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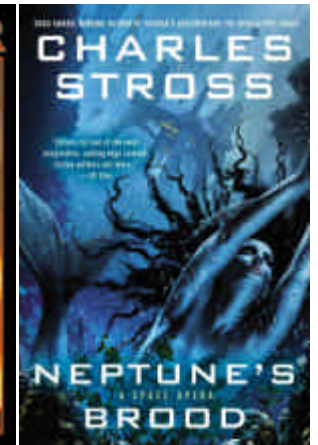
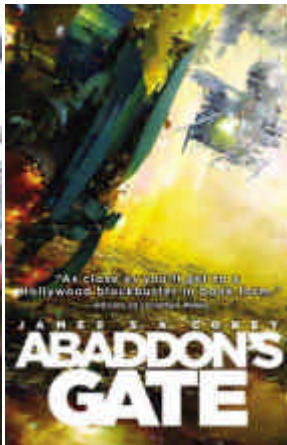
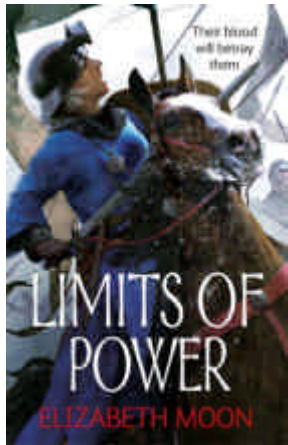
June 2013

The bookshop has closed but Infinitas continues online

Yes, the bookshop in Parramatta has closed permanently, alas. However, Infinitas Bookshop continues to provide readers with books via website and email orders.

Scan through this newsletter and allow yourself to be tempted by books.

Featured Books



Elizabeth Moon

James S A Corey

Kevin Hearne

David Weber, et al

Charles Stross

Limits of Power Paladin's Legacy 4 in paperback.

Abaddon's Gate Expanse 3 in trade paperback.

Hunted Iron Druid Chronicles 6 in paperback.

Beginnings Honorverse Anthology 6 in hardcover.

Neptunes Brood in hardcover.

Author News

Aurealis Awards 2012 were announced 18th May 2013. Best science fiction novel went to *The Rook* by Daniel O'Malley and best fantasy novel went to *Sea Hearts* by Margo Lanagan. The Rook was book of discussion for our Review Group book club last month and well liked by all. Margo Lanagan collected several of the awards and also the Hemming award at Conflux in Canberra 27-04-13.

For a full list of Aurealis Award winners see http://www.aurealisawards.com/AA-winners_2012_media-release.pdf

Iain M Banks, also known as Iain Banks, acclaimed Scottish science fiction author died 9th June aged 59 years. Banks' *Culture* series of novels are widely acclaimed and strongly recommend to Infinitas readers, it is a great shame there will be no more. He was diagnosed only months ago with cancer.

For more see: <http://friends.banksophilia.com/>

Jack Vance died 26th May aged 96 years. He wrote many science fiction and fantasy stories over many years.

External Events

Winterfest 2013 is a weekend festival of medieval display and fun held 29th & 30th June in Parramatta Park. It is great fun watching contestants in armour whack each other with swords and other heavy weapons. You could try your arm at archery, see full contact jousting, and catch a photo of falconry displays with Wedge Tailed Eagles, owls and other birds. There will be many displays and stalls of crafts. For details see: <http://www.winterfest.com.au/>

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

Readers' Reviews

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

House of the Stag by **Kage Baker** reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765323125>

This stand-alone novel, published in 2008, is apparently set in the same story world as a previous novel by author Baker; namely *The Anvil Of The World*. The setting world is a swords-and-arrows Earth populated by several human races plus demons, with human mages able to bind demons to their will, and individuals cross-bred between human and demon. The novel is an epic rather than a story, comprising a number of episodes in the life of the half-breed leading character, Gard, from his being found by the isolated green tribe to his final win over his primary enemy, the mage Pirihiine.

Baker's approach to management of multiple Points of View is interesting. Each episode is presented as a journalistic bringing-to-life of something else; for instance, the first episode which ends in Gard's ejection from the green tribe is suggested by a primitive stick figure rock painting, while the rise of the Dark Lord is an expansion of a Greek-style theatre play. The episode introduced by a published biography entitled *I Was The Dark Lord's Mistress* actually covers a period after the Dark Lord has repudiated mistresses, but as an authorial device, the approach is different and perhaps allows more journalistic licence than usual. I noticed a couple of other suspicious pieces of logic, but what the heck; this is a fantasy yarn not to be taken seriously. One detail piece I enjoyed was where the bad duke's army faces up to the good duke's army, but stays just out of attacking range. The good duke orders his troops to hold position where they are, but of course his ambitious son is holding part of the line, and guess what his ambition does. Or read it.

I found that without a driving plot (the final win is practically unrelated to Gard's initial ejection), the character and the setting weren't compelling, so for me the reading was slow despite the interesting bits. Pirihiine doesn't shine in the first half of the book and the Saint who gives a love and destiny angle doesn't even appear until half way through. The English is above average, which is worth mentioning since that of so many authors isn't. Had this novel omitted the coarse language and the sexual references, it might have suited readers as young as about twelve. In my copy, the printer used a font with truncated numerals and punctuation marks, which no doubt saves ink, but made the reading a little arduous in its bare distinction between the many semicolons and commas. Overall, I'd offer this novel two stars out of five as a book to distinguish epic readers from story readers.



Slave to Sensation by **Nalini Singh** reviewed by Garry P Dalrymple

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575095663>

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425212868>

Having seen the Author's name, and knowing of her following among the Galaxy Bookshop Paranormal Romance readers group I picked up this book hoping for a 'meet you half way', sort of Science Fictional Paranormal Romance type book, or at least a book by a Writer with some SF street cred. The book also claims to be a New York Bestseller, as is 'Fifty Shades of Gray', further rousing my curiosity, so I started to read it in the hope of encountering a novel interpretation of Science Fiction, with added 'Changeling', Crime and Romance elements.

It started well, set in a future ruled by a powerful, genetically select and dispassionate elite, opposed or rivalled by people of an extremely opposite personality, but that is about as good as it got. The story's set-up is something that can be described very briefly. She is a PSy, a Cardinal, 'Princess' of her cold and emotionless people with a self-destructive complex over her 'weakness', which is that to say that she has feelings and emotional needs. He is an Alpha Were Leopard (What, from Africa or something?), a leader of his people, a walking, talking, throbbing male sex object. Compelling male 'pussy' indeed! We know this because we are repeatedly told this every few pages after an exposition of their tortured feelings, which comprise a disturbingly large part of this book. They first meet on opposite sides of a negotiating table over proposed megabuck housing development deal (really, how Sydney!) between their respective economic interest groups, and they proceed to go off like a sexually charged cracker, no dawdling about with the usual 'could she, would she, will she' etc. Her only doubts are about how long she can stay alive by covering her 'faults' from the other inhabitants of the psy network, a sort of psychic internet/facebook system backed by a mind erasing thought crime prison system.

His motivation in doing this property deal, it emerges, is to get into the head of someone on who is the psy internet, via bed if necessary, to discover the identity of a serial killer of changeling women (death and torture by 79 cuts) who the changeling community correctly believes to being shielded by the psy powers that be. So, the basis of this story is a crime procedural, with a network / database to be cracked, and a dark powerful figure brought down by an unlikely 'odd couple' team, only they really aren't a mismatched or 'odd couple' at all. They are mutually in lust from the first scene, and the writer vainly strains to make them an 'odd couple' by repeatedly representing the cultures from which they come as being total opposites in temperament and 'family values', while each individual is hardly typical of their tribe at all. And so it goes, a minimal plot on the way to resolution of the crime, lots of time spent telling us that they are so very different, while their actions stress their similarities, and equally large amounts of time are spent describing their mutual 'hots' for each other, while off stage a changeling woman is being held captive and tortured by a fiend for the best part of a week. So, as a Crime caper it is poor stuff and very unsettling. Innovation – proxy (safe sex!) via mutual and self-aware wet dreaming!

Conclusion – Well at least I now have some understanding of this sort of book, even if I am greatly underwhelmed by this specific instance. This book seriously fails as a 'SF' book. It is set in a future 100 years hence where there has been no noticeable change in technology, 'ordinary' people non-psy or non-were seem not to exist know a bit. Both of these could have been explained to good effect, the consequences of psy domination etc. or some other equally SF reason. Accepting the suspension of disbelief needed to allow 'psy' and changelings to exist, surely if such things were 'real', given 100 years duration surely mundane science



would have figured out how it works and how it could be scientifically re-produced at will? It would have worked so much better if this story was set in the present, with the psy and changeling communities both as clandestine powers behind the scenes etc.

Recommendation – Who to recommend this book to, clearly adults only as the Sex scenes are frequent and explicitly detailed, even if presented as dream sex. But the odd thing to me was that they seem to be described mostly from the male perspective, i.e. what she does to him, what he feels, what he then does to her, so should these passages 'inform' male or female readers?

