light crew, searching for copper wiring to make quota and live another day. The harsh realities of this life, from his abusive father, to his hand to mouth existence, echo the worst poverty in the present day third world. When an accident leads Nailer to discover an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, and the lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl, Nailer finds himself at a crossroads. Should he strip the ship and live a life of relative wealth, or rescue the girl, Nita, at great risk to himself and hope she'll lead him to a better life.

This is a novel that illuminates a world where oil has been replaced by necessity, and where the gap between the haves and have-nots is now an abyss. Yet amidst the shadows of degradation, hope lies ahead. **HC \$28.95**

Brendan Boyle & John Cassidy

Klutz Book of Inventions

Amazing stuff you never knew you needed! From the same brains that brought you The Encyclopedia of Immaturity comes The Klutz Book of Inventions, a 200-page catalogue of never-before-seen contraptions that are equal parts brilliant, useful and ridiculous. None of them exists as an actual product, but in a funnier world, they would all be household essentials. This compendium was created over by an all-star team from Klutz and IDEO, the world's foremost product design firm. Each of the inventions was actually built in the legendary IDEO workshop before being photographed (usually in action) and described on its own page. Inventions include: a tricycle-lawnmower combo (puts wasted play energy to work), training wheels for high heels, scratch-n-sniff menus, mood collars for pets, and so much more. Isn't it time you upgraded your wish list? **\$32.99**

Meg Cabot

Mean Spirits / Young Blood (Mediator)

The original sassy and spooky series from the queen of teen, Meg Cabot. Now with vamped-up covers – appealing to fans of paranormal romance.

Meet Susannah Simon: she's a typical teenage girl who just happens to be a ghost-hunter... oh, and she's also dead-over-heels for Jesse – the sexiest spook ever! But can this girl get her ghost?

In Mean Spirits Suze is all set to spend a relaxing summer on the beach, until she runs into the vengeful ghosts of four high-school students. She must use her mediating skills to guide these ghouls through the afterlife and stop them wreaking havoc in the present.

In Young Blood Suze is heartbroken when gorgeous ghost Jesse doesn't seem to love her back. When his 150-year-old grave is unearthed in her backyard, she is determined to discover how and why he died. But one thing's for sure – digging up the past can be a deadly business... **BPB \$16.99**

Rachel Caine

Ghost Town (Morganville Vampires 09)

While developing a new system to maintain Morganville's defenses, student Claire Danvers discovers a way to amplify vampire mental powers. Through this, she's able to re-establish the field around this vampire-infested Texas college town that protects it from outsiders.

But the new upgrades have an unexpected consequence: people inside the town begin to slowly forget who they are-even the vampires. Soon, the town's little memory problem has turned into a full-on epidemic. Now Claire needs to figure out a way to pull the plug on her experiment- before she forgets how to save Morganville... **HC \$36.95**

Charlie Carter

Open Fire (with Watch) (Battle Boy 01)

(Classified) MISSION 1: OPEN FIRE: - Spain, 1587, Sir Francis Drake's ship - Mission objective: collect Drake's DNA for the Warrior Gene Bank
OPERATIVE PROFILE: Code name: Battle Boy 005 (BB005) Real name: Napoleon Augustus Smythe. Age: 11 years old. Assignment: Operation Battle Book. Controller: Professor Perdu. Duty: To operate as a Human Data-Collecting Device (HD-CD) Survival gear: SimulSkin (high-tech, skin-coloured body armour) Mission motto: Spying on the past **BPB \$7.99**

White War (Battle Boy 09)

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION: Agent's profile: Code name: Battle Boy 005 (BB005), Real name: Napoleon Augustus Smythe, Age: 11 years old, Assignment: Operation Battle Book, Controller: Professor Juanita Perdu, Duty: To operate as a Human Data-Collecting Device (HD-CD), Survival gear: SimulSkin (high-tech, skin-coloured body armour), Battle Watch and assorted gadgets, Mission directive: To spy on the past, Mission 9: White War

* Book no. 72: Christmas Day, 1914. The Western front, near the town of Ypres, Belgium.

* Mission objective: very unclear. There is something BIG that Professor Perdu is not telling Battle Boy. His mission begins knee-deep in mud, in the middle of No Man's Land, where he encounters the last person he is expecting to meet. **BPB \$7.99**

Caveman Bash (Battle Boy 10)

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION:

Agent's profile: Code name: Battle Boy 005 (BB005), Real name: Napoleon Augustus Smythe, Age: 11 years old, Assignment: Operation Battle Book, Controller: Professor Juanita Perdu, Duty: To operate as a Human Data-Collecting Device (HD-CD), Survival gear: SimulSkin (high-tech, skin-coloured body armour), Battle Watch and assorted gadgets, Mission directive: To spy on the past, Mission 10: Caveman Bash

* Book no.91: the Stone Age - 30,000 BC, Ebro River, Northern Spain.

* Mission objective: To find out what happened to the Neanderthals. But Battle Boy's mission doesn't begin well. His brother Monty has followed him into the Battle Book. And then they meet the fierce Cro Magnons. **BPB \$7.99**

P C Cast & Kim Doner

Fledgling Handbook (House of Night)

A full colour, behind the scenes look at the bestselling world of the HOUSE OF NIGHT.

Merry meet, fledgling. I trust this guide will serve you well...Every vampyre fledgling who arrives at the House of Night receives a copy of The Fledgling Handbook 101, and now, fans can have one, too, with this gorgeous must-have edition. Inside you'll find original stories, the complete vampyre history, inside info into rituals, vamp biology, and the Change, and much more. **HC \$24.99**

Suzanne Collins

Hunger Games Slipcase (Hunger Games 01, 02, 03)

The Hunger Games takes place in an unidentified future time period after the destruction of North America, in a nation known as Panem. Panem consists of a rich Capitol and twelve surrounding, poorer districts. As punishment for a previous rebellion against the Capitol, every year one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18 from each district are forced to participate in The Hunger Games, a televised event where the participants, or 'tributes', must fight to the death in a large outdoor arena until only one remains. The story follows fatherless 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen, a girl from District 12 who volunteers for the Games in place of her younger sister, Prim. **BPB \$49.99**

Gregor and the Marks of Secret (Underland Chronicles 04)

It's only a few months since Gregor and Boots returned from the Underland, leaving their mother behind to heal from the plague. Though Gregor's family receives frequent updates on her condition, they all know Gregor must return to fulfil his role as the warrior who is key to the Underlanders' survival. Accompanied by his now-talkative little sister Boots, still considered the honorary 'princess', Gregor joins forces with another princess-12-year-old Luxa-and Ripred the rat to defend the Underlanders and the vulnerable 'Nibblers', or mice, from the rat army. **BPB \$14.99**

B R Collins

A Trick of the Dark

Zach and his sister Annis have been uprooted by their parents from their comfortable home to a remote and half-built barn in France. Zach is being removed from his 'bad-influence' friends, their parents are trying to salvage their marriage and still remain on speaking terms whilst the bitterness of their father's affair bubbles underneath the surface. And Annis - Annis just keeps going, keeping her head down, trying to keep it together. So far so normal.

And then Zach, uncommunicative and contrary as ever these days, defies everything their parents have said and makes his way to the unsafe ruined building at the edge of their new garden, and leans up against the wall. The wall bulges, totters - and suddenly collapses on top of him. Annis, horrified, sees him crumpled on the ground. Desperate, she races towards him, not daring to think anything at all. She sees him, on the ground, broken, silent, not there any more. And then, unbelievably, he moves. Zach moves.

Zach, in an extraordinary and instinctive decision, has broken his bond with his own soul, the essence of himself. By doing so he has cheated death. By doing so he has also cheated life. He is unable to touch any human **PB \$15.99**

James Dashner

The Maze Runner

When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. But he's not alone. He's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade, a walled encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible stone maze. Like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they came to be there-or what's happened to the world outside. All they know is that every morning when the walls slide back, they will risk everything-even the Grievers, half-machine, half-animal horror that patrol its corridors-to try and find out. **PB \$16.99**

Justin D'ath Australian Author

Phoebe Nash Detective (Phoebe Nash)

PB \$14.95

Phoebe Nash Girl Warrior (Phoebe Nash)

PB \$14.95

Melissa De La Cruz

Misguided Angel (Blue Bloods 05)

After inheriting the complicated Van Alen Legacy, Schuyler fled to Florence with Jack, risking both of their lives for love. The two of them embark on the mission Schuyler was destined to complete: to find and protect the remaining five gates that guard Earth from Lucifer, Prince of Hell and lord of the Silver Bloods. As the Blue Blood coven weakens yet further, fate leads Schuyler closer to a terrifying crossroads - and a choice that will determine the destiny of all vampires. **BPB \$16.99**

Ivy Devlin

Low Red Moon

The only thing Avery Hood can remember about the night her parents died is that she saw silver - deadly silver, moving inhumanly fast. As much as she wants to remember who killed them, she can't, and there's nothing left to do but try to piece her life back together. Then Avery meets the new boy in school - Ben, mysterious and beautiful, with whom she feels a connection like nothing she's ever experienced. When Ben reveals he's a werewolf, Avery still trusts him - at first. Then she sees that sometimes his eyes flash inhuman silver. And she learns that she's not the only one who can't remember the night her parents died. **TP \$15.99**

Jennifer Donnelly

Gathering Light

When Mattie Gokey is given a bundle of letters to burn she fully intends to execute the wishes of the giver, Grace Brown. But when Grace is found drowned in Big Moose Lake the next day, Mattie finds that it is not as easy to burn those letters as she had thought.

And, as she reads, a riveting story emerges - not only Grace's story but also Mattie's hopes and ambitions for the future and her relationships with her friends and family. **PB \$16.95**

Revolution

Andi lives in New York and is dealing with the emotional turmoil of her younger brother's accidental death. Alex lives in Paris and is a maid to the royal family as the French Revolution rages. They're both struggling with their responsibilities and their places in the world. When Andi is sent to Paris to get her out of the trouble she's so easily enveloped by in New York, their two stories collide, and Andi finds a way to reconcile herself not only to her past but also to her future.

A wonderful and evocative portrait of lives torn apart by grief and mended by love. **PB \$15.99**

Manuela Dun-Mascetti

Beyond Twilight (Twilight)

The figure of the vampire, a creature clad in darkness and legend, who awakens at night and drinks the life substance of his victims in order to replenish his own, has haunted man's imagination for centuries.

The vampire's form, though we can see it to be human, also comes in a grotesquely distorted version, giving us the true horror of the contrast between soft human flesh and rotting death. The vampire is psychologically repulsive: he is evil, devoid of any moral code; he stands outside and therefore threatens all normal society; he drinks blood and he kills without mercy. Beyond Twilight introduces you to the dark, deathly world of Vampires. The book is divided into eight chapters which cover everything from the anatomy of the vampire to well-tested methods for killing a vampire. There are references to infamous vampires throughout history, in literature and in film. Read it... if you dare! **HC \$19.99**

Steve Feasey*Demon Games (Changeling 04)*

The fourth fang-tastic book in the brilliantly bloodthirsty CHANGELING series. Return to the dark Netherworld of diabolical demons, vicious vampires... and one lone werewolf, intent on revenge.

Teenage werewolf Trey is facing the most important and dangerous mission of his life. He must journey into the dark Netherworld and rescue Alexa, daughter of his vampire guardian Lucien, who is being held hostage by a powerful demon lord. But strength and courage alone are not enough to succeed – instead Trey must win both their freedoms by participating in a death-match against his deadliest nemesis yet. The forces of evil are stacked against him and Trey can only be certain of one thing... one of them WILL die. **BPB \$14.99**

Becca Fitzpatrick*Crescendo (02)*

Nora should know better than to think her life can return to normal after falling in love with a fallen angel. And Nora's life isn't normal - her dad was murdered, and the facts about his death just don't add up. Now Nora's own life is in imminent danger. Are she and Patch strong enough for the battle ahead? **TP \$24.99**

John Flanagan Australian Author*The Emperor of Nihon-Ja (Ranger's Apprentice 10)*

Horace is missing. Months have passed since he was sent on a military mission to the court of the Emperor of Nihon-Ja but he has failed to return. Evanlyn is worried, and in company with Will and Alyss, she sets out to discover what has become of their old friend.

They find that Horace has become embroiled in Nihon-Jan politics. The arrogant Senshi sect has rebelled against the rightful Emperor and Horace has chosen to stay and lend support to the deposed ruler. Now he and Will must find men willing to face the highly trained Senshi warriors, while Alyss and Evanlyn must overcome their longstanding rivalry to seek aid from a mysterious group of mountain dwellers. **BPB \$17.95**

Neil Gaiman*Odd and the Frost Giants*

Odd's luck has been bad so far. He lost his father on a Viking expedition, his foot was crushed beneath a tree, and the winter seems to be going on for ever. But when Odd flees to the woods and releases a trapped bear, his luck begins to change. The eagle, bear and fox he encounters reveal they're actually Norse gods, trapped in animal form by the evil frost giants who have conquered Asgard, the city of the gods...Can a twelve-year-old boy reclaim Thor's hammer, outwit the frost giants and release the gods? With Neil Gaiman's wit and style this story transcends the everyday and becomes a humorous, rich and layered tale of a life lived courageously. **HC \$22.99**

Debi Gliori*Stormy Weather*

Warm, affectionate and perfect for sharing whatever your age, this book is populated with a rich cast of animal favourites, from rabbits and bears to owls, as they all prepare for a safe night's sleep. With a soothing and comforting text that gently addresses bedtime fears as well as allowing lots of sharing and cuddling, it will become a firm family favourite. **PB \$14.99**

Claudia Gray*Evernight / Stargazer / Hourglass Boxed Set*

Visit, or revisit the world of Evernight Academy, where the students are gorgeous, and have some serious secrets to hide. In this world of vampires and their hunters, Bianca and Lucas discover that they're on opposing sides, and yet, they can't help but be attracted to each other. And they'll go to extraordinary lengths to stay together, even if it means risking their lives ... Age 12+ **BPB \$39.99**

Janice Hardy*The Pain Merchants (Healing War 01)*

Fifteen-year-old Nya is one of Geveg's many orphans; she survives on odd jobs and optimism, finding both in short supply in a city crippled by a failed war for independence. Then a bungled egg theft, a stupid act of compassion, and two eyewitnesses unable to keep their mouths shut exposes her secret to the two most powerful groups in the city: the pain merchants and the Healer's League. They discover Nya is a Taker, a healer who can pull pain and injury from others.

Trouble is, unlike her sister Tali and the other normal Takers who become league apprentices, she can't dump that pain into pynvium, the enchanted metal used to store it. All she can do is shift it from person to person, a useless skill that's kept her out of the league and has never once paid for her breakfast.

When a ferry accident floods the city with injured, the already overwhelmed Takers start disappearing from the Healer's League and Nya's talent is suddenly in demand. But her principles and endurance are tested to the limit when her talent turns out to be the only thing that can save her sister's life. Age 11+ **BPB \$14.99**

Blue Fire (Healing War 02)

Nya has survived her battles with the Luminary and freed the Takers who were enslaved at the Healer's League. But all is not well in Geveg and war rages on.

Nya, Tali and friends are in hiding, plotting their escape as the Duke posts a ransom for their capture. But plans are thwarted by treachery and kidnap as trackers, rascals and soldiers overwhelm them.

Soon Nya finds herself alone in alien city Baseer. She must break her comrades out of jail, find her sister and unravel the Duke's fiendish new plot surrounding the mysterious goings-on at the pynvium Foundry.

And to accomplish any of this she must face the almighty new menace ... the Undying. Age 11+ **BPB \$14.99**

Alyxandra Harvey*Out for Blood (Drake Chronicles 03)*

Hunter Wild just wants to get through her last year at the secret Helios-Ra Academy. To do so, she'll have to betray her grandfather, date a vampire and possibly take down the entire League - all before the end of term. **PB \$14.99**

Erin Hunter*Heart of the Warrior (Warriors Ravenspaw's Path 03)*

Ravenpaw and Barley helped their friends in ThunderClan defeat the vicious BloodClan cats in Twolegplace. Now they're ready to fight to reclaim their home on the farm. Firestar has promised to send a warrior patrol to assist them, but Ravenpaw worries that it won't be enough to chase out the invaders. He knows that he must find his courage and fight like a warrior—or lose his home forever. **BPB \$12.99**

Tove Jansson

The Dangerous Journey (Moomin Valley 03)

A little girl is transported with the help of magic glasses from the tedium of a summer afternoon into an exciting world of mangrove swamps, spluttering volcanoes and sea where birds fly upside down and wild things threaten to pounce. But she is not alone. Old friends from Moomin Valley - Hemulen, Sniff, Snufkin, Thingummy and Bob - have joined her on the journey, and Moomin too, who rides to their rescue in a stripey balloon. This brand new version of a 'lost classic' pairs Jansson's irresistible artwork with a playful rhyming text by one of Britain's star poets. **PB \$22.99**

Marilyn Kaye

Speak No Evil (Gifted 06)

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 each of them has something special that marks them out. You could call it a skill, a talent or a disadvantage, but each of these students is unique – they're gifted. Everyone in the Gifted class has a secret, but Carter Street is the most mysterious student of all. He never speaks, and no one knows who he is or where he came from; they just know that like them, he's special. But there's something going on behind Carter's blank stare – something dangerous... **BPB \$16.99**

Andrew Klavan

Truth of the Matter (Homelander 03)

This fast-paced, high-drama adventure series will appeal to fans of series such as Alex Rider, Cherub and Boy Soldier.

'You're a better man than you think...Find Waterman.' are the words that have been keeping Charlie West going ever since his nightmare started. Wanted for murder and implicated in terrorist plots Charlie is on the run from everyone – completely unable to remember what actually happened...But now he's found Waterman will he finally learn the truth and manage to clear his own name? This is the third action-packed instalment in the Homelander Series. **PB \$19.99**

C S Lewis

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (Movie Tie-In) (Narnia 05)

The intrepid Edmund and Lucy return to Narnia - with their beastly cousin Eustace in tow -- on the ship The Dawn Treader, where their old friend Prince Caspian is searching for lost friends of his father's. As the children take to the Eastern Seas in their hunt for the friends they find themselves embroiled in a dangerous adventure that leads them once again to Aslan the lion.

Ages 7-12. **BPB \$17.99**

Chronicles of Narnia (Narnia Boxed Set)

BPB (Slip cased) \$99

The Chronicles of Narnia (Narnia Omnibus)

Relive the magic with the entire seven novels in one beautiful and great value volume. Ages 7-12. **TP \$39.99**

Rebecca Lim Australian Author

Mercy

Mercy 'wakes' on a school bus bound for Paradise, a small town where everyone knows everyone else's business... or thinks they do. But Mercy has a secret life. She is an angel, doomed to return repeatedly to Earth, taking on a new 'persona' each time she does, in an effort to resolve a cataclysmic rift between heavenly beings.

The first of a brilliant new series sees Mercy meeting Ryan, an eighteen-year-old whose sister was kidnapped two years ago and is presumed dead. When another girl is also kidnapped, Mercy knows she has to act quickly and use extraordinary powers to rescue her, even if it means exposing her true identity. Ages 13+ **BPB \$19.99**

Gabrielle Lord Australian Author

November (Conspiracy 365)

The 31 December deadline is fast approaching, and Cal's enemies are closing in on all sides. Even the notorious 'Toecutter' Durham has emerged from the underworld to join the hunt. With so many answers finally imminent-meeting Eric Blair, finding out the truth about the twin baby abduction-it's crucial Cal dodges danger and stays alive. But will he be so busy trying to save himself that he'll fail to save a friend? The clock is ticking. Any second could be his last. Callum Ormond has been warned. He has 61 days. The countdown continues . . . **BPB \$14.99**

Jonathan Maberry

Rot & Ruin

Nearly fourteen years ago a freak virus swept across the world turning those infected from the living into the undead. Benny Imura has grown-up never knowing anything different; his last memories of his parents tainted by the image of them becoming zombies. Now Benny is fifteen, and his brother Tom wants him to join the "family business" and train as a zombie killer.

The last thing Benny wants is to work with Tom --- but at least the job should be an easy ride. Then the brothers head into the Rot and Ruin, an area full of wandering zombies, and Benny realises that being a bounty hunter isn't just about whacking zombies. As he's confronted with the truths about the world around him, Benny finds his beliefs challenged and makes the most terrifying discovery of all, that sometimes the worst monsters you can imagine, are human... **PB \$16.99**

Stephenie Meyer

Twilight (white cover) (Twilight 01)

When Isabella Swan moves to the gloomy town of Forks and meets the mysterious, alluring Edward Cullen, her life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. With his porcelain skin, golden eyes, mesmerising voice, and supernatural gifts, Edward is both irresistible and impenetrable. Up until now, he has managed to keep his true identity hidden, but Bella is determined to uncover his dark secret. What Bella doesn't realise is that the closer she gets to him, the more she is putting herself and those around her at risk. And it might be too late to turn back . . . Deeply seductive and irresistibly compelling, TWILIGHT is a love story that will stay with you long after you have turned the final page. **BPB \$22.99**

New Moon (Twilight 02)

I stuck my finger under the edge of the paper and jerked it under the tape. Shoot, I muttered when the paper sliced my finger. A single drop of blood oozed from the tiny cut. It all happened very quickly then. No! Edward roared ... Dazed and disorientated, I looked up from the bright red blood pulsing out of my arm – and into the fevered eyes of the six suddenly ravenous vampires. For Bella Swan, there is one thing more important than life itself: Edward Cullen. But being in love with a vampire is more dangerous than Bella ever could have imagined. Edward has already rescued Bella from the clutches of an evil vampire but now, as their daring relationship threatens all that is near and dear to them, they realise their troubles may just be beginning ... **BPB \$22.99**

Stephenie Meyer

Eclipse (White) (Twilight 03)

Bella? Edward's soft voice came from behind me. I turned to see him spring lightly up the porch steps, his hair windblown from running. He pulled me into his arms at once, and kissed me again. His kiss frightened me. There was too much tension, too strong an edge to the way his lips crushed mine – like he was afraid we had only so much time left to us. As Seattle is ravaged by a string of mysterious killings and a malicious vampire continues her quest for revenge, Bella once again finds herself surrounded by danger. In the midst of it all, she is forced to choose between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob – knowing that her decision has the potential to ignite the ageless struggle between vampire and werewolf. With her graduation approaching, Bella has one more decision to make: life or death. But which is which? Following the international bestsellers *Twilight* and *New Moon*, *Eclipse* is the much-anticipated third book in Stephenie Meyer's captivating saga of vampire romance. **BPB \$22.99**

Breaking Dawn (white) (Twilight 04)

Twilight tempted the imagination . . . *New Moon* made readers thirsty for more . . . *Eclipse* turned the saga into a worldwide phenomenon . . . And now – the book that everyone has been waiting for . . . *Breaking Dawn*. In the much-anticipated fourth book in Stephenie Meyer's love story, questions will be answered and the fate of Bella and Edward will be revealed. **BPB \$22.99**

Garth Nix Australian Author

Complete Keys to the Kingdom Boxed Set (Keys to the Kingdom)

Arthur is not supposed to be a hero. But when he is saved from an untimely death by a strange key shaped like the hand of a clock, everything changes. Arthur is safe, but his world is in terrible danger, and Arthur will have to be a hero whether he likes it or not. Desperate, he ventures inside a mysterious house that only he can see, where he finds himself battling powerful enemies and making unexpected friends. Arthur must unravel the secrets of the Keys, piece together the Will of the Architect, discover his true fate and save the world...if he can. **PB \$79.99**

Michael Oehley

The 4 Powers of Daren Saner

Meet Daren Saner: he's no ordinary boy, and his adventures are just beginning . . . As the Starship *Superia* drifts aimlessly in space, having lost the coordinates of its home planet, Daren Saner accidentally triggers an energy pulse that will change his life . . . forever. Flung into the ancient city of Periapoli amidst fires and riots, Daren discovers he is the 'Forbidden Child' – a peasant boy with four strange powers. His destiny will decide the fate of two worlds. **BPB \$15.99**

Mary Pope Osborne

Christmas in Camelot (Magic Tree House 29)

The Magic Tree House series has become a staple for inspiring kids to read. *Christmas in Camelot* is a very special Magic Tree House book. Here, author Mary Pope Osborne uses the literary skills for which she's known to create a longer, more in-depth story featuring the characters kids have come to love. The result is magical: a fast-paced but detailed, easy-to-read story. Jack and Annie go on a quest to save Camelot, a quest that will prove to be a beleaguered King Arthur that children and imagination really can make a difference. **PB \$9.95**

James Patterson

Daniel X (Manga) (Daniel X)

With supreme abilities, like being able to shape-shift and move objects with his mind, Daniel is strong enough to take on anything in the world. It's the things from beyond this planet that are the real problem. Daniel possesses a coveted List – that belonged to his father, before he was brutally murdered – targeting intergalactic criminals preying on the human race. Now, Daniel vows to take on his father's dangerous mission as the Alien Hunter. In the first book of the series, Daniel must conquer the deadly *Ergent Seth*. The fate of the world rests on Daniel X, and he will have his revenge, whatever the cost. **HC \$29.99**

Philip Pullman

Four Tales

Four wonderful tales gathered together here in a glorious gift edition for the first time. Combining elements of fairy tale, humour, sometimes dark, sometimes light, sometimes spooky; Philip Pullman's *Four Tales* is the perfect book to curl up with in front of a fire on a cold winter's night. **HC \$35**

Mara Purnhagen

Past Midnight (01)

I don't believe in ghosts. Unfortunately, they believe in me...

Let me set the record straight. My name is Charlotte Silver and I'm not one of those paranormal-obsessed freaks you see on TV...no, those would be my parents, who have their own ghost-hunting reality show. While I'm usually roped into the behind-the-scenes work, it turns out that I haven't gone unnoticed. Something happened on my parents' research trip in Charleston — and now I'm being stalked by some truly frightening other beings.

Trying to fit into a new school and keeping my parents' creepy occupation a secret from my friends — and potential boyfriends — is hard enough without having angry spirits whispering in my ear. All I ever wanted was to be normal, but with the ghosts of my past and present colliding, now I just want to make it out of high school alive... **BPB \$19.99**

Kathy Reichs & Brendan Reichs

Virals

When Tory Brennan's mother dies suddenly she is sent to live with the father she has never met on a remote island in South Carolina. Tory might find getting to know her dad difficult, but she has no trouble making friends with the island's other teenage inhabitants: Shelton, Hi and Ben. They quickly form their own gang, united against the snobby pupils of the posh high school they all attend.

