

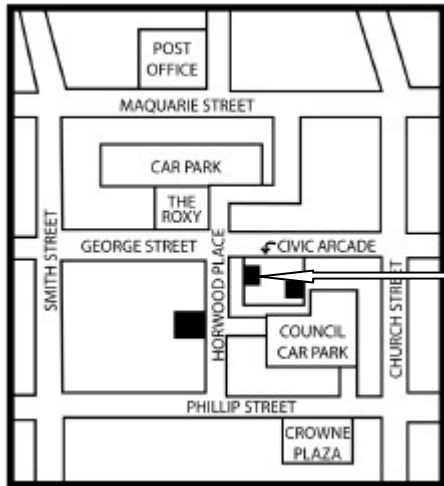


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## News

As most of you would have noticed, there didn't seem to be a newsletter in July, we apologise for that, as we were busy getting the new location up to scratch and we hope that this bumper double issue for July and August puts you at ease. We have listed all the books released for both months together, so pull up a chair and start your wish lists now!

We have completed our move to the Civic Arcade (see map at left). Our entry is via Blokey Stuff. There are a few minor things to be done, but all our books and other goodies are ready to go. And of course, a big benefit to all our Infinitas Guild members is that everything in the shop counts towards your points, be it the books you have always loved, or product from Blokey Stuff such as coffee mugs, bar tools or tin plate robots.

## Signed Books

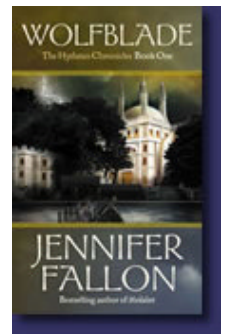
We have just had a visit from **Jennifer Fallon**, author of the *Demon Child* and *Second Suns* trilogies. While she was in the shop she signed copies of all of her books for customers, as well as some for the shop, including her latest title, *Wolfblade*.



**Sara Douglas** was recently in Sydney, and while she couldn't visit Infinitas, she did sign some bookplates for us. This means that when you purchase any of Sara's books, you will receive a signed bookplate **free**, while stocks last.

We also have a number of books by other Australian authors that are signed. Look for the yellow sticker on the front cover.

Remember, all our signed books are sold at regular prices, so they make great presents.



## Author Visit

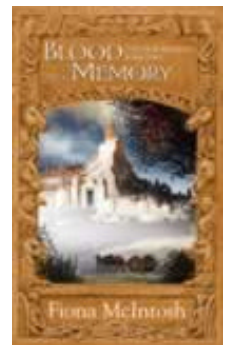
**Fiona McIntosh**

will be visiting Infinitas on

Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 2pm

Fiona will be signing copies of all her books, including the recently released ***Blood & Memory***. If you are unable to attend and would like some of Fiona's books, please contact us to make arrangements.

Light refreshments will be provided





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### Infinitas Readers Group

The Infinitas Readers Group meets on the first Thursday of each month (except January) in the shop. Anyone is welcome to join.

The next meeting is at 6.30 pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2004.

The topic for the meeting will be "My Favourite Book of 2004 so far".

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Prices are correct at time of printing and may be subject to change without notice.

## New Release Information

All books listed here are due for publication during July or August. If you are after a specific book, let us know and we can ensure a copy is put aside for you as soon as it arrives. Preorders are always welcome on any book not yet published, and are the best way ensure we have your book ready for you.

Legend: PB = paperback, HB = hardback, TP = trade paperback, Cass = cassette, CD = CD, GN = Graphic Novel

## Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

### Douglas Adams

*Hitchhikers Guide To the Galaxy 25th Anniversary Edition*

A facsimile edition of the chronicles of the journeys, notions & acquaintances of reluctant galactic traveller Arthur Dent. **HC \$28.95**

### Kevin J Anderson

*Horizon Storms*

In the face of a titanic war between the Hydrogues & Faeros, Chairman Wenceslas & King Peter endeavour to unify the human race while struggling against the disparate Roamer & Theorc clans who would conquer the old order by forging alliances. **HC \$51.95**

*A Forest of Stars*

The second instalment of the acclaimed space opera Saga of Seven Suns series. **PB \$19.95**

### Poul Anderson

*Flandry of Terra*

Three futuristic Flandry tales come together in an anthology that includes 'The Game of Glory', in which Captain Flandry finds adventure & revolution on the water world of Nyanza; 'A Message in Secret', in which the inhabitants of Altai have joined forces with the enemy Maersians; & 'The Plague of Masters', about Flandry's trip to a remote world that has had no contact with the Empire in three centuries. **TP \$24.95**