The greatest defect as I see it, that forces me to describe this as an 'incomplete' novel, is that the storyline is defective and frequently provokes disbelief rather than provides insights into a psy/changeling mythos. The sex scenes? I expect there are better and more insightful sex scene writers about. Personally, I think this book could have benefitted greatly from some pre-publishing editing, but I have to accept that this sort of thing sells, so it must be agreeable to an audience, but not those looking for some Science Fictional paranormal romance.

ISBN 978-0-5750-9566-3 *Slave to sensation* (a psy changeling Novel) by Nalini Singh (NZ writer) © 2006, 334 pages, 24 mm
Read Aug. 28 to Sep. 01 - to be published in TBS&E No 50/51 on the Efanazines website.

Infinitas Groups

Review Group: The Urban Fantasy Book Club and the Review Group have combined. We now meet at Mars Hill Café in George St Parramatta, near the Lennox Bridge over the river, at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of each month. We use their basement which has great ambiance. Book of discussion for June is *Pattern Recognition* by William Gibson.

Dungeons & Dragons: Includes Pathfinder, 2nd edition D&D, 4th edition D&D and other games depending upon willing leaders. The Infinitas Gaming Group has a new venue: Parramatta Council Library, Retro Room. This is on the mezzanine level off the stairwell and suits gaming well with soundproofing, kitchenette and tables. Games are on fortnightly Saturday mornings starting at 10am, finishing up around 2pm. Bring your own dice. See: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/DungeonsAndDragonsAtInfinitas.php>
We could use another DM to run a low level table, preferably Pathfinder or 1st edition – any keen volunteers? You would need to bring prepared characters and module as until players join a game they would not be able to generate their character.
To co-ordinate attendance and games some players have set up: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/157405127769146/>

Writers' Group: The Infinitas Writers' Group has a new website at <http://www.infinitaswriters.com/> to encourage communication and new recruits. There is a forum for discussing their writing. They have a new venue for meetings the Shakespeare Hotel in Surry Hills, the previous pub proved unsuitable. Meetings are every second month, on even months. The next meeting will be Saturday 17th August, 2013 at noon.

Science Fiction, Fantasy, Urban Fantasy and Horror

Brian Aldiss

Finches Of Mars Hardcover \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007478927

Set on the Red Planet, it follows the stories of a group of colonists and the problems they have in setting up a new society. Life can be sustained by new life will not prosper - the woman on the planet only ever give birth to stillborn children. Exploring many of the author's classic themes, this is a landmark novel in any genre.

Brian Aldiss has announced that this book, FINCHES OF MARS, will be his final science fiction novel. And what a way to end one of the most illustrious careers in the genre.

E C Ambrose

Elisha Barber Dark Apostle 01 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756408350

England in the fourteenth century: a land of poverty and opulence, prayer and plague, witchcraft and necromancy.

As a child, Elisha witnessed the burning of a witch outside of London, and saw her transformed into an angel at the moment of her death, though all around him denied this vision. He swore that the next time he might have the chance to bind an angel's wounds, he would be ready. And so he became a barber surgeon, at the lowest ranks of the medical profession, following the only healer's path available to a peasant's son.

Elisha Barber is good at his work, but skill alone cannot protect him. In a single catastrophic day, Elisha's attempt to deliver his brother's child leaves his family ruined, and Elisha himself accused of murder. Then a haughty physician offers him a way out: come serve as a battle surgeon in an unjust war.

Between tending to the wounded soldiers and protecting them from the physicians' experiments, Elisha works night and day. Even so, he soon discovers that he has an affinity for magic, drawn into the world of sorcery by Brigit, a beautiful young witch - who reminds him uncannily of the angel he saw burn.

In the crucible of combat, utterly at the mercy of his capricious superiors, Elisha must attempt to unravel conspiracies both magical and mundane, as well as come to terms with his own disturbing new abilities. But the only things more dangerous than the questions he's asking are the answers he may reveal.

E. C. Ambrose writes with a razor's ruthless precision, and draws new blood from the medieval world you thought you knew.

Phillipa Bornikova

This Case Is Gonna Kill Me A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765365552

What happens when The Firm meets Anita Blake? You get the Halls of Power - our modern world, but twisted. Law, finance, the military, and politics are under the sway of long-lived vampires, werewolves, and the elven Alfar. Humans make the best of rule by 'the Spooks', and contend among themselves to affiliate with the powers-that-be, in order to avoid becoming their prey. Very loyal humans are rewarded with power over other women and men. Very lucky humans are selected to join the vampires, werewolves, and elves - or, on occasion, to live at the Seelie Court.

Linnet Ellery is the offspring of an affluent Connecticut family dating back to Colonial times. Fresh out of law school, she's beginning her career in a powerful New York 'white fang' law firm. She has high hopes of eventually making partner.

But strange things keep happening to her. In a workplace where some humans will eventually achieve immense power and centuries of extra lifespan, office politics can be vicious beyond belief. After some initial missteps, she finds herself sidelined and assigned to unpromising cases. Then, for no reason she can see, she becomes the target of repeated, apparently random violent attacks, escaping injury each time through increasingly improbable circumstances. However, there's apparently more to Linnet Ellery than a little old-money human privilege. More than even she knows. And as she comes to understand this, she's going to shake up the system like you wouldn't believe.

Ben Bova

Orion and King Arthur *Orion 06* A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765368065

Ben Bova's timeless hero returns . . . at the nexus of myth and history!

More than human, less than god, Orion has fought across time and space at the whims of his Creators, god-like beings from the future who toy with human history like spoiled children playing with dolls. From the frozen wastes of the Ice Age to far-flung interstellar empires, Orion has been both assassin and hero, all the while striving to be reunited with Anya, the ageless goddess who is his one true love.

Now Orion finds himself in Britain in the dark years after the Romans abandoned the island kingdom. Minor kings and warlords feud amongst themselves even as invading hordes of Saxons and Angles threaten to sweep over the land. There Orion befriends a young warrior named Arthur, who dreams of uniting his quarreling countrymen and driving the invaders from their lands. Along with a few brave comrades, Arthur hopes to the stem the tide of barbarism and create a new era of peace and prosperity.

But Orion's vainglorious Creator, Aten the Golden One, has other plans for the timeline. Arthur's noble ambitions interfere with Aten's far-reaching schemes to reshape history to his own ends. He wants Arthur dead and forgotten--but Orion does not.

Defying his own creator, and risking his own immortal existence, Orion will battle the gods themselves to see that Arthur fulfills his destiny. But can even he save Arthur from the tragedy that awaits him?

Orion and King Arthur is a thrilling new chapter in Ben Bova's unforgettable cosmic saga.

Kresley Cole

MacRieve *Immortals After Dark* Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451649918

A BEAST IN TORMENT

Uilleam MacRieve believed he'd laid to rest the ghosts of his boyhood. But when a brutal torture revives those ancient agonies and destroys his Lykæe instinct, the proud Scot craves the oblivion of death. Until he finds her - a young human so full of spirit and courage that she pulls him back from the brink.

A BEAUTY IN CHAINS

Seized for the auction block, Chloe Todd is forced to enter a terrifying new world of monsters and lore as a bound slave. When offered up to creatures of the dark, she fears she won't last the night. Until she's claimed by him - a wicked immortal with heartbreaking eyes, whose touch sets her blood on fire.

A FULL MOON ON THE RISE

With enemies circling, MacRieve spirits Chloe away to the isolated Highland keep of his youth. But once he takes her to his bed, his sensual mate becomes something more than human, evoking his savage past and testing his sanity. On the cusp of the full moon, can he conquer his worst nightmare to save Chloe from himself?

James S A Corey

Abaddon's Gate *Expanse 03* Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316129077

A latest entry in the acclaimed series that includes *Leviathan Wakes* follows the discovery of a massive alien gate in Uranus's orbit that is examined by Jim Holden and the crew of the *Rocinante*, who are placed in mortal danger by a complex human plot.

Larry Correia

Monster Hunter *Legion Monster Hunter 04* A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639063

Monster Hunter International might be the premier monster eradication company in the business, but they've got competition.

When hunters from around the world gather in Las Vegas for a conference, a creature left over from a World War Two weapons experiment wakes up and goes on a rampage across the desert. A not-so-friendly wager between the rival companies turns into a race to see who can bag the mysterious creature first. Only there is far more to this particular case than meets the eye, and as Hunters fall prey to their worst nightmares, Owen Zastava Pitt and the staff of Monster Hunter International have to stop an ancient god from turning Sin City into a literal hell on earth.

Kady Cross

The Girl in the Steel Corset *Steampunk Chronicles 01* Trade Paperback \$19.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373210701

In 1897 England, sixteen-year-old Finley Jayne has no one - except the "thing" inside her

When a young lord tries to take advantage of Finley, she fights back. And wins. But no normal Victorian girl has a darker side that makes her capable of knocking out a full-grown man with one punch.

Only Griffin King sees the magical darkness inside her that says she's special, says she's one of them. The orphaned duke takes her in from the gaslit streets, against the wishes of his band of misfits. And Finley thinks she might finally be a part of something, finally fit in - until a criminal mastermind known as the Machinist threatens to tear the group apart.

Included for the first time in print, meet Finley in her first adventure *The Strange Case of Finley Jayne* the novella prequel to *The Girl in the Steel Corset*!