Things change dramatically for them, though, when they rescue a sick wolf dog puppy who they find locked in a secret cage in a research laboratory. The four nurse him through his illness, in their bunker hideout, until he is better. But it's not long before they all fall sick. Could their illness have something to do with the puppy? And what does the head of the laboratory have to hide?

Sneaking back onto the island to try to find out what's going on the four are shocked to discover some long-buried human bones. But before they can dig them out, they are shot at and chased off the island. Fleeing for their lives, something strange starts to happen. Suddenly Tory feels she could run all night. Shelton sees more sharply; Hi can smell odours he's never noticed before. And Ben's eyes have changed colour.

Alarmed by the change in each other, they retreat to their bunker. It's clear they have become involved in something fatally dangerous. And if they don't find out what's going on soon, they could end up like the poor person buried on the island.

And what on earth is this strange change in them all about? Could they possibly have developed canine powers? They soon realise that if they can harness their powers, it just might save their lives. **TP \$29.95**

Justin Richards

Demon Storm (School of Night 01)

Ben's sister Sam saw the ghosts all the time. Then she looked into the Judgement Box, and that's when Ben's life changed forever. Would you look into the Judgement Box? Would you dare? If you can see what's inside, then maybe you have what it takes to join: The School of Night. The Terror is only just beginning. **BPB \$15.99**

Chris Riddell

Ottoline at Sea (Ottoline 03)

A charming and irresistible new Ottoline story from award-winning and bestselling author Chris Riddell.

Featuring a set of novelty gadget spectacles!

Ottoline is worried about her hairy best friend, Mr Munroe, who has been acting very strangely... and then he disappears. Ottoline must journey across land and sea (making friends with some polar bear cobblers along the way!) and find her friend – even if it means wading through the Norwegian Bogs and being chased by some hungry trolls! Can she find Mr Munroe before it's too late? **HC \$19.99**

Chris Riddell

Alienography

Are you prepared for a close encounter? You might know when your mum's invaded (sorry - tidied) your bedroom, but would you recognise a full-scale alien invasion if it happened? Do you know how to tell a Thaarrgon Battle Cruiser from The Great Four Finned Squid of Splod? Or how to shake hands with a Bubonic Strangler? And would you be any good in a game of "Spot the Android"? No? Then let Colin the Alien, aided by Chris Riddell, teach you some all important intergalactic survival skills. 5-7 years **HC \$34.99**

Emily Rodda Australian Author

Rondo Trilogy Slipcase (Rondo)

The old music box, with its strict rules, has been handed down through Leo's family. When the rules are broken, Leo's life is changed forever as he and his cousin Mimi plunge into a thrilling quest in the fantastic world of Rondo. **BPB \$49.99**

J K Rowling

Harry Potter Signature Edition 7 Volume Boxed Set (Harry Potter)

This is the perfect opportunity to own all seven "Harry Potter" titles in the latest 'Signature' edition livery. All are encased in a smart gift box. **BPB \$145**

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (Signature edition) (Harry Potter 01)

Harry Potter thinks he is an ordinary boy. He lives with his Uncle Vernon, Aunt Petunia and cousin Dudley, who are mean to him and make him sleep in a cupboard under the stairs. (Dudley, however, has two bedrooms, one to sleep in and one for all his toys and games.) Then Harry starts receiving mysterious letters and his life is changed forever.

He is whisked away by a beetle-eyed giant of a man and enrolled at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The reason: Harry Potter is a wizard! The first book in the "Harry Potter" series makes the perfect introduction to the world of Hogwarts. **BPB \$16.99**

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (Signature edition) (Harry Potter 02)

Harry Potter is a wizard. He is in his second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Little does he know that this year will be just as eventful as the last ...even getting there is an adventure in itself! The three firm friends, Harry, Ron and Hermione, are soon immersed in the daily round of Potions, Herbology, Charms, Defence Against the Dark Arts, and Quidditch.

But then horrible and mysterious things start happening. Harry keeps hearing strange voices, sinister and dark messages appear, and then Ron's sister Ginny disappears ...The darker side of Hogwarts is revealed in this exciting sequel to "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone". **BPB \$16.99**

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Signature edition) (Harry Potter 03)

Harry Potter, along with his best friends, Ron and Hermione, is about to start his third year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry can't wait to get back to school after the summer holidays (who wouldn't if they lived with the horrible Dursleys?) But when Harry gets to Hogwarts, the atmosphere is tense. There's an escaped mass murderer on the loose, and the sinister prison guards of Azkaban have been called in to guard the school... **BPB \$16.99**

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (Signature edition) (Harry Potter 04)

The summer holidays are dragging on and Harry Potter can't wait for the start of the school year. It is his fourth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and there are spells to be learnt and (unluckily) Potions and Divination lessons to be attended. But Harry needs to be on his guard at all times - his worst enemy is preparing a terrible fate for him.

With characteristic wit, fast-paced humour and marvellous emotional depth, J.K. Rowling has proved herself yet again to be a master storyteller. **BPB \$21.99**

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Signature edition) (Harry Potter 05)

It is Harry Potter's sixth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. As Voldemort's sinister forces amass and a spirit of gloom and fear sweeps the land, it becomes more and more clear to Harry that he will soon have to confront his destiny. But is he up to the challenges ahead of him? In this dark and breathtaking adventure, J.K.

Rowling skilfully begins to unravel the complex web she has woven, as we discover more of the truth about Harry, Dumbledore, Snape and, of course, He who must not be named... **BPB \$21.99**

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (Signature edition) (Harry Potter 06)

Harry Potter is due to start his fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He is desperate to get back to school and find out why his friends Ron and Hermione have been so secretive all summer. But before he even gets to school, Harry survives a terrifying encounter with two Dementors, attends a court hearing at the Ministry of Magic and is escorted on a night-time broomstick ride to the secret headquarters of a mysterious group called 'The Order of the Phoenix' ...This is a gripping and electrifying novel, full of suspense, secrets, and - of course - magic.

BPB \$21.99

J K Rowling

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (Celebratory Edition) (Harry Potter 07)

Harry Potter is preparing to leave the Dursleys and Privet Drive for the last time. But the future that awaits him is full of danger, not only for him, but for anyone close to him - and Harry has already lost so much. Only by destroying Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes can Harry free himself and overcome the Dark Lord's forces of evil.

In this dramatic conclusion to "The Harry Potter Series", Harry must leave his most loyal friends behind, and in a final perilous journey find the strength and the will to face his terrifying destiny: a deadly confrontation that is his alone to fight. In this thrilling climax to the phenomenally bestselling series, J.K. Rowling reveals all to her eagerly waiting readers. **BPB \$22.99**

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Darren Shan

The Thin Executioner

In a harsh, unforgiving world of slavery and glorified executions, one boy's humiliation leads him to embark on a perilous quest to the faraway lair of a mysterious god. It is a dark, brutal, nightmarish journey which few have ever survived. But to Jebel Rum, the risk is worth it... to retrieve his honour... to win the hand of the girl he loves... to wield unimaginable power... and to become... *The Thin Executioner*. Ages 10+ **BPB \$14.99**

Sarah Silverwood

The Double Edged Sword (Nowhere Chronicles 01)

Finnere Tingewick Smith was abandoned on the steps of the Old Bailey. Under the guardianship of the austere Judge Harlequin Brown and the elderly gentlemen of Orrery House, Fin has grown up under a very strange set of rules. He spends alternate years at two very different schools and now he's tired of the constant lies to even his best friends, to hide the insanity of his double life. Neither would believe the truth! But on his sixteenth birthday, everything changes. The Judge is killed, stabbed in the chest with a double-edged sword that's disturbingly familiar, and from that moment on, Fin is catapulted into an extraordinary adventure. Through the Doorway in Fin's London, a hole in the boundaries of Existence, lies another London - and now both are in grave danger. For the Knights of Nowhere have kidnapped the Storyholder, the keeper of the Five Eternal Stories which weave the worlds together. **PB \$22.99**

Michael P Spradlin Australian Author

Orphan of Destiny (Youngest Templar 03)

The intrigue continues...and the danger!

Having outwitted Sir Hugh in France, and taken back possession of the Grail, Tristan, Robard and Maryam arrive in Dover. Returning to the Abbey he grew up in, Tristan is devastated to find it burned to the ground. Only Brother Tuck remains alive and he has been hiding and living in the woods these past many months, hoping for Tristan's return. He gives Tristan three letters that will change his life forever. One from Henry II, Richard the Lionheart's father. One from Eleanor of Aquitaine, Richard's mother. And one, from Brother Rupert, which will reveal once and for all Tristan's parentage, and his true destiny. Ages 10-14. **BPB \$14.99**

Geronimo Stilton

The Quest For Paradise (Kingdom of Fantasy 02 Geronimo Stilton)

In this 320-page, full-colour hardcover adventure, the Queen of the Fairies invites Geronimo back to her fantastical world to help in the quest for the true heart of happiness. This time Geronimo rides on the wings of a rainbow-coloured dragon as he makes his way through seven fantastic lands. From the land of sweets to the land of fairytales, it's an incredible journey he'll never forget! **BPB \$19.99**

R L Stine

The Scarecrow Walks at Midnight (Goosebumps Classics 16)

The best-selling scare series of all time brings you a thrilling repackaged of the field of screams! Jodie loves visiting her grandparents' farm. Okay, so it's not the most exciting place in the world. Still, Grandpa tells great scary stories. And Grandma's chocolate chip cookies are the best. But this summer the farm has really changed. The cornfields are sparse. Grandpa and Grandma seem worn out. And the single scarecrow has been replaced by twelve evil-looking ones. Then one night Jodie sees something really odd. The scarecrows seem to be moving. Twitching on their stakes. Coming alive . . . **BPB \$9.99**

Jonathan Stroud

The Ring of Solomon (Bartimeus 04)

Fans of Jonathan Stroud's Bartimeus books will devour this book - a cracking adventure brimming with magic, intrigue and a treasure trove of characters that the reader can't help but fall for. We find everyone's favourite irascibly insolent djinni serving at the court of King Solomon in 950 BC Jerusalem, where he is causing his customary chaos and must help a girl assassin sent by the Queen of Sheba steal the all-powerful ring of Solomon. The comic relief is perfectly timed, the dialogue sharp and snappy and the fiendishly clever plot perfectly handled with Jonathan's trademark flair and command of language. Thrills, chills and a danger-spiked finale - this is one of the publishing events of the year. **TP \$29.99**

G P Taylor

Red Eye (Vampyre Labyrinth 01)

You will come to know hell better than most, Jago. I have waited all these years for you to come back to this town.

England, 1940: Britain is entrenched in war with the Germans when young Jago is evacuated from the Blitz bombings in London to the Yorkshire coast. With just the memory of his dead mother for comfort, Jago is desperate only to survive the war in some peace. But arriving at the hostile Streonshalgh Manor in the town of Whitby, he is confronted with cruel and frenzied locals, seemingly possessed by ancient stories of clannish retribution and sadistic horrors.

The RedEye comet hovers fatefully over the town; people are being viciously killed; and Jago's nights are spent as waking nightmares, darting through bloodstained and murderous streets.

As shades of his past come rushing back to haunt him, Jago must confront the truth of this town - the perilous and violent truth of the ancient Vampyres. **PB \$15.99**

Di Toft

The Twilight Circus (Wolven 02)

Nat and his best friend Woody, a shape-shifting, part-time werewolf, were responsible for the downfall of a corrupt scientific government task force. Having spent the summer dodging demented scientists, thirteen-year-old Nat yearns for the quiet life.

But he and Woody are still on the run and are now being shadowed by ex-MI5 chief, Quentin Crone, head of 'NightShift, an ultra-secret agency dedicated to the eradication of ExtraNormals. **BPB \$14.99**

Leigh Van den Broeke

When the Gates Open for Casey Vallen

Casey is a twelve-year-old boy living in the secluded suburb of Lily Hills, but there is something about his family that has always made him different to the other students at his local primary school. His deceased father, who once lived in the magical city of Gatiso, hid a Vorostone for him many years ago. Casey's mother is convinced it does not exist but his aunt Odessa, the Chancellor of Gatiso, is certain of its whereabouts.

What does a Vorostone do? Where is it hidden? What does this all mean for Casey Vallen? **PB \$19.95**

Ursula Vernon

Attack of the Ninja Frogs (Dragonbreath)

Danny Dragonbreath Is Back . . . And Kicking It Kung Fu Style

Danny Dragonbreath finds school rather dull. But when ninja frogs try to kidnap the new foreign exchange student and claim she's their rightful ninja queen, things get a bit more interesting. As Danny wisely says,

We Have A Ninja Problem!

Luckily, Danny has seen a whole lot of kung fu movies and is ready for anything. Well almost **\$14.95**

Curse of the Were-Wiener (Dragonbreath)

Danny Dragonbreath and his best friend Wendell thought the hot dog from the school cafeteria looked a little . . . off. Then things got weird when the hot dog bit Wendell, and weirder still when Wendell started to sprout back hair. Could Wendell be morphing into a . . . (cue ominous music) were-wiener? All evidence points to yes. And unless he and Danny can get past the lunch ladies and slay the alpha-wurst, the whole school could be infected.

Written in Ursula Vernon's trademark hybrid style of comic-book panels and text, this is the thrilling third book in the series. In a starred review, Kirkus Reviews said Dragonbreath Ówill leave readers in stiches - and on tenterhooks waiting for the next one. Curse of the Were-Wiener will make kids everywhere laugh, shriek, and take a closer look at their lunches. **PB \$14.95**

Dragonbreath

Danny dragonbreath is the only mythical creature at a school filled with reptiles and amphibians. He can't breathe fire like normal dragon. The school bully keeps sealing his lunch. And now danny has to rewrite his report about the ocean and use, ahem, actual research. His loyal but nerdy best friend wendell suggests the library. But danny has a way better plan. **\$14.95**

Mark Walden

Zero Hour (HIVE 06)

Overlord is reborn, and has developed the chilling ability to move from body to body, erasing the host's personality and ultimately killing them, forcing him to hop from victim to victim. He must find Otto, the only host designed to contain him, and for that he needs the location of H.I.V.E. He also plans to take control of a secret US Army facility that is home to the Autonomous Weapon Programme, a computer-controlled system uniquely vulnerable to his control.

Nero is forced to activate Zero Hour, a plan designed to deal with any member of G.L.O.V.E. on the brink of true global domination. Nero also knows that Otto must not be allowed to fall into Overlord's hands, and a desperate race across the globe begins.

The stage is set for a final battle with Overlord. Little do they know that he has a final weapon in his arsenal, on a scale unlike anything they have ever seen before. **PB \$16.99**

Rachel Ward

The Chaos (Numbers 02)

Adam sees numbers, death dates, when he looks in people's eyes, just like his mum Jem used to. He also knows the date of her death. When Jem dies, Adam has to deal with his troubling gift, as well as the normal trials of being a teenager. When he realises that everyone has the same series of numbers, he starts worrying that something huge is going to happen in 2025. Adam tries to find out what could be about to go wrong, he spends hours researching possibilities-war, nuclear accidents, killer viruses. He knows something big is coming, but what? **BPB \$17.99**

Tracy West

Dragon's Lair (Hiro's Quest 04)

A dragon has been spotted in a far-off village, and Hiro fears the worst. What if fallen warlord Fujita has returned to seek revenge on Kenkoro? Hiro and his friends go in search of the truth, and soon discover that the dragon is not Fujita at all-it's his sister. Kotone guards the Jade Temple. Legend says that if the temple falls, the land will die. To protect the temple from Fujita, Kotone used powerful magic that trapped her in dragon form. But now that Fujita is plotting revenge, it's up to Hiro and his friends to save Kotone and the temple from destruction. **PB \$9.99**

Sean Williams Australian Author

Castle of the Zombies (Fixers 01)

Ollie Jolson has stumbled across a secret so big no-one will ever believe him. He's fallen into a world where walls can literally have ears-and eyes, and brains, and stomachs too. The despicable Lord Wight wants to take over everything and everyone, and only a couple of kids stand in his way. One of them is still in his pyjamas. When you're lost in a space-time continuum, getting home is much harder than it sounds. **BPB \$12.99**

Planet of the Cyborgs (Fixers 02)

Eo's Castle was just the beginning of Ollie's troubles. Armed with nothing but a psychic typewriter, Ollie resumes his quest to get back home-to the street where nothing works quite right, and the sinister Fixers are breaking holes in much more than the sidewalk. Instead he finds himself on a rescue mission in deep space, fighting pirates who are more machine than human, with a cat who wishes he was human . . . **BPB \$12.99**

Television, Movie and Comic Related

I am What I am

John Barrowman & Carole E. Barrowman

"Anything Goes" gave you the story so far, "I Am What I Am" reveals more about the man behind the television sensation, focusing on John's unique approach to life and love. Written with John's trademark style, the book will be filled with juicy tidbits from behind the scenes of "Doctor Who" and "Torchwood", alongside heart-warming family anecdotes and personal revelations, including John's perspective on fame and how it has affected him. Also containing exclusive details about John's forthcoming role in "Desperate Housewives", "I Am What I Am" will allow intimate access to the multi-talented man himself - an unmissable treat for any fan. **PB \$19.95**

Icons

Jim Lee

One of the most successful and popular artists to work in comics, Jim Lee is revered by fans worldwide thanks to his hyper-dynamic artwork and innovative character and costume design.

Now, his work on Batman and Superman — not to mention his legion of WildStorm heroes including WildC.A.T.s, Divine Right and Deathblow — is celebrated in this beautiful hardback, which includes an exclusive interview with Jim Lee, a tour of his studio and hundreds of full-colour illustrations and pencils spanning his entire career! Plus an all-new cover by Lee and an exclusive, all-new eight-page comic strip, written by Paul Levitz (Legion of Super-Heroes) with art by Lee! **HC \$65**

Stan Lee's How to Draw Comics

Stan Lee

In Stan Lee's How to Draw Comics, Stan Lee sets out to teach everything he knows about drawing and comic book characters. The book focuses primarily on action-adventure comics, but will touch upon other genres and styles, such as romance, humor, horror, and the widely influential manga style. From producing concepts and character sketches to laying out the final page of art, the man with no peer—Stan Lee—is the ultimate guide to the world of creating comics. **TP \$51.95**

Leonard Maltin's 2011 Movie Guide

Leonard Maltin

In the age of Netflix, even just browsing the seemingly infinite selection of movies on DVD can be overwhelming. With hundreds of new films on the market every year, how does one choose? Fortunately, America's most respected film critic can help. For more than four decades, Leonard Maltin's movie guides have helped millions of viewers make the best selection for any occasion.

In addition to more than 17,000 capsule reviews and information including date of release, running time, and MPAA rating, the 2011 edition also includes more than 350 new entries, an index of actors and directors, and Leonard's personal recommendations. Savvy consumers know-when it comes to the movies-there's only one real guide. **\$24.95**

DC Comics Guide

This title includes the story of DC Comics, year-by-year, month-by-month. It discusses a century-spanning voyage through seven thrilling decades of DC Comics. Packed with original comic-book art and key character profiles, including Batman and Superman, "DC Comics Chronicle" is vibrant and visually spectacular.

Follow this chronological guide to both the characters and the company that created them. With a special presentation slipcase, this is the perfect gift for DC Comic fans. **HC \$69.95**

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TP \$30.95

Spy Vs Spy Mega Mini Kit

Direct from the pages of MAD Magazine, Spy vs. Spy is the visual embodiment of conflict and one-upmanship. Two extremely similar yet opposing spies work to get the best of the other with creative schemes and feats of espionage. Included in the kit are 2 spy figurines and a 32- page book of the best Spy vs. Spy comic strips from MAD Magazine that inspires readers to create their own adventures with their spies. **Kit \$12.99**

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Coyote Moon / Night of the Living Rerun / Portal Through Time

Arthur Byron Cover, Esther Friesner &

In every generation, there is a Chosen One. A slayer destined to protect the human race. She alone must fight the demons of hell. She alone must risk her life to stop the spread of evil.

Buffy is the Chosen One.

In Coyote Moon, a typical night at the carnival becomes deadly as shape shifters turn the amusement park into their own house of horrors.

Buffy starts having past-life nightmares in Night of the Living Rerun, and must face her historic counterpart before the events of the past repeat in the present.

In Portal through Time, Slayers over the centuries are in danger, and Buffy must protect them in order to save her own life and legacy. **BPB \$16.99**

District 9

Art of District 9: Weta Workshop

Daniel Falconer

Under the supervision of multi Academy Award winner Richard Taylor, Weta Workshop was responsible for the design of the creatures and technology for director Neill Blomkamp's 2009 feature film, District 9. Weta Workshop's artists created the physical creature and special make-up effects elements, the alien weapons and special props, armour, custom vehicles and developed the graphic language that defined the film's distinctive alien aesthetic.

This book illuminates the creative design process, detailing two years of interaction between Weta's artists and District 9 director Neill Blomkamp, including hundreds of images of concept art from both the designers and director, museum quality photographs of the props and sculptures, and insights in the form of quotes directly from the artists. Many of the images included have never been made public before, including some that were cut or barely glimpsed in the finished film.

Written by designer Daniel Falconer, with a foreword by Neill Blomkamp and introduction by Richard Taylor, The Art of District 9 offers an unrivalled glimpse behind the scenes at the creative processes that shaped all of Weta Workshop's contributions to this amazing film. **HC \$65**

Doctor Who

Companion Compendium

A Doctor Who trivia treasure trove of essential facts, space-time stats and all kinds of exciting alien information!

Find out the Doctor's final words as each of his incarnations, learn alien battle cries and how to identify different types of star, as well as discovering all the Doctor's previous companions and how to tie a bow tie!

A must-have miscellany of all things Doctor Who! **HC \$16.95**

Secrets of the Tardis

A fantastic Doctor Who giftbook with its very own exclusive sonic screwdriver encased in the book.

Based on the new BBC One series of Doctor Who, featuring Matt Smith as the Eleventh Doctor. Shine the exclusive sonic screwdriver light into the TARDIS Database to reveal secret facts and messages hidden within its pages. The ultra-violet light on the sonic screwdriver reveals extra information in invisible ink.

With facts and stats on one hundred and seventy aliens, planets and people across the universe, this is an invaluable guide for anyone travelling through time and space! **HC \$29.95**

Sonic Screwdriver 11th Doctor

Dr. Who - 11th Doctors New Sonic Screwdriver

The Doctor's multipurpose tool is a Gallifreyan device, with numerous settings, easily controlled at the press of his thumb. The Doctor has had many sonic screwdrivers of different designs throughout his life, and this latest one was created from within the TARDIS console itself after the previous one was destroyed during a confrontation with Prisoner Zero in the village of Leadworth. This new sonic is larger, with a luminous green light but continues to be an essential part of the Doctor's equipment as he explores the universe. This faithful copy of the Doctor's trusty Sonic Device has spring loaded extending action. Pressing the button on the side of the handle activates the LED and Sound FX which operates in CLOSED mode. Flip open the cap at the end of the Screwdriver to reveal an additional button that activates the light and sound effects when it is in full extension OPEN mode. For ages 5 years and over. Requires 3 x L1154 batteries. **\$34.95**

Sonic Screwdriver Projector

Doctor Who - Sonic Screwdriver Projector Torch

Have lots of fun and relive scenes from the hit TV show Doctor Who with this Sonic Screwdriver Projector! This fantastic LED mini image projector includes 15 different images and lets you project your favorite Doctor Who characters onto your wall! Just press the button on the back of the projector and rotate the disc to change the slide. Includes 3 interchangeable picture discs, each with 5 images and an image disc storage area. For ages 5 years and over. Requires 3 x LR44 button cell batteries. **\$29.95**

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Based on the new BBC One series of Doctor Who, featuring Matt Smith as the Eleventh Doctor. Open the doors and step inside to meet the Doctor that travels in this amazing time and space craft – the TARDIS. With fold-out pages featuring the previous ten incarnations of the Time Lord, this book is dimensionally transcendental (much bigger on the inside!), just like the TARDIS! Also includes a double-sided poster!

A truly brilliant TARDIS book that any Doctor Who fan will appreciate. **HC \$19.95**

11th Doctor: *Runaway Train*

Oli Smith

Arriving on Earth in the midst of the American Civil War, the Doctor and Amy must get a posse together to help them retrieve an alien artefact that has fallen into the clutches of the Confederate Army. The terraforming device belongs to the Cei, a race of invaders who plan to use it to turn the planet into a new home world. But neither the Army nor the aliens are keen to let the Doctor and his gang interfere with their plans, and give chase across the Wild West. The only hope of escape for the Doctor and friends is to catch the 3.25 to Arizona and race along the newly-built transcontinental railroad... **CD \$24.99**

11th Doctor Special: *The Coming of the Terraphiles*

Michael Moorcock

'Using a sledgehammer to crack a nut is a lot harder than you might think.'

Miggea – a world on the very edge of reality. The cusp between this universe and the next. A point where space-time has worn thin, and is in danger of collapsing... And the venue for the grand finals of the competition to win the fabled Arrow of Law.

The Doctor and Amy have joined the Terraphiles – a group obsessed with all aspects of Earth's history, and dedicated to re-enacting ancient sporting events. They are determined to win the Arrow. But just getting to Miggea proves tricky. Reality is collapsing, ships are disappearing, and Captain Cornelius and his pirates are looking for easy pickings.

Even when they arrive, the Doctor and Amy's troubles won't be over. They have to find out who is so desperate to get the Arrow of Law that they will kill for it. And uncover the traitor on their own team. And win the contest fair and square.

And, of course, they need to save the universe from total destruction.

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 written by the acclaimed science fiction and fantasy author Michael Moorcock **HC \$39.95**

4th Doctor Audio: *Hornets Nest Complete Series*

Paul Magrs

Episodes include: 'The Stuff of Nightmares', 'The Dead Shoes', 'The Circus of Doom', 'A Sting in the Tale' and 'Hive of Horror'.

Starring Tom Baker as the Doctor, Richard Franklin as Mike Yates, Susan Jameson as Mrs Wibbsey and Daniel Hill as Percy Noggins.

The inimitable Tom Baker is reprising his role as the Doctor, 28 years after his last TV story. He played Doctor Who on BBC TV from 1974 to 1981, and is regarded as one of the most popular Doctors ever. Other TV roles include MONARCH OF THE GLEN and LITTLE BRITAIN . **CD \$110**

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For the drinking Doctor Who fan. The top flips up and an inner bucket lifts out.