### Mark Anthony

*The First Stone*

Seeking refuge from his old life, Runebreaker Travis Wilder is forced to return to Eldh, the long-lost city of sorcerers, & their ancient enemies, the Scirathi, plan to use Travis or his daughter to restore the lost power, unless he & his old friend Grace Beckett, can find the Last Rune to stop the annihilation. **PB \$17.95**

### Fletcher Anthony

*Gods of the Inferno*

Thousands of years ago, the People lived & worshipped their gods in the rainforests of the Indonesian archipelago. Then the Newcomers began to come from the north & the People are forced to move south... & relocate again & again. They must trust those of their kind with whom they used to do battle; they must learn how to cross a river; they must forget their old ways & forge new ideas. **PB \$18.95**

### Catherine Asaro

*Sunrise Alley*

When research scientist Samantha Bryton comes to the aid of a stranger who washes up on the beach near her home, she is unaware that he is the result of an experiment conducted by Charon, a practitioner of illegal robotics & android research. **HC \$49.95**

### Sarah Ash

*Prisoner of Ironsea Tower*

Eugene of Tielen has won the five Tears of Artamon, the legendary rubies which entitle him to be crowned emperor of the five countries of the ancient divided empire of Rossiya. But on the eve of his coronation, when the rubies are brought together for the

first time in the imperial crown, a strange phenomenon occurs: a crimson beacon of light shoots up into the night sky from the five jewels. Is it a good portent - or an evil omen? **TP \$32.95**

### Isaac Asimov

*I Robot*

In these stories, Isaac Asimov creates the Three Laws of Robotics & ushers in the Robot Age. When Earth is ruled by master-machines. When robots are more human than mankind. But an insane telepathic robot results from a production error; a robot assembled in space logically deduces its superiority to non-rational humanity; & when machines serve mankind rather than individual humans, the machine's idea of what is good for society may itself contravene the Three Laws.... **PB \$18.95**

*Robot Visions*

**PB \$19.95**

### James Axler

*Separation*

In an attempt to find a safe haven, Ryan & his band of rebels journey to a remote island where they are captured by a tribe of descendants of African slaves from pre-Civil War days who cause dissension among the ranks when they "free" Ryan's medic from her white masters. **PB \$16.95**

### Clive Barker

*Abarat*

Abarat: an archipelago of amazement & wonder. A land made up of twenty-five islands, each representing one hour of the day, each one a unique place of adventure & danger (and one mysterious place out of time), all ruled over by the evil Christopher Carrion, Lord of Midnight, & his monstrous grandmother, Mater Motley. **PB \$18.95**

### Jeffrey E Barlough

*Strange Cargo*

Journey to an alternate world in which the Ice Age never ended, civilisation survives only on a narrow coastline, & Victorian society exists side by side with woolly mammoths & saber toothed cats. **TP \$30.95**

### Greg Bear

*Dead Lines*

Peter Russell lost a daughter to a serial killer. His marriage was the next casualty. Now he gets by as Mr Fix-it for a film millionaire with a young wife, on a big Hollywood estate infamous for its association with an historical scandal. The millionaire invests in a new kind of phone, the Trans. The problem with the Trans is that not only can you talk to your friends on it, you can also talk to the dead - but that wasn't part of the design spec. **TP \$29.95**

*Darwin's Children*

A new kind of humanity is growing up, some call them Virus Children. They are special, equipped with significant natural upgrades that allow them to communicate and socialise in ways we can hardly imagine or resist. But they carry ancient viruses that could cause our extinction, & now they're being rounded up to be studied. **PB \$18.95**

**Gregory Benford***Great Sky River*

At the center of the galaxy, a small band of humans, trapped on the barren world of Snowglade & facing extinction, discovers that they will play a new role in the order of the universe. **PB \$17.95**

**D V Bernard***God in the Image of Woman*

In a future world in which women begin dying out due to a lack of X chromosomes, a 10 year old girl is identified as a messiah & individuals from various places throughout the world struggle with a military superpower that would collect the last of earth's women. **TP \$30.95**

**Alfred Bester***The Computer Connection*

A group of idealistic immortals enlists the aid of Dr Sequoya Guess, a Cherokee physicist, to take over Extro, the super computer that controls all mechanical activity on Earth, to rid the planet of repression, but instead Extro takes control of Dr Guess who must now be eliminated. **PB \$17.95**