William C Dietz

Andromeda's Fall *Legion of the Damned prequel 01* Hardcover \$34.95

www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256251

Hundreds of years in the future, much has changed. Advances in medicine, technology, and science abound. Humanity has gone to the stars, found alien life, and established an empire. But some things never change...

All her life, Lady Catherine Carletto (called Cat) has lived for nothing but the next party, the next lover, the next expensive toy. Until, in a bloodthirsty power grab, Imperial Princess Ophelia and her cadre of synth assassins murder her brother the emperor, and go on to purge the galaxy of his friends and supporters - including Cat's family. The Carlettos are known to be staunch supporters of the Emperor and Carletto Industries has been in the forefront of his pet project - developing cybernetic technology for use by the masses.

Now Cat, one of the last surviving Carlettos, is on the run. And, like countless others before her, she finds her sanctuary among the most dangerous of society's misfits.

Welcome to the Legion. Cat Carletto vanishes, and in her place stands Legion recruit Andromeda McKee. A woman with a mission - to bring down Empress Ophelia - or die trying.

E-Books

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Greg Egan *Australian Author*

The Eternal Flame Orthogonal 02 Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781597802949

Greg Egan's *The Clockwork Rocket* introduced readers to an exotic universe where the laws of physics are very different from our own, where the speed of light varies in ways Einstein would never allow, and where intelligent life has evolved in unique and fascinating ways. Now Egan continues his epic tale of alien beings embarked on a desperate voyage to save their world . . .

The generation ship *Peerless* is in search of advanced technology capable of sparing their home planet from imminent destruction. In theory, the ship is traveling fast enough that it can traverse the cosmos for generations and still return home only a few years after they departed. But a critical fuel shortage threatens to cut their urgent voyage short, even as a population explosion stretches the ship's life-support capacity to its limits.

When the astronomer Tamara discovers the Object, a meteor whose trajectory will bring it within range of the *Peerless*, she sees a risky solution to the fuel crisis. Meanwhile, the biologist Carlo searches for a better way to control fertility, despite the traditions and prejudices of their society. As the scientists clash with the ship's leaders, they find themselves caught up in two equally dangerous revolutions: one in the sexual roles of their species, the other in their very understanding of the nature of matter and energy.

The Eternal Flame lights up the mind with dazzling new frontiers of physics and biology, as only Greg Egan could imagine them.

Kate Elliott

Cold Steel Spiritwalker 03 Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316080903

Cold Steel Spiritwalker 03 Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781841498850

A conclusion to the trilogy that includes *Cold Magic* finds Cat and her cousin, Bee, struggling with her husband's loss to the Master of the Wild Hunt at the same time she is wrongly blamed for the murder of the Taino kingdom ruler's mother, an enraged fire mage seeks her death and the infamous General Camjiata begins a ruthless campaign to recruit her.

The third volume in a hugely engaging fantasy set in an ice-bound world with a Victorian feel - features dragons, sorcery and two cousins in great peril. Trouble, treachery and magic just won't stop plaguing Cat Barahal. The Master of the Wild Hunt has stolen away her husband. The ruler of the Taino kingdom blames her for his mother's murder. An enraged fire mage wants to kill her. And Cat, her cousin Bee, and her half-brother Rory, aren't even back in Europa yet, where revolution is burning up the streets.

Revolutions to plot. Enemies to crush. Cat and Bee have their work cut out for them.

Cathy & Arnie Fenner (Editors) *Editor*

Spectrum 19 Spectrum 19 Trade Paperback \$49.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781599290638

Challenging, controversial, educational, and irreverent, 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* one of the year's highly most anticipated books.

Featured in *SPECTRUM 19* are 300 diverse visionaries, many of them world-renowned, including Michael Whelan, Sam Weber, Donato Giancola, Leo & Diane Dillon, Kinuko Craft, James Gurney, Peter de Sève. 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 19* continues the freshness and excellence that was established seventeen years ago.

Michael Flynn

On the Razor's Edge January Dancer 04 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334800

The secret war among the Shadows of the Name is escalating, and there are hints that it is not so secret as the Shadows had thought. The scarred man, Donovan Buigh, half honored guest and half prisoner, is carried deeper into the Confederation, all the way to Holy Terra herself, to help plan the rebel assault on the Secret City. If he does not soon remember the key information locked inside his fractured mind, his rebel friends may resort to torture to pull it from his subconscious.

Meanwhile, Bridget ban has organized a posse - a pack of Hounds - to go in pursuit of her kidnapped daughter, despite knowing that Ravn Olafsdottir kidnapped the harper precisely to lure Bridget ban in her wake. The Hound, the harper, and the scarred man wind deeper into a web of deceit and treachery certain of only one thing: nothing, absolutely nothing, is what it seems to be.

William Gibson

Pattern Recognition A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425198681

Hired to investigate a mysterious video collection that has been appearing on the Internet, market research consultant Cayce Pollard realizes that there is more to the assignment when her computer is hacked.

Cayce Pollard has been flown to London. She's a 'coolhunter' - her services for hire to global corporations desperate for certainty in a capricious and uncertain world. Now she's been offered a special project: track down the makers of the addictive online film that's lighting up the 'net. Hunting the source will take her to Tokyo and Moscow and put her in the sights of Japanese computer crazies and Russian Mafia men. She's up against those who want to control the film, to own it - who figure breaking the law is just another business strategy. The kind of people who relish turning the hunter into the hunted . . .

David Macinnis Gill

Shadow on the Sun Black Hole Sun 03 Hardcover \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062073358

Durango has always relied on Mimi - once his tough-as-nails squad leader, she is now the bitingly sarcastic artificial intelligence flash-cloned to his brain. Mimi is the only reason he is alive.

Durango has always looked out for his devastatingly beautiful and brave second-in-command, Vienne - now wounded, crushed, missing. Vienne is the only reason he wants to live.

Durango hasn't always despised his father. But he does now. Lyme wants Durango to be the Prince of Mars, and he'll stop at nothing to realize that dream. He'll sacrifice anything and anyone in the name of domination. Even Mimi. Especially Vienne.

Lyme forgot one thing. You don't want to mess with Durango.

Jonathan Green

Time's Arrow Pax Britannia Ulysses Quicksilver 11 Trade Paperback \$19.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781781080634

Steampunk hero Ulysses Quicksilver must race against time to save Paris from a terrible clockwork fate.

Paris. City of lights. City of lovers. City of dreams. Yet if one man gets his way its inhabitants will soon be forced to endure a nightmare such as they have never known.

But dandy detective and Hero of the British Empire Ulysses Quicksilver is determined to get in his way; although he has problems of his own to deal with first before he can try to rescue the French capital from its earth-shattering fate.

Arriving at a murder scene - with the dead man's blood on his hands - Ulysses is forced to go on the run, so that he might track down the real killer. His intention: to clear his good name, and get back to England in one piece and as quickly as possible; for the love of his life is about to take a most ill-advised trip to the Moon.

But that might be easier said than done, for the terrorist known only as 'Le Papillon' is preparing to bring chaos to the capital.

When a butterfly flaps its wings, a wise man prepares for stormy weather. And with Ulysses Quicksilver involved, it's bound to be the worst storm on record.

Andrew Sean Greer

The Impossible Lives of Greta Wells Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062213785

1985. After the death of her beloved twin brother, Felix, and the breakup with her longtime lover, Nathan, Greta Wells embarks on a radical psychiatric treatment to alleviate her suffocating depression. But the treatment has unexpected effects, and Greta finds herself transported to the lives she might have had if she'd been born in different eras.

During the course of her treatment, Greta cycles between her own time and alternate lives in 1918, where she is a bohemian adulteress, and 1941, which transforms her into a devoted mother and wife. Separated by time and social mores, Greta's three lives are remarkably similar, fraught with familiar tensions and difficult choices. Each reality has its own losses, its own rewards, and each extracts a different price. And the modern Greta learns that her alternate selves are unpredictable, driven by their own desires and needs.

As her final treatment looms, questions arise: What will happen once each Greta learns how to remain in one of the other worlds? Who will choose to stay in which life?

Magically atmospheric, achingly romantic, *The Impossible Lives of Greta Wells* beautifully imagines "what if" and wondrously wrestles with the impossibility of what could be.

Kate Griffin

The Glass God Magicals Anonymous 02 Paperback \$19.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316187275

The Glass God Magicals Anonymous 02 B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356500652

Apprentice shaman and community support officer Sharon Li must locate the missing Midnight Mayor and all she has to go on are a suspiciously innocent-looking umbrella, a city dryad's cryptic message and several pairs of abandoned shoes.

The second book in a new urban magic series from the author of the Matthew Swift novels set in London's hidden otherworld.

Sharon Li: apprentice shaman and community support officer for the magically inclined.

It wasn't the career Sharon had in mind, but she's getting used to running *Magicals Anonymous* and learning how to Be One With The City.

When the Midnight Mayor goes missing, leaving only a suspiciously innocent-looking umbrella behind him, Sharon finds herself promoted. Her first task: find the Midnight Mayor. The only clues she has are a city dryad's cryptic warning and several pairs of abandoned shoes. . .

Suddenly, Sharon's job feels a whole lot harder.

Linda Grimes

In A Fix A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765368553

IN A FIX is the first of an original new urban fantasy series by LINDA GRIMES starring human chameleon Ciel Halligan.