Go back in time to before the water melted and find ice within the Tardis! **\$34.95**

Doonesbury

40. *A Doonesbury Retrospective*

G B Trudeau

A 40-year retrospective includes more than 1,800 carefully selected strips of the popular newspaper comic, interspersed with essays by the author in which he reflects on the characters, in a compendium that includes a four-page foldout that details the complex relationships between the comic strip's more than 40 major characters. **HC \$145**

Farscape

The End of the Beginning of the End

First time in trade paperback! Experience the continuation of the fan-favorite Farscape TV show, by the show's creator Rockne S. O'Bannon. It's the comic series that has taken sci-fi fans by storm all over the world. Show creator Rockne S. O'Bannon returns to his creation to chart a whole new course, picking up right where the critically acclaimed TV show left off! . Includes a bevy of bonus materials that make this a must-have item for hard-core 'Scapers and new fans alike! **PB \$21.95**

(Masters of Cinema)

Stanley Kubrik

Stanley Kubrick (USA, 1928–99) was a master who took the art of filmmaking further than any other contemporary director, a creative perfectionist whose work now fascinates new generations. He started out as a photographer before moving into film noir aged barely 25, after which the power and originality of his work soon brought him box-office success. In the 1960s he lived and worked in London, away from the scandal caused by his adaptation of *Lolita* (1962) and from the major studios, from which, uniquely, he was able to wrest total control of his films. He made only a dozen features in 50 years, each of which displays an extraordinary degree of technical and aesthetic invention. From the sci-fi *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968) onwards, each of his masterpieces explores new genres and controversial topics, such as Vietnam (*Full Metal Jacket*, 1987), violence (*A Clockwork Orange*, 1971), horror (*The Shining*, 1980) and sexuality (*Eyes Wide Shut*, 1999). **\$12.95**

(Masters of Cinema)

Steven Spielberg

Steven Spielberg (USA, b. 1946) was the boy wonder of the new Hollywood of the 1970s. Taking Orson Welles as his model, he made *Duel* aged only 25, following it up with a string of successes that brought him the adulation of the studios. As a fan of special effects, and entirely attuned to the shift towards younger film audiences, he took entertainment to new heights with films such as *Jaws* (1975), *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977), *ET* (1982) and *Jurassic Park* (1993). His more recent incursions into science fiction (*AI*, 2001; *Minority Report*, 2002; *War of the Worlds*, 2005) and historical films (*Schindler's List*, 1993; *Saving Private Ryan*, 1998; *Munich*, 2005) have brought him international critical recognition. He is also involved in production through his studio Dreamworks and is undoubtedly one of the most influential figures in contemporary film. **\$12.95**

(Masters of Cinema)

Tim Burton

Tim Burton (USA, b. 1958) is the youngest of Hollywood's most successful directors. He has the knack of making films with a very broad appeal, taking the silliness out of the representation of children, while remaining in touch with the child within himself and his audiences. Burton emerged as a director and storyteller after working as an animator for Disney. His meeting with Johnny Depp enabled him to give physical form to the heroes of his imaginary worlds, where fear is mixed with laughter, strange is normal and those who are not normal, such as *Edward Scissorhands* (1990), must be preserved. After *Beetlejuice* (1988) and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (2005), the resolutely boyish Burton, now in his fifties, presents his version of *Alice in Wonderland* (2010). **\$12.95**

Merlin

Merlin Annual 2011

This official annual is 64 pages of pure Merlin fun! Packed with character profiles, stories, activities, and fun features. Filled with characters and adventures from the series, this will keep any budding Magician busy! **HC \$19.95**

Merlin Heroes Guide

This the official guide contains facts and profiles from the hit TV show. Enter the magical world of Merlin! In a land of myth and a time of magic the world is in need of heroes. Meet the brave champions of Camelot in this official guide. Filled with tales of bravery, fascinating facts and fun activities this is the must-have guide for all Merlin fans. **PB \$12.95**

Merlin Potions and Spells Activity Book

Take a magical tour around Merlin's world in this activity book full of potions and spells. With 24 pages of magical puzzles, quizzes and riddles, this is guaranteed to keep all Merlin fans busy for hours! This activity book includes 100 FREE stickers! **PB \$9.95**

Merlin Villains Guide

This the official guide contains facts and profiles from the hit TV show. In a land of myth and a time of magic there is a constant battle to maintain the balance of the world. Evil forces are at work to destabilize the kingdom. Meet the villains out to destroy Camelot in this official guide. Filled with tales of dreadful deeds, fascinating facts and fun activities this is the must-have guide for all Merlin fans. **PB \$12.95**

The Nightmare Begins

When Morgana's nightmares spill into waking hours she becomes terrified that she has magic. Gaius is determined to keep her in the dark for her own good but Merlin won't stand by and watch his friend suffer. He knows exactly what she's going through and he knows she needs the truth. Is Merlin about to reveal his secret at last? Willfully disobeying Gaius, Merlin risks everything to help Morgana, little guessing what the far reaching consequences might be. Lives are put in danger, loyalties are tested, and Morgana is reunited with the strange young druid boy Mordred, who the Dragon predicted would one day kill Arthur . . . **HC \$17.95**

Simpsons

Simpsons World: Ultimate Episode Guide

Matt Groening

Look what you get in this cromulent compendium!

Comprehensive episode synopses for 20 seasons of Simpsons, including 128 new gut-busting episodes never before covered! Stuff you may have missed! More screen shots than ever before! Over four hundred character profiles! Every chalkboard phrase Bart has ever written! Nifty new art throughout! Quotes and quips from all your favorite characters! Two or more jam-packed pages devoted to every episode! As well as:

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A tribute to star of stage, screen, infomercials, and filmstrips, Troy McClure

Every "D'oh" or "Mmm..." Homer has ever uttered

The largest collection of Krusty the Clown merchandise outside of Bart's bedroom

Every song ever sung by the citizens of Springfield

A complete list of celebrity guest stars

And much, much more...

Packaged in the ultimate wraparound slipcase and weighing in at a hefty 8.8 pounds, *Simpsons World The Ultimate Episode Guide* (Seasons 1-20) is meant for reading, not throwing! **HC \$165**

Star Trek

Star Trek U.S.S. Enterprise: Owner's Workshop Manual

A long-awaited Star Trek technical manual--nearly two years in the making--presented in the world-renowned Haynes Manual format! **HC \$49.95**

Next Generation 24: Nightshade

Laurell K Hamilton

After two hundred years of civil war the planet Oriana is dying. Most of the surface vegetation is gone, the air is nearly unbreathable, and the people themselves are dying. Now, the two warring factions have finally sat down to talk peace, and Captian Picard and the U.S.S. Enterprise™ are sent to help them negotiate a settlement.

Picard, Lt. Worf, and Counsellor Troi beam down to Oriana, just as the Starship Enterprise is called away on another urgent mission. Alone on the planet, the U.S.S. Enterprise team learns that here are people that would rather finish the devastating conflict than talk peace. Suddenly, Picard is accused of murder and the delicate negotiations have fallen into the hands of Lt. Worf. Now, Worf and Troi must unravel the truth and prevent planet-wide disaster, before time runs out for the people of Oriana and the crew of the Starship Enterprise. Originally published in 1993. **APB \$9.99**

Star Wars

The Making of The Empire Strikes Back

The Definitive Story Behind the Film

Jonathan Rinzler

An exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the making of arguably the greatest and most cherished of all the Star Wars films, the most important motion picture sequel of all-time, and a movie that changed pop culture forever: Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back. J.W. Rinzler, author of the acclaimed *The Making of Star Wars*, once again uses his unprecedented access to the Lucasfilm archives, and their treasure trove of never-before-published photos, design sketches, paintings, production notes, interviews, anecdotes, and scripts, to take us back thirty years to relive the entire production process for one of the most anticipated movies ever produced - along the way unveiling stories as entertaining, enthralling and mind-boggling as the film itself.

As a long-standing member of the Lucasfilm staff, J.W. Rinzler has enjoyed unparalleled co-operation and support from the original moviemakers, including both George Lucas and veteran director Irvin Kershner. The result is a truly definitive account that is destined to become a must-have for all true Star Wars fans and serious cinephiles. **HC \$99.99**

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Become a LEGO Brickmaster!

If your child loves LEGO bricks, they'll enjoy this book complete with 140 fantastic LEGO bricks and 2 mini-figures which make 13 models - great value for money. Watch as they find out all about building with the LEGO bricks provided while they take on Darth Vader, in LEGO Brickmaster Star Wars. A perfect LEGO kit promising hours of playtime for your child. **HC \$39.95**

Star Wars: Visions

When Star Wars debuted in 1977, it revolutionized mainstream American filmmaking, transporting fans to new galaxies and introducing them to countless now-classic characters, aliens, planets, and starships. In the decades since, the Star Wars Saga has become a phenomenon impacting cultures across the globe.

Just as George Lucas drew upon the work of N. C. Wyeth and Norman Rockwell for his own visual inspiration, he has now invited more than 100 well-known and promising artists to draw upon the entire Star Wars galaxy for inspiration. *Star Wars: Visions* collects these magnificent artworks for the first time. Featuring pieces by renowned artists such as Amano, Allan R. Banks, Harley Brown, Gary Carter, James Christensen, Michael Coleman, Kinuko Craft, Jim Dietz, Phillipe Druillet, Donato Giancola, Ann Hanson, H. R. Giger, Daniel Greene, Ron Kleeman, Arantazu Martinez, Syd Mead, Moebius, Paul Oxborough, Alex Ross, Anthony J. Ryder, Dolfi Stoki, William Stout, Dan Thompson, Julie Bell and Boris Vallejo, Scott Waddell, and Jamie Wyeth, *Star Wars: Visions* is a breakthrough tribute to the worldwide inspiration that is Star Wars. **HC \$78**

Making of Star Wars: Episode V, The Empire Strikes Back: The Definitive Story Behind the Film

A 30th-anniversary tribute to the second Star Wars film features previously unpublished photos, production notes and storyboards from the Lucasfilm archives and shares anecdotes from set locations.. **HC \$160**

Year by Year a Visual Chronicle

This is the definitive history of "Star Wars" no fan should be without Celebrate four amazing decades of everything "Star Wars"; decade by decade, year-by-year, month-by-month. Everything is covered, from the influences and creation of all six "Star Wars" movies, to the toys, books and video games that have shaped the "Star Wars" dynasty. The month-by-month format is brought to life by images from the movies, TV series, comic books and more. Presented in a stylish slipcase, the book includes two exclusive prints in a card wallet making this book a must-have Christmas gift for all "Star Wars" fans. **HC \$69.95**

Stargate Atlantis

Legacy 01: Homecoming

Jo Graham

In this first of six book series set after the end of Stargate Atlantis's final season, Atlantis returns to the Pegasus Galaxy where the Wraith are now under the new and powerful Queen of Death who desperately needs Dr. Rodney McKay --the only one who can lead them to Earth. **APB \$19.95**

Stargate SG1

15: Power Behind the Throne

The enemy within... When the Tok'ra ask SG-1 to save a tortured creature from the clutches of Apophis, how can they refuse? But the Mujina is no ordinary being - devoid of face or form, it draws its identity from those around it. All things to all people, it is a creature with terrible potential - for both good and evil. Their pursuit of the Mujina takes the team to a nightmarish world where human wickedness is at its worst - and there, the creature finds its home. Captured by the ethnically pure Corvani, Colonel O'Neill's team must confront the planet's insane leader, the Raven King, as well as a more familiar and insidious enemy.

In this gripping adventure, award-winning author Steven Savile takes SG-1 on an unforgettable journey into the heart of darkness... **APB \$19.95**

Vampire Diaries

Stefan's Diaries 01: Stefan's Diaries

Set during the US Civil War, against a backdrop of grand estates, unimaginable riches, and deadly secrets, three teenagers in Mystic Falls, Virginia enter a torrid love triangle that will span eternity.

Brothers Stefan and Damon Salvatore are inseparable until they meet Katherine, a stunning, mysterious woman who turns their world upside down. Siblings turned rivals, the Salvatores compete for Katherine's affection, only to discover that her sumptuous silk dresses and glittering gems hide a terrible secret: Katherine is a vampire. And she is intent on turning them into vampires so they can live together-forever.

Based on the popular CW TV show inspired by the bestselling novels, Stefan's Diaries reveals the truth about what really happened between Stefan, Damon, and Katherine—and how the Vampire Diaries love triangle began. **BPB \$15.99**

X Files

Miracle Man

Terry Bisson

A young, small-town religious man gifted with the power to heal is suspected of also having the power to kill when one of his patients suddenly dies in the pulpit, prompting investigators Mulder and Scully to the scene. **HC \$26.95**

X Files

THE X-FILES lives on in this new collection that serves as a "lost" season of the smash-hit TV series. Mulder and Scully are sent to San Francisco to solve a string of murders, then become targets of the Tong underworld and travel to the mysterious Badlands to investigate a series of disappearances in this title collecting THE X-FILES #0-6. **TP \$40.95**

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Art of God of War 3

Takes you behind the scenes on a visual history tour of the revenge-epic, and for the first time shows you more than 100 pieces of art that didn't appear in the game—The Lost Art of God of War III. From concept art, to character studies, environment art, character modeling, and production art, The Art of God of War III shows you how the Santa Monica Studio team supersized the final installment of the God of War trilogy. **TP \$70**

Assassin's Creed

02: Brotherhood

Oliver Bowden

TP \$32.95

Forgotten Realms

Neverwinter Night 01: Gauntlgrym

R A Salvatore

Drizzt joins Bruenor on his quest for the fabled dwarven kingdom of Gauntlgrym: ruins said to be rich with ancient treasure and arcane lore. But before they even get close, another drow and dwarf pair stumbles across it first: Jarlaxle and Athrogate. In their search for treasure and magic, Jarlaxle and Athrogate inadvertently set into motion a catastrophe that could spell disaster for the unsuspecting people of the city of Neverwinter—a catastrophe big enough to lure even the mercenary Jarlaxle into risking his own coin and skin to stop it. Unfortunately, the more they uncover about the secret of Gauntlgrym, the more it looks like they can't stop it on their own. They'll need help, and from the last people they ever thought to fight alongside again: Drizzt and Bruenor. **HC \$49.95**

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Halo Evolutions

A collection of stories set in the Halo universe.

Relive the excitement of the action computer game even while you cannot get at your computer! **APB \$19.95**

Warhammer

Empire Army: Warrior Priest

Darius Hinks

Warrior Priest Jakob Wolff sets out to track down his brother, whose soul been tainted by the Ruinous Powers. Family must be put to one side as he battles to prevent the Empire from sinking into Chaos, with only his strength of arms and the purity of his beliefs to call upon. **APB \$18**

Gotrek and Felix 12: Zombieslayer

Nathan Long

Pursued by the dark forces of the necromancer Heinrich Kemmler, Gotrek and Felix arrive at Castle Reikgard, where they must hold out against the zombie hordes. Can the legendary heroes unite the forces of the Empire against Kemmler's ever-growing legion until help arrives, or will the Slayer find his doom amidst the unrelenting undead? **APB \$18**

Warhammer 40,000

Horus Heresy 14: The First Heretic

Aaron Dembski-Bowden

Amidst the galaxy-wide war of the Great Crusade, the Emperor castigates the Word Bearers for their worship. Distraught at this judgement, Lorgar and his Legion seek another path while devastating world after world, venting their fury and fervour on the battlefield. Their search for a new purpose leads them to the edge of the material universe, where they meet ancient forces far more powerful than they could have imagined. Having set out to illuminate the Imperium, the corruption of Chaos takes hold and their path to damnation begins. Unbeknownst to the Word Bearers, their quest for truth contains the very roots of heresy... **APB \$18**

Tome of Fire 02: Firedrake

Nick Kyme

When Chaplain Elysus of the Salamanders is taken captive by Dark Eldar, he faces a fight for survival at the hands of these cruel aliens. The Firedrakes of 1st Company attempt a daring rescue mission, but much more is at stake than the Chaplain's life. He holds the key to secrets buried beneath Mount Deathfire, secrets that could reveal the damnation – or salvation – of their home world. The Salamanders must penetrate the Port of Anguish and defeat the xenos threat there if they are to unveil the mysteries within the Tome of Fire. Meanwhile, Dak'ir battles to survive the brutal Librarian training, and in his visions lies an even darker future... **APB \$18**

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The Game Master's Kit will help keep a Kill-team's Missions from going astray! It comes complete with a sturdy GM screen featuring stunning Deathwatch artwork and useful tables, charts, rules, and statistics, providing quick Game Master reference and a handy place to hide notes.

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Tasha Alexander

Dangerous to Know

After escaping death at the hands of a ruthless murderer while honeymooning in Constantinople (Tears of Pearl), Lady Emily is recuperating from her wounds at her mother-in-law's estate in Normandy when, while out horseback riding in the countryside, she comes across the body of a young woman who has been horribly murdered. Her wounds are identical to those inflicted on the victims of Jack the Ripper, who is wreaking havoc across the channel in London. Lady Emily and Colin learn that the victim is the daughter of a high born family of French aristocrats who had been committed to an asylum for the insane. While there, she had given birth to an illegitimate child who was spirited away and may be dead.

As Lady Emily pursues a trail of clues (and bodies) to the beautiful medieval city of Rouen and a crumbling chateau in the country, she begins to worry about her own sanity: she hears the cries of a little girl she cannot find and discovers blue ribbons left in the child's wake. Emily is on the verge of solving the mystery, when she is suddenly taken captive by the killer and held in an isolated tower where she once again hears the eerie cries of the lost child. She has to muster all her courage in a terrifying game of wits against a cold and brilliant murderer or she will be his next victim. **HC \$51.95**

R Scott Bakker

Disciple of the Dog

The new dark thriller from the author of NEUROPATH.

Disciple Manning is able to recall every conversation, meeting and feeling he has ever had, making him an extremely dangerous private investigator, so when a young woman disappears, not from her home, but from a religious cult, her parents turn to Manning for help. Heading into the heart of the cult, he encounters its beguiling leader, obsessed with the idea that the world is a fantastical theatre, in which we merely act out our roles, ignorant of our true existence beyond; a belief he is intent on protecting, at any cost. Manning's investigation soon leads to clashes with the cult's unsettling belief systems and leaves him fighting for survival and elusive answers, before they are swallowed into a shadowy pool of secrets. Meanwhile, it's only a matter of time before the missing girl risks being abandoned for ever to the depths of everyone's forgotten memories... **TP \$32.99**

David Baldacci

Hell's Corner (Camel Club 05)

After a bomb detonates near the motorcade of the U.S. president and Britain's prime minister, British MI-5 agent Mary Chapman--along with the help of Oliver Stone, Harry Finn, Alex Ford and the rest of the Camel Club--investigates whether or not the bomber had a different target in mind. By the #1 best-selling author of Divine Justice. **HC \$54.95**

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.

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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... **APB \$19.99**

Hell's Corner

Oliver Stone is standing in Lafayette Park with his friend and fellow Camel Club member Harry Finn when a bomb detonates and knocks him unconscious. When Stone awakens in the hospital he learns that the British Prime minister might have been target of the bomb blast. Only a last second change in plans saved the man's life.

There were three people in the park that night that shouldn't have been. Stone and Harry Finn are tasked to find out who they are and whether they had any ties to the bombing. The UK sends Mary Chapman, a lethal and experienced MI6 agent, to help Stone and Finn with the investigation. Stone senses that his government is willing to sacrifice him during this investigation and he must watch his back.

As Stone and the Camel Club dig deeper, he realizes that what happened in the park wasn't what it appeared to be. Something might have gone wrong or it might have been merely the catalyst for a much bigger plot, the results of which could be catastrophic. **TP \$32.99**

M C Beaton

Our Lady of Pain (Lady Rose Summer)

Lady Rose Summer prides herself on not being a jealous woman - and she knows her engagement to Captain Harry Cathcart is only a ruse to keep her parents from shipping her off to India to find a husband. But then Harry's latest client, Dolores Duval - French, curvaceous, flirtatious - starts appearing everywhere at his side. And that changes everything.

In a fit of temper Rose threatens Dolores - only to be found the very next day standing over her dead body. Only Harry can clear Rose's name - and to do that he has to put the real murderer behind bars... **APB \$19.99**

Sick of Shadows (Lady Rose Summer)

It would seem that even a pretend engagement cannot keep Lady Rose Summer from trouble. Bored with endless parties, teas and balls, she befriends Dolly Tremaine, a beautiful young girl newly arrived from the country and overwhelmed by the demands of the Season. Their friendship is cut tragically short, however, when Dolly is found dead in the river, with flowers in her hair and blood on her breast.

Rose immediately summons her fiance, investigator Captain Harry Cathcart, to help solve the mystery of Dolly's death - and to keep her from becoming the murderer's next victim. **APB \$19.99**

Martin Booth

The American (Fim Tie In)

The locals in the Italian village where he lives call him Signor Farfalla - Mr. Butterfly. He is a discreet gentleman who spends his time quietly painting rare butterflies. He has few friends and is constantly on the move. But as inconspicuous as Farfalla tries to make himself, his real profession is deadly. He considers himself an artisan, not for the butterflies he paints but for the guns he creates for assassins. He sees nothing wrong with what he does and feels he has helped shape history. Farfalla is getting older and has resolved to make his next job his last. Then, perhaps, he can settle down comfortably in the Italian village he has grown to love and enjoy the remainder of his life without constantly looking over his shoulder. But a treacherous circle is closing in on him... **BPB \$24.95**

Kylie Brant

Deadly Intent (Mindhunters 04)

While investigating the abduction of a Denver tycoon's 11-year-old daughter, forensic linguist Macy Reid, who was kidnapped when she was a child, must confront the demons from her own past to solve this case. **PB \$19.95**

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Blood and Fire (Bait 02)

In the second installment of the critically regarded Jake and Jouma series, all hell has broken loose in Mombasa. Inspector Daniel Jouma is faced with a sudden rash of murders, while fishing boat skipper Jake Moore must pit his strength against the corporate might of Kenya's most ruthless developer. Soon, a hideous secret will bring the maverick crime-busting duo together once again. And Jake and Jouma are about to learn when you play with fire, someone always gets burned. **HC \$52.95**

Alison Bruce

The Siren (DC Gary Goodhew Mystery)

After Kimberly Guyver and Rachel Golinski's checkered past begins to catch up with them, and Kimberly's young son goes missing, DC Gary Goodhew begins to sift through their lives and uncovers an unsettling picture of deceit and murder. By the author of Cambridge Blue. **HC \$52.95**

John Burdett

The Godfather of Kathmandu

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

But there are obstacles in Sonchai's path to enlightenment. Police Colonel Vikorn and Army General Zinna are at war again for control over Bangkok's network of illegal enterprises - and Tietsin has forty million dollars' worth of heroin for sale.

With his life in increasing danger, Sonchai is put to the extreme test in John Burdett's most inventive, darkly comic and wickedly entertaining novel yet. **PB \$21.95**

Teresa Burrell

The Advocate's Betrayal

Sabre Orin Brown is a legal advocate for children in the San Diego justice system. She witnesses her share of horror every day. Every now and then, that horror gets personal. When Sabre's friend Betty calls one morning with the shocking news that her husband was murdered in his sleep, Sabre makes it her mission to find the killer. The cops suspect Betty, and Sabre has no leads. It would be easier if Betty wasn't hiding something, but even after she gets thrown in jail, she refuses to say a word about her past and the mystery that chased the couple across the country and ultimately hunted her husband to his death. Sabre can't put her own life on hold, either. She is still trying to protect the two children on her caseload whose parents have brainwashed them with a violent racial hatred. Even more, she's also still recovering from the horrific events of the previous year, when a stalker burned her home to the ground. Life never gets easy, but at least Sabre is not alone. She has the comfort of her calm and stable boyfriend, Luke, and the help of good friends. But when a private detective, JP, follows the murder from Betty's empty trailer home to a small town in Texas and a nightclub in Chicago, it starts to seem like finding the answers may be more dangerous than ever. Only one thing becomes remarkably clear: When the people closest to you have so much to hide, you can't trust anyone. **TP \$28.95**

Mary Burton

I'm Watching You

His victims

The first kill was easy. The second even easier. No guilt, no remorse, just a rush of adrenaline surging through him as each life drains away, and the pleasure of knowing that their deaths will help his beloved Lindsay. And there are many more who will die . . .

His game

The first twisted gift to Lindsay O'Neil arrives hidden in a bouquet of flowers. When her estranged husband, Detective Zack Kier, is assigned to the case, Lindsay's past comes back with a vengeance. Because only Zack knows the dark secret she lives with - or so she thinks. Now nothing can prepare her for the nightmare to come . . .

His obsession

Everything Lindsay's stalker does, every life he takes, is for her. But when Lindsay spurns his gifts, she and those she loves most become targets of a depraved madman whose rage is growing, and who is waiting, watching, closer than she ever feared . . . **BPB \$22.95**

Andrea Camilleri*The Track of Sand (Montalbano 12)*

Inspector Salvatore Montalbano wakes from strange dreams to find a gruesomely bludgeoned horse carcass in front of his seaside home. When his men came to investigate, the carcass has disappeared, leaving only a trail in the sand. Then his home is ransacked and the inspector is certain that the crimes are linked. As he negotiates both the glittering underworld of horseracing and the Mafia's connection to it, Montalbano is aided by his illiterate housekeeper, Adelina, and a Proustian memory of linguatite fritte. Longtime fans and new readers alike will be charmed by Montalbano's blend of unorthodox methods, melancholy self-reflection, and love of good food. **TP \$28.95**

Kate Carlisle*The Lies That Bind (Bibliophile Mysteries 03)*

While in San Francisco to teach a bookbinding class at Bay Area Book Arts, rare books and antiquities expert Brooklyn Wainwright must investigate the murder of Layla Fontaine, the horrible director of BABA whose past is inexplicably linked to Brooklyn's boyfriend Derek. **PB \$19.95**

Kathryn Casey*The Killing Storm (Sarah Armstrong)*

On a quiet afternoon in the park, four-year-old Joey plays in the sandbox, when a stranger approaches looking for his puppy. While Joey's mom, Crystal, talks on her cell phone, the stranger convinces the child to help search. By the time Crystal turns around, her son has disappeared. Yet her reaction is odd, not what one would expect from a distraught mother. Is Crystal somehow involved in her son's abduction?