**John Gregory Betancourt***Roger Zelazny's Chaos & Amber*

Dworkin & his son Oberon travel to the Courts of Chaos to confront their hidden enemies, only to find themselves targeted by evil forces that would destroy them both & are forced to flee even deeper into Shadow, where Oberon discovers the truth about his past & the dark forces that threaten to engulf them. **PB \$17.95**

**Alice Borchardt***Raven Warrior*

As Guinevere faces the first great test of her reign, so her childhood companion, Black Leg, the shapeshifting son of her adoptive father, begins his own quest to become a man & warrior worthy of this new queen. In his wanderings, he will endure trials both mental & physical, discover inner strengths and, with the Lady of the Lake, primal passions, each experience more perilous, more terrifying, than the last. When he & Guinevere are finally reunited, the consequences of both their ordeals will unleash a torrent of anguish & desire. For he is the Raven Warrior, the one who will be called Lancelot. **PB \$22.95**

**Ray Bradbury***Fahrenheit 451: 50th Anniversary Edition*

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of this hauntingly prophetic classic novel, it is being re-released in a special edition with a new introduction by Rad Bradbury. **PB \$18.95**

*The Cat's Pyjamas: New Stories*

A collection of new short stories by the award winning author. **HC \$51.95**

**Marion Zimmer Bradley & Deborah J Ross***Zandru's Forge*

Set against the turbulent backdrop of the Hundred Kingdoms, a time of war & strife, detailing the friendship between two young men, Carolin Hastur, heir of Hastur, & Varzil Ridenow, that changes Darkover's destiny. **PB \$19.95**

**The Robertski Brothers***The Mcatrix Derided*

There has never been a massive blockbusting SF actioner quite so po-faced as The Matrix. With a lead actor who can barely say 'Neatcher' let alone spell it, The Matrix & its confused sequels have nevertheless spawned an immense following. The Mcatrix Derided will take the themes of twisted realities, paranoia & godhead, the imagery of spoons, dark glasses & impractical long coats & the terror of slow moving bullets & iron octopoid-spider robot thingys & give them a damn good parodying. **HC \$19.95**

**Jim Brown***Black Valley*

When five teenagers seek revenge on a local bully, the vicious & sadistic 'Whitey' Dobbs, their plan goes badly awry, sending 'Whitey' on a horrifying rampage that plunges the citizens of Black Valley, a tiny, remote town in Orgeon, into a nightmare that will last for generations. **PB \$17.95**

**Simon Brown Australian Author***Born Of Empire*

The mighty Hamilayan Empire has never been stronger. The Empress Lerena of the formidable Kevleren dynasty is sending an expedition, led by her cousin Maddyn, across the Deepening Sea to expand its borders & counter moves by its nearest neighbour & greatest enemy, the kingdom of Rivald. But problems emerge to complicate Lerena's reign. Her unstable sister, Yunara, has been thwarted in love, & this makes her dangerous. Like all Kevleren, she is able to harness the might of the Sefid, a field of seemingly limitless power beyond the grasp of ordinary people. The object of Yunara's obsession, the banished Maddyn, has defied Kevleren law & is having a child with a commoner. Lerena fears what destruction Yunara may unleash. **TP \$25**

**Steven Brust***Agyar*

Rendered immortal a century earlier, Agyar roams throughout time & between relationships before finding himself in an Ohio college town, where he is forced to choose between salvation & destruction. **TP \$28.95**

**Lois McMaster Bujold***Paladin of Souls*

The Golden General's curse has been lifted from the royal family & Cazaril can now rest easy & enjoy his new life with his bride, Betriz. However, life for Ista, the Dowager Royina, has not improved. With the death of her mother, the Provincara, & with her surviving child, Iselle, now ruling Chalion from the capital, Cardegross, Ista is left without purpose. Her brother's family still thinks she's mad & aim to keep her locked up safely to avoid embarrassment, but she craves freedom & escape, & begins to plan how this may become reality ... **PB \$18.95**

**Chris Bunch***The Doublecross Program*

The Star Risk Team, led by M'chel Riss, finds themselves faced with corporate espionage, & political intrigue when they are hired to stage a

bizarre bank robbery that places them in the middle of a war over an addictive new product.