Snagging a marriage proposal for her client while on an all-expenses-paid vacation should be a simple job for Ciel Halligan, aura adaptor extraordinaire. A kind of human chameleon, she's able to take on her clients' appearances and slip seamlessly into their lives, solving any sticky problems they don't want to deal with themselves. No fuss, no muss. Big paycheck.

This particular assignment is pretty enjoyable...that is, until Ciel's island resort bungalow is blown to smithereens and her client's about-to-be-fiance is snatched by modern-day Vikings. For some reason, Ciel begins to suspect that getting the ring is going to be a tad more difficult than originally anticipated.

Going from romance to rescue requires some serious gear-shifting, as well as a little backup. Her best friend, Billy, and Mark, the CIA agent she's been crushing on for years - both skilled adaptors - step in to help, but their priority is, annoyingly, keeping her safe. Before long, Ciel is dedicating more energy to escaping their watchful eyes than she is to saving her client's intended.

Suddenly, facing down a horde of Vikings feels like the least of her problems.

Matt Haig

The Humans Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476727912

When an extraterrestrial visitor arrives on Earth, his first impressions of the human species are less than positive. Taking the form of Professor Andrew Martin, a prominent mathematician at Cambridge University, the visitor is eager to complete the gruesome task assigned him and hurry back home to the utopian world of his own planet, where everyone enjoys immortality and infinite knowledge.

He is disgusted by the way humans look, what they eat, their capacity for murder and war, and is equally baffled by the concepts of love and family. But as time goes on, he starts to realize there may be more to this weird species than he has been led to believe. Disguised as Martin, he drinks wine, reads poetry, develops an ear for rock music and a taste for peanut butter. Slowly, unexpectedly, he forges bonds with Martin's family, and in picking up the pieces of the professor's shattered personal life, he begins to see hope and beauty in the humans' imperfections and begins to question the mission that brought him there.

Praised by the New York Times as a 'novelist of great seriousness and talent', author Matt Haig delivers an unlikely story about human nature and the joy found in the messiness of life on Earth. *The Humans* is a funny, compulsively readable tale that playfully and movingly explores the ultimate subject - ourselves.

Laurell K Hamilton

Affliction Anita Blake 22 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425255704

Some zombies are raised. Others must be put down. Just ask Anita Blake.

Before now, she would have considered them merely off-putting, never dangerous. Before now, she had never heard of any of them causing human beings to perish in agony. But that's all changed.

Micaha's estranged father lies dying, rotting away inside from some strange ailment that has his doctors whispering about - zombie disease.

Anita makes her living off of zombies - but these aren't the kind she knows so well. These creatures hunt in daylight, and are as fast and strong as vampires. If they bite you, you become just like them. And round and round it goes?

Where will it stop? Even Anita Blake doesn't know.

Karen Healey

When We Wake Hardcover \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316200769

In 2027, 16 year old Tegan is just like every other girl--playing the guitar, falling in love, and protesting the wrongs of the world with her friends.

But then Tegan dies, waking up 100 years in the future as the unknowing first government guinea pig to be cryogenically frozen and successfully revived. Appalling secrets about her new world come to light, and Tegan must choose to either keep her head down or fight for a better future

Kevin Hearne

Hunted Iron Druid Chronicles 06 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345533630

For a two-thousand-year-old Druid, Atticus O'Sullivan is a pretty fast runner. Good thing, because he's being chased by not one but two goddesses of the hunt - Artemis and Diana - for messing with one of their own. Dodging their slings and arrows, Atticus, Granuaile, and his wolfhound Oberon are making a mad dash across modern-day Europe to seek help from a friend of the Tuatha Danann. His usual magical option of shifting planes is blocked, so instead of playing hide-and-peek, the game plan is . . . run like hell.

Crashing the pantheon marathon is the Norse god Loki. Killing Atticus is the only loose end he needs to tie up before unleashing Ragnarok - AKA the Apocalypse. Atticus and Granuaile have to outfox the Olympians and contain the god of mischief if they want to go on living - and still have a world to live in.

Don't miss Kevin Hearne's novella "Two Ravens and One Crow - in the back of the book.

David M Henley Australian Author

The Hunt for Pierre Jnr Trade Paperback \$27.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732295608

Pierre Jnr has a mind more powerful than any the world has encountered before. He can make you forget, he can control you and he is only eight years old. Three months after his birth he escaped. An hour later he was lost to surveillance. No one knows where he has been for the last eight years ... Now Pierre Jnr is about to return. The Hunt For Pierre Jnr follows the activities of an elite group dedicated to tracking down the eight-year-old boy who is currently the greatest threat humanity has ever known. It's a pacy and gripping chase, and an impressive vision of our future.

James Herbert

Ash David Ash Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765328960

Deep in the countryside, ghost hunter David Ash is investigating a mysterious, secluded stately home. Reports from locals regarding strange goings-on make him think the house is haunted... But not even David Ash's long professional history of warding off evil spirits can prepare him for the shocking discovery that awaits.

International bestselling horror writer James Herbert weaves a terrifying narrative featuring his best-loved character, David Ash, the skeptical detective of the paranormal introduced in the UK number one bestsellers, *Haunted* and *The Ghosts of Sleath*.

Prepare to be chilled to the marrow...

Sarah A Hoyt

Darkship Renegades Darkship 02 Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451638523

Echoes of Heinlein and nonstop action as a cloned heroine must raid a hostile Earth and steal the secret to energy production among the space-based Powertrees that all humanity depends on.

Sequel to *Darkship Thieves*, and winner of the Prometheus Award.

After rescuing her star pilot husband and discovering the dark secret of her own past on Earth, Athena Hera Sinistra returns to space habitat Eden to start life anew. Not happening. Thena and Kit are placed under arrest for the crime of coming back alive. The only escape from a death sentence: return to Earth and bring back the lost method for creating the Powertrees, the energy source of both Eden and Earth whose technological origins have been lost to war. But that mission is secondary to a greater imperative. Above all else, Thena must not get caught. If she does, then suicide is to be the only option.

With the odds heavily stacked against not only success, but survival, Thena comes to understand what her cynical accusers do not: it is not merely one woman's life on the line anymore. For it's on Earth where the adventure truly begins. Thena realizes that what is truly at stake is the fate of Eden and Earth alike, the continuance of the darkship fleet - and freedom for all in the Solar system - and beyond.

Darkship Renegades has been nominated for the Prometheus Award for Best Novel.

Noah's Boy Shifters 03 Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639049

For years, Rafael Trall, one of Goldport's finest, has been walking the fine line between enforcing human law and protecting the shifters who come his way. A lion shifter himself, he's found this duty onerous. Lately it's been lightened by his friendship with Tom Ormson, a dragon shifter, and Kyrie Smith, a panther shifter. This should make it easier for him to find a solution for the crimes of a feral shifter - but not when an as yet unnamed entity takes out the Great Sky Dragon, the head of all dragon shifters. With his power devolving on Tom Ormson just as Kyrie finds that a mysterious ailment prevents her from shifting, Rafael must rely only on himself, a seductive dragon girl and an even more seductive and unreliable old shifter to solve the crimes, maintain shifters hidden and keep his best friend in the world from becoming a dragon of unimaginable mass destruction.

Conn Iggulden

The Blood of Gods Emperor 05 Trade Paperback \$32.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007271191

Julius Caesar has been assassinated. A nation is in mourning. Revenge will be bloody.

Rome's great hero Julius Caesar has been brutally murdered by his most trusted allies. While these self-appointed Liberatores seek refuge in the senate, they have underestimated one man: Caesar's adopted son Octavian, a man whose name will echo through history as Augustus Caesar.

Uniting with his great rival Mark Antony, Octavian will stop at nothing to seek retribution from the traitors and avenge his father's death. His greatest hatred is reserved for Brutus, Caesar's childhood friend and greatest ally, now leader of the conspirators.

As the people take to the streets of Rome, the Liberatores must face their fate. Some flee the city; others will not escape mob justice. Not a single one will die a natural death. And the reckoning will come for Brutus on the sweeping battlefield at Philippi.

D B Jackson

Thieves' Quarry *Theftaker 02* Hardcover \$34.95 www.ininitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765327628

Ethan Kaille isn't the likeliest hero. A former sailor with a troubled past, Ethan is a thieftaker, using conjuring skills to hunt down those who steal from the good citizens of Boston. And while chasing down miscreants in 1768 makes his life a perilous one, the simmering political tensions between loyalists like himself and rabble-rousing revolutionaries like Samuel Adams and others of his ilk are perhaps even more dangerous to his health. When one hundred sailors of King George III's Royal Navy are mysteriously killed on a ship in Boston Harbor, Ethan is thrust into dire peril. For he--and not Boston's premier thieftaker, Sephira Pryce--is asked to find the truth behind their deaths. City Sheriff Edmund Greenleaf suspects conjuring was used in the dastardly crime, and even Pryce knows that Ethan is better equipped to contend with matters of what most of Boston considers dark arts. But even Ethan is daunted by magic powerful enough to fell so many in a single stroke. When he starts to investigate, he realizes that the mass murderer will stop at nothing to evade capture. And making his task more difficult is the British fleet's occupation of the city after the colonials' violent protests after the seizure of John Hancock's ship. Kaille will need all his own magic, street smarts, and a bit of luck to keep this Boston massacre from giving the hotheads of Colonial Boston an excuse for inciting a riot--or worse. *Thieves' Quarry* is a stunning second novel in D. B. Jackson's *Theftaker Chronicles*.