Meanwhile, on a ranch outside Houston, Texas Ranger Sarah Armstrong assesses a symbol left on the hide of a slaughtered longhorn, a figure that dates back to a forgotten era of sugarcane plantations and slavery. Soon other prizewinning bulls are butchered on the outskirts of the city, each bearing a similar drawing. The investigations converge at the same time a catastrophic hurricane looms in the Gulf. Finally, as dangerous winds and torrential rains pummel the city, Sarah is forced to risk her life to save Joey. **HC \$52.95**

Joanna Challis*Peril at Somner House (Daphne de Maurier)*

After her adventures in Murder on the Cliffs, young Daphne du Maurier travels to a remote island off the coast of Cornwall to visit the estate of Lord and Lady Trevalyan. Somner House, enchanting amidst lush exotic wilderness and only a moment's walk to the sea, beguiles Daphne, but just as looming winter storms begin to envelop the island, the Lord is found murdered while the Lady is found in the arms of a lover. Even Daphne with her torrid imagination could not have dreamed that she would become ensnared in the vile, villainous schemes being hatched within the walls of Somner House—or that a handsome stranger would inspire her to plumb the depths of a great mystery. **HC \$52.95**

Alex Chance*Savage Blood*

In Atlanta, Charlie Cortez MD diagnoses his mistress with an unknown neurodegenerative disease that is inducing violent and bloody psychosis. The apparent cause? Consumption of infected human flesh...

In Vienna, Dr. Reeta Kapoor, eminent anthropologist, is forced to travel to a remote Indian archipelago in order to rescue her brother – he has become embroiled in a plot to thwart the colonization of a mysterious and scarcely contacted native tribe and is in grave danger...

In Dubai, Kelly Maelzel, in-demand Australian zoologist, is blackmailed into accepting a new job – protecting the visitors to a strange new project. A millionaire philanthropist has created a game reserve where the livestock are particularly violent, unpredictable... and human.

The link: Savage Island, a four-day eastward sail from Chennai and home to the most fearsome legend in the Bay of Bengal; a cannibalistic tribe of natives who ritually destroy anyone unfortunate or foolish enough to set foot on their tropical paradise island. But one megalomaniac wants to sell that paradise to the world. Unfortunately, the natives have other ideas. **TP \$32.95**

Ann Cleeves*Blue Lightning*

Murder can strike more than once...

Shetland Detective Jimmy Perez knows it will be a difficult homecoming when he returns to the Fair Isles to introduce his fiancée, Fran, to his parents. It's a community where everyone knows each other, and strangers, while welcomed, are still viewed with a degree of mistrust.

Challenging to live on at the best of times, with the autumn storms raging, the island feels cut off from the rest of the world. Trapped, tension is high and tempers become frayed. Enough to drive someone to murder...

When a woman's body is discovered at the renowned Fair Isles bird observatory, with feathers threaded through her hair, the islanders react with fear and anger. With no support from the mainland and only Fran to help him – Jimmy has to investigate the old-fashioned way. He soon realizes that this is no crime of passion – but a murder of cold and calculated intention.

With no way off the island until the storms abate – Jimmy knows he has to work quickly. There's a killer on the island just waiting for the opportunity to strike again... **BPB \$22.99**

James Cobb*The Arctic Event (Robert Ludlum's Covert One 07)*

An ancient bomber conceals a devastating secret - a stunning Covert-One thriller from the master storyteller.

On a desolate island deep within the Arctic, a scientific expedition photographs the wreckage of a bomber. It seems to be a relic from the Cold War – but a handful of insiders know that it is a Soviet Air Force biological warfare platform, still armed with weaponised anthrax. Covert-One's Lt. Col. Jon Smith leads a team to secure the site. But on the island they find themselves confronted with a traitor from within their ranks. Gradually they become aware that the ancient bomber conceals something else: a secret so deadly that it could trigger a Third World War... **BPB \$22.99**

Martina Cole*Family*

Martina's 17th novel is a guaranteed shocking, compelling and thrilling read!

When teenager Christine Booth meets Phillip Murphy, she knows he's her one chance to escape her controlling mother. Christine is soon enjoying the perks of being Phillip Murphy's girl, and his family welcome her with open arms. But the Murphys are a dangerous crowd, and it's only a matter of time before Christine sees Phillip for what he really is - brutal, manipulative and utterly ruthless. Bound to the Murphy family by violence, addiction, murder and betrayal, Christine can't bear to watch her young sons follow in their father's amoral footsteps. But once you're one of the family, it isn't easy to get out/ **TP \$32.99**

Patricia Cornwell

Port Mortuary

Port Mortuary is literally a port to receive the dead and the deaths are mounting, as dangerous secrets from Scarpetta's past come back to haunt her. Kay Scarpetta has been training at the Dover Port Mortuary, mastering the art of virtual autopsy a groundbreaking procedure that could soon revolutionise forensic science. And it is not too long before these new skills urgently need to be put into practice. A young man drops dead, apparently from a heart condition, eerily close to Scarpetta's home. But when his body is examined the next morning, there are stunning indications that he may have been alive when he was zipped inside a pouch and locked inside the cooler. When the revolutionary 3D radiology scans reveal more shocking details about internal injuries unlike any Scarpetta has ever seen, Scarpetta realizes that this is a case of murder and that she is fighting a cunning and uniquely cruel enemy. Now it is a race against time to discover who and why before more people die. But that time is running out. Told for the first time in many years from the perspective of Kay Scarpetta herself – and revealing secrets from her past that have never been told – this is a thrilling and compulsively readable tour-de-force. **HC \$49.99**

Isis Crawford

A Catered Thanksgiving (Bernie & Libby Simmons)

When the beautiful Thanksgiving turkey they prepared blows up in their client's face, sending Monty Field to the great dining room in the sky, sisters Bernie and Libby Simmons must convince the Field family that they are not responsible and whip up the real killer. **HC \$49.95**

A Catered Birthday Party (Culinary Mysteries 06)

When sisters Bernie and Libby Simmons cater a canine birthday celebration for Trudy the Pug, who is the mascot for the Colbert toy company, the big day is marred by murder when Trudy's pugnacious owner is poisoned, forcing Bernie and Libby to sniff out a killer among a lot of suspects--all of whom had a bone to pick with the deceased. **PB \$17.95**

Clive Cussler & Dirk Cussler

Crescent Dawn (Dirk Pitt)

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Elizabeth Darrell

Indian Summer (Max Rydal Military Mystery)

A Max Rydal Military Mystery - Basking in the warmth of an Indian summer, the British Military in Germany hold an Open Day to ease the stress of constant movements of personnel to and from war zones. Entertainments include medieval knights, jousting, and, for children, a diver in a water tank fighting synthetic oceanic monsters. At midnight, guards discover a body in the tank with the tentacles of a lifelike jellyfish wound tightly around his throat. Captain Max Rydal, wrestling with personal problems, is faced with a bizarre collection of clues as he investigates the crime. **HC \$58.95**

Mark De Castrique

Fatal Undertaking (Buryin' Barry)

Funeral director and part-time sheriff Barry Clayton finds United States Junior Chamber (Jaycee) member Archie Donovan's request absurd until he learns the casket will be the centerpiece of the Jaycees' haunted house, a charity event with all proceeds going to the children's hospital.

But when the president of the Jaycees is murdered in the casket on Halloween, the national press descends upon Gainesboro to cover the bizarre crime. Sheriff Tommy Lee Wadkins assigns Barry to be the lead investigator of a case that presents no motive and no suspects. Then someone fires a shot at Archie Donovan, and Barry wonders whether the victim in the casket had even been the intended target.

Barry finds his police work and personal life on a collision course as his ex-wife Rachel comes to town with high hopes of using the story to launch her TV network career. She begins prying into the lives of Gainesboro's most distinguished citizens and creates a backlash that leaves another body in its wake. Old wounds are ripped open, family rifts exposed, and a criminal enterprise revealed that cuts to the heart of the community.

Barry Clayton must follow a trail of clues as winding as a forest path. The unexpected destination: a mountainside of Christmas trees. Somewhere behind these symbols of peace and goodwill lurks a killer. Unmasking him will be a fatal undertaking. **HC \$51.95**

Jeffrey Deaver

Edge

Targeted by a ruthless hired criminal who would extract information for a mysterious employer, Washington, D.C. police detective Ryan Kessler places the safety of his family in the hands of a federal protection officer who takes incrementally extreme measures to outmaneuver his adversary. By the best-selling author of *The Bone Collector*. **HC \$54.95 TP \$32.99**

Nelson DeMille

The Gate House

When John Sutter's aristocratic wife killed her mafia don lover, John left America and set out in his sailboat on a three-year journey around the world, eventually settling in London. Now, ten years later, he has come home to the Gold Coast, that stretch of land on the North Shore of Long Island that once held the greatest concentration of wealth and power in America, to attend the imminent funeral of an old family servant. Taking up temporary residence in the gatehouse of Stanhope Hall, John finds himself living only a quarter of a mile from Susan who has also returned to Long Island. But Susan isn't the only person from John's past who has reemerged: Though Frank Bellarosa, infamous Mafia don and Susan's ex-lover, is long dead, his son, Anthony, is alive and well, and intent on two missions: Drawing John back into the violent world of the Bellarosa family, and exacting revenge on his father's murderer--Susan Sutter. At the same time, John and Susan's mutual attraction resurfaces and old passions begin to reignite, and John finds himself pulled deeper into a familiar web of seduction and betrayal.

In *THE GATE HOUSE*, acclaimed author Nelson DeMille brings us back to that fabled spot on the North Shore -- a place where past, present, and future collides with often unexpected results. **PB \$21.95**

James D Doss*The Widow's Revenge (Charlie Moon 14)*

When a local widow complains she is being tormented by witches, rancher and Ute tribal investigator Charlie Moon initially disregards the claims until the woman defends herself at the cost of her life, a situation that compels Charlie to look into covert activities on an adjoining oil company field. **PB \$19.95**

A Dead Man's Tale (Charlie Moon 15)

Charlie Moon, Ute rancher and investigator, isn't afraid to throw the dice even when a man's life is at stake, but when that man is betting against himself and Moon's ability to save him, that makes for some awfully high stakes.

Hard times have come to Colorado, and Moon's ranch is feeling the pinch. Investor Samuel Reed has never had that problem. He seems to have a special intuition when it comes to picking stocks and claims to be able to remember the future, which gives him quite a leg up on Wall Street. So it's no surprise that Reed is confident when he makes a wager with Moon's best friend, Granite City Chief of Police Scott Parish, that Parish can't keep him alive.

Even when Reed doesn't give them any details beyond the date and time of his impending demise, that's more than enough information for Moon who wants in on the action and is just as confident that he's well on the way to saving his ranch. But Moon's best plans go awry when instead of one homicide on his hands, he ends up with two. **HC \$51.95**

Carola Dunn*Rattle His Bones (Daisy Dalrymple)*

As a grey drizzle descends upon the damp errand boys and busy omnibuses of London, Daisy Dalrymple is feeling rather cheerful and excited to be showing her nephew and future stepdaughter the glories of Kensington's Natural History Museum. But as closing time draws near, Daisy and Co. hear a tremendous crash and are horrified to discover one of the curators dead - horribly murdered - atop of a pile of dinosaur bones.

Together with her fiancé, Detective Chief Inspector Alec Fletcher of Scotland Yard, Daisy is soon investigating a baffling case of missing gems, dispossessed European gentry, fakery and fossils...and where professional grudges boil over into murder. **APB \$19.99**

Styx and Stones (Daisy Dalrymple)

The hot summer heat could put anyone on edge but to Daisy Dalrymple, it does seem that her brother-in-law, Lord John Frobisher, is exceptionally tense - and with good reason. Someone with an evil sense of humour is sending him a series of poisoned pen letters that threaten to reveal racy secrets which could ruin him completely. Promising to protect Lord John from public scandal, Daisy travels to his village in Kent only to discover it's teeming with enough gossip, resentment and intrigue to make everyone a suspect...or victim.

But then a murder is committed, and Daisy is forced to find the killer before the ink dries on her own death warrant. **APB \$19.99**

Kaitlyn Dunning*The Corpse Wore Tartan (Liss MacCrimmon 04)*

During the annual celebration of Scotland's beloved poet Robert Burns, Liss MacCrimmon, proprietor of Moosetookalook, Maine's only Scottish emporium, is trapped inside The Spruces hotel with the quarrelsome Scottish Heritage Appreciation Society--and a killer. **HC \$47.95**

Kathleen Ernst*Old World Murder (Chloe Ellefson Mystery 01)*

Hoping to leave behind her heartbreaking past, Chloe Ellefson makes a fresh start as the new collections curator at Old World Wisconsin. This outdoor ethnic museum charms visitors with authentic historical artifacts and costumed employees who churn butter, make shoes, and reenact 1870s settlement life. But Chloe's first day on the job only brings misfortune when an elderly woman pleads with her to find the priceless eighteenth-century Norwegian ale bowl that she donated to the museum years ago. Minutes later, the disappointed woman dies in a mysterious car crash.

Throwing herself into a dangerous investigation, Chloe discovers that someone is desperately trying to erase all traces of the bowl's existence by any means necessary . . . including murder. With the unnervingly attractive part-time cop Roelke McKenna at her side, Chloe must solve a decades-old puzzle, catch a covetous killer, and stay alive in this deadly heirloom hunt. **TP \$30.95**

Mary Anna Evans*Strangers (Faye Longchamp 06)*

Faye Longchamp's new archaeological firm has landed a project in St. Augustine, Florida. In four centuries, America's oldest city has accumulated skeletons that should probably stay buried. Within a day of Faye's arrival, a woman disappears, leaving behind blood, priceless artifacts, and a note asking for Faye's help. The detective hires Faye to find the artifacts' origin. But the ghosts of the Ancient City are demanding masters, and Faye is also driven to uncover their secrets--until it becomes clear that what they seek is Faye herself. And her child... **HC \$51.95**

Charles Finch*A Stranger in Mayfair (Charles Lenox 04)*

Returning from a continental honeymoon with his lifelong friend and new wife, Lady Jane Grey, Charles Lenox is asked by a colleague in Parliament to consult in the murder of a footman, bludgeoned to death with a brick. His investigation uncovers both unsettling facts about the family he served and a strange, second identity that the footman himself cultivated.

Going into the boxing clubs and public houses, the Mayfair mansions and servants' quarter of Victorian London, Lenox gradually realizes that an old friend may be implicated in the footman's death. Soon a suspect is arrested, but Lenox has his doubts. Desperately trying to balance the opening of Parliament and what he feels sure is a dark secret, he soon discovers that the killer is someone shockingly innocuous—who may be prepared to spill blood again, even a detective's.

In Detective Lenox, Lady Grey, and their circle of close associates, Charles Finch has created a cast of inviting, flesh-and-blood characters. His evolving series, with its keen eye for period detail and razor-sharp plotting, offers readers an unparalleled brand of charm, sophistication, and suspense. **HC \$51.95**

Vince Flynn

American Assassin

Before he was considered a CIA-super agent, before he was thought of as a terrorist's worst nightmare, and before he was both loathed and admired by politicians on Capitol Hill, Mitch Rapp was a star college athlete with an untapped instinct for violence.

Tensions in the Middle East are simmering when Central Intelligence Agency Director Irene Kennedy pays a visit to Syracuse University, where she hopes to recruit none other than Mitch Rapp, a student who has quickly climbed up the academic and athletic ranks. At first glance, he appears like any other smart, good-looking American college kid. Under the surface, however, a tempest rages. Tragedy entered Mitch's life a year before when 35 of his classmates, including his girlfriend, perished on Pan Am flight 103. Since then, Mitch has grieved their senseless deaths and has felt helpless in his desire for revenge. When Kennedy arrives on campus, his career path is suddenly laid out for him. Nine months later, after gruelling training, Mitch finds himself in Istanbul on his first assignment, which is to assassinate the Turkish arms dealer who sold the explosives used in the Pan Am attack. Mitch hits his target but quickly sees, for the first time, what revenge means to the enemy. When Mitch's mentor and a fellow recruit are kidnapped and tortured by a dangerous group of Islamic jihadists, he must stop at nothing to save them. **TP \$32.99**

Pursuit of Honour

APB \$19.99

Michelle Gagnon

Kidnap & Ransom (Special Agent Kelly Jones)

After losing her lower leg—and nearly losing her life—FBI agent Kelly Jones, realizing that she may never do fieldwork again, goes on one last mission with her fiancée, Jake Riley, and gets the chance to destroy an old enemy. **PB \$19.95**

Roberta Gatley

Lipstick in Afghanistan

Unexpectedly sent to Afghanistan after volunteering at an aid agency, Boston nurse Elsa Murphy is stationed in a remote village where her life is transformed by friendships with a courageous young widow and a Special Forces engineer. **TP \$30.95**

Tess Gerritsen

Call After Midnight

Newlywed Sarah Fontaine must join forces with special agent Nick O'Hara to find her husband Geoffrey, who is presumed dead, and as they journey to Europe to discover the truth, they become the pawns in a deadly game of espionage. **APB \$19.95**

In the Footsteps

The quiet scandal surrounding her parents' deaths has always haunted Beryl Tavistock. Now she's asking dangerous questions, and the answers are proving that the past does not die easily. Pulled into a world of espionage, Beryl quickly discovers that she needs help, and suave former CIA agent Richard Wolf is her only hope. But in a world where trust is a double-edged sword, friends can become enemies, and enemies can be killers.

APB \$19.95

Never Say Die

Twenty years after her father's plane crashed in the jungles of Southeast Asia, Willy Jane Maitland was finally tracking his last moves. She recognised the dangers, but her search for the truth about that fateful flight was the only thing that mattered. But, Willy realises that she is investigating secrets that people would kill to protect. **APB \$19.95**

Under the Knife

When a patient, a hospital nurse, dies following a routine operation, attorney David Ransom sets out to sue the surgeon for malpractice, until Dr. Kate Chesne, challenges him to help her uncover the truth—that she has been framed, her patient has been murdered, and a killer is stalking the halls of the hospital. **APB \$19.95**

David Gibbins

Mask of Troy

Greece. 1876. 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, part of the war fleet of Agamemnon, king of the Greeks, and soon becomes embroiled in a desperate chase across Europe against a ruthless enemy... **PB \$19.99**

Sally Goldenbaum

A Holiday Yarn (Seaside Knitters 04)

A special event in the national bestselling mystery series! Craft away the holiday season with the Seaside Knitters.

With the Seaside Knitters' help, Mary Pisano converts her charming inherited home into a B&B. Her first week is booked by her very own family, in town to discuss their grandfather's will. She's hoping the tranquility of the setting will smooth over ill feelings among family members. But when her cousin Pam—a Sea Harbor, Massachusetts, native—is found murdered, she realizes she was dead wrong...

With the holiday cheer severely disrupted, Mary relies on the Seaside Knitters to set things right. They gladly offer their skill for unraveling crime, but it'll take all their crafty know-how to unravel this deadly tangle. **HC \$49.95**

Stephen Gore

Absolute Risk (Graham Gage 02)

A terrorist bombing in Asia . . . A dead FBI agent in Marseilles . . . Bank accounts linked to a genius finance professor in Boston . . .

Can investigator Graham Gage make the connection before his world collapses?

Days after failing to arrive for a secret meeting with the Federal Reserve chairman, FBI agent Michael Hennessy's body is found at the base of a cliff. But was it suicide or murder? A call from the chairman sends Gage hunting for the truth.

As a desperately ill U.S. president prepares to hand over power to his vice president—a man in the thrall of religious extremists—Gage follows a trail of deceit and terror to a conspiracy that threatens to plummet the world into chaos. But for Gage, there is even more at stake. His wife is trapped between an uprising in Central China and the ruthless Chinese government. And unless Gage exposes the greatest treachery of our age before the clock counts down, Faith will die. **PB \$21.95**

Julia Goumen & Natalia Smirnova *Editor*

Moscow Noir

The more you watch Moscow, the more it looks like a huge chameleon that keeps changing its face—and it isn't always pretty. Following Akashic Books' international success with London Noir, Delhi Noir, Paris Noir, and others, the Noir series explores this fabled and troubled city's darkest recesses.

Features brand-new stories by: Alexander Anuchkin, Igor Zotov, Gleb Shulpyakov, Vladimir Tuchkov, Anna Starobinets, Vyacheslav Kuritsyn, Sergei Samsonov, Alexei Evdokimov, Ludmilla Petrushevskaya, Maxim Maximov, Irina Denezhkina, Dmitry Kosyrev, Andrei Khusnutdinov, and Sergei Kuznetsov. **TP \$24.99**

Jordan Gray

Vanished (Mystery Case Files 02)

Locals in the English coastal town of Blackpool don't take kindly to strangers, but newcomers Michael and Molly Graham have managed to make a few good friends. Dylan Stewart has encouraged them to join him and go native during the town's annual Seafaring Days celebrations. The event makes for lively crowds, colorful costumes—and a perfect cover for murder.

Troublemaker Willie Myners is found stabbed in his boat and the police's main suspect is Dylan himself. Michael and Molly can't help but be pulled into the mystery—and deeper into the dark history of Blackpool. Amid whispers of cursed sixteenth-century coins and gypsy gold, what they discover is something far more sinister than the revenge of a jealous husband. And much more dangerous. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Greer

First of State (CJ Floyd)

Robert Greer's latest novel—a prequel to his CJ Floyd mystery series—takes readers back in time to a very young CJ Floyd. It's 1972, and the 22-year-old decorated war vet has recently returned to Denver from Vietnam with post-traumatic stress disorder. Navigating depression, he finds a friend in World War II vet and amputee Wiley Ames, who shares his passion for rare and valuable western memorabilia.

When Ames and a mysterious Chinese man are found murdered, CJ's already fragile world threatens to collapse. His attempts to find his friend's killer are thwarted at every turn, and finally he joins his Uncle Ike's business as a bail bondsman and bounty hunter. Five years later one of Ames's treasured antique license plates turns up at a Denver flea market, and CJ is once again off and running. The trail to Ames's murderer leads CJ down a path strewn with backstabbing antique dealers, conniving friends of Ames, and corrupt international bankers. Both a white-knuckle-ride murder mystery and a tale of a traumatized young man coming to terms with his past, *First of State* features the kind of fresh characters, streetsmart dialogue, and ingenious plot twists that have made this series a critical and commercial success. **HC \$51.95**

John Grisham

The Confession

An innocent man is about to be executed.

Only a guilty man can save him.

For every innocent man sent to prison, there is a guilty one left on the outside. He doesn't understand how the police and prosecutors got the wrong man, and he certainly doesn't care. He just can't believe his good luck. Time passes and he realizes that the mistake will not be corrected: the authorities believe in their case and are determined to get a conviction. He may even watch the trial of the person wrongly accused of his crime. He is relieved when the verdict is guilty. He laughs when the police and prosecutors congratulate themselves. He is content to allow an innocent person to go to prison, to serve hard time, even to be executed.

Travis Boyette is such a man. In 1998, in the small East Texas city of Sloan, he abducted, raped, and strangled a popular high school cheerleader. He buried her body so that it would never be found, then watched in amazement as police and prosecutors arrested and convicted Donté Drumm, a local football star, and marched him off to death row.

Now nine years have passed. Travis has just been paroled in Kansas for a different crime; Donté is four days away from his execution. Travis suffers from an inoperable brain tumor. For the first time in his miserable life, he decides to do what's right and confess.

But how can a guilty man convince lawyers, judges, and politicians that they're about to execute an innocent man? **HC \$49.95**

The Innocent Man

John Grisham's first work of non-fiction, an exploration of small town justice gone terribly awry, is his most extraordinary legal thriller yet.

In the major league draft of 1971, the first player chosen from the State of Oklahoma was Ron Williamson. When he signed with the Oakland A's, he said goodbye to his hometown of Ada and left to pursue his dreams of big league glory.

Six years later he was back, his dreams broken by a bad arm and bad habits - drinking, drugs and women. He began to show signs of mental illness. Unable to keep a job, he moved in with his mother and slept 20 hours a day on her sofa.

In 1982, a 21 year-old cocktail waitress in Ada named Debra Sue Carter was raped and murdered, and for five years the police could not solve the crime. For reasons that were never clear, they suspected Ron Williamson and his friend Dennis Fritz. The two were finally arrested in 1987 and charged with capital murder.

With no physical evidence, the prosecution's case was built on junk science and the testimony of jailhouse snitches and convicts. Dennis Fritz was found guilty and given a life sentence. Ron Williamson was sent to Death Row.

If you believe that in America you are innocent until proven guilty, this book will shock you. If you believe in the death penalty, this book will disturb you. If you believe the criminal justice system is fair, this book will infuriate you. **PB \$19.95**

The Partner

They found him in a small town in Brazil, near the border with Paraguay. He had a new name, Danilo Silva, and his appearance had been changed by plastic surgery. The search had taken four years. They'd chased him around the world, always just missing him. It had cost their clients \$3.5 million. But so far none of them had complained. The man they were about to kidnap had not always been called Silva. Before he had had another life, a life which ended in a car crash in February 1992. His gravestone lay in a cemetery in Biloxi, Mississippi. His name before his death was Patrick S. Lanigan. He had been a partner at an up-and-coming law firm. He had a pretty wife, a new daughter, and a bright future. Six weeks after his death, \$90 million had disappeared from the law firm. It was then that his partners knew he was still alive, and the long pursuit had begun . . . **APB \$19.95**

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M R Hall*Disappeared / Coroner*

The Disappeared

Two young British students, Nazim Jamal and Rafi Hassan vanish without a trace. The police tell their parents that the boys had been under surveillance, that it was likely they left the country to pursue their dangerous new ideals. Seven years later, Nazim's grief-stricken mother is still unconvinced. Jenny Cooper is her last hope.

Jenny is finally beginning to settle into her role as Coroner for the Severn Valley; the ghosts of her past that threatened to topple her, banished to the sidelines once more.

But as the inquest into Nazim's disappearance gets underway, the stink of corruption and conspiracy becomes clear... **BPB \$22.99**

Timothy Hallinan*Breathing Water*

A late-night poker game in Bangkok nets American ex-pat writer Poke Rafferty the "opportunity" to write the biography of Khun Pan, a flamboyant, vulgar, self-made billionaire with a criminal past and far-reaching political ambitions. Within hours, Rafferty, his wife, Rose, their adopted daughter, Miaow, and Poke's best friend, honest Bangkok cop Arthit, have become disposable pawns in a brutal power struggle among some of Thailand's richest, most ruthless citizens. There are those who would go to any length to ensure the book is never written and others equally desperate to have Pan's darkest secrets exposed. Suddenly Rafferty is sinking deeper in a perilous sea of treachery and intrigue—and caught up in the inhuman machinations of an Asian babyselling ring—as he searches frantically for the only chance he may have to get everyone he loves out alive. **TP \$27.99**

Ken Harmon*The Fat Man (North Pole Noir)*

A satire of traditional Christmas stories and noir, The Fat Man makes the perfect gift for the literary-minded.