**PB \$17.95****Jacqueline Carey***The Crossley Baby*

Two very different sisters - Jean, an outspoken & ambitious corporate head-hunter, & Sunny, a family oriented wife & mother, feud over who will adopt the baby of their unexpectedly deceased older sister, in a novel set against the backdrop of 1980s New York. **TP \$28.95**

**Elizabeth Chadwick***Shadows & Strongholds***HC \$49.95****Jack L Chalker***Kaspar's Box*

An encounter between a mysterious alien force & the human military brings an armed expedition to the Kaspar, the third planet of the Three Kings, where they join forces with the survivors of two earlier expeditions that had been marooned on the planet by human treachery & alien power & confront a fateful decision that could determine the fate of the entire human race. **PB \$17.95**

**Rob Chilson***Refuge***PB \$15.95****Arthur C Clarke & Stephen Baxter***Time's Eye***HC \$39.95 TP \$29.95****Hal Clement***Noise*

Mike Hoani journeys to the planet Kainui, to study the language, culture & evolution since its settlement, & finds an ocean world without a breathable atmosphere, with harsh, stormy weather & no solid ground, whose population is scattered on floating cities. **TP \$28.95**

**Molly Cochran & Warren Murphy***The Third Magic*

A modern day Arthur endeavours to claim his long awaited destiny, despite the workings of Guinevere, whose connection with the Holy Grail forces him to make a terrible sacrifice. **PB \$19.95**

*The Forever King***PB \$17.95***The Broken Sword***PB \$19.95****David Colbert***Magical Worlds of The Lord of the Rings***PB \$14.95****Storm Constantine***The Wraiths of Will & Pleasure*

Follows the androgynous Wraeththu race's origins as a wild & passionate tribal race that transmutes humans, before a life-changing festival night brings them into a realisation of their destiny. **TP \$36.95**

**Bernard Cornwell***Heretic*

In 1347 the English capture Calais & the war with France is suspended by a truce. But for Thomas of Hookton, the hero of Harlequin & Vagabond, there is no end to the fighting. He is pursuing the grail, the most sacred of Christendom's relics, & is sent to his ancestral homeland, Gascony, to engineer a confrontation with his deadliest enemy, Guy Vexille. **PB \$18.95**

**Matthew J Costello***Missing Monday*

Waking up on Tuesday & unable to remember the day before, Janna, trying desperately to recall the previous day's events, learns the truth from a mysterious woman, which leads her down a path of terror, turning every moment of every day into a living nightmare. **PB \$17.95**

**Peter David***One Knight Only*

Now president of the United States, Artur Pendragon, the Once & Future King, again takes up his quest for the Holy Grail in order to save the life of his beloved wife, Gwen, left at death's door following an assassination attempt. **PB \$19.95**

**Mary Janice Davidson***Undead & Unwed*

After being killed in a car accident, fashion savvy Besty becomes one of the undead and, with the help of her newfound friends, the lure of fancy shoes, & a sexy vampire, must destroy a dark enemy & fulfil her destiny as the prophesied vampire queen. **PB \$15.95**

**Marianne de Pierres Australian Author***Code Noir***PB \$19.95****Dennis Detwiler***Denied to the Enemy Delta Green*

Cthulhu novel set in WWII. The SS Karotechia is calling upon obscene powers they have no hope of controlling to ensure a Nazi victory, & Delta Green are tested to their limits to halt the apocalypse. **TP \$32**

**Philip K Dick***The Penultimate Truth*

After working diligently in nightmarish underground warrens for 15 years, the American survivors of a nuclear disaster begin to doubt the governments pronouncements about the progress of a nuclear war. **TP \$24.95**

*Vulcan's Hammer*

Confronted by a dangerous movement of religious fanatics & challenges to its authorities, the Vulcan 3, an objective, unbiased & hyper-rational computer that dictates policy for all citizens, could prove to be civilisation's worst nightmare. **TP \$24.95**

**Gardner Dozois***Morning Child & Other Stories*

A collection of short stories by the multiple award winning author. **TP \$24.95**

**Emily Drake***The Gate of Bones*

While working on the Iron Mountain Academy & protecting Haven from the Dark Hand, who has launched a full scale battle, the magickers must save Eleanore & FireAnne from the deadly grasp of the Hand, & stop the Gate of Bones from being opened & unleashing unimaginable evil. **HC \$40.95**

*The Dragon Guard*

Jason, Bailey & trent find their visit to Camp Ravenwyng, a special place for magickers to hone their abilities, cut short by the deadly arrival of the Dark Hand, forcing Jason to open a portal to a safe world where magickers will be protected from the growing evil. **PB \$17.95**

**David Drake***Goddess of the Ice Realm*

Garric & his companions become the target of a powerful supernatural assault, Inna & her beloved Chalcus are sent to investigate a magical threat to the north, Cahel is hurtled by evil magic into another world, & Sharina finds herself trapped in another world. **PB \$19.95**