D B Jackson

Thieftaker *Thieftaker 01* A Paperback \$14.95 www.ininitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765366061

A tale set in a magical parallel universe at the eve of the Revolutionary War finds young thieftaker Ethan Kaille conjuring spells to solve crimes and facing an unknown conjurer of enormous power when a prominent family hires him to recover a necklace worn by their murdered daughter.

Boston, 1765: The British Crown imposes onerous taxes on the thirteen colonies, and intrigue swirls around firebrands like Samuel Adams and the Sons of Liberty. For Ethan Kaille, a conjurer who makes his living tracking down thieves, politics is for others...until he is asked to recover a necklace worn by the murdered daughter of a prominent family. A man with a dark past, Ethan can ill afford to turn this case down. But taking the case means facing the most powerful members of Boston's high society and its seamy underbelly. And behind it all, another conjurer waits, who has already killed in the service of powerful masters. Ethan is in way over his head, hopelessly overmatched by the deadly spellcraft of someone he cannot even see.

Guy Gavriel Kay

River of Stars Trade Paperback \$27.99 www.ininitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007521913

Ren Daiyan was still just a boy when he took the lives of seven men while guarding an imperial magistrate of Kitai. That moment on a lonely road changed his life--in entirely unexpected ways, sending him into the forests of Kitai among the outlaws. From there he emerges years later--and his life changes again, dramatically, as he circles towards the court and emperor, while war approaches Kitai from the north. Lin Shan is the daughter of a scholar, his beloved only child. Educated by him in ways young women never are, gifted as a songwriter and calligrapher, she finds herself living a life suspended between two worlds. Her intelligence captivates an emperor--and alienates women at the court. But when her father's life is endangered by the savage politics of the day, Shan must act in ways no woman ever has. In an empire divided by bitter factions circling an exquisitely cultured emperor who loves his gardens and his art far more than the burdens of governing, dramatic events on the northern steppe alter the balance of power in the world, leading to events no one could have foretold, under the river of stars.

Laurence Klavan & Susan Kim

Wasteland *Wasteland 01* Hardcover \$24.95 www.ininitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062118516

In a tale set against the backdrop of a brutal world where citizens marry, have children as teens and die before the age of 20, Esther dreams of a life that is more than hard labor and remains faithful to her outcast best friend while outmaneuvering a cruel overseer and wondering about a mysterious newcomer.

Welcome to the wasteland

At fifteen, the citizens of Prin marry.

At seventeen, they reproduce.

And at nineteen, they die.

Esther thinks there's more to life than toiling at the assignments - Harvesting, Gleaning, Excavating - day after day under the relentless sun, just hoping to make it to the next day.

She doesn't care that her best friend, a variant, is considered "the enemy." She doesn't care that Levi, who controls the Source, is the real enemy and might send his Taser boys after her if she makes one wrong move.

Then Caleb shows up. Could there be another way to fight for survival?

Francis Knight

Before the Fall Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.ininitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316217705

With the vertical city of Mahala without power, the murder of an emerging mage sends the already-tense metropolis spiraling out of control, and it is up to mage Rojan Dizon to set things straight.

John Lamshead

Wolf in Shadow Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.ininitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639100

Rhian, a girl from the Welsh valleys on the run from tragedy and herself, finds a new home in the modern East End of London, where the world's largest financial center spins a web of money and power from glistening towers of chrome and glass. Beneath the digital façade lurks the old East End where the layers of two thousand years of dramatic and violent history slide over one another like glaciers, spilling out in avalanches that warp the real world.

As bodies begin to litter the East End streets, The Commission dispatches its best enforcers to deal with the situation: Karla is not human, and Jameson left his humanity behind in pieces in Northern Ireland and Afghanistan. Rhian makes new friends, dangerous friends; and where Rhian goes, the wolf is always in her shadow, just a heartbeat away.

Among the bankers and traders of the East End walk demons in human form and who is to say which are the monsters? London is a magical bomb waiting to explode and somewhere a fuse is hissing.

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller

A Liaden Universe Constellation Liaden Universe Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451639230

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Celebrating 25 Years of the Liaden Universe.

George Mann

The Executioner's Heart Newbery and Hobbes Investigation 04 Hardcover \$34.95

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It's normal for Inspector Bainbridge to be called to the scene of a crime, but this is the third murder in quick succession, each with the victim's chest cracked open and their heart torn out. Bainbridge suspects there's a symbolic reason for the stolen hearts, so he sends for special agent Sir Maurice Newbury and his determined assistant Miss Veronica Hobbes. Unfortunately, neither of them are in much shape to take the case. Veronica is busy trying to find some way to alleviate the mysterious forces hounding her family. Newbury's been retained by a private client: Edward, Prince of Wales, who's concerned that his mother is losing her grip on the nation. Eventually, though, it is determined that someone has hired a mercenary known as the Executioner to kill current and former agents of the Queen. The Executioner--French, beautiful, and covered in tattoos, her flesh inlaid with precious metals--is famed throughout Europe, with legends going back for years. Something is keeping her in a form of living stasis, but her heart is damaged, leaving her an emotionless shell, inexplicably driven to collect her victims' hearts as trophies. Why is Veronica acting the way she is? Why has she stopped trusting Bainbridge? What does the Prince of Wales really want? These are just some of the mysteries that Newbury and Hobbes will confront on the way to unearthing the secret of the Executioner's Heart.

Will McIntosh

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Looks at the disparate love lives of people in a world where death is not necessarily the end.

Richelle Mead

Gameboard of the Gods Age of X 01 Paperback \$24.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781921880247

The truth is, when you banish the gods from the world, they eventually come back - with a vengeance.

In a futuristic world nearly destroyed by religious extremists, Justin March is a former investigator of religious groups who was sent into exile after a failed job, a fate that has left the brilliant servitor bitter and free to indulge his addictive personality. Suddenly, Justin is sent home to the Republic of United North America (RUNA) with a peculiar assignment - to solve a string of ritualistic murders steeped in seemingly unexplainable phenomena.

Justin's unexpected return comes with an even bigger shock: his new partner and bodyguard, Mae, is a praetorian, one of the elite and deadly supersoldiers of the RUNA. Her inexplicably perfect beauty and aristocratic upbringing pique Justin's avid curiosity - and his desire - though her true nature holds more danger than anyone realizes.

As their investigation unfolds, Justin and Mae find themselves in the path of terrible danger. Mysterious enemies and powers greater than they can imagine have begun to assemble in the shadows, preparing to reclaim a world where humans are merely gamepieces on their board.

Gameboard of the Gods, the first novel of Richelle Mead's Age of X series, delivers all the elements that have made her bestselling Vampire Academy series a breakout success: sexy, irresistible characters; romantic and mythological intrigue; and breathless action and suspense.

Devon Monk

Cold Copper Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451418609

Bounty hunter and lycanthrope Cedar Hunt vowed to track down all seven pieces of the Holder--a strange device capable of deadly destruction. And, accompanied by witch Mae Lindson and the capricious Madder brothers, he sets out to do just that. But the crew is forced to take refuge in the frontier town of Des Moines, Iowa, when a glacial storm stops them in their tracks. The town, under mayor Killian Vosbrough, is ruled with an iron fist--and plagued by the steely Strange, creatures that pour through the streets like the unshuttered wind. But Cedar soon learns that Vosbrough is mining cold copper for the cataclysmic generators he's manufacturing deep beneath Des Moines, bringing the search for the Holder to a halt. Chipping through ice, snow, and bone-chilling bewitchment to expose a dangerous plot, Cedar must stop Vosbrough and his scheme to rule the land and sky...

Elizabeth Moon

Limits of Power Paladin's Legacy 04 B Paperback \$22.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780356501277

The penultimate volume in this epic fantasy of elves, dragons and kingdoms under threat, from fantasy legend and Nebula Award-winning author Elizabeth Moon.

The Lady of the elves has been slain and King Kieri injured by the Iynisin, a corrupted race of elves whose poisonous touch means grisly death for all who stand in their way. As the Lady's elves retreat to bury their dead, strange discoveries are made in the palace, revealing old secrets about the ancient alliance between humankind and elves.

Meanwhile, in the kingdom of Tsaia, young Prince Camwyn begins to exhibit dangerous signs of magical ability. Discovery of magical blood so close to the king will put his brother's rule in jeopardy, but he has nowhere to turn when even his own family might put him to death for treason.

James O'Neal

The Double Human Human 02 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765359780

Tom Wilner is a cop. At least what passes for a cop in this shattered world. Plague and nuclear war have left most of the United States uninhabitable. Many have fled to safer zones, forcing what's left of the government to wall off cities in an attempt to control mass migration. The city of Miami is just one of these contained prison states. But it's the outskirts of this forsaken realm that Tom Wilner calls home.