A hardboiled elf is framed for murder in a North Pole world that plays reindeer games for keeps, and where favorite holiday characters live complex lives beyond December.

Fired from his longtime job as captain of the Coal Patrol, two-foot-three inch 1,300-year-old elf Gumdrop Coal is angry. He's one of Santa's original elves, inspired by the fat man's vision to bring joy to children on that one special day each year. But somewhere along the way things went sour for Gumdrop. Maybe it was delivering one too many lumps of coal for the Naughty List. Maybe it's the conspiracy against Christmas that he's starting to sense down every chimney. Either way, North Pole disillusionment is nothing new: Some elves brood with a bottle of nog, trying to forget their own wish list. Some get better. Some get bitter. Gumdrop Coal wants revenge. Justice is the only thing he knows, and so he decides to give a serious wakeup call to parents who can't keep their vile offspring from landing on the Naughty List. But when one parent winds up dead, his eye shot out with a Red Ryder Carbine-Action Two-Hundred-Shot Range Model BB gun, Gumdrop Coal must learn who framed him and why. Along the way he'll escape the life-sucking plants of the Mistletoe Forrest, battle the infamous Tannenbomb Giant, and survive a close encounter with twelve very angry drummers and their violent friends. The horrible truth lurking behind the gingerbread doors of Kringle Town could spell the end of Christmas—and of the fat man himself. Holly Jolly! **HC \$40.95**

Charlaine Harris*Grave Secret (Harper Connelly 04)*

Lightning-struck sleuth Harper Connelly and her stepbrother Tolliver take a break from looking for the dead to visit the two little girls they both think of as family. But as they travel to Texas, memories of their horrible childhood resurface. Family secrets ensnare them both, as Tolliver learns his father is out of jail and Harper finally discovers what happened to her missing sister Cameron so many years before. And what she finds will change her world forever. **APB \$19.95**

Betty Hechtman*You Better Knot Die (Crochet Mysteries 05)*

Her crochet group, The Tarzana Hookers, is working overtime for the holidays-but Molly Pink is having trouble finding time to crochet so much as a snowflake. The bookstore where she works is adding a yarn department, and planning a huge launch party where the mysterious author of a popular series will reveal his or her true identity.

But before the author appears, another person disappears. The husband of Molly's neighbor is missing. When a suicide note arrives, it appears the husband has jumped off the Catalina Ferry- but Molly smells something fishy. Despite the protestations of her detective boyfriend, Molly's soon hooked on unraveling another mystery. She better watch out-or her sleuthing may get her on someone's naughty list... **HC \$51.95**

Joan Hess*Tickled to Death (Claire Mallory 09)*

Claire Malloy's ninth mystery finds the resourceful owner of The Book Depot in smalltown Fayetteville trying to clear her friend Luanne's fiance from a murder charge involving the horrific deaths of his first two wives. **PB \$19.95**

Homer Hickman*The Dinosaur Hunter*

Running a Montana ranch while harboring a secret love for its owner, former homicide detective Mike Wire is approached by a paleontologist who is pursuing a lucrative fossil underneath the ranch, a discovery that attracts ruthless competitors and a brutal murderer. **HC \$52.95**

Jack Higgins*Wolf At the Door (Sean Dillon)*

Putin and the Russians have suffered too many killings of their own people in the past. Now they want the whole of the Prime Minister's private army wiped out, including Blake Johnson and Charles Ferguson.

Somebody is after them; Blake, Harry Miller, his sister, Monica, Harry Salter and Billy. The only people spared are Roper and Dillon. After surviving a car bomb, Ferguson heads a desperate search to uncover the perpetrator.

Not wanting any overt connections with their country, the Russians need the right kind of assassin, and to handle such a task they would need to be better than Carlos the Jackal...

When such a man is discovered in a Lubiana prison, he is willing to take on the job as a price for his freedom...

An unlikely man, brilliant and terrifying, ingenious and deadly, he is the wolf at the door. **APB \$19.99**

Suzette A Hill

Bone Idle (Reverend Francis Oughterard)

Revd Francis Oughterard is in the grip of a blackmailer and under orders to steal a valuable figurine. Relief at success is short-lived when the theft backfires, and further skulduggery ensues. The Reverend's efforts to distance himself from yet another murder lead to embarrassing complications for him and his pompous bishop, Horace Clinker.

When things come to a head in the form of crazily menacing Victor Crumpemeyer, it is once again up to the Reverend's world-weary cat, Maurice, and intrepid mongrel, Bouncer, to save his bacon. **BPB \$19.99**

Bones in the Belfry (Reverend Francis Oughterard)

Having extricated himself from the embarrassment of murdering his lady parishioner, the Rev. Oughterard is now plunged into the traumas of art theft. Forced by the shady Nicholas Ingaza into being a fence for stolen paintings, he endures the investigative probings of terrifying female novelist and amateur sleuth, Maud Tubby Pole, hell-bent on portraying him in her next novel.

Haunted by the recent murder and fearful of exposure in his new role of 'receiver', the Reverend blunders haplessly in a mesh of intrigue and risible deceit. As before, his antics are commented upon by his cat, the acidic Maurice, and redoubtable bone-grinding ally, the dog Bouncer. **BPB \$19.99**

A Load of Old Bones (Reverend Francis Oughterard)

All the Reverend Francis Oughterard had ever wanted was some peace and quiet, instead he becomes entangled in a nightmare world of accidental murder, predatory female parishioners, officious policemen and a drunken bishop. As the vicar's life spirals out of control it is his supercilious cat, Maurice, and bone obsessed hound, Bouncer, who save the day. "A Load of Old Bones" is a charming and farcical romp through a 1950's mythical Surrey. **BPB \$19.99**

Tami Hoag

Deeper than the Dead

A California town is rocked to its core when two boys and a girl stumble upon a murder victim, drawing Special Agent Tony Mendez into a search for a psychopathic serial killer called "The See No Evil Killer," but as his probe continues, he realizes that the killer may be the father of one of the boys and enlists the aid of their teacher, Anne Navarre, to uncover the truth. **PB \$21.95**

Alan Hunter

Gently By the Shore (Inspector George Gently)

You'll find plenty of bodies stretched out on a summer beach - but they're not usually dead...In a British seaside holiday resort at the height of the season, you would expect to find a promenade and a pier, maybe some donkeys, 'Kiss-Me-Quick' hats, candy floss and kids building sandcastles. You would not expect to find a naked corpse, punctured with stab wounds, lying on the sand. Chief Inspector George Gently is called in to investigate the disturbing murder.

The case has to be wrapped up quickly to calm the nerves of concerned holidaymakers. No one wants to think that there is a maniac on the loose in the town but with no clothes or identifying marks on the body, Gently has a tough time establishing who the victim is, let alone finding the killer. In the meantime, who knows where or when the murderer might strike again? **APB \$19.99**

Alan Hunter

Gently Does It (Inspector George Gently)

The last thing you need when you're on holiday is to become involved in a murder. For most people, that would easily qualify as the holiday from hell. For George Gently, it is a case of business as usual.

The Chief Inspector's quiet Easter break in Norchester is rudely interrupted when a local timber merchant is found dead. His son, with whom he had been seen arguing, immediately becomes the prime suspect, although Gently is far from convinced of his guilt. Norchester City Police gratefully accept Gently's offer to help investigate the murder, but he soon clashes with Inspector Hansom, the officer in charge of the case.

Hansom's idea of conclusive evidence appalls Gently almost as much as Gently's thorough, detailed, methodical style of investigation exasperates Hansom, who considers the murder to be a straightforward affair. Locking horns with the local law is a distraction Gently can do without when he's on the trail of a killer. **APB \$19.99**

Gently Down the Stream (Inspector George Gently)

Time spent messing about on the river isn't supposed to end with a brutal murder. The staff at Stoley's Boatyard were used to holidaymakers returning their pleasure cruisers a little late after a week or so exploring the network of waterways around Norchester. They were not used to finding their yachts burned almost beyond recognition with the charred remains of a client still aboard.

Taking on the murder investigation, Chief Inspector George Gently faces an enquiry like no other he has ever handled. Somewhere beneath the lies of the victim's wife, somewhere obscured by the brittle edge of her daughter's fear, somewhere hidden by her son's hysteria, lies the truth. Gently's only hope is to sweep aside the litter of chaos and confusion to uncover the identity of the killer. **APB \$19.99**

Grant Jerkins

A Very Simple Crime

A twisting debut novel of murder and dark family secrets from a riveting new voice in crime fiction.

A murdered woman. A grieving husband. And their son—a mentally handicapped adult with a history of violent outbursts. A very simple case. Or is it?

Leo Hewitt, an Assistant DA once blamed for setting free a notorious child-killer, is eager to redeem himself with this intimate and grisly crime. As he digs below the surface he discovers more than he ever anticipated—including an emotionally disturbed wife, a husband who'd do anything to escape his disastrous marriage, and an accused young man with no apparent means of defense. But with each shocking new revelation, Leo is only led deeper and deeper into the darkness—an inescapable trap of blood bonds and twisted family secrets. **TP \$28.95**

Solomon Jones

The Last Confession

Having come of age on the mob-controlled streets of 1960's South Philly, Detective Mike Coletti learned early to walk the fine line between cops and criminals. That skill served him well during his thirty-one years in homicide. But it never stopped the nightmares. The screams in the sanctuary still haunt him, the sound of the gunshots still torment him, and the truth of the Confessional Murders still speaks to him, if only in his dreams. Now, on the eve of Coletti's retirement, the priest whom he arrested for the decade-old crime is about to be put to death, and in one final nightmare, Coletti clearly sees the truth. The priest is innocent, and it all comes to light when the real killer reemerges and embarks on a killing spree that turns Philadelphia upside down. To set things right and stop the execution of an innocent man, Coletti must catch a mysterious killer who now calls himself the Angel of Death. As the chase winds through art galleries and gritty streets, ancient prophecies and holy ground, the game intensifies, cultures collide, and Philly's best detective is forced to face his nightmarish past—a past that could very well destroy him. **HC \$51.95**

Raymond Khoury

The Templar Salvation

In 325 AD, the oligarchs of the early Christian Church assembled in Nicaea. Their aim? To codify, organise and approve the tenets of the rapidly growing new faith. To separate heresy from truth and sin from faith. To collect and formalise the Bible itself. All records of the deliberations were lost or destroyed and their secrets removed from history. For a while at least. For, one controversial heretic Islamic group – the 'hashashin' – got hold of the trove of these documents. They swiftly realised the enormous power of this knowledge and were determined to wield it for their own ends. Together with another renegade organisation – the Templar Knights – they proposed to destroy the power of the Catholic Church forever. For without the faith of the masses, what would be left? But they failed and – along with the Templars – were hunted down and brutally destroyed. But the treasure trove survived and now one man knows where to find it... **TP \$29.99**

Andrew Klavan

The Identity Man (Otto Penzler)

An Otto Penzler Book

John Shannon is a petty thief on the run. A three-time loser framed for a murder he didn't commit, he knows the cops are closing in on him and that he's facing life in prison—or death by lethal injection. Then, as if out of nowhere, a bizarre text message draws him to a meeting in the dark of night. A foreigner who calls himself the Identity Man offers Shannon an incredible chance to start again: a new face, a new home, a new beginning.

Soon, to his amazement, Shannon finds himself living a life he never dreamed possible. In a ruined city that is trying to rebuild, he finds work as a carpenter and a wood carver. He meets the beautiful Teresa Grey and for the first time falls in love with the sort of woman who could make him a better man.

It seems too good to be true—and it is. Just as Shannon feels within sight of redemption, all hell breaks loose. It turns out this ruined city is crawling with corruption. There are crooked politicians, gangsters, dirty cops everywhere—and, for some reason he doesn't understand, all of them seem to want Shannon dead.

John Shannon has run out of second chances, and now he's running out of time. Moving through the darkness in the burnt-out shambles of a dirty town, he's got to ferret out the secret of his new life—and fast—if he wants to be left with any life at all. **HC \$51.95**

Hope Kolb

Imitation Island

When a tiny girl is abandoned on the back pew of a church north of New Orleans, with no identification except the name Avalon, the childless pastor & his wife gladly adopt her. Avalon Evans avoids her painful past like the plague...until she sees a painting of the mysterious island and white-columned mansion that have haunted her nightmares for twenty years, and she's suddenly catapulted onto a twisted & terrifying path back to her baleful beginnings. Can the young woman Avalon has become rescue a family nearly destroyed by the love of money? Or will a long arm out of the past reach her first & succeed where it failed before? **TP \$28.95**

Roberta Kray

The Debt

After eighteen years inside, Johnny Frank is coming out of jail with just one thing on his mind, to kill the man who put him there. But his plans soon go dramatically awry. As his past returns to haunt him, a vicious murder and kidnap force him back on the streets of London.

He could choose simply to disappear - if it weren't for Simone. Through her marriage to Reggie Kray, the author has a unique insight into the inner conflicts of a long-term prisoner, and just as Roberta's life was irrevocably changed by meeting Reg, so Simone's will never be the same again after she enters Johnny's dangerous and unpredictable universe. **APB \$19.99**

The Lost

Private eye Harry Lind doesn't believe in ghosts. Little Grace Harper went missing over twenty years ago, and missing girls can't just reappear - or can they? It takes a brutal murder to make him think again. Reporter Jess Vaughan is convinced that Grace is still alive but she's going to need some help to prove it.

As she and Harry begin to unravel an age-old web of deceit and betrayal their discoveries soon put them on a collision course with one of London's most notorious gangsters. The search for the truth is about to lead them into a world where people will kill to preserve their secrets. **APB \$19.99**

The Pact

Nothing has prepared her for the nightmare that is about to begin. Eve, the 34 year old daughter of recently deceased conman Alexander Weston, knows a good deal when she sees it - and this one doesn't even come close. However, with vulnerable brother Terry being beaten in jail, she can't afford to be fussy.

She needs to organise protection for him, and fast. The intimidating and powerful con Cavelli seems the perfect solution, but how high a price is he going to exact? She may as well be forming a pact with the Devil. A break-in, followed by a vicious assault, soon makes Eve question the wisdom of her choice.

Cavelli is leading her straight into Hell. Suddenly, her own life is in jeopardy; there's a psychopath lurking in the shadows and he's prepared to kill to get what he wants. With two men dead already Eve is forced to turn to the past to find the answers she so desperately needs.

There's only one problem. Time is running out. **APB \$19.99**

Patrick Larkin

The Moscow Vector (Robert Ludlum's Covert One 06)

Covert-One agents must trace the source of a deadly disease - and stop the outbreak of a Third World War.

A once-great nation is determined to rebuild its shattered empire and lightning military strikes against its neighbours are planned. But first they must sow confusion and fear in the ranks of their enemies. They turn to one of the world's wealthiest and most powerful men. He has control over an undetectable and incurable bioweapon, the perfect assassin's tool. Created using a strand of each victim's own DNA, it is the ultimate precision-guided silent killer. Lt. Col. Jon Smith and his Covert-One operatives take orders from the U.S. President: their mission is to stop this murderous conspiracy - and thwart the leaders who are seeking to restore their country to her former power... **BPB \$22.99**

Stieg Larsson

Millennium Trilogy Boxed Set (Millennium)

This beautifully designed boxed set contains revised hardback editions, with maps, of *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest*, plus a fourth volume containing essays by those who knew and worked with the author, as well as other original material. Extra material in the fourth volume includes an essay by Eva Gedin, Larsson's publisher, on working with the author; an email correspondence between Larsson and Eva Gedin; an essay by John-Henri Holmberg, placing Stieg Larsson in the context of the resurgence of Scandinavian crime writing; a poster of the best jackets of the Millennium Trilogy from around the world; maps and photographs. **HC \$99.95**

Stieg Larsson

Girl With the Dragon tattoo (Film Tie-In) (Millennium 01)

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

Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (Film Tie-In) (Millennium 02)

Salander is plotting her revenge against the man who tried to kill her, and against the government institutions that very nearly destroyed her life. But it is not going to be a straightforward campaign. After taking a bullet to the head, Salander is under close supervision in Intensive Care, and is set to face trial for three murders and one attempted murder on her eventual release. **BPB \$24.95**

Girl Who Played With Fire (Film Tie-In) (Millennium 03)

Millennium publisher Mikael Blomkvist has made his reputation exposing corrupt establishment figures. So when a young journalist approaches him with an investigation into sex trafficking, Blomkvist cannot resist waging war on the powerful men behind this lucrative industry. When the journalist and his girlfriend are found murdered in their apartment, Lisbeth Salander's fingerprints are found on the weapon left at the scene. Now hunted by the entire Swedish police force and officially branded a danger to society, she is forced to go undercover. But how can she prove her innocence? With her computer-hacking skills she is anything but the helpless victim. **BPB \$24.95**

Dennis Lehane

Moonlight Mile

In a sequel to the acclaimed best-seller *Gone, Baby, Gone*, private investigators Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennaro revisit the case that troubled them the most when the missing girl they found 12 years earlier--only to return her to a neglectful mother and a broken home--goes missing again. **HC \$54.95**

Dennis Lehane

Moonlight Mile

Amanda McCready was four years old when she vanished from a Boston suburb in 1997. Desperate pleas for help from the child's aunt led savvy, tough-nosed investigators Kenzie and Gennaro to take on the case. The pair risked everything to find the young girl - only to orchestrate her return to a neglectful mother and a broken home. Now Amanda is 16 - and gone again. A stellar student, brilliant but aloof, she seemed destined to escape her upbringing. Yet Amanda's aunt is once more knocking at Patrick Kenzie's door, fearing the worst for the little girl who has blossomed into a striking, bright young woman who hasn't been seen in two weeks. Haunted by the past, Kenzie and Gennaro revisit the case that troubled them the most, following a 12-year trail of secrets and lies down the darkest alleys of Boston's gritty, blue-collar streets. Assuring themselves that this time will be different, they vow to make good on their promise to find Amanda and see that she is safe. But their determination to do the right thing holds dark implications Kenzie and Gennaro aren't prepared for...consequences that could cost them not only Amanda's life, but their own. **TP \$32.99**

Katia Lief

Next Time You See Me (Karin Schaeffer 02)

Karin Schaeffer thought she had already defeated evil. But there was more.

Three years ago, Detective Karin Schaeffer wanted to die when a madman murdered her family—and she would have if her partner, Mac MacLeary, hadn't pulled her back from the edge of the abyss. Now they are married, with a toddler son, and Karin is learning to live again.

Then Mac's parents are slain in a brutal home invasion . . . And Mac vanishes . . . And a new nightmare begins.

Karin is determined to do whatever it takes to find her husband. But the answers waiting for her in the shadows are almost as unbelievable as his disappearance. Karin pursues the truth—leading her away from her home in Brooklyn to the terrifying heart of the Mexican drug wars to Cape Cod in winter—as dark secrets about the man she loves are revealed. . . . **PB \$19.95**

Robert Ludlum

The Matarese Countdown (Matarese 02)

The Matarese are back. But has the only man with the power to stop them already run out of time?

Twenty years ago, KGB and CIA agents worked together to bring down The Matarese, a dynasty of killers who threatened the world. But the terrifying group has regained its power. CIA officer Cameron Pryce is hot on the trail of the new Matarese alliance. His only chance to terminate its ruthless activities is to follow the trail of blood money and stone-cold killers. Then he gets a lucky break. One of the Matarese victims lives long enough to whisper dying words that will blow the case wide open: the code name for legendary CIA agent Brandon Scofield - the only man to infiltrate the Matarese circle and survive. **BPB \$22.99**

The Apocalypse Watch

The fate of the free world is in one man's hands...A superb thriller from the No.1 bestselling author.

After three years deep under cover, US agent Harry Latham has penetrated the fortress-like mountain hideaway of the Brotherhood of the Watch, a neo-Nazi organisation born after the fall of the Third Reich. Then, on the eve of his most spectacular success, Harry disappears. Drew Latham is frantic to discover his older brother's fate. But when he receives word that Harry has surfaced, serious doubts arise. Has Harry's cover been blown? And if so, why has the Brotherhood of the Watch let him live? The search for the truth about Harry plunges Drew into a labyrinth of deceit and death... **BPB \$22.99**

The Bancroft Strategy

Intelligence agent Todd Belknap is fired after a mission goes wrong - now he's a lone operative on the loose...

When Todd Belknap's best friend goes missing, it seems that a mysterious figure, known only as 'Genesis', is responsible. Meanwhile, hedge fund analyst Andrea Newton gets an unexpected call. She has been left a fortune by a cousin she's never met - on the condition that she joins the board of the charitable Bancroft Foundation. Yet the foundation appears less and less benign the more deeply involved she becomes. As events escalate, and Genesis appears to be working to destabilise governments, Todd and Andrea must form an uneasy alliance if they are to uncover the truth - before it's too late... **BPB \$22.99**

The Chancellor Manuscript

Did J. Edgar Hoover die a natural death - or was he murdered? A top-notch thriller from the No.1 bestselling author.

Inver Brass: a group of high-minded and high-placed intellectuals. They see a monstrous threat to the country in Hoover's unethical use of his scandal-ridden private files. And so they decide to do away with him - quietly, efficiently, with no hint of impropriety. Until bestselling thriller writer Peter Chancellor stumbles upon information that makes his previous books look like harmless fairy tales. Now Chancellor and Inver Brass are on a deadly collision course, spiralling across the globe in an ever-widening arc of violence and terror. They are hurtling towards a showdown that will rip Washington's intelligence community apart, leaving only one damning document to survive: The Chancellor Manuscript... **BPB \$22.99**

Robert Ludlum*The Cry of the Halidon*

Every move could be his last - and his only clue to survival is a single mysterious word: Halidon.

Alex McAuliff has just received an offer he can't refuse. A company called Dunstone Ltd will pay him two million dollars for a geological survey of Jamaica's interior - and they require his absolute secrecy. But British Intelligence are aware of the deal and they've let Alex in on a secret of their own: the last survey team Dunstone dispatched to Jamaica vanished without trace. Now it's too late to turn back. From the moment he lands in Jamaica Alex is a marked man. He already knows about Dunstone...which means he knows too much. **BPB \$22.99**

The Matlock Paper

The US government has a deadly assignment - and James Matlock is the perfect man for the job.

James Matlock is a Vietnam veteran and college professor - with a disturbing past. The faceless men in Washington know his secrets. And they want him to investigate what seems to be a large-scale drugs and prostitution business. Matlock is given a piece of silver paper with codes on it and the name of the criminal organisation: Nimrod. He is soon trapped in a maze of unrelenting terror, as the people he cares for most are under threat. Would he have accepted the job if he'd known just what it would mean? Or that disclosure of the truth could cause such horror? **BPB \$22.99**

Karen MacInerney*Berried to the Hilt (Gray Whale Inn Mysteries 04)*

When a lobsterman pulls up a 200-year-old anchor, Cranberry Island is abuzz with excitement. Is it from the elusive Santa Elena, a famous 18th century pirate ship? Soon the island is swarming with marine archaeologists, treasure seekers, and ghost-hunters. It's good news for Natalie—and the Gray Whale Inn—until one of her guests turns up dead. Will Natalie find the killer? Or will she be joining the lost ship's crew, down in Davy Jones' Locker? **TP \$30.95**

Patrick F McManus*The Huckleberry Murders*

In the wake of an elderly rancher's disappearance from Blight County, Sheriff Bo Tully remains skeptical about hysterical rumors of foul play until the discovery of four murder victims in a huckleberry patch triggers a high-stakes investigation. By the author of Kerplunk! **HC \$52.95**

Andy McNab*Zero Hour (Nick Stone)*

A terrorist group is on the brink of obtaining a code that will jam every item of military hardware from Washington to Kabul. Jets and helicopters will fall from the sky. Communications and weapons systems will fail. The West will be brought to its knees. Only one man can find and stop the perpetrator - but for the first time in his life Nick Stone doesn't want to play ball... **TP \$32.95**

Denise Meredith*Devoured (Hatton and Roumonde 01)*

One of London's first forensic detectives chases a grisly killer in this stunning debut mystery rich in period detail and sinister intrigue.

London in 1856 is gripped by a frightening obsession. The specimen-collecting craze is growing, and discoveries in far-off jungles are reshaping the known world in terrible and unimaginable ways. The new theories of evolution threaten to disrupt the fragile balance of power that keeps the chaotic city in order—a disruption that many would do just about anything to prevent.

When the glamorous Lady Bessingham is found murdered in her bedroom, surrounded by her vast collection of fossils and tribal masks, Adolphus Hatton and his morgue assistant Albert Roumande are called in to examine the crime scene—and the body. In the new and suspicious world of forensics and autopsy examinations, Hatton and Roumande are the best. But the crime scene is not confined to one room. In their efforts to help Scotland Yard's infamous Inspector Adams track down the Lady's killer, Hatton and Roumande uncover a trail of murders all connected to a packet of seditious letters that, if published, would change the face of society and religion irrevocably.

Denise Meredith's measured prose and eye for exquisite detail moves seamlessly from the filthy docks on the Isle of Dogs to the jungles of Borneo and the drawing rooms of London's upper class. Her slow-burning mystery builds to a shocking conclusion, consuming victims—and Victorian London—as it goes. **HC \$51.95**

Marcia Muller*Coming Back (Sharon McCone)*

In Locked In, San Francisco private eye Sharon McCone was shot in the head and suffered from locked-in syndrome: almost total paralysis but with an alert, conscious mind. Now, as Sharon struggles to regain control over her body, she wants everything to go back to normal, but realizes that it may not be possible to return to her old life. Meanwhile, Sharon's relationships are suffering. Her husband is impatient with her refusal to accept help and some of her colleagues doubt her abilities after the accident. But when Sharon's friend from physical therapy goes missing, she must call upon those closest to her to find out the truth behind the disappearance. The investigation soon points to issues of national security and proves to be the most dangerous and critical case yet for Sharon and her colleagues. **HC \$51.95**

Carla Neggers*Cold Dawn (Black Falls 03)*

The New York Times bestselling author presents a chilling new installment in her Black Falls series. **PB \$19.95**

Stuart Neville*Collusion (Jack Lennon 02)*

he line between friend and foe disappears as Detective Jack Lennon unravels a conspiracy that links his daughter to a killer named Fegan, who is stalking the streets of Belfast. By the author of The Ghosts of Belfast. **HC \$28.95**

Martin O'Brien*Blood Counts (Daniel Jacquot)*

When you're a cop in Marseilles, threats of violence and revenge go with the territory. Usually they come to nothing, but when friends and colleagues start turning up dead, it soon becomes clear that someone from Jacquot's past has a score to settle. The first to die is a bride on her wedding day. She's been shot in the head. And an eye has been removed. The second to die is the wife of a high-ranking officer in the Marseilles homicide squad. Her throat has been cut. And a tooth removed. When a third body is found, there's a hand missing; and the fourth body has had a foot sawn off. The message couldn't be clearer - an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and so on. But not only that. In order to sweeten the revenge and cause the greatest pain, his victims are never the names on the list but the people closest to them. When Jacquot realises that he's the target, he knows that unless he can track down the killer then someone he loves will pay the price. **TP \$36.95**

Martin O'Brien

Confession

Chief Inspector Daniel Jacquot has been enjoying the quiet life in a peaceful Provencal village. A former rugby international, who once scored the winning try against England at Twickenham, Jacquot sports a trademark ponytail and loves food, wine - and one woman, artist Claudine. Now, however, he must leave her to go to Paris, where Marseilles Magistrate, Solange Bonnefoy's niece has been abducted. As the trail of violence and corruption leads Jacquot back to the ancient seaport, with its bloody history of slave trafficking, another utterly shocking and unexpected murder sets the investigation galloping in a wholly new direction and Jacquot has to go undercover. **BPB \$24.95**

Jonathan Oliver *Editor*

End of the Line

In deep tunnels something stirs, borne on a warm breath of wind, reeking of diesel and blood. The spaces between stations hold secrets too terrible for the upper world to comprehend and the steel lines sing with the songs of the dead.