**Tananarive Due***The Good House*

Working to rebuild her law practice after her son commits suicide, Angela Toussaint journeys to the family home where the suicide took place, hoping for answers, & discovers an invisible, evil force that is driving locals to acts of violence. **TP \$28.95**

**David & Leigh Eddings***The Treasured One*

Aracia, fears the whole world will collapse in on itself if the Dreamers should all wake up & realise where they are. It's bad enough with them dreaming the future, but at least it's a future. Dahlaine is pretty sure he's safe from an 'I-told-you-so' from Aracia as the Dreamers give the Elder Gods a chance in the battle against the vicious Ruler of the Wasteland. Then spies of very short stature start cropping up in Veltan's bucolic & peaceful domain. They look like people, or maybe the same person, but they are more sinister than that. Fortunately, Dahlaine is soon on the scene riding his thunderbolt. **HC \$59.95 TP \$29.95**

**P N Elrod***Death Masque*

Fleeing to England with his sister to avoid colonial rebellion, vampire Jonathan Barrett desperately seeks Nora Jones, the mysterious woman who is responsible for making him one of the living dead. **TP \$30.95**

*Dance of Death*

Vampire Jonathan Barret encounters an engaging 4 year old boy, the mortal son he never knew he had, but his enemies plot to use the child to destroy him. **TP \$30.95**

**Jennifer Fallon Australian Author***Wolfblade*

Marla Wolfblade is determined to restore her family's great name, but conspirators surround her, the Sorcerer's Collective, the Patriots, even her own family. Can she find a way through it all to ensure the rightful succession of the throne to her son, Damin? **PB \$18.95**

**Mick Farren***Kindling*

In an alternate universe, four young people from very different backgrounds band together to save the New World from the forces of the Mosul Empire, who would conquer the entire world as part of their fundamentalist worship of ancient twin gods. **HC \$56.95**

**Minister Faust***The Coyote Kings of the Space Age Bachelor Pad*

Hungry for adventure, two young slackers find more than they bargained for in their quest for a mystical Egyptian artifact, a search that is challenged by a host of dangerous adversaries & mysterious occurrences. **TP \$28.95**

**Christine Feehan***Dark Destiny*

Trained in the ancient art of vampire hunting by the mysterious dark angel who saved her from a life of violence & pain, a young woman wages war on a centuries-old evil that lurks underground. **PB \$19.95**

**Raymond E Feist***Prince of the Blood*

A fifteenth anniversary edition of the classic title. Updated & revised to include material omitted in the original publication. **HC \$51.95**

**Alan Dean Foster***Lost & Found*

Kidnapped by a starship bound for deep space, young Chicago commodities trader Marcus Walker learns that he is destined to be sold to a wealthy collector as a native from a primitive planet & befriends a talking dog named George, who becomes an ally in their plan to escape. **HC \$49.95**

**Andrew Fox***Bride of the Fat White Vampire*

Enlisted by Doodlebug Richelieu to investigate the serial killings of New Orleans vampires, heavyweight bloodsucker Jules Duchon investigates high placed suspects, including the members of an aristocratic association & a wealthy goth musician, before unexpectedly meetign his match. **TP \$28.95**

**C S Friedman***The Wilding*

As the Great War between Braxi & Azea rages on, a Braxin Kesserit warrior on a deadly mission, an Azean Mediator searching for her true destiny & a renegade psychic unite to fulfill a prophecy that will unleash an ancient vendetta. **HC \$49.95**

**Robin Furth***The Dark Tower A Concordance Vol 1*

A reference guide to the first four books in The Dark Tower series. **HC \$39.95**

**James Alan Gardner***Radiant*

Admiral Festina Ramos & the Expendables, an expertly trained scout group from the elite Explorer Corps, battle a highly advanced alien intelligence during a mission that leads them to the secret origins of the Explorer Corps & Festina's own destiny. **HC \$49.95**

**Jon George***Faces of Mist & Flame*

Phoenix Lafayette is a combat correspondent on the Pacific island of Guam during WWII, who believes he can only survive the carnage by enacting for himself the mythical twelve labours of Hercules. The woman who puts this idea into his head is Professor Serena Freeman of Cambridge University. But Serena is not from 1944, but the present. She has devised a time machine that can put her into the mind of anyone from the past, & Nix is her first experiment. Unknown to her, a government agency has got wind of her invention, & is prepared to secure it at any cost. These two total strangers, separated by time but united by dreams, are now both in danger. **TP \$30**