Amid this chaos, Wilner stumbles into the path of a wild and brutal adversary. Forced to go undercover in the most frightfully ravaged corners of the Miami Quarantine Zone, Wilner uncovers something he hasn't seen in decades...a serial killer. But this killer's path is not like any other; he has been active for nearly fifty years without any repercussions. People call him 'the Vampire'. Indeed, this serial killer is not human...and neither are his victims.

A sequel to *The Human Disguise* finds post-apocalypse Florida peace-keeper Tom going undercover to outmaneuver a brutal serial murderer whose 50-year killing spree has revealed his supernatural qualities as well as the bizarre characteristics of his victims.

Seth Patrick

Reviver Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780230768949

Death won't silence them. Revivers. Able to wake the recently dead, and let them bear witness to their own demise. Twelve years after the first reviver came to light, they have become accepted by an uneasy public. The testimony of the dead is permitted in courtrooms across the world. Forensic revival is a routine part of police investigation.

In the United States, that responsibility falls to the Forensic Revival Service. Despite his troubled past, Jonah Miller is one of their best. But while reviving the victim of a brutal murder, he encounters a terrifying presence. Something is watching. Waiting. His superiors tell him it was only in his mind, a product of stress. Jonah is not so certain.

Then Daniel Harker, the first journalist to bring revival to public attention, is murdered, and Jonah finds himself getting dragged into the hunt for answers. Working with Harker's daughter Annabel, he's determined to find those responsible and bring them to justice. Soon they uncover long-hidden truths that call into doubt everything Jonah stands for, and reveal a threat that if not stopped in time, will put all of humanity in danger...

T. Aaron Payton

The Constantine Affliction Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781597805001

1864. London is a city in transition. The Constantine Affliction - a strange malady that kills some of its victims and physically transforms others into the opposite sex - has spread scandal and upheaval throughout society. Scientific marvels and disasters, such as clockwork courtesans, the alchemical fires of Whitechapel, electric carriages, and acidic monsters lurking in the Thames, have forever altered the face of the city.

Pembroke Halliday is an aristocrat with an interest in criminology, who uses his keen powers of observation to assist the police or private individuals - at least when he's sober enough to do so. Ellie Skyler, who hides her gender behind the byline E. Skye, is an intrepid journalist driven by both passion and necessity to uncover the truth, no matter where it hides.

When Pimm and Skye stumble onto a dark plot that links the city's most notorious criminal overlord with the Queen's new consort, famed scientist Sir Bertram Oswald, they soon find the forces of both high and low society arrayed against them. Can they save the city from the arcane machinations of one of history's most infamous monsters - and uncover the shocking origin of... The Constantine Affliction.

Frederic C Rich

Christian Nation Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780393240115

Reimagines a world where the McCain and Palin ticket won the 2008 election and describes what the future might look like if the Christian right succeeds in turning America into a theocracy.

So ends the first chapter of this brilliantly readable counterfactual novel, reminding us that America's Christian fundamentalists have been consistently dear about their vision for a "Christian Nation" and dead serious about acquiring the political power to achieve it. When President McCain dies and Sarah Palin becomes president, the reader, along with the nation, stumbles down a terrifyingly credible path toward theocracy, realizing too late that the Christian right meant precisely what it said.

In the spirit of Philip Roth's *The Plot Against America*, one of America's foremost lawyers lays out in chilling detail what such a future might look like: constitutional protections dismantled; all aspects of life dominated by an authoritarian law called "The Blessing", enforced by a totally integrated digital world known as the "Purity Web." Readers will find themselves haunted by the questions the narrator struggles to answer in this fictional memoir: "What happened, why did it happen, how could it have happened?"

Lev A C Rosen

All Men of Genius Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765327956

Inspired by two of the most beloved works by literary masters, *All Men of Genius* takes place in an alternate Steampunk Victorian London, where science makes the impossible possible.

Violet Adams wants to attend Illyria College, a widely renowned school for the most brilliant up-and-coming scientific minds, founded by the late Duke Illyria, the greatest scientist of the Victorian Age. The school is run by his son, Ernest, who continues his father's policy that the small, exclusive college remain male-only. Violet sees her opportunity when her father departs for America. She disguises herself as her twin brother, Ashton, and gains entry.

But keeping the secret of her sex won't be easy, not with her friend Jack's constant habit of pulling pranks, and especially not when the duke's young ward, Cecily, starts to develop feelings for Violet's alter ego, 'Ashton'. Not to mention blackmail, mysterious killer automata, and the way Violet's pulse quickens whenever the young duke, Ernest, speaks to her. She soon realizes that it's not just keeping her secret until the end of the year faire she has to worry about: it's surviving that long.

Sean Russell

The Initiate Brother Duology Initiate 01, 02 Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756408022

The Initiate Brother and Gatherer of Clouds, together in one omnibus edition for the first time!

Plague and warfare have swept across the ancient kingdom of Wa, devastating the royal line and leaving a new dynasty on the throne - a new Emperor, Akantsu, filled with fear of all who might seek to wrest the Empire from his grasp. Among those out of favor with the new liege is the Order of the Botahist Monks, whose mystical powers have enabled them to hold positions as Spiritual Advisors to the Imperial court for nearly ten centuries. But Emperor Akantsu fears none so greatly as he does Lord Shonto, the brilliant leader of the most important of the old families, whose influence could rally the Great Houses against the throne, and whose adopted daughter, the beautiful and talented Lady Nishima, is the last surviving member of the old royal family.

Sent to be military governor of a northern border province long threatened by barbarian invaders, Lord Shonto knows he is being lured to his death. But Akantsu has underestimated his foe, for not only is Lord Shonto the greatest military genius of the age, but he has with him a Spiritual Advisor from the Botahist Order? a young man gifted with extraordinary martial arts skills and magical abilities, Initiate Brother Shuyun. And even Lord Shonto does not realize the true potential of this young monk. Only time will reveal that Shuyun's magical powers have not seen their equal in nearly a thousand years - not since the Perfect Master himself walked the paths of the Empire.

Anthony Ryan

Blood Song Blood Song 01 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425267691

The Sixth Order wields the sword of justice and smites the enemies of the Faith and the Realm.

Vaelin Al Sorna was only a child of ten when his father left him at the iron gate of the Sixth Order. The Brothers of the Sixth Order are devoted to battle, and Vaelin will be trained and hardened to the austere, celibate, and dangerous life of a Warrior of the Faith. He has no family now save the Order.

Vaelin's father was Battle Lord to King Janus, ruler of the unified realm. Vaelin's rage at being deprived of his birthright and dropped at the doorstep of the Sixth Order like a foundling knows no bounds. He cherishes the memory of his mother, and what he will come to learn of her at the Order will confound him. His father, too, has motives that Vaelin will come to understand. But one truth overpowers all the rest: Vaelin Al Sorna is destined for a future he has yet to comprehend. A future that will alter not only the realm, but the world.

Sherri L. Smith**Orleans** Hardcover \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780399252945

Set in a futuristic, hostile Orleans landscape, Fen de la Guerre must deliver her tribe leader's baby over the Wall into the Outer States before her blood becomes tainted with Delta Fever. First came the storms. Then came the Fever. And the Wall.

After a string of devastating hurricanes and a severe outbreak of Delta Fever, the Gulf Coast has been quarantined. Years later, residents of the Outer States are under the assumption that life in the Delta is all but extinct - but in reality, a new primitive society has been born.

Fen de la Guerre is living with the O-Positive blood tribe in the Delta when they are ambushed. Left with her tribe leader's newborn, Fen is determined to get the baby to a better life over the wall before her blood becomes tainted. Fen meets Daniel, a scientist from the Outer States who has snuck into the Delta illegally. Brought together by chance, kept together by danger, Fen and Daniel navigate the wasteland of Orleans. In the end, they are each other's last hope for survival.

Sherri L. Smith delivers an expertly crafted story about a fierce heroine whose powerful voice and firm determination will stay with you long after you've turned the last page.

James Smythe**The Machine** Trade Paperback \$24.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007428601

Beth lives alone on a desolate housing estate near Portsmouth. She came here to rebuild her life. Her husband returned from the war, tormented. They said they could save him. There was a machine. They said it could record his memories, preserve a life that existed before the nightmares. She had no choice. The machine saved him in a way. Now he lives in an institution, amongst a sea of others. She should be grateful. They said he was one of the lucky ones; at least he came back from the war.

Now the machines are gone. They declared them too controversial, the side-effects too harmful. But within Beth's flat is an ever-whirring black box. She knows that memories can be put back, that she can rebuild her husband one memory at a time. Frankenstein is a myth meant to scare us, the machine is an invention sent to save us.

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What would you do if the world was brought to a standstill? If you heard deafening static followed by the words MY CHILDREN, DO NOT BE AFRAID? Would you turn to God? Declare it an act of terrorism? Subscribe to the conspiracy theories? Or put your faith in science and a rational explanation? The lives of all twenty-six people in this account are affected by the message. Most because they heard it. Some because they didn't. THE TESTIMONY -- a gripping story of the world brought to its knees and of its people, confused and afraid.

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When journalist Cormac Easton is selected to document the first manned mission into deep space, he dreams of securing his place in history as one of humanity's great explorers. But in space, nothing goes according to plan.