Jonathan Oliver has collected together some of the very best in new horror writing in an themed anthology of stories set on, and around, the New York subway, the London underground, the Metro and other places deep below. **APB \$19.95**

C M Palov

The Templar's Code

The Emerald Tablet is a mystical Egyptian text rumoured to contain the secret of creation, which means knowledge of its whereabouts can prove deadly . . .

Shock waves ripple across the world when an archaeologist is murdered moments after he claims to have found ancient Templar symbols marking the way to a mysterious treasure vault. And the discovery of a Maltese cross etched into the dagger that killed him seems to make his claims both true - and dangerous.

Templar expert and former M15 operative Caedmon Aisquith sets off on a hunt for the vault, only to uncover a far more intriguing puzzle: does the Templar code in fact reveal the location of the long lost Emerald Tablet?

The quest to decipher the symbols rapidly becomes a desperate struggle against a covert and terrifying enemy, who will stop at nothing to use the Tablet's power to spark an apocalypse. Can Caedmon uncover the truth before all hell is unleashed? **TP \$32.95**

Jill Paton Walsh

Attenbury Emeralds

It was 1921 when Lord Peter Wimsey first encountered the Attenbury emeralds. The recovery of the magnificent gem in Lord Attenbury's most dazzling heirloom made headlines and launched a shell-shocked young aristocrat on his career as a detective. Now it is 1951: a happily married Lord Peter has just shared the secrets of that mystery with his wife, the detective novelist Harriet Vane. Then the new young Lord Attenbury grandson of Lord Peter's first client seeks his help again, this time to prove who owns the gigantic emerald that Wimsey last saw in 1921. It will be the most intricate and challenging mystery he has ever faced... Since the publication of *A Presumption of Death*, which was set in 1941 in the wartime English countryside, readers have been eagerly asking for this story a wholly original and utterly engrossing new detective adventure. **TP \$32.99**

James Patterson

Cross Fire (Alex Cross)

Wedding bells ring

Detective Alex Cross and Bree's wedding plans are put on hold when Alex is called to the scene of the perfectly executed assassination of two of Washington D.C.'s most corrupt: a dirty congressman and an underhanded lobbyist. Next, the elusive gunman begins picking off other crooked politicians, sparking a blaze of theories--is the marksman a hero or a vigilante?

A murderer returns

The case explodes, and the FBI assigns agent Max Siegel to the investigation. As Alex and Siegel battle over jurisdiction, the murders continue. It becomes clear that they are the work of a professional who has detailed knowledge of his victims' movements--information that only a Washington insider could possess.

Caught in a lethal cross fire

As Alex contends with the sniper, Siegel, and the wedding, he receives a call from his deadliest adversary, Kyle Craig. The Mastermind is in D.C. and will not relent until he has eliminated Cross and his family for good. With a supercharged blend of action, deception, and suspense, *Cross Fire* is James Patterson's most visceral and exciting Alex Cross novel ever. **HC \$54.95**

Crossfire (Alex Cross)

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I, Alex Cross (Alex Cross)

Detective Alex Cross is pulled out of a family celebration and given the awful news that his niece, Caroline, has been found brutally murdered. Cross vows to hunt down the killer, and soon learns that Caroline was mixed up in one of Washington's wildest scenes. And she was not this killer's only victim.

The hunt for her murderer leads Alex and his girlfriend, Detective Brianna Stone, to a place where every fantasy is possible, if you have the credentials to get in. Alex and Bree are soon facing down some very important, very protected, very dangerous people in levels of society where only one thing is certain - they will do anything to keep their secrets safe.

As Cross closes in on the killer, he discovers evidence that points to the unimaginable - a revelation that could rock the entire world. **APB \$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... **TP \$29.99**

Leif G Persson*Between Summer's Longing and Winter's Cold*

It begins with the apparent suicide of a young American student in Stockholm. What is at first an open and shut case of suicide quickly leads to a complex web of international espionage, treachery and ultimately the legendary murder of the Swedish Prime Minister, Olof Palme.

Dogged by the incompetence of their colleagues and the murkiness of the political aspects of the case, a few good and honourable policemen must make their way through a world of corruption, violence and prejudice if they are to survive and discover the truth behind the greatest trauma to hit Sweden in living memory. **TP \$32.95**

David Poyer*Ghosting*

Dr. Jack Scales, a prominent neurosurgeon, is at the peak of his career. To celebrate, he decides to make up for lost time and buys a sailing yacht christened Slow Dance, for a family cruise to Bermuda. But the family is strained: Jack's wife Arlen is secretly considering leaving the marriage; Rick, their bipolar twenty-year-old son, may need to be committed to a group home; Haley, a rebellious teenager, would rather be anywhere but trapped on a boat with her family; and Jack himself is not prepared for the challenge of the open sea.

Day by day, the Scales face mounting dangers. A lightning storm nearly destroys the boat, Rick's unstable condition worsens, and both Arlen and Haley realize that Jack is in over his head. Still, emerging from the storm, they find a fragile unity...until a man adrift on a raft leads them into danger against a terrifying gang of smugglers, who will stop at nothing to gain control of Slow Dance.

Filled with an expert seaman's knowledge and driven by conflicted characters, Ghosting is a new direction for an established author: a thrilling adventure as unpredictable as the sea itself. **HC \$51.95**

Bill Pronzini*Savages (Nameless Detective)*

The police said it was an accident, the dead woman's sister said it was murder... and that she knew who did it. Nameless isn't certain, but the more he learns about Nancy Mathias's life, the more inclined he is to accept the possibility of foul play. Combine that with the situation Jake Runyon, one of the agency's partners, is facing as he searches for a young man who is either a murderer or a victim, and life at their San Francisco detective agency has everyone on edge. **PB \$19.95**

Hidden

A series of seemingly random murders along a fifty-mile stretch of the rugged northern California coast, committed by an unknown dubbed by the media the Coastline Killer. A young couple with marital problems, Shelby and Jay Macklin, who decide to spend the week between Christmas and New Year's at a friend's remote coastal cottage. Two couples in a neighboring home whose relationships are thick with festering menace. A fierce winter storm that leads to a night of unrelenting terror. These are the main ingredients in Bill Pronzini's chilling and twist-filled tale about the hidden nature of crime and its motives. **HC \$49.95**

Tara Taylor Quinn*The Third Secret (Chapman Files 03)*

Psychologist Kelly Chapman returns in this third installment in a brand-new series presented by a USA TODAY bestselling author. **PB \$19.95**

Rick Reed*The Cruellest Cut*

After two murders--the second of which contained a message for the police--Detective Jack Murphy must play a deadly game with a twisted killer who is preparing to target the people he loves. **PB \$17.95**

Kathy Reichs*Death de Jour (Temperance Brennan 02)*

March in Montreal: It is a bitterly cold night and in the grounds of an abandoned convent forensic anthropologist Dr Temperance Brennan digs carefully. She is there to exhume the remains of Sister Elisabeth Nicolet, a nun who died in 1888 and is now proposed for possible sainthood. But the body has been moved to an unmarked grave in a far corner of the cemetery. Why have the nun's remains been disturbed? And what will Tempe discover when the frozen ground finally yields to her tools and she lifts the rotting coffin lid? Then, just hours after she has returned home, Tempe is called to the scene of an horrific arson. A young family has perished in mysterious circumstances, and in the terrible aftermath of the inferno there seems to be no witness, no motive, no explanation. From the charred remains of the arson, to a trail of sinister cult activity and a terrifying showdown during an ice storm, Tempe gathers her evidence and confronts the terror of a killer out of control. 'Another day. Another death. Death du Jour. My God, how many such days would there be?' **APB \$21.95**

Deadly Decisions (Temperance Brennan 03)

Temperance Brennan, forensic anthropologist for the state of Quebec, is abruptly recalled from a course she is teaching at Quantico for a gruesome duty. A biker war is raging in Quebec and two of its foot soldiers have blown themselves up. The only person qualified to make sense of what remains is Tempe. Like many in the region, she cares little what 'les motards' - the bikers - do to each other. Until the body of a nine-year-old girl is wheeled into the morgue, slain by biker crossfire. Fired with anger and a sense of injustice, Tempe vows to lend her skills to fight the outlaw motorcycle clubs. When an exhumation brings to light another tragic death, her resolve is heightened, but the bikers are dangerous people to cross. Unable to turn to her sparring partner, Andrew Ryan, for help, Tempe finds herself vulnerable as events escalate. **APB \$21.95**

Matthew Reilly Australian Author*The Five Greatest Warriors (Jack West 03)*

IT BEGAN WITH SIX STONES

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

IT FINISHES HERE

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

WHO ARE THE FIVE WARRIORS?

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

OCEANS WILL RISE, CITIES WILL FALL

Scores will be settled, fathers will fight sons, brothers will battle brothers, and Jack and his friends will soon find out exactly what the end of the world looks like... **APB \$19.99**

Judith Rock

The Rhetoric of Death

Paris, 1686: When The Bishop of Marseilles discovers that his young cousin Charles du Luc, former soldier and half-fledged Jesuit, has been helping heretics escape the king's dragoons, the bishop sends him far away-to Paris, where Charles is assigned to assist in teaching rhetoric and directing dance at the prestigious college of Louis le Grand.

Charles quickly embraces his new life and responsibilities. But on his first day, the school's star dancer disappears from rehearsal, and the next day another student is run down in the street. When the dancer's body is found under the worst possible circumstances, Charles is determined to find the killer in spite of being ordered to leave the investigation. **TP \$30.95**

D E Rogers

Crossing Color Lines

CROSSING COLOR LINES Is your America separate, but not equal? Segregation of races can have a powerful impact that defeats the will to fight if you're on the wrong side. But what if YOU had a chance to choose your race? Would you stay in your own skin, or choose the race with the best benefits? In Crossing Color Lines, Chase Cain chooses which side to live on. After seeing the brutal hanging of his father as a child and having features and skin light enough to 'pass', Chase Cain decides to create his own fate: Leading the life of a white man. With just a small 'white lie', Chase gambles with his family, friends and love, while claiming wealth, fame and fortune. Not understanding the game or knowing the players, his choice becomes a living hell and his world begins to crumble. But, just as he attempts to rebuild his life, enemies from his past resurface to remind him that certain lines should never be crossed! **TP \$28.95**

Karen Rose

Silent Scream

A masterful suspense novel from Karen Rose, in which arson leads to murder and blackmail.

Four college kids set fire to a supposedly empty condominium block. But when they see the young girl at an upper-floor window desperately banging on the glass, clawing to get out, they realise their mistake. Although they don't all agree, the group leave the girl to her certain death, little realising that someone is there, watching their every move. Someone who has a nasty habit of blackmail and sees an opportunity for profit which is far greater than any they have ever had before. For local fire fighter David Hunter, getting the blaze under control is hard enough, but when he finds the girl's body he realises that this arson attack has become a murder case and the homicide cops are immediately called in. Now, as David works with the cops, it's a race to find the arsonists, and the blackmailer, before events escalate out of all control. **PB \$19.99**

Greg Rucka

The Last Run (Queen & Country)

The game of espionage catches up to everyone in the end. Now, in Greg Rucka's sensational new Queen & Country thriller, the world's most lethal woman embarks on one final and all-too-likely fatal mission.

For nearly a decade Tara Chace has been Britain's top covert agent. But Chace is past her expiration date. Her body hurts. Her nerves are scrambled. She's ready for a desk job, the quiet role of mentor to a new generation of special operations officers. But before her replacement can be chosen, there's one last job for Queen and country . . . and it may be the last thing she does. Ever.

The assignment begins with an enigmatic message from Iran—a message made all the more perplexing not just by its cryptic code but by its apparent dispatcher. But what if the long-dormant cipher is a trap meant to entice Iran's enemies into the open? There's only one way to find out—and only one agent who can do it: Tara Chace.

Soon Chace is on the ground in Tehran leading an extraction team toward a high-profile defector. But obtaining him is one thing, getting him out of the country will be another. For with the likelihood of a double cross at every turn, Chace knows that chaos can erupt in a heartbeat. And when it does, it's far worse than even she expects.

Now, if she's to have a future, Chace must survive any way she can. And that means one thing hasn't changed: Tara Chace is never the hunted. She's always the hunter. **HC \$52.95**

Sheldon Russell

The Insane Train (Hook Runyon 02)

A follow-up to Yard Dog finds railroad detective Hook Runyon guarding a train that is scheduled to transport the survivors of a devastating 1940s asylum fire to a new destination, a job for which he recruits a motley team of World War II veterans and tackles unexpected challenges. **HC \$52.95**

Marcus Sakey

No Turning Back

Alex is failing as a father.

Ian keeps dangerous secrets.

Jenn wants adventure.

Mitch wants Jenn.

Four friends just scraping by, finding comfort in each other and the hope that things will get better. But as their twenties fade in the rear-view mirror, none of them are turning out to be who – or where – they hoped.

At a time when CEOs steal millions while their employees watch savings dwindle, these four are tired of the honest approach. They're going to stop waiting and start taking.

They have a failsafe, victimless plan that will change their lives for ever.

What could possibly go wrong... **BPB \$24.95**

Fay Sampson

Those in Peril (Suzie Fewings Genealogical Mystery)

A Suzie Fewings genealogical mystery - Nick Fewings, the husband of keen family history researcher Suzie, inherits a portrait of his great-grandfather, a famous lifeboatman in St Furseys. Nick and Suzie are keen to find out more, so they decide to take their two teenage children, Tom and Millie, on holiday there. The family stay with Nick's brother Leon and his daughter Anna, and the teen girls' imaginations are soon fired by tales of smugglers on the coast. They are delighted when Nick discovers that his ancestors once owned the Noah's Ark Inn, an old smuggling haunt, but when he and the girls visit they are chased off by its seemingly unbalanced owner. Then one afternoon the girls go missing. Tom thinks they've gone to search for smugglers, but the others aren't so sure. Could the girls have returned to the inn and run into trouble? Or does an offshore archaeological-survey vessel hold the answers? Either way, night is falling and the clock is ticking . . . **HC \$56.95**

Maggie Sefton

Double Knit Murders (Knitting Mysteries)

In *Knit One, Kill Two*, Kelly Flynn returns to Colorado for her aunt's funeral only to suspect that the woman's death was not an accident. With the help of the knitting regulars at House of Lambspun, Kelly's about to get a few lessons in creating a sumptuously colored scarf-and in luring a killer out of hiding. In *Needled to Death*, Kelly visits her friend Vickie's alpaca farm, and finds her splayed out on her original hand-woven rug, blood seeping into the design. Kelly can't resist investigating-even if it means taking a break from the sweater she's been knitting in the round. **TP \$30.95**

Daniel Serrano

Boogiedown

When a rap impresario is murdered on the eve of a corporate merger, NYPD homicide detective Cassandra Maldonado is sent to investigate. Her first suspect is Sabio Guzman, the victim's gambling-addicted lawyer. Sabio is compromised up to his eyeballs--he knows everybody and worse, he's in on all of their secrets. It isn't long before gangsters from Wall Street to the Bronx are trying to shut him down before he flips. But something about him makes Cassandra believe he's innocent. But Cassandra isn't sure if the lawyer can be trusted. **PB \$19.95**

J B Stanley

Black Beans & Vice (Supper Club Mysteries 06)

The Flab Five's creative new strategy to slim down? Hypnotherapy! And James has new motivation for laying off the Krispy Kremes: his adorable son Eliot and a re-kindled romance with his ex-wife. But someone doesn't approve, as evidenced by the gruesome "messages" threatening the happy family. On top of this, two sudden deaths have occurred: a councilman and a young animal rights advocate. With guiltless grasshopper parfait to sustain them, the Flab Five team up to solve another delectable, food-filled mystery. **TP \$30.95**

Richard Stevenson

Bangkok Free Fall

Bangkok expatriate Gary Griswold, a millionaire American of Albany old money, goes missing and his ex-wife wants to know what's happened to him... and his 38 million dollars. It seems religious dilettante Griswold and his money have disappeared deep into Thailand, where corruption has its own etiquette. Soon, Albany's only gay private detective, Don Strachey, hired to fly to Thailand to locate Griswold, is out of his element, and his lover Timmy is way out of his comfort zone, as they comb the Land of Crooked Smiles for a man with a foolhardy plan to buy 38 million dollars worth of good karma.

In vivid, witty and fast-paced prose, Stevenson's characters expose a queer side of Bangkok alive with bathhouses, katoeys, muscle-boy gunsels and a mysterious Thai man named Mango. **BPB \$22.99**

Mark T Sullivan

Triple Cross

The Jefferson Club is a remote, private resort for the super-rich – the buildings, the amenities, and the security are state of the art and beyond compare. Many of the world's wealthiest people – business leaders, entrepreneurs, politicians, celebrities – gather for the most exclusive New Year's Eve party in the world. As expensive champagne flows and multibillion dollar deals are arranged, the unimaginable happens – a highly trained, heavily armed paramilitary force calling itself the Third Position Army breaches the world's best security system and takes everybody hostage.

"Mickey" Hennessey, former U.S. Special Agent, is the head of security for the Jefferson Club. A divorced father of three teenagers, he's spending the holiday with his kids. When the club is attacked, his entire team is wiped out and only he makes it out of the club alive. Now he's outside while his kids are trapped inside, hostages of the Third Position Army who are putting seven of the ten richest men on "trial" for their crimes against humanity, live on the internet for the world to see. While a top FBI rescue team works feverishly to rescue all the hostages, Hennessey is determined to do all he can, to overcome every obstacle, to ensure his children's safety – or die trying. **PB \$21.95**

Marcia Talley

All Things Undying (Hannah Ives)

Hannah is stunned when a stranger stops her on the street to deliver a message from her long-dead mother. Susan Parker, Hannah learns, is a popular television medium whose accurate predictions leave fans and critics alike puzzled and intrigued. In spite of her scepticism, Hannah schedules a private reading. But on the morning they are to meet, Susan is struck by a hit-and-run driver. An accident? Hannah doesn't think so – especially when she discovers that more than one person had good reason to want Susan dead . . . **HC \$58.95**

William G Tapply

Outwitting Trolls (Brady Coyne)

Brady Coyne is a Boston attorney who focuses on a few private clients and the legal drudgery of their everyday life, which leads to a generally unexciting life. Brady, however, gets a call from an old friend and former neighbor—a man from his past as a happily married man. When Brady was married and living in suburbia, Ken Nichols was his happily married neighbor. Both marriages fell apart years ago and Brady moved to Boston while Ken Nichols moved to Baltimore. Now a decade later and in Boston for a conference, Ken contacts Brady for a get-together and a drink. It's an uneventful evening but the next day Brady gets a call from Nichols' ex-wife. She's standing in her ex's hotel room, Nichols is lying dead on the floor of his room and she needs Brady's help.

But this savage murder is only the first and Brady is soon trying to find the connection between these long ago friends and the savage murders dogging their family. **HC \$51.95**

Andrew Taylor

The Anatomy of Ghosts

1786, Jerusalem College Cambridge.

The ghost of Sylvia Whichcote is rumoured to be haunting Jerusalem since disturbed fellow-commoner, Frank Oldershaw, claims to have seen the dead woman prowling the grounds.

Desperate to salvage her son's reputation, Lady Anne Oldershaw employs John Holdsworth, author of *The Anatomy of Ghosts* – a stinging account of why ghosts are mere delusion – to investigate. But his arrival in Cambridge disrupts an uneasy status quo as he glimpses a world of privilege and abuse, where the sinister Holy Ghost Club governs life at Jerusalem more effectively than the Master, Dr Carbury, ever could.

And when Holdsworth finds himself haunted – not only by the ghost of his dead wife, Maria, but also Elinor, the very-much-alive Master's wife – his fate is sealed. He must find Sylvia's murderer or the hauntings will continue. And not one of them will leave the claustrophobic confines of Jerusalem unchanged. **TP \$32.95**

Carlene Thompson

Nowhere to Hide

Returning to Aurora Falls to help her family, journalist Marissa Gray is plunged into a terrifying nightmare--linked to her best friend's murder years earlier--when an attempt is made on her life and other strange events start happening, forcing her to unearth the secrets of this close-knit town that someone wants buried forever. **PB \$19.95**

Charles Todd

Duty to the Dead

Dedicated to helping the many wounded during the Great War, Bess Crawford receives a desperate request from a dying lieutenant while serving as a nurse aboard a hospital ship. "Tell my brother Jonathan that I lied," the young man says. "I did it for Mother's sake. But it has to be set right."

Back home in England, Bess receives an unexpected response from the dead soldier's family, for neither Jonathan Graham, his mother, nor his younger brother admit to understanding what the message means.

But the Grahams are harboring a grim secret, and Bess must, somehow, get to the bottom of it. It is her sacred duty to the dead, no matter how painful, or dangerous, that obligation might be. **TP \$27.99**

An Impartial Witness

Serving in the trenches of France during the First World War, battlefield nurse Bess Crawford is sent back to England in the early summer of 1917 with a convoy of severely burned men. One of her patients, a young pilot, has clung to a photograph of his wife ever since his plane went down, and Bess sees the photo every time she tends to him. After the patients are transferred to a clinic in Hampshire, Bess is given 48 hours of leave and plans to return to her flat in London to catch up on some much-needed sleep. But at the railway station there, in a mob of troops leaving for the front, Bess catches a glimpse of a familiar face--that of the same pilot's wife. She is bidding a very emotional farewell to a soldier.

Back in France days later, Bess picks up an old newspaper with a line drawing of the woman's face on the front page, and a plea from Scotland Yard asking if anyone has seen her. The woman had been murdered the very day Bess saw her at the terminal. Bess asks for leave to go to Scotland Yard to report what she knows. And thus she embarks on the search for a devious and very dangerous killer--a search that will put her own life in jeopardy.

TP \$29.99

Peter Tremayne

The Dove of Death (Mysteries of Ancient Ireland)

In A.D. 670, an Irish merchant ship is attacked by a pirate vessel off the southern coast of the Breton peninsula. Merchad, the ship's captain, and Bressal, a prince from the Irish kingdom of Muman, are killed in cold blood after they have surrendered. Among the other passengers who manage to escape the slaughter are Fidelma of Cashel and her faithful companion, Brother Eadulf.

Once safely ashore, Fidelma--sister to the King of Muman and an advocate of the Brehon law courts--is determined to bring the killers to justice, not only because her training demands it but also because one of the victims was her cousin. The only clue to the killer's identity is the symbol of the dove on the attacking ship's sails, a clue that leads her on a dangerous quest to confront the man known as The Dove of Death. **HC \$52.95**

Andrew Vachss

The Weight

Andrew Vachss returns with a mesmerizing novel about a hard-core thief who's about to embark on a job that will alter his life forever.

Sugar is that rarest of commodities: an old-school professional thief, as tough and loyal as a pit bull, packing 255 pounds of muscle. When he's picked out of a photo array in a vicious rape case, the cops find his apartment empty. A stakeout catches Sugar when he returns . . . carrying a loaded pistol. The sex-crime cops get nothing from their interrogation, but a streetwise detective figures out why Sugar offers no alibi: at the time of the rape, a holiday-weekend break-in job was being pulled at a jewelry store. The DA offers Sugar two options: give up his partners in the jewelry heist and walk, or plead to the rape he didn't commit--and he'll toss in the gun charge. For Sugar, that's not two options; he takes the weight.

When Sugar finishes his time, his money is waiting for him, held by Solly, the mastermind behind the jewelry heist. But Solly tells Sugar that one of the heist crew was actually sent by another planner--and that planner has just died. In Sugar's world, all loose threads must be cut. He suspects that there's more to this job than what Solly is telling him. But nothing he suspects or imagines can prepare him for what he finds . . . **HC \$52.95**

Elaine Viets

An Uplifting Murder (Josie Marcus, Mystery Shopper 06)

On Josie's latest assignment, her former teacher--now working in a lingerie shop--is in need of some serious support when a customer is found murdered. Unfortunately, the teacher's alibi is flimsier than the camisoles she sells, so Josie will need to bust out her sleuthing skills to expose the real killer... **PB \$19.95**

Joseph Wambaugh

Hollywood Hills

The legendary Hollywood Hills are home to wealth, fame, and power--passing through the neighborhood, it's hard not to get a little greedy.

LAPD veteran "Hollywood Nate" Weiss could take or leave the opulence, but he wouldn't say no to onscreen fame. He may get his shot when he catches the appreciative eye of B-list director Rudy Ressler, and his troublemaking fiancée, Leona Brueger, the older-but-still-foxy widow of a processed-meat tycoon. Nate tries to elude her crafty seductions, but consents to keep an eye on their estate in the Hollywood Hills while they're away.

Also minding the mansion is Raleigh Dibble, a hapless ex-con trying to put the past behind him. Raleigh is all too happy to be set up for the job--as butler-cum-watchdog--by Nigel Wickland, Leona's impeccably dressed art dealer. What Raleigh doesn't realize is that under the natty clothes and posh accent, Nigel has a nefarious plan: two paintings hanging on the mansion's walls will guarantee them more money than they've ever seen.

Everyone's dreams are just within reach--the only problem is, this is Hollywood. A circle of teenage burglars that the media has dubbed The Bling Ring has taken to pillaging the homes of Hollywood celebutants like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan, and when a pair of drug-addled young copycats stumbles upon Nigel's heist, that's just the beginning of the disaster to come. Soon Hollywood Nate, surfer cops Flotsam and Jetsam, and the rest of the team at Hollywood Station have a deadly situation on their hands.