**Christie Golden***On Fire's Wings*

Sacrificing everything they hold dear, Kevla Bai-sha & Jashemi-kha-Tahmu, rebel prince of the ruling household, must embark upon a perilous mission, which defies law & tradition, to save the world of Arukan. **TP \$28.95**

**Terry Goodkind***The Naked Empire*

A poisoned Richard Rahl faces a difficult choice when he is promised an antidote & the salvation of an endangered empire if he will surrender his wife to his enemy. **PB \$19.95**

**Sara Gran***Come Closer*

Amanda's happy life is disturbed when the image of a beautiful woman from her past appears in her dreams, identifying herself as Namamah, leading Amanda to wonder if she has been possessed. **TP \$24.95**

**Jim Grand***Operation Medusa*

UN intelligence inspector Harold Collins & his Unit Omega team must stop an ancient & deadly force that has been awakened within the cavern of Snake Mountain, a place rife with legend & evil. **PB \$17.95**

**Ed Greenwood***The Dragon's Doom*

When the once peaceful river valley of Aglirta falls into lawlessness & war, the establishment of the area's new ruler is unable to bring peace, a situation that is complicated by a plot by the priests of the Serpent. **PB \$17.95**

**Susanna Gregory***The Hand Of Justice*

Two well bred citizens who had been convicted of murder have received the King's pardon & have now returned to Cambridge, showing no remorse for their actions but ready to confront those who helped convict them. A Matthew Bartholemew mystery. **HC \$49.95**

**Jon Courtenay Grimwood***Felaheen*

The third & final installment of the Ashraf Bey mysteries. **PB \$19.95**

**Joe Haldeman***Camouflage*

An unidentified artifact, found 7 miles below the surface of the sea, stumps the scientists examining it but calls out to the two immortal creatures who have been wandering the Earth for centuries but never crossing paths until now. **HC \$49.95**

**Deborah Hale***The Wizard's War*

Years before the peaceful world of Umbria was torn apart by the ruthless Hanish invaders... Yet that is the only life Maura knows. Until her wizard guardian announces she is to be queen, but that first she must find & unite with their country's legendary "Waiting King" in order to overthrow the enemy occupation. Men have searched for the fabled warrior for ages, what chance has a young witch gifted in life-magic? Especially since she has only till midsummer's moon and her guardian's wisdom is tragically taken from her.... **PB \$18.95**

**Barbara Hambly***Dead Water*

In the latest installment of a series set in turbulent 19th century New Orleans, Benjamin Janury finds himself in a perilous steamboat ride that becomes a journey of death & murder. **HC \$51.95**

**Harry Harrison***Bill the Galactic Hero*

Shanghaied by a recruiting robot, Bill, a Technical Fertiliser Operator from a farming planet, wakes to find himself in deep space aboard the Empire warship 'Christine Keeler', & embarks on a series of entertaining adventures throughout the galaxy defending the Empire against an enemy race of alien lizards. **PB \$17.95**

**Michele Hauf***Seraphim*

In a land where the battle between Good and Evil is always near, the Black Knight's silver sword fells enemies with silent grace. The Knight has sworn that fallen angel Lucifer de Morte and his cruel brotherhood will pay for the reign of terror wrought upon France. And upon the d'Ange family where nearly all had died a terrible death. All but one. Yet the Knight's hard-won battles and dented armor hide a larger secret. For "he" is actually Seraphim d'Ange. She is traveling to de Morte's demesnes, executing his demon henchmen along the way. Now, aided by Baldwin, a family retainer, and San Juste, a mysterious stranger who knows far too much about the puissance of both heaven and hell, Sera grows closer and closer to her final target. **PB \$18.95**

**Robert A Heinlein***The Notebooks of Lazarus Long*

In an illustrated edition of maxims, Lazarus Long, the oldest living human being, shares his wit & wisdom culled from his 24 century odyssey through space & time. **TP \$24.95**

**Brian Herbert***Dreamer of Dune*

A chronicle of the life of Frank Herbert, present by his son, describing his childhood, his early years as a reporter & editor, his military service, struggles to become published & his creation of numerous works of science fiction. **TP \$35.95**

**Brian Herbert & Kevin J Anderson***The Battle of Corrin*

Fifty six years after the events of the Machine Crusade, the human world hopes for an end to its conflict with the thinking machines, but when virulent plagues are unleashed throughout the galaxy, the war's outcome becomes dependant on an apocalyptic battle. **HC \$56.95**