The crew wake from hypersleep to discover their captain dead in his allegedly fail-proof safety pod. They mourn, and Cormac sends a beautifully written eulogy back to Earth. The word from ground control is unequivocal: no matter what happens, the mission must continue.

But as the body count begins to rise, Cormac finds himself alone and spiraling toward his own inevitable death . . . unless he can do something to stop it.

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It's a brave new world in America -- a world where young women are breeders, and the prettiest go to the highest bidders.

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Charles Stross**Neptune's Brood** Hardcover \$29.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425256770

The year is AD 7000. The human species is extinct - for the fourth time - due to its fragile nature.

Krina Alizond-114 is metahuman, descended from the robots that once served humanity. She's on a journey to the water-world of Shin-Tethys to find her sister Ana. But her trip is interrupted when pirates capture her ship. Their leader, the enigmatic Count Rudi, suspects that there's more to Krina's search than meets the eye.

He's correct: Krina and Ana each possess half of the fabled Atlantis Carnet, a lost financial instrument of unbelievable value - capable of bringing down entire civilizations. Krina doesn't know that Count Rudi suspects her motives, so she accepts his offer to get her to Shin-Tethys in exchange for an introduction to Ana.

And what neither of them suspects is that a ruthless body-double assassin has stalked Krina across the galaxy, ready to take the Carnet once it is whole - and leave no witnesses alive to tell the tale...

Sam Sykes**Tome of the Undergates Aeons Gate 01** Trade Paperback \$22.95www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781616142421

Adventurer. The term has long been synonymous with cutthroat, murderer, savage, zealot, and heathen. And Lenk, an errant young man with only a sword and a decidedly unpleasant voice in his head, counts all five among his best and only associates. Loathed by society and spurned by all merciful gods, he and his band are recruited for only the vilest of jobs.

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J R R Tolkien & Christopher Tolkien (Editor)

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The world first publication of a previously unknown work by J.R.R. Tolkien, which tells the extraordinary story of the final days of England's legendary hero, King Arthur.

THE FALL OF ARTHUR recounts in verse the last campaign of King Arthur who, even as he stands at the threshold of Mirkwood is summoned back to Britain by news of the treachery of Mordred. Already weakened in spirit by Guinevere's infidelity with the now-exiled Lancelot, Arthur must rouse his knights to battle one last time against Mordred's rebels and foreign mercenaries. Powerful, passionate and filled with vivid imagery, THE FALL OF ARTHUR reveals Tolkien's gift for storytelling at its brilliant best. Originally composed by J.R.R. Tolkien in the 1930s, this work was set aside for THE HOBBIT and has lain untouched for 80 years. Now it has been edited for publication by Tolkien's son, Christopher, who contributes three illuminating essays that explore the literary world of King Arthur, reveal the deeper meaning of the verses and the painstaking work that his father applied to bring it to a finished form, and the intriguing links between THE FALL OF ARTHUR and his greatest creation, Middle-earth.

Harry Turtledove

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In Supervolcano: Eruption, one of nature's most destructive forces released its ferocity on an unsuspecting world. Now, New York Times bestselling author Harry Turtledove reveals how the survivors of the disaster adapt to their new environment.

In the aftermath of the supervolcano's eruption in Yellowstone Park, North America is covered in ash. Farmlands cannot produce food. Machinery has been rendered useless. Cities are no longer habitable. And the climate across the globe grows colder every day.

Former police officer Colin Ferguson's family is spread across the United States, separated by the catastrophe, and struggling to survive as the nation attempts to recover and reestablish some measure of civilization.

J R Ward

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Butch O'Neal is a fighter by nature. A hard-living ex-homicide cop, he's the only human ever to be allowed in the inner circle of the Black Dagger Brotherhood. And he wants to go even deeper into the vampire world. He's got nothing to lose. His heart belongs to a female vampire, an aristocratic beauty who's way out of his league. If he can't have Marissa, then at least he can fight side by side with the Brothers....

Fate curses him with the very thing he wants. When Butch sacrifices himself to save a civilian vampire from the slayers, he falls prey to the darkest force in the war. Left for dead, he's found by a miracle, and the Brotherhood calls on Marissa to bring him back. But even her love may not be enough to save him....

Danie Ware

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In a futuristic London where technological body modification is the norm, Ecko stands alone as a testament to the extreme capabilities of his society. Driven half mad by the systems running his body, Ecko is a criminal for hire. No job is too dangerous or insane.

When a mission goes wrong and Ecko finds himself catapulted across dimensions into a peaceful and unadvanced society living in fear of 'magic', he must confront his own perceptions of reality and his place within it.

A thrilling debut, Ecko Rising explores the massive range of the sci-fi and fantasy genres, and the possible implications of pitting them against one another. Author Danie Ware creates an immersive and richly imagined world that readers will be eager to explore in the first book in this exciting new trilogy.

David Weber (Editor), Timothy Zahn, Joelle Presby, Charles E Gannon (et al) Editor

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Enter an epic fantasy world that echoes with the thunder of muskets and the clang of steel?but where the real battle is against a subtle and sinister magic....

Captain Marcus d'Ivoire, commander of one of the Vordanai empire's colonial garrisons, was resigned to serving out his days in a sleepy, remote outpost. But that was before a rebellion upended his life. And once the powder smoke settled, he was left in charge of a demoralized force clinging tenuously to a small fortress at the edge of the desert.

To flee from her past, Winter Ihernglass masqueraded as a man and enlisted as a ranker in the Vordanai Colonials, hoping only to avoid notice. But when chance sees her promoted to command, she must win the hearts of her men and lead them into battle against impossible odds.

The fates of both these soldiers and all the men they lead depend on the newly arrived Colonel Janus bet Vhalnich, who has been sent by the ailing king to restore order. His military genius seems to know no bounds, and under his command, Marcus and Winter can feel the tide turning. But their allegiance will be tested as they begin to suspect that the enigmatic Janus's ambitions extend beyond the battlefield and into the realm of the supernatural - a realm with the power to ignite a meteoric rise, reshape the known world, and change the lives of everyone in its path.

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Continuing from Count to a Trillion, Menelaus Illation Montrose - Texas gunslinger, idealist, and posthuman genius - has gone into cryo-suspension following the discovery that, in 8,000 years, a powerful alien intelligence will reach Earth to assess humanity's value as slaves. Montrose intends to be alive to meet that threat, but he is awakened repeatedly throughout the centuries to confront the woes of an ever-changing and violent world, witnessing millennia of change compressed into a few years of subjective time. The result is a breathtaking vision of future history like nothing before imagined: sweeping, tumultuous, and evermore alien, as Montrose's immortal enemies and former shipmates from the starship Hermetic harness the forces of evolution and social engineering to continuously reshape the Earth in their image, seeking to create a version of man the approaching slavers will find worthy.

John C Wright

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After the collapse of the world economy, a young boy grows up in what used to be Texas as a tough duellist for hire, the future equivalent of a hired gun. But even after the collapse, there is space travel, and he leaves Earth to have adventures in the really wide open spaces. But he is quickly catapulted into the more distant future, while humanity, and Artificial Intelligence, grows and changes and becomes a kind of superman.

Timothy Zahn

Cobra Slave *Cobra Rebellion 01* Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451638998

Cobras: technologically-enhanced warriors bred to fight an alien menace no ordinary human can withstand. At the center of action on Cobra world Aventine: the legendary Moreau clan. In times of war, the Cobras are necessary, yet in times of peace they are often reviled by those they have saved. Now the Cobras have resisted a second invasion of the alien Troft forces, and forced the Troft to a stalemate -- and even converted some thoughtful Troft into uneasy allies against their kin.

Yet all is not well in the human sector of the galaxy. A supposed sister empire, the Dominion of Man, threatens the Cobra worlds with what is, in effect, enslavement, as it moves to consolidate power over all the Cobra worlds. The plan on Aventine: to extort from the Moreau family the location of the home planet of a mysterious human ally that may be more powerful than the Dominion: the Qasaman empire.

Meanwhile, Cobra Merrick Moreau is on a secret mission of his own to a world of humans enslaved by Troft masters. It is a world of barbaric cruelty where every human is slave chattel to Troft gamblers. There the Troft force whole villages, even children, into life and death struggles served up for Troft entertainment.

But the totalitarian Dominion of Man and the Troft game-masters are in for a rude surprise: Cobras are not merely technological marvels. They are far more. For within each Cobra, bred by close family ties and hard testing in battle, there beats the heart of a warrior and the burning conviction that a Cobra will be slave to no one. Rebellion is at hand, and once again, Cobras lead the fight for freedom.

Anthologies and Short Story Collections

Nancy A Collins, James C Bassett & Stephen L Antczak (Editors), Paul Di Filippo, Steven Harper, K W Jeter, Kat Richardson, Jay Lake & Philippa Ballantine

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Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's The Red Shoes, New York Times bestselling author K. W. Jeter's La Valse forges a fable about love, the decadence of technology, and a gala dance that becomes the obsession of a young engineer - and the doom of those who partake in it.

In You Will Attend Until Beauty Awakens, national bestselling author and John W. Campbell Award winner Jay Lake tells the story of Sleeping Beauty - and how the princess was conceived in deception, raised in danger, and rescued by a prince who may be less than valiant.