Hollywood Hills is a raucous and dangerous roller coaster ride that showcases Joseph Wambaugh in vintage form. **HC \$54.95**

Livia J Washburn

Huckleberry Finished (Delilah Dickinson Literary Tour Mystery 02)

When one of her passengers on a steamboat trip down the Mississippi is found dead, Delilah Dickinson, the owner of a literary travel agency, must get to the bottom of the mystery with the help of a handsome actor playing the role of Mark Twain in a one-man show aboard the riverboat.

PB \$17.95

Lis Wiehl with April Henry

Face of Betrayal

While home on Christmas break, a seventeen-year-old Senate page takes her dog out for a walk and never returns.

Reporter Cassidy Shaw is the first to break the story. The resulting media firestorm quickly ensnares Federal Prosecutor Allison Pierce and FBI Special Agent Nicole Hedges. These three unique women, life-long friends, call themselves The Triple Threat—a nickname derived from both their favorite dessert and their uncanny ability to crack cases using their three positions of power.

At first, the authorities think Katie might have been kidnapped or run away, but those theories shatter when Nicole uncovers Katie's blog. Posts reveal a girl troubled by a mysterious relationship with an older man . . . possibly a U.S. Senator.

There are many faces of betrayal, but they must find one face in a crowd of growing suspects before they become the next victims. **PB \$19.95**

Laura Wilson

A Capital Crime TP \$32.95

Stuart Woods

Palindrome

Palindrome

When both your past and future spell fear.

Award-winning author Stuart Woods has crafted a masterful novel no reader will soon forget. For years, Liz Barwick has been battered by her brutal husband, a famous pro football player. This time it takes an emergency room to keep her from death. Now the beautiful and talented photographer retreats to an island paradise off Georgia's coast to find solitude—and herself.

As she becomes increasingly involved with the strange and handsome twin scions of the powerful Drummond family, she feels her traumatic memories begin to fade. But when a killer launches a series of gruesome murders, Liz discovers that there is no place to hide—not even in her lover's arms. **APB \$19.99**

Other Books

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

The Big Book of Top Gear 2011 (Top Gear)

There'll be something to satisfy every Top Gear fan in The Big Book of Top Gear 2011, which will be overflowing with comedy gags, geeky car facts, photographs of the slickest, fastest cars on the planet (and a few old bangers), plus plenty of Clarkson, Hammond and May trivia.

As always, The Stig will be creating high-powered havoc throughout its pages, while the boys will be summing up the best and worst of the last year's motors. And just to make sure it doesn't get too serious, there'll be plenty of jokes at their expense, primarily focussed on Hammond's hair, May's newfound obsession with small toys, and Clarkson's obsession with his own voice.

The fastest, silliest, fuel-injected annual in town strikes again - a must-have for every Top Gear fan for Christmas 2010! **HC \$35**

Where's Stig? The World Tour (Top Gear)

Every now and then, Top Gear's tame racing driver needs a change of scene, and after a power-lap-packed year that's seen our fearless man in white elevated to bone fide celebrity status, Stig's decided he needs to escape the flashing bulbs of the paparazzi and do something for himself. It's time to hit the tarmac with an Esperanto language CD and a pet passport for Where's Stig? The World Tour.

Stig's journey will span the continents, from the snow-capped mountains of the north, to the tropical jungles of the equator and dusty deserts of the south, and we'll be watching him every step of the way. Stig will be hidden within every brilliantly drawn scene, along with Clarkson, Hammond and Captain Slow, and there'll be plenty of other Top Gear gags to keep readers going back for more.

Where's Stig? took readers by storm last year, and Where's Stig? The World Tour will have Top Gear fans revving their super-charged engines to come along with him on the ride of a lifetime. **HC \$19.95**

Astronomy 2011 Australia

TP \$25

Book of Senior Jokes

Ageing is one of those unavoidable facts of life, and what more can you do about it than laugh (admittedly, slightly defensively)? Just why fading physical and mental faculties should be so funny is something of a mystery, but they are and with "The Book of Senior Jokes" you can laugh off your forgetfulness, fading physique and new penchant for the afternoon nap. This book - and do, please, try to remember to pay for it - is a collection of the very best 'senior' jokes, putting them down between hard covers where even you can't forget them. "The Book of Senior Jokes" is the perfect present for anyone feeling their age, no matter how old they may be, that will help them celebrate all that is positive - and positively hilarious - about growing older. **HC \$24.95**

The Bounty Mutiny

The names William Bligh, Fletcher Christian, and the Bounty have excited the popular imagination for more than two hundred years. The story of this famous mutiny has many beginnings and many endings but they all intersect on an April morning in 1789 near the island known today as Tonga. That morning, William Bligh and eighteen surly seamen were expelled from the Bounty and began what would be the greatest open-boat voyage in history, sailing some 4,000 miles to safety in Timor. The mutineers led by Fletcher Christian sailed off into a mystery that has never been entirely resolved.

While the full story of what drove the men to revolt or what really transpired during the struggle may never be known, Penguin Classics has brought together—for the first time in one volume—all the relevant texts and documents related to a drama that has fascinated generations. Here is the full text of Bligh's Narrative of the Mutiny, the minutes of the court proceedings gathered by Edward Christian in an effort to clear his brother's name, and the highly polemic correspondence between Bligh and Christian—all amplified by Robert Madison's illuminating Introduction and rich selection of subsequent Bounty narratives. **BPB \$17.95**

Classic Haiku

Poetry aficionados will appreciate this beautifully designed and illustrated collection of 200 haiku by the four most celebrated Japanese poets of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries: Basho, Buson, Issa, and Shiki, who modernized the form and coined the very term haiku. Enhancing their work are four seasonally-themed groups of verse, many written by Basho's students and associates.

The translation is thoroughly readable and contemporary, and the images evocative. An enlightening introduction offers biographical information on the featured poets, background on the nature of haiku and its development within the Japanese poetic tradition, and a short account of the Buddhist practice to which most of the writers were connected. **HC \$26.95**

Healing Spirit of Haiku

For David H. Rosen and Joel Weishaus, haiku represents a healing union of intuition and sensation, past and present, self and other, ordinary and extraordinary, and current and ancient memories. In this simple, compelling book, the authors, who have lived and traveled extensively in Japan, offer 172 haikus that resonate with Zen Buddhist, Shinto, and Taoist insights. Underscoring the philosophy "moments, moments, that is life," the book takes readers beyond the ego into a healing realm of simple, archetypal words. This book is a haibun of psyche, an exchange of poetry and prose between two old friends who set out to accomplish a soulful journey together. **TP \$30.95**

I Never Knew There was a Word For It

From 'shotclog', a Yorkshire term for a companion only tolerated because he is paying for the drinks, to Albanian having 29 words to describe different kinds of eyebrows, the languages of the world are full of amazing, amusing and illuminating words and expressions that will improve absolutely everybody's quality of life. All they need is this book!

This bumper volume gathers all three of Adam Jacot de Boinod's acclaimed books about language - The Wonder of Whiffling, The Meaning of Tingo and Toujours Tingo (their fans include everyone from Stephen Fry to Michael Palin) - into one highly entertaining, keenly priced compendium. As Mariella Frostup said 'You'll never be lost for words again!' **BPB \$29.95**

The Lego Book

Discover more about the LEGO universe and their cult mini-figures with this unique slipcased set.

Explore and celebrate the fascinating story of LEGO and its much-loved toys and games and find out all about their cult mini-figures with this fantastic slipcase containing two extraordinary books.

From manufacturing wooden toys to blockbuster video games, go behind the scenes and discover fascinating facts and trivia about LEGO, one of the nation's best-loved companies. A fascinating timeline highlights key moments in LEGO history and special features spotlight groundbreaking achievements.

Plus, celebrate each of LEGO's mini-figures with Standing Small, a unique look at these cult LEGO pieces. A treasure trove for LEGO fans of all ages. **HC \$60**

Malcolm Fraser

Malcolm Fraser is one of the most interesting and possibly most misunderstood of Australia's Prime Ministers. In this part memoir and part authorised biography, Fraser at the age of 79 years talks about his time in public life. From the Vietnam War to the Dismissal and his years as Prime Minister, through to his concern in recent times for breaches in the Rule of Law and harsh treatment of refugees, Fraser emerges as an enduring liberal, constantly reinterpreting core values to meet the needs of changing times.

Written in collaboration with journalist Margaret Simons, Malcolm Fraser's political memoirs trace the story of a shy boy who was raised to be seen and not heard, yet grew to become one of the most persistent, insistent and controversial political voices of our times.

The book offers insight into Malcolm Fraser's substantial achievements. He was the first Australian politician to describe Australia's future as multicultural, and his federal government was the first to pass Aboriginal Land Rights and Freedom of Information legislation, also establishing the Human Rights Commission.

After his parliamentary career, Fraser continued to be an important player in public life, playing a key role in persuading the USA Congress to impose sanctions on South Africa as part of the battle against apartheid. He was also the founding chair of CARE Australia, one of our largest aid agencies. **TP \$44.99**

MasterChef Australia Volume 2: The Cookbook

MasterChef Series 2 became compulsory viewing for Australian households, with over 4 million people tuning for the final episode. Over the course of fourteen weeks, we watched the contestants cook their way through signature dishes, pressure tests, mystery boxes and invention tests. Now here's your chance to cook and taste the dishes that enticed, thrilled or just plain baffled you with their brilliance. **TP \$39.99**

Parlour Games for Modern Families

Parlour Games for Modern Families sets out to revive the tradition of indoor family games. Its authors want you to push aside the consoles, turn off the telly, and bring some mental stimulation, silliness and laughter, joy and connection back into your living room.

This book is bursting with games of logic and memory, word play, card games, role play, and rough and tumble. Not a single game requires equipment that you won't find in your average home: a pack of cards, a dictionary, an hour glass, dice, paper and pen. You can play to your heart's content without wasting a single natural resource - except perhaps the delicious cheese straws, recipe found herein.

Games are organised thematically and are cross-referenced for age-appropriateness. All are set out with clear rules and instructions. There are games that will challenge and stimulate you and games that will have you in fits; games that can last all night and games to fill that empty half-hour before tea; games for adults and older children and games for your four-year-old's birthday party.

With Parlour Games for Modern Families, a book for fun-lovers 4 -104, the authors want to wind back the clock. They want to remind you of games you'd forgotten and then a whole lot more. Remember: there is always time enough for playing. So gather the family together; ask over some friends.

Warm the milk for hot cocoa. Play Squeak Piggy Squeak and watch the good feeling spread; see it grow exponentially. Whether you dip into it as the urge takes you, or read it from cover to cover, a very good time is guaranteed. **TP \$35**

Pears Cyclopaedia 2010 - 2011

Continuing to inform and intrigue generations of readers with its unique mix of solid facts and fascinating gems, Pears' Cyclopaedia offers clear and concise information on such wide-ranging subjects as global economics, Norse mythology and modern cinema. Plus, some surprising and curious details about, among others, brittle stars, cloud computing and ziggurats.

Updated regularly by a panel of 30 experts, this handy edition includes new and revised sections on Art and Architecture, the World of Wine and Britain Today, as well as covering Oscars, Afghanistan and the first year of Barack Obama - making Pears' Cyclopaedia the only reference book you'll ever need.

Plus all the traditional favourites: famous people, medical matters, world gazetteer, the world of science, sporting almanac, tax advice and general information. **HC \$39.95**

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Rough Guide to the Future

Find the future now with 50 predictions in *The Rough Guide to the Future*.

Wondering what's really in store for the human race? Nanotechnology and gene enhancements, solar power and carbon capture? Or oil shocks, water wars, food shortages, and mass extinction?

The Rough Guide to the Future cuts a clear path through the jungle of scientific research and political debate, steering you around the prophets of doom and the utopian visionaries, to take you on a tour of the likeliest possibilities for the rest of this century – and beyond. It covers 50 predictions from the world's leading futurologists and chronicles predictions from the past along with visions of the future.

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You'll find out where we go from here with *The Rough Guide to the Future*. **PB \$29.95**

Swainston Fishes of Australia

Roger Swainston's breathtaking artwork provides a fascinating overview of the extraordinary diversity of Australia's marine and freshwater fishes.

Here, more than 1500 remarkable illustrations portray every family of fishes ever recorded from Australian waters. The names of all known species are listed alongside detailed information on the taxonomy and biology of each family. **HC \$125**

Zoe Archer

Rebel (Blades of the Rose 03)

Set against the backdrop of the Canadian frontier in 1875, this gripping romantic adventure follows Nathan Lesperance, the first Native attorney in Vancouver, as he teams up with world-class frontierswoman Astrid Bramfield, who helps him unleash his true abilities in the harsh terrain.

PB \$17.95

Alex Archer

Phantom Prospect (Rogue Angel 27)

When divers--while searching for Fantome, a legendary warship that is rumored to contain an extraordinary treasure--encounter a megalodon, a thought-to-be-extinct shark, archaeologist Annja Creed braves the deep, cold waters of the Atlantic to find the truth. **PB \$17.95**

Michael Asher

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THE BRILLIANT NEW SAS THRILLER IN THE BESTSELLING SECOND WORLD WAR SERIES,

DEATH OR GLORY

EGYPT, OCTOBER 1942:

The battle for North Africa rages along the coast . . . Punching their way deep behind enemy lines, the newly formed SAS carries out daring raids against the Germans.

Lieutenant Tom Caine leads a squad of SAS men on a desperate mission into hostile territory. His brief – to sabotage a terrible weapon being secretly developed by the Nazis in the desolate Libyan hills . . . If he fails the Axis forces will be unstoppable.

Caine faces the full-force of the German military might, but what he doesn't know is that there is a traitor amongst his own men. Ultimately, his fate will rest in the hands of one woman, Special Ops agent Betty Nolan.

Only one thing is for certain in this war – who dares wins . . . **BPB \$24.95**

Josh Barnes & Katy Holder

Real Men Do It Outdoors

In *The Blokes' BBQ Cookbook*, you learnt how Real Men Do It Outdoors in Australia. Now you can discover how Real Men Do It Outdoors ... Around The World. Filled with adventure, humour and regionally themed BBQ recipes to impress your mates, it'll and take you on a journey to some of the most flavoursome countries in the world.

In *Real Men Do It Outdoors ... around the world* you'll find Texas beef brisket, slow roasting by US Pit Masters, Patagonian lamb, Argentinean parrillas, Japanese sake clams, Middle Eastern kofta and tabouli, Brazilian churrasco and Italian wood fire pizzas.

But because barbecues aren't just about great tasting food, you'll discover:

- * 'Must visit' guides to the world's best barbecue locations
- * A volcano-inspired fire lighting technique
- * Best beers for international barbecues, and
- * Amsterdam's guide to smoking.

Real Men Do It Outdoors ... Around The World equips you with all the essentials to host internationally themed barbecues without leaving your own backyard. Get fired-up, a world of barbecuing awaits you! **PB \$32.95**

Sam Barone

Quest For Honour

At the dawn of history, an epic war is about to begin in the deadly quest for honour.

The city of Sumer, ruled by a brutal murderer and his vicious, power hungry sister, is poised to give birth to the mightiest empire in history. No one stands a chance as it brings a bloody war to all those who stand in its way, determined to crush and enslave those on its borders.

The little city state of Akkad must prepare its fledgling nation to fight for its very survival. Akkad's warriors are a loyal and courageous brotherhood, but this is not a battle of villages or of roving warrior bands; it is a battle for Empire and a fight to the death... **BPB \$24.95**

Richie Benaud Australian Author

Over But Not Out

The story of a lifetime at the very centre of international cricket, from the most respected TV commentator in the game.

Few people understand cricket as well as Richie Benaud. A high-class attacking batsman and a masterful leg-break bowler, he captained Australia in 28 of the 63 Tests in which he played. After retiring as a player in 1964, Richie quickly became a successful TV commentator. No one else has found such favour with the vast numbers of cricket lovers in both Britain and Australia. In *Over But Not Out*, Richie revisits his rich career and reveals his thoughts on some of the most controversial issues in the game. Looking back on England's victories in the 2005 and 2009 Ashes series, Richie debates the future of Test cricket and, conversely, the recent growth in Twenty20 cricket, the effect it has had on technique, and the rise of India as a major power in world cricket. Richie has known every major figure in cricket for fifty years, as colleague and friend or both, and in *Over But Not Out*, Richie turns his attention to the role of coaches such as John Buchanan, Duncan Fletcher and Peter Moores, and players such as Shane Warne, Andrew Flintoff and Kevin Pietersen. With the expansion of the IPL, increasingly overloaded schedules and referral systems becoming more commonplace, *Over But Not Out* is the must-read cricket book of 2010. **TP \$35**

William Peter Blatty

Crazy

New York, 1941: Joey El Bueno is just a smart-aleck kid, confounding the nuns and bullies at St. Stephen's school on East 28th Street when he first meets Jane Bent, a freckle-faced girl with red pigtails and yellow smiley-face barrettes who seems to know him better than he knows himself. A magical afternoon at the movies, watching Cary Grant in *Gunga Din*, is the beginning of a puzzling friendship that soon leaves Joey baffled and bewildered.

Jane is like nobody he has ever met. She comes and goes at will, nobody else seems to have heard of her, and is it true that she once levitated six feet off the ground at the refreshment counter of the old Superior movie house on Third Avenue? Joey, an avid reader of pulp magazines and comic books, is no stranger to amazing stories, but Jane is a bewitching enigma that keeps him guessing for the rest of his life—until, finally, it all makes sense.

Rich with the warmth of a bygone era, *Crazy* captures both the giddy craziness of youth—and the sublime possibilities of existence. **HC \$36.99**

Mark Blaxill & Dan Olmsted

Age of Autism: Mercury, Medicine and a Manmade Epidemic

The debate on autism is approaching fever pitch. From 'refrigerator parents' to vaccines, the cause of what has been dubbed 'the autism epidemic' have been hotly contested. **TP \$35**

Ernest Brough

Dangerous Days: A Digger's Great Escape

'We made our break on the night of April 8, 1944. A few weeks before there had been a mass escape of POWs and the countryside was crawling with Germans. But we didn't know anything about it, which was just as well ...'

After joining up alongside his mates from country Victoria, at 22 Ern Brough fought and was wounded at Tobruk and at El Alamein in World War II. But neither he nor his humanity died. One morning during the brutal Allied offensive against Rommel in October 1942, he piggybacked a badly wounded enemy soldier back to German lines under heavy fire. Three hours later, the tanks came and Brough was taken prisoner.

On Good Friday, 1944, Brough and two others escaped from an Austrian POW camp and embarked on a desperate flight through Slovenia and Croatia to Bosnia. Travelling by night, using only the moon, a stolen map and a handmade compass to guide themselves, they swam icy rivers, traversed snowy mountain passes, hid in ditches and were nearly caught countless times, escaping once by pretending to be Germans.

This is the story of that incredible journey, the exploits that earned Brough the Military Medal, and the actions at home that have since made him a local hero. **BPB \$24.99**

Deborah Cadbury

Chocolate Wars

In CHOCOLATE WARS bestselling historian and award-winning documentary maker Deborah Cadbury takes a journey into her own family history to uncover the rivalries that have driven 250 years of chocolate empire-building.

Beginning with an account of John Cadbury, who founded the first Cadbury's coffee and chocolate shop in Birmingham in 1824, CHOCOLATE WARS goes on to chart the astonishing transformation of the company's fortunes under his grandson George. But while the Cadbury dynasty is the fulcrum of the narrative, this is also the story of their Quaker rivals, the Frys and Rowntrees, and their European competitors, the Nestles, Suchards and Lindts. These rivalries drove the formation of the huge chocolate conglomerates that still straddle the corporate world today, and have first call on our collective sweet tooth.

This is narrative history at its most absorbing, peopled by wonderfully colourful characters - the true story of the chocolate pioneers, the visions and ideals that inspired them and the mouth-watering concoctions they created. **TP \$35**

Jon Casimir

The Gruen Transfer

Did you know that Pizza Hut once spent millions of dollars trying to burn its logo onto the face of the moon? That the diamond engagement ring was a marketing gimmick invented by De Beers? That popes did celebrity endorsements?

Advertising is everywhere.

It surrounds and submerges us. Industry rule of thumb says we are exposed to 3000 commercial messages a day.

THE GRUEN TRANSFER lifts the lid on the persuasion business, examining how advertising works and how it works on us. Fuelled by brilliant minds, cutting edge science, technological weaponry and a budget of \$500 billion a year, advertising seeks to influence our purchases.

Which leads to the question: when we reach for the detergent in the supermarket aisle, can we really be sure our thoughts are our own? **TP \$39.99**

Jennifer Coopersmith

Energy, the Subtle Concept: The Discovery of Feynman's Blocks from Leibniz to Einstein

Energy is at the heart of physics (and of huge importance to society) and yet no book exists specifically to explain it, and in simple terms. In tracking the history of energy, this book is filled with the thrill of the chase, the mystery of smoke and mirrors, and presents a fascinating human-interest story. Moreover, following the history provides a crucial aid to understanding: this book explains the intellectual revolutions required to comprehend energy, revolutions as profound as those stemming from Relativity and Quantum Theory. Texts by Descartes, Leibniz, Bernoulli, d'Alembert, Lagrange, Hamilton, Boltzmann, Clausius, Carnot and others are made accessible, and the engines of Watt and Joule are explained. Many fascinating questions are covered, including: - Why just kinetic and potential energies - is one more fundamental than the other? - What are heat, temperature and action? - What is the Hamiltonian? - What have engines to do with physics? - Why did the steam-engine evolve only in England? - Why $S=klogW$ works and why temperature is $1/T$. Using only a minimum of mathematics, this book explains the emergence of the modern concept of energy, in all its forms: Hamilton's mechanics and how it shaped twentieth-century physics, and the meaning of kinetic energy, potential energy, temperature, action, and entropy. It is as much an explanation of fundamental physics as a history of the fascinating discoveries that lie behind our knowledge today. **HC \$70**

Bernard Cornwell

The Fort

Summer 1779, a British force of fewer than one thousand Scottish infantry were sent to build a garrison in the State of Maine. The war of Independence was in its third year and no other British troops stood between Canada and New York.

The State of Massachusetts was determined to expel the British, but when they sent a fleet of forty vessels to 'captivate, kill and destroy' they underestimated their enemies, calm in battle and ready for victory.

Told from both sides of the battle, the main characters are all real figures from history. Based on diaries, letters and court transcripts, we meet many of the war's greatest heroes, including Paul Revere and John Moore, each of whom become famous subjects of war poetry. **TP \$32.99**

Lydia Dare*The Taming of the Wolf*

Lord Dashiell Thorpe has fought his true nature his entire life, but whenever the moonlight proves too powerful, Dashiell is unable to control the werewolf within him. It is on one such moonlit night that Dashiell accidentally bites the beautiful Scottish witch, Caitrin McLeod. Though now bound to him irrevocably, Cait decides that she wants nothing to do with him. When she flees to her native Scotland, Dashiell has no choice but to follow her and convince her that it was nothing short of destiny that has bound them together body and soul. **PB \$17.95**

Alex Dryden*Blind Spy*

Russia's intentions are aggressive. They want to control more of Europe. The Kremlin is threatening to invade Ukraine, a country vital to the West's oil and gas supplies. On the ground, in the seething pit of rumour and fear that is the city of Odessa, on the shore of the Black Sea, two top secret agents are searching for ways to prevent the horrors of invasion and war. Anna Resnikov, ex KGB, and Logan Patterson must negotiate the knife-edge of diplomacy and intimidation that pervades every corner of every street, café and back alley. They need information, the gold currency of espionage. The CIA is exerting heavy muscle and MI6 is influencing hearts and minds and both have their own agendas. Are there assassins on Anna and Logan's tail? And will they get to them before they uncover the identity of the deep, deep throat, known as the Blind Spy, who seems to have all the answers? **TP \$32.99**

Sue Ebury*Weary*

In a wartime nightmare of starvation, disease, brutality and death, Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop's courage and compassion made him an Australian legend.

During more than three years as a surgeon in the notorious work camps and vast hospital camps along the Burma-Thailand railway, he worked tirelessly to save lives and get men home to their families. He confronted his captors fearlessly; three times he was tortured and taken out to be executed, only to be reprieved at the last moment. Fellow prisoners regarded him as "a symbol of hope and a rock".

This new, illustrated biography of Weary includes more than 150 images as well as never-before-published material about his betrayal to his captors. Weary was the quintessential Australian all-rounder—brilliant student, outstanding sportsman and irrepressible larrikin who dedicated his life to caring for people. When he died in July 1993, 10 000 people stood silently to farewell the most honoured medical man in Australia. By then, this great humanitarian's influence had spread far beyond the veteran community to embrace the entire nation. **PB \$39.99**

Suzanne Enoch*Rules of Engagement (Regency Adventurer's Club 03)*

For proper young ladies, good behavior has always been the rule... Captain Bradshaw Carroway loves the seafaring life—though he'd rather be battling brigands than his current assignment of ferrying a boatload of spoiled aristocrats. One passenger, however, has caught his eye: a bewitching young minx who definitely distracts him from the rules of shipboard decorum... Some rules, of course, are meant to be broken.

Miss Zephyr Ponsley has traveled the world, but she's completely innocent in the ways of love. She's never learned to dance or flirt. But scientific observation has taught her that the laws of attraction have no rules, and that no adventure, on land or sea, is more dangerous—or delicious—than passion! **PB \$19.95**

Norma Farnes*Memories of Milligan*

Heralded as brilliant and difficult in equal measure, Spike Milligan is one of the most prolific and mould-breaking writers of the twentieth century. Fantastically funny and incredibly talented, on his death in 2002, Spike left behind him one of the most diverse legacies in British entertainment history. Creative, inspirational, and at times doggedly loyal, yet famously tempestuous and fickle, Spike was many things to many people. In *Memories of Milligan*, Norma Farnes sets out to interview those who knew him best, amassing an array of personal memories from fellow performers and comedians, long time friends and former girlfriends. Compiled of intimate stories, small exchanges and habits that go into making up a relationship, be it personal or professional, *Memories of Milligan* captures another side to the performer's well-known public persona, to build a complete picture of one of the greatest British comic writers of the century. Ranging from interviews with fellow comedian Barry Humphries, scriptwriters Galton and Simpson, director Jonathan Miller, stalwart presenters Michael Palin and Terry Wogan, to comic geniuses such as Eric Sykes and producer George Martin, this original book encapsulates a moving portrait of a man who is synonymous with a unique era in post-war entertainment. **TP \$35**

Cameron Forbes*The Korean War*

The Korean War was a 20th Century conflict that has never ended. South Korea, a powerhouse economy and dynamic democracy sits uneasily alongside North Korea, the world's most secretive, belligerent, unpredictable and repressive totalitarian state. Today, tensions simmer and occasionally flare into outright violence on a peninsula dense with arms, munitions and nuclear warheads.