**Nina Kiriki Hoffman***A Fistful of Sky*

A misfit in a family of spellcasters, Gypsum LaZelle possesses no magical ability whatsoever, until a mysterious & grave illness leads to the awakening of a strange & frightening power. **PB \$17.95**

**Robert Holdstock***Lavondyss*

Sequel to Mythago Wood. Tallis is searching for a realm in the heart of the forest, hoping to assist an older brother who disappeared in her infancy & has now appealed to her from the Otherworld. **TP \$33.95**

**Robert E Howard & Gary Gianni***The Savage Tales of Solomon Kane*

A complete collection of tales featuring the grim swordsman follows his adventures in such strange locales as a primordial city of haunted ruins & necromancy. **TP \$33.95**

**Walter H Hunt***The Dark Ascent*

In the distant aftermath of a war between humans & the zor, an alien race with ties to the conflict seeks to bring both races under its control, prompting prophesied hero, the rebellious space commodore Jackie Lappierre, to protect the human-zor alliance. **HC \$52.95**

**Geoffrey Huntington***Demon Witch*

The second book in The Ravenscliff series finds fourteen-year-old Devon March living a life of peace with her friend Cecily until Morgana, a female demon & new guest of Ravenscliff, stirs up trouble greater than anything Devon has experienced. **TP \$19.95**

**Alexander C Irvine***One King, One Soldier*

Aimlessly wandering though San Francisco after being injured in the Korean War, Lance Porter falls in with a group of beat poets who invite him to undertake a quest for the Holy Grail. **TP \$28.95**

**Kate Jacoby Australian Author***Trial Of Fire*

For years the Enclave has hidden the Salti Pazar, those gifted with magical powers, from the eyes of those who would wish to see them all destroyed. But now the mountain community has been revealed & its sorcerers must scatter across Lusara. The Enemy, Robert Douglas, the greatest sorcerer Lusara has ever known, brought together the Key & Calyx, two magical artefacts, hoping for enlightenment & power. Instead, as he struggles for control, the Ally, Jenn, leader of the Salti Pazar, must save her people from the Angel of Darkness, who has found them & is hot on their heels. After twenty-five years of tyranny, Lusara is finally boiling over into rebellion, not just against the evil King Kenrick, but also against the fully regenerated Nash, the Angel of Darkness . . . **PB \$18.95**

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Includes indepth discussion on magic in Warcraft, with a new type of magic - rune magic. Plus new spells, items, 8 new prestige classes, runemaster core class, & stats for Warcraft constructs. **HC \$60**

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*World of Darkness Rulebook*  
Contains all the core game mechanics for playing in the new World of Darkness, this is the Storytelling system & its material will not be reprinted in any of the settings books that White Wolf release. Core book you to need to play. **HC \$40**

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All the core information for playing Vampire games in the WoD. Must be used with the World of Darkness rulebook. While the general feel of the setting will be familiar to Vampire fans, none of the continuity from the previous system is carried over. This is a fresh start & many of the familiar concepts & characters have completely different origins & natures. **HC \$70**

## *Dark Ages: Fae*

Oaths of Gold & Iron. Complete information on playing Fae characters in the Dark Ages World of Darkness. Includes details on fae society, magic, & their perception of the world. Requires Dark Ages Vampire. **HC \$60**

## **Bestsellers for June & July**

### **General Release**

Wolfbalde	Jennifer Fallon*
Service of the Sword	David Weber
Brilliance of the Moon	Lian Hearn*
Kushiell's Avatar	Jacqueline Carey
Darknesses	L E Modesitt Jr
Blood & Memory	Fiona McIntosh*
Dead Witch Walking	Kim Harrison
Wee Free Men	Terry Pratchett
Grass For His Pillow	Lian Hearn*

\* Australian authors

### **Media & Gaming Products**

Star Wars	Battle Surgeons
Star Wars	Cestus Deception
Doctor Who	Tomorrow Windows
Star trek Lost Era	Catalyst of Sorrows
Star Trek Next Generation	A Time To Love
Mechwarrior Dark Age	Flight of the Falcon
D&D Miniatures	Archfiends Expansion
Angel	Dark Mirror

### **Tim's Recommendations**

Weapons of Choice	John Birmingham
The Praxis	Walter Jon Williams

### **Dan's Recommendations**

Blade Dancer	S L Viehl
Service of the Sword	David Weber

## Book Reviews

*Seraphim* by Michele Hauf

Here is light romance set in France shortly after Joan of Arc's time. It is a story of good triumphing over evil. The central character is Seraphim d'Ange, the sole survivor after her family is murdered. She sets out on a quest to avenge their death by destroying the evil foes responsible. She is aided by Baldwin, a reluctant squire and Dominique San Juiste, a knight who is on a quest of his own. Both Seraphim and Dominique have secrets, both known and unknown themselves. Fantasy Mills and Boon with rape and pillage.

Reviewed by Catherine

*Talon of the Silver Hawk*  
by Raymond E. Feist

An easy read about a boy from a small village who witnesses the destruction of everything he has ever known. He then commences a guided journey with mysterious benefactors who have a purpose in store for him, but give him very limited information about what that is. Talon begins to realise that the world is a bigger place than the village where he grew up. Feist links the story to the familiar Midkemia main characters to make the story more plausible and familiar. This story can be read completely by itself, but a sequel is now out "King of Foxes".

Reviewed by Susan

*Snow, Fire, Sword* by Sophie Masson

Although intended for younger readers, many older readers might also enjoy this novel. Set in a country very similar to modern Indonesia, all the fantastic colour of places, people and ceremonial costumes is painted in vivid word-pictures that quickly draw you in. There's just one difference: magic and the motor-car exist side-by-side, and although many people may not believe in the magic, it believes in them.

This can cause all sorts of problems when evil magic-users try taking over, and those in power don't know enough about magic to stop them. It falls to a village girl and an apprentice sword-maker to do so, helped by an assortment of spirits and mortals. They run into all sorts of trouble along the way, and the action will keep you spell-bound until the last page - and the ending may come as a surprise, although careful readers will notice the clues leading up to it.

Reviewed by Nathan.



## Short Fiction

For a number of years, Infinitas has played host to a writers group that meets monthly at the shop. This month we have brought back what we hope will become a regular feature of the newsletter, a piece of short fiction by one of our talented group of writers.

### Daily Grind by Chuck McKenzie

#### Bip! Bip!

“There’s Vorn – gotta go!” Pausing only to peck his mate goodbye, Sloom rushed out the door and jumped into Vorn’s skitter. “Morning.” He buckled himself in as the skitter quacked into nilspace. “Good weekend?”

“Yeah, not bad,” said Vorn. “Yours?”

“Yeah, good. So, where are we today?”

“Earth. Schedule’s in the glove box.”

Sloom pulled a face.

“What?”

Sloom shrugged. “It’s just – y’know, Earth. Dreary little hole. Makes me wonder what I’m doing in this job.”

The skitter plopped out of nilspace and fell to Earth. Vorn checked the schedule as they clambered out and moved towards their target. “So,” he said, “job getting you down?”

Sloom sighed. “It’s just ... not what I pictured myself doing at my age.”

The cow looked up as the barn doors opened. “Moo?”

Vorn and Sloom took out their flensers.

“MOO!” exclaimed the cow, as Sloom removed its eyeballs. “GURGLE!” it added, as Vorn removed its tongue. Sloom drained the cow’s blood into a pouch. The cow fell over. Sloom and Vorn went back to the skitter.

“I mean, I’ve got a degree in Bacteriological Mnemonics. But BM was so hard to get into when I graduated, I had to take this job to pay the rent. Thought it’d be a short-term thing, y’know?”

The skitter bounced up and shot eastwards, dropping onto the roof of a suburban house. Sloom and Vorn clambered down the side of the building to an upper-storey window, which they peered into. A piercing scream issued from within. They wandered back to the skitter.

“Money’s pretty good, though,” Vorn pointed out.

The skitter shot northwards, tumbling into a backyard garden. Vorn and Sloom adopted native form, donned black suits and sunglasses, and made their way to the back door of the house.

“Money’s great. That’s part of the problem.” Sloom knocked at the door. “If I entered the BM industry now, at ground level, I’d be halving my current salary.”

The door opened. The occupant of the house stared at them. “Who are you? What are you doing in my yard?”

“Mister Trepid?”

“Yes?”

“Mister James August Trepid? Born 1965? Attended Lucemore High? Got off with Enid Kapler behind the Trent Street bus-stop in 1982? Eats Corn Flakes for breakfast? Suffers from piles? Wears womens’ underwear?”

“How the hell -?”

“You spotted a UFO over your house last night, I believe?”

“Well ... yes.”

Sloom nodded. “I see. Well. Don’t tell anyone, Mister Trepid. Or else. Got it?” Vorn and Sloom smiled, then left. Moments