The tale of The Tinderbox takes a turn into the surreal when a damaged young soldier comes into possession of an intricate, treacherous treasure and is drawn into a mission of mercy in national bestselling author Kat Richardson's 'The Hollow Hounds'.

In The Kings of Mount Golden, Hugo and World Fantasy Award nominee Paul Di Filippo tells the story of a young man's search for his heritage and a mechanical marvel that lies at the heart of a sinister pact in this fascinating take on The King of the Golden Mountain.

Hank Davis (Editor), Connie Willis, Mercedes Lackey, Orson Scott Card, Catherine Asaro, Larry Correia, Mark L van Name (et al)

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Jonathan Oliver (Editor), Dan Abnett, Storm Constantine, Christopher Fowler, Connie Willis, Audrey Niffenegger, Robert Shearman, Gail Z Martin, Will Hill, Alison Littlewood

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This amazing collection of new fiction has an extraordinary list of contributors, it is the very first commercial collection to feature an original short story from the international no.1 bestseller Audrey Niffenegger, author of The Time Traveller's Wife; features alongside the NYT Bestseller Dan Abnett and more bestselling authors such as Christopher Fowler, Storm Constantine and many more.

Niffenegger says: "I'm delighted to be involved in this project. My story is called The Wrong Fairie and is about Charles Altamont Doyle. He was a Victorian artist who was institutionalized for alcoholism. He was also the father of Arthur Conan Doyle, and he believed in fairies."

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Ree Soesbee

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The lost kingdom of Orr lies beneath the ocean waves, an entire civilization swallowed by an ancient cataclysm. For centuries, the depths have lain dormant, those ancient secrets lost. Until now. The Elder Dragon Zhaitan has risen. In its wake, the drowned kingdom of Orr is reborn - and another destroyed. The city of Lion's Arch, for generations a cornerstone of civilization in Tyria, is brutally swept beneath the waves, leaving nothing but ruins. Among the survivors is Cobiah Marriner, a human sailor shipwrecked by the tsunami and stranded at sea. When he is rescued by a ferocious charr, Cobiah knows that he's been plunged into a world forever changed. Now, Zhaitan's undead servants dominate the sea, destroying port after port and slaughtering anything in their path. In the midst of ruin, Cobiah vows to see Lion's Arch rebuilt. Amid the storm of the dragon's rising, Cobiah must become a hero to his crew and an admiral to the pirate fleet, and face the ghosts of his past. Only then will he master the Sea of Sorrows and crush the armada of Orr.

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Once, on my birth-world, a world I knew as Erde-Tyrene, and which now is called Earth, my name was Chakas... In the wake of apparent self-destruction of the Forerunner empire, two humans--Chakas and Riser--are like flotsam washed up on very strange shores indeed.

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In the company of a young girl and an old man, Chakas begins an epic journey across a lost and damaged Halo in search of a way home, an explanation for the warrior spirits rising up within, and for the Librarian's tampering with human destiny.

This journey will take them into the Palace of Pain, the domain of a powerful and monstrous intelligence who claims to be the Last Precursor, and who now has control of both this Halo and the fate of Forerunners and Humans alike.

Called the Captive by Forerunners, and the Primordial by ancient human warriors, this intelligence has taken charge of, and retasked, the Master Builder's cruel researches into the Flood--which it may have itself unleashed on the galaxy more than ten thousand years before.

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Michael A Stackpole

That night, visions mocked Vol'jin. He found himself in the midst of fighters, each of whom he recognized. He'd gathered them for that final assault on Zalazane, to end his madness and free the Echo Isles for the Darkspears. Each of the combatants took on aspects of a jihui cube, faced to be at their maximum power. Not a fireship among them, but this did not surprise Vol'jin.

He was the fireship, but not yet turned to display his maximum power. This was not a fight, though desperate, in which he would destroy himself. Aided by Bwonsamdi, they would slay Zalazane and reclaim the Echo Isles.

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Christopher L Bennett

A new nation has arisen from the ashes of the Romulan War: the United Federation of Planets, an unprecedented union of diverse species cooperating for the good of all. Admiral Jonathan Archer - the former captain of the Earth starship Enterprise, whose efforts made this union possible - envisions a vibrant Federation promoting galactic peace and a multispecies Starfleet dedicated to exploring strange new worlds. Archer's former crewmates, including Captain T'Pol of the U.S.S. Endeavour and Captain Malcolm Reed of the U.S.S. Pioneer, work with him to secure that bright future. Yet others within the Federation see its purpose as chiefly military, a united defense against a dangerous galaxy, while some of its neighbors view that military might with suspicion and fear. And getting the member nations, their space fleets, and even their technologies to work together as a unified whole is an ongoing challenge.

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Zombie Survival Guide

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Max Brooks (Inspired by)

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Based on the author's experience over many years managing large soil testing laboratories, particular emphasis has been placed on ensuring that procedures are fully understood. Each test procedure has therefore been broken down into simple stages with each step being clearly described. The use of flow diagrams and the setting out of test data and calculations will be of great benefit, especially for the newcomer to soil testing.

The book is complemented with many numerical examples which illustrate the methods of calculation and graphical presentations of typical results. The reporting of test data is also explained. Vital information on good techniques, laboratory safety, the calibration of measuring instruments, essential checks on equipment, and laboratory accreditation are all included.

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This is the second volume of three that provides a comprehensive working manual for the laboratory testing of soils for civil engineering purposes. It is an essential practical handbook for all who are engaged in laboratory testing of soils as well as being of great value to professional engineers, consultants, academics and students in geotechnical engineering. The contents have been revised and updated to reflect current practice in standard laboratory test procedures for determining some of the important engineering properties of soils.

The authors have had many years experience in managing large soil testing laboratories since the early 1950s through to the present day, whilst actively contributing to the development of geotechnical testing through training courses, lectures, committees and working groups. They recognise that it is particularly important for test methods to be fully understood and a step-by-step approach has therefore been used in presenting each section.

The test procedures comprise the measurement of soil permeability, CBR value, drained and undrained shear strength, and consolidation characteristics. Additional material in this new edition includes the Fall cone procedure for measurement of shear strength in clays based on the European Technical Specification, a simplified direct approach and a useful arrangement for applying pressures in multistage triaxial tests to meet the requirements of BS1377. The latest requirements for calibration of equipment and measuring devices are presented and discussed, together with the significance of quality assurance based on recognised laboratory accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025.

Descriptions of test methods are complemented by many numerical examples in order to illustrate the methods for recording test data, making calculations, presenting graphical plots and deriving test results. Fundamental principles are explained, where appropriate, so that the operator can have a better understanding of the significance of the tests and guidance is given where experience has shown that difficulties may be encountered. The importance of good techniques, essential checks on test equipment and laboratory safety are all emphasised.

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

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After his wife, Helen, is brazenly abducted before his eyes, Special Agent Pendergast furiously pursues the kidnappers, chasing them across the country and into Mexico. But then, things go terribly, tragically wrong; the kidnappers escape; and a shattered Pendergast retreats to his New York apartment and shuts out the world.

But when a string of bizarre murders erupts across several Manhattan hotels--perpetrated by a boy who seems to have an almost psychic ability to elude capture--NYPD Lieutenant D'Agosta asks his friend Pendergast for help. Reluctant at first, Pendergast soon discovers that the killings are a message from his wife's kidnappers. But why a message? And what does it mean?

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This book is for good dogs, bad dogs, and the millions of people who love them, either way, but owners will no doubt recognize their own lovable pets, and maybe themselves, in these pages. After all, so many people talk to their dogs, they might as well read to them, and learn a little something in the process.

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The Dangerous Book for Boys tapped into a male desire to recapture a back-to-basics sense of fun. Now, a boy's sense of fun is perfectly fine, but a dog's sense of fun is hilarious. Leg-humping, bottom-sniffing and tail-chasing - these are not just the bedrock of dog life; they are the bedrock of comedy.

David S Richeson

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Filled with a who's who of brilliant mathematicians who questioned, refined, and contributed to a remarkable theorem's development, Euler's Gem will fascinate every mathematics enthusiast.

Frank Swain

How to Make a Zombie: The Real Life (And Death) Science of Reanimation and Mind Control Paperback \$24.95

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Could zombies actually walk the earth? Join science punk Frank Swain as he digs into the science of body and mind control, from Haitian Vodou potions to military interrogation techniques. He recounts true zombie tales from the archives, including resurrected dog heads, secret agent drugs, and remote-controlled bulls and rats. He even investigates how psychologists are shaping our thoughts in the design of city streets. Entertaining and mind-bending, this is incredible science at its best.

The search for the means to control the bodies and minds of our fellow humans has been underway for millennia, from the sleep-inducing honeycombs that felled Pompey's army to the famous voodoo potions of Haiti. But recently, science has taken up the quest. Science punk Frank Swain digs into the reality of zombies: dog heads brought back to life without their bodies; secret agents dosing targets with zombie drugs; parasites that push their hosts to suicide or sex changes; bulls and rats commanded by remote control; city streets designed to quell violent thoughts; interrogation techniques used by the military; and viruses that take over the body and won't let go. Packed with untold stories moldering in the corners of archives and labs, *How to Make a Zombie* is a mind-bending, entertaining excavation of incredible science.



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