Cameron Forbes, acclaimed author of *Hellfire*, tells the story of the war and Australia's involvement in it in a riveting narrative. From the letters and diaries of those diggers who fought across Korea's unforgiving hills and mountains to the grand strategies formulated in Washington, Moscow and Beijing, *The Korean War* reveals the conflict on all its levels – human, military and geopolitical. In the tradition of Les Carlyon's *Gallipoli* and *The Great War* and Paul Ham's *Vietnam*, Cameron Forbes has written a masterpiece that will serve as the definitive history of Australia and the Korean War. **HC \$49.99**

Newt Gingrich & William R Forstchen*To Try Men's Souls*

After two bestselling historical series re-envisioning the Civil War and World War II, Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen have turned their sharp eye for detail on the Revolutionary War and the birth of the United States of America. Their story follows three men with three very different roles to play in history: General George Washington, Thomas Paine, and Jonathan Van Dorn, a private in Washington's army. **TP \$22.99**

Whoopi Goldberg*Sugar Plum Ballerinas: Plum Fantastic (Sugar Plum Ballerinas)*

Alexandrea Petrakova Johnson does not want to be a beautiful ballerina, and she does not want to leave her friends in Apple Creek. Unfortunately, that doesn't stop her ballet-crazy mother from moving them to Harlem, or from enrolling Al at the Nutcracker School of Ballet. Life is hard when you're the new ballerina on the block, and it's even harder when you're chosen to be the Sugar Plum Fairy in the school recital! Not only is Al a terrible dancer, but she's also got a rotten case of stage fright! Al's ballet classmates are going to have to use all the plum power they've got to coach this scary fairy! **BPB \$9.95 HC \$29.95**

Whoopi Goldberg

Is It Just Me?: Or is it nuts out there?

In a book laced with her trademark humor, a veteran comedian and co-host of the *The View* shares stories of when she has been forced to deal with tough situations in family, marriage, friendship and business, navigating through them with healthy honesty, which she believes has all but vanished in the era of the volatile pundit. **HC \$49.95**

Greg Graffin & Steve Olson

Anarchy Evolution: Faith, Science, and Bad Religion in a World Without God

Most people know Greg Graffin as the lead singer of the punk band Bad Religion, but few know that he also received a PhD from Cornell University and teaches evolution at the University of California at Los Angeles. In *Anarchy Evolution*, Graffin argues that art and science have a deep connection. As an adolescent growing up when "drugs, sex, and trouble could be had on any given night," Graffin discovered that the study of evolution provided a framework through which he could make sense of the world.

In this provocative and personal book, he describes his own coming of age as an artist and the formation of his naturalist worldview on questions involving God, science, and human existence. While the battle between religion and science is often displayed in the starkest of terms, *Anarchy Evolution* provides fresh and nuanced insights into the long-standing debate about atheism and the human condition. It is a book for anyone who has ever wondered if God really exists. **HC \$44.95**

Simon Griffiths

Shack

In Australia shacks have become our protest against the brick veneer, the place where we unwind on holiday, the workshop that feeds our soul.

Photographer Simon Griffiths has travelled the countryside, from Jericho in Tasmania to the remote coast of Broome, to bring us images of shacks that are both familiar and exotic. We meet the shack dwellers – a mix of artists, environmentalists, fishermen, homebuilders and socialites – and experience the pleasure of inhabiting spaces that are at once monuments to self-expression and symbols of old-fashioned common sense.

Beautifully put-together, *Shack* is a book that takes us back in history, out into the remote reaches of the famous Australian landscape and inwards to connect with our common desire for retreat and renewal. **HC \$39.95**

David Hannan

New Road to Serfdom: A Letter of Warning to America

A prominent British conservative warns Americans to stop President Obama from leading their country down the path to European-style socialism.

In March 2009, British conservative Daniel Hannan became a celebrity overnight when he assailed prime minister Gordon Brown on the floor of the European Parliament. The YouTube clip went viral, leading to whirlwind appearances on FOX News and other conservative media outlets. A thoughtful and articulate spokesman for conservative ideas, Hannan is better versed in America's traditions and founding documents than many Americans are. In *The New Road to Serfdom*, Hannan argues forcefully and passionately that Americans must not allow Barack Obama to take them down the road to European Union-style social democracy. He pleads with Americans not to abandon the founding principles that have made their country a beacon of liberty for the rest of the world. **HC \$49.95**

William Hartston

Improve Your Chess

Learn the moves, rules and top strategies which will take you from chess beginner to master.

Improve Your Chess will help you to improve your technique and master your game. This lively new edition is written by William Hartston, an experienced chess player and daily columnist for the Independent. It is structured in 75 easy-to-follow lessons, clearly demarcated by level, so that you are challenged throughout. You will get to grips with complex strategy and the meta-principles which rule the relationship between pieces and their co-operation throughout play. All new concepts are demonstrated by illustrated worked examples, and you will get a chance to see these principles borne out in grandmaster play. **PB \$22.99**

Win at Chess

The ultimate beginner's guide to learning the basic rules, moves and tactics to win at chess. Whether you are a complete beginner or seeking to improve your present level of play this book will deepen your understanding of chess and enhance your enjoyment

Win at Chess is the ultimate beginner's guide to this complex tactical game. You will quickly get to grips with the pieces, basic moves and elementary tactics - to help you develop your strategy and win. You will build your skill and learn how to exploit your opponent's strengths and weaknesses to ultimately force checkmate. The book is packed with new interactive features which include tips and commentaries on historic games and exercises for the reader. **PB \$22.99**

Max Hastings

Bomber Command

Bomber Command's offensive against the cities of Germany was one of the epic campaigns of the Second World War. More than 56,000 British and Commonwealth aircrew and 600,000 Germans died in the course of the RAF's attempt to win the war by bombing. The struggle began in 1939 with a few score primitive Whitleys, Hampdens and Wellingtons, and ended six years later with 1,600 Lancasters, Halifaxes and Mosquitoes razing whole cities in a single night.

Max Hastings traced the developments of area bombing using a wealth of documents, letters, diaries and interviews with key surviving witnesses. *Bomber Command* is his classic account of one of the most controversial struggles of the war. **BPB \$26.99**

Eric Jones

European Miracle: Environments, Economies and Geopolitics in the History of Europe and Asia

3rd edition

Why did modern states and economies develop first in the peripheral and late-coming culture of Europe? This historical puzzle looms behind every study of industrialization and economic development. In this analytical and comparative work Eric Jones sees the economic condition forming where natural environments and political systems meet: Europe's economic rise is explained as a favoured interaction between them, contrasting with the frustrating pattern of their interplay in the Ottoman empire, India and China. For the third edition Professor Jones has added a new Preface and Afterword. **TP \$57.95**

Jeff Kinney

The Ugly Truth: Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Diary of a Wimpy Kid 05)

Greg Heffley has always been in a hurry to grow up. But is getting older really it's cracked up to be? Greg suddenly finds himself dealing with the pressures of boy-girl parties, increased responsibilities, and even the awkward changes that come with getting older - all without his best friend, Rowley, at his side. Can Greg make it through on his own? Or will he have to face the 'ugly truth'? **BPB \$14.95**

Elizabeth Kostova

Swan Thieves

Psychiatrist Andrew Marlowe has a perfectly ordered life - solitary, perhaps, but full of devotion to his profession and the painting hobby he loves. This order is destroyed when renowned painter Robert Oliver attacks a canvas in the National Gallery of Art and becomes his patient. Desperate to understand the secret that torments this genius, Marlowe embarks on a journey that leads him into the lives of the women closest to Oliver and a tragedy at the heart of French Impressionism. Kostova's masterful new novel travels from American cities to the coast of Normandy; from the late nineteenth century to the late twentieth, from young love to last love. The *Swan Thieves* is a story of obsession, history's losses, and the power of art to preserve hope. **PB \$24.99**

Bill Krohn

Alfred Hitchcock: Masters of Cinema Series (Masters of Cinema)

Masters of Cinema are lively and accessible introductions to the life and work of the world's greatest film directors. Each book provides the keys to understanding a director's career, from their earliest projects to their most recent films, alongside a complete filmography, film stills, on set pictures and film posters. Written by experts in the field, Masters of Cinema are an essential resource for film students and enthusiasts as well as those discovering the director's work for the first time. **\$12.95**

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki Australian Author

Curious and Curiouser

"It is a great nuisance that knowledge can only be acquired by hard work." W. Somerset Maugham

Are cooked mussels safe ONLY if they are open?

Why does alcohol make the opposite sex more attractive?

Why does washing your hands ease your conscience, make it easier to live with hard decisions, and make you more tolerant?

Why does lightning strike the same place twice (and more)?

Do babies get more illnesses when they are "teething"?

What is the science behind people spontaneously bursting into flame?

And what's more hygienic - an air blower or a paper towel? **HC \$32.99**

John Lloyd & John Mitchinson

The Second Book of General Ignorance

EVERYTHING YOU THINK YOU KNOW IS STILL WRONG

Octopuses have six legs.

Oranges aren't orange.

Bats aren't blind.

Napoleon wasn't short.

Vikings didn't wear horned helmets.

Diamond isn't the hardest substance.

Bank notes aren't made of paper.

Testosterone doesn't make you aggressive.

Cheese doesn't give you nightmares.

There is no such thing as a fish.

The original Book of General Ignorance **HC \$29.99**

Craig Lowndes & Mark Fogarty

Life in the Fast Lane

Craig Lowndes is Australia's favourite racing driver.

A three-time V8 Supercar champion, four-time winner of the Bathurst 1000 and recipient of the Barry Sheene Medal two years in a row, Craig is one of the most successful drivers in the history of Australian motor racing. Loved and respected off the track too, Craig is known as a great bloke, a devoted family man and cattle farmer. He is a role model and inspiration to Australians from all walks of life.

This gripping overview of Craig's high-speed world provides fascinating insights into the triumphs and challenges of elite motor sport. Craig shares his feelings about his controversial switch from Ford to Holden, a change received with mixed emotions by fans; he explains what it is really like behind the wheel of a V8 Supercar and introduces us to his team; shares his views on the sport and how it is evolving; reveals the man behind the national sporting celebrity; and much more.

Candid and action-packed, *THE INSIDE LINE* takes you behind the scenes and behind the wheel with a V8 Supercar legend. **TP \$35**

Hugh Lunn Australian Author

Words Fail Me: A Journey Through Australia's Lost Language

This long anticipated follow-up to the hugely successful and popular *LOST FOR WORDS* revisits the rich, inventive and rogueish language Australians used to speak, before globalism stole it away.

Hundreds of readers have responded to author Hugh Lunn's request and donated a torrent of forgotten words and sayings that he overlooked in his first book.

'So many arrived it was like trying to take a sip out of a fire hose,' Hugh said. 'And these words were so obvious, that if they were a snake, they would have bitten me by now.'

WORDS FAIL ME intertwines the sayings and phrases of yesteryear with true stories and anecdotes and recaptures what Australian used to be like back when.

Hugh also casts a satirical eye on modern language madneses: the road signs, the asterisks, the gobbledegook and corporate speak that have replaced our euphonious direct language. As they would say today: 'He is having issues!'

Lovingly collected, *WORDS FAIL ME* takes delight in the way we once were; a people with their own unique lingo --- clear, exaggerated and joyful. **TP \$35**

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Robert Macklin & Rob Maylor *Australian Author*

SAS Sniper

A true story of explosive front line action in Northern Ireland, Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan from Australian former SAS soldier, Rob Maylor. Here Rob Maylor tells the no-holds-barred story of his years on the front lines, from his early service with the Royal Marine in Northern Ireland, then from 2003 in the elite Australian SAS. As one of Australia's most highly trained and successful combat marksmen, he saw action in East Timor, Iraq and most recently in Afghanistan where he won medals for gallantry in some of the heaviest fighting in the conflict. He tells of his near-death experience in the Blackhawk helicopter that crashed off Fiji, killing two of his mates. He was also in the personal security detail of the East Timorese President, Xanana Gusmao and the Chief of the Australian Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston. Rob Maylor tells of his dedication to the dark art of sniping and touches on the history of the great snipers who came before him. It is filled with the rough humour and the almost religious sense of mateship of the SAS regiment. SAS SNIPER covers Rob's two tours of Afghanistan in 2007 and 2008, where he was repeatedly in action and where his comrades were killed and wounded. It was there that he took part in the action that saw his mate Mark Donaldson awarded the VC; and Rob himself was wounded and recommended for a medal for gallantry under fire. **TP \$35**

Cheyenne McCray

Kade: Armed and Dangerous

After a bitter divorce, reporter Kelsey Nichols has erected a border around her heart too strong for any man to cross. She's not ready for a relationship of any kind with any man. But when Kelsey meets Kade she can think of nothing but being in his powerful arms and in his bed. Intelligence Agent Kade Owen is hot on the trail of a notorious smuggler when the sensual blonde reporter comes into his life. Once he gets a hold of Kelsey, nothing will stop Kade from winning her heart. **TP \$29.95**

Roger McDonald

When Colts Ran

In this sweeping epic of friendship, toil, hope and failed promise, multi-award-winning author Roger McDonald follows the story of Kingsley Colts as he chases the ghost of himself through the decades, and in and out of the lives and affections of the citizens of 'The Isabel', a slice of Australia scattered with prospectors, artists, no-hopers and visionaries. Against this spacious backdrop of sheep stations, timeless landscapes and the Five Alls pub, men play out their fates, conduct their rivalries and hope for the best.

Major Dunc Buckler, 'misplaced genius and authentic ratbag', scours the country for machinery in a World War that will never find him. Wayne Hovell, slave to 'moral duty', carries the physical and emotional scars of Colts's early rebellion, but also finds himself the keeper of his redemption. Normie Powell, son of a rugby-playing minister, finds his own mysticism as a naturalist, while warm-hearted stock dealer Alan Hooke longs for understanding in a house full of women. They are men shaped by the obligations and expectations of a previous generation, all striving to define themselves in their own language, on their own terms.

'When Colts Ran', written in Roger McDonald's rich and piercingly observant style, in turns humorous and hard-bitten, charts the ebb and flow of human fortune, and our fraught desire to leave an indelible mark on society and those closest to us. It shows how loyalties shape us in the most unexpected ways. It is the story of how men 'strike at beauty' as they fall to the earth. **TP \$32.95**

E C McSween

Things Bogan's Like

The word bogan has a bad rap; first impressions are still associated with flannelette, VB, utes and mullets. But this would be wrong. The bogan has advanced and needs new explanation, evolution has cursed (or blessed, depending on your thinking) us with a modern version. The bogan with money. The bogan with aspirations. The bogan with Ed Hardy t-shirts. The new bogan will not rest until it owns a plasma TV so large that Rove McManus becomes six feet tall for the first time. Today's bogan defies income, class, race, creed, gender, religion and logic. Now the bogan is defined by what it does, what it says and, most importantly, what it buys. Those who choose to deny the bogan on the basis of their North Shore home, their stockbroking career or their massive trust fund choose not to see the real bogan. Many bogans are affluent and perhaps are working in that same stockbroking firm and sharing a Corona with you over Friday night drinks. They set themselves apart by their efforts to stand out by conforming as furiously, and conspicuously, as possible. The authors, six self-confessed snobs, have drawn on their friends, family, neighbours, workmates and that guy who always jumps the queue at the bar, to show the evolution of the much-loved Australian bogan, their modern desires, and how we can either join them or mock them. **PB \$24.95**

Rob Mundle

Bligh: A Sailor's Life

The eighteenth century was an era when brave mariners took their ships beyond the horizon in search of an unknown world. Those chosen to lead these expeditions were exceptional navigators, men who had shown brilliance as they ascended the ranks in the Royal Navy. They were also bloody good sailors. From ship's boy to vice-admiral, discover how much more there was to Captain Bligh than his infamous bad temper. Meet a 24-year-old Master Bligh as he witnesses the demise of his Captain and mentor Cook; a 34-year-old Lieutenant Bligh at the helm of the famous Bounty then cast adrift by Fletcher Christian on an epic 47-day open-boat voyage from Tonga to Timor; and a 36-year-old Captain Bligh as he takes HMS Providence, in the company of a young Matthew Flinders, on a grand scientific voyage around the world. And all this before he was forty. Rob Mundle's BLIGH puts you at the heart of a great nautical life it's a story that embraces the romance of the sea, bravery in battle, the adventure of exploration under sail and the cost of having the courage of your convictions. **HC \$49.99**

Wendy Northcutt

Darwin Awards VI

(The countdown has begun . . .)

What distinguishes humans from baser animals is our higher intelligence. This is because most humans know to think twice before headbutting a coconut or biting down on a live wire. Intelligent individuals generally know not to use a mattress pad as a flotation device, or to kitesurf in a hurricane. Darwin Award winners, however, lack this basic common sense.

Named for the father of evolution, the Darwin Awards honour those who help natural selection by taking a swan dive into the shallow end of the gene pool. From attaching a five-horsepower engine to a barstool, to hammering a metal hook into an explosive device, to using a Taser to treat a snake bite, The Darwin Awards: Countdown to Extinction show that the countdown (to human extinction) is well underway – and we won't exit this mortal coil without one last laugh. **BPB \$24.95**

Peter O'Donnell

Sweet Caroline (Modesty Blaise)

The latest bumper volume collects the classic stories Sweet Caroline, The Return of the Mammoth and Plato's Republic and Sword of the Bruce - in which Modesty and Willie pursue an assassins guild; one of Willie's prize elephants is stolen by Russian agents; and Modesty becomes the target of extortionists who are after the intelligence files from her days in The Network! **TP \$29.99**

C M Palov*The Templar's Code*

The greatest secret in the history of mankind is a secret worth killing for...

During the Middle Ages a rumor was born about a mysterious and sacred Ancient Egyptian text. Known as the Emerald Tablet, it was said to contain the secret of creation.

But the greatest secret of all is who wrote it... **A+ PB \$21.95**

Don Pendleton*Cartel Clash (Executioner 384)*

When a Mexican drug cartel, declaring war on the US, kills an undercover DEA agent, and then hi-jacks a shipment of missiles, Mack Bolan, with no backup or government protection, crosses the border to stop the impending destruction before innocent lives are lost. **PB \$13.95**

Anne Perry*Christmas Promise*

The latest charming Christmas novella from Anne Perry.

A young girl is searching for the truth behind her uncle's death. Can she solve the mystery before the Christmas bells toll? **PB \$19.99**

Caridad Pineiro*Stronger than Sin*

It's been six months since Liliana Carrera helped her brother rescue Caterina Shaw from Wardwell Laboratories, a group of fringe scientists experimenting on human beings. Now, Liliana--with funding from the FBI--has set up a new facility to continue testing the inhibitor complex, a cure for the patients of Wardwell. What's even better is the FBI has managed to recover another of the patients, Jesse Bradford.

When Jesse arrives at Liliana's facility, he has been drugged and displays violent erratic behavior. As Liliana helps him detox, Jesse demonstrates strange powers--superhuman strength and the ability to heal quickly.

Despite their growing attraction, Jesse is secretive and Liliana remains fearful of him. Eventually he admits that Wardwell scientists threatening his sister's life in order to maintain control over him and his powers. As they try to locate her, they begin to suspect that the scientists may have corrupted the FBI. Unless they can discover Wardwell's master plan soon, Jesse's sister, the other patients, and an unknown number of innocent people, will pay the price. **PB \$19.95**

Keith Richards*Life*

With the Rolling Stones, Keith Richards created the riffs, the lyrics and the songs that roused the world, and over four decades he lived the original rock and roll life: taking the chances he wanted, speaking his mind, and making it all work in a way that no one before him had ever done. Now, at last, the man himself tells us the story of life in the crossfire hurricane. And what a life. Creating immortal riffs such as the ones in 'Jumpin' Jack Flash' and 'Street Fighting Man' and 'Honky Tonk Women'. Falling in love with Anita Pallenberg and the death of Brian Jones. Marriage, family and the road that goes on forever. In a voice that is uniquely and intimately his own, with the disarming honesty that has always been his trademark, Keith Richards brings us the essential life story of our times. **HC \$49.99**

Andy Riley*Dawn of the Bunny Suicides*

A brand new dawn of sadistically suicidal bunny deaths! The million-copy-selling phenomenon.

From the author of the cult bestsellers *THE BOOK OF BUNNY SUICIDES* and *RETURN OF THE BUNNY SUICIDES* comes another unmissable collection of rabbit-related self destruction... The bunnies are back – and there's only one thing on their minds. In this new collection, follow the continuing adventures of the fluffy little rabbits who just don't want to live any more... **PB \$25**

Oliver Sacks*The Mind's Eye*

The bestselling author of *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat* describes how we experience the visual world

In *Musicophilia*, Oliver Sacks explored music and the brain; now, in *The Mind's Eye*, he writes about the myriad ways in which we experience the visual world: how we see in three dimensions; how we recognize individual faces or places; how we use language to communicate verbally; how we translate marks on paper into words and paragraphs, even how we represent the world internally when our eyes are closed.

Alongside remarkable stories of people who have lost these abilities but adapted with courage, resilience and ingenuity, there is an added, personal element: one day in late 2005, Sacks became aware of a dazzling, flashing light in one part of his visual field; it was not the familiar migraine aura he had experienced since childhood, and just two days later a malignant tumor in one eye was diagnosed. In subsequent journal entries – some of which are included in *The Mind's Eye* – he chronicled the experience of living with cancer, recording both the effects of the tumor itself, and radiation therapy. In turning himself into a case history, Sacks has given us perhaps his most intimate, impressive and insightful (no pun intended) book yet. **TP \$34.99**

Andy Secombe*Growing Up With The Goons*

When Andy Secombe was young, his father would burst like a whirlwind into his bedroom late on Saturday nights, wake him and his sister with a snatch of an Italian aria and a fanfare of raspberries, and act out the show he'd just performed, playing all the parts and breaking into song at every opportunity. Celebrities of the day - Alma Cogan, Frankie Vaughan, Tommy Cooper, Stanley Baker and many more - were regular visitors to their house in Cheam. For them this was normal family life.

But what was it like for the other Goon children? Andy decided to find out. This extraordinary behind-the-scenes look into the private lives of the Goons reveals the thoughts, stories and feelings of their children. Growing up with the Goons gives a remarkable, unique insight into the joys - and occasional difficulties - of life as a son or daughter of the famous group.

Andy Secombe also presents the history of the Goons themselves: their early years; military service and shows at The Grafton Arms and The Windmill. He has interviewed those who knew and worked with the Goons, including Lord Snowdon, the surviving Bentine Children, the original producers of the show, Janet Brown, wife of Peter Butterworth, Barry Cryer and of course, Sile Milligan and Sarah Sellers, as well as those who the Goons influenced, including *Now Show's* Steve Punt and Mitch Benn. **HC \$39.99**

Peter Snow*To War with Wellington: From the Peninsula to Waterloo*

The seven-year campaign that saved Europe from Napoleon told by those who were there. What made Arthur Duke of Wellington the military genius who was never defeated in battle?

In the vivid narrative style that is his trademark, Peter Snow recalls how Wellington evolved from a backward, sensitive schoolboy into the aloof but brilliant commander. He tracks the development of Wellington's leadership and his relationship with the extraordinary band of men he led from Portugal in 1808 to their final destruction of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo seven years. Having described his soldiers as the 'scum of the earth' Wellington transformed them into the finest fighting force of their time. Digging deep into the rich treasure house of diaries and journals that make this war the first in history to be so well recorded, Snow examines how Wellington won the devotion of generals such as the irascible Thomas Picton and the starry but reckless Black Bob Crauford and soldiers like Rifleman Benjamin Harris and Irishman Ned Costello. Through many first-hand accounts, Snow brings to life the horrors and all of the humanity of life in and out of battle, as well as shows the way that Wellington mastered the battlefield to outsmart the French and change the future of Europe. *To War with Wellington* is the gripping account of a very human story about a remarkable leader and his men. **HC \$55**

Kees Van Deemter*Not Exactly*

In Praise of Vagueness

Not everything is black and white. Our daily lives are full of vagueness or fuzziness. Language is the most obvious example - for instance, when we describe someone as tall, it is as though there is a particular height beyond which a person can be considered 'tall'. Likewise the terms 'blond' or 'overweight' in common usage. We often think in discontinuous categories when we are considering something continuous. In this book, van Deemter cuts across various disciplines in considering the nature and importance of vagueness. He looks at the principles of measurement, and how we choose categories; the vagueness lurking behind what seems at first sight crisp concepts such as that of the biological 'species'; uncertainties in grammar and the impact of vagueness on the programmes of Chomsky and Montague; vagueness and mathematical logic; computers, vague descriptions, and Natural Language Generation in AI (a new class of programs will allow computers to handle descriptions such as 'the man in the yellow shirt'). Van Deemter shows why vagueness is in various circumstances both unavoidable and useful, and how we are increasingly able to handle fuzziness in mathematical logic and computer science. **HC \$44.95**

Peter Watt*To Ride the Wind (02)*

In 1916, the Duffys and Macintoshes are entangled in the horrors of World War I. From the deserts of the Middle East to the trenches of Europe, the hand of death is always present. But even those left behind are not safe, for the most dangerous of enemies is not the Germans or the Turks, but someone much closer to home... *To Ride the Wind* continues the story begun in *To Touch the Clouds*, following Peter Watt's much loved characters as they fight to survive one of the most devastating conflicts in history - and each other. **TP \$32.99**

Robyn Young*Insurrection (01)*

The year is 1286 and Scotland is in the grip of one of the worst winters in living memory. Some believe the Day of Judgement has come. The King of Scotland is murdered by one of his squires, a deed pre-meditated by his own brother-in-law, the King of England, a thousand miles away in France. The Prophecy of Merlin has decreed that only when the four relics of Britain have been gathered will one man rule a united kingdom, and Edward I is determined to fulfil it. The murder of Scotland's king is thus just the first in a chain of events that will alter the face of Britain forever. But all is not destined to go Edward's way. Out of the ashes of war, through blood feuds and divided loyalties, a young squire will rise to defy England's greatest king. His name is Robert the Bruce. And his story begins in *INSURRECTION*. **TP \$32.99**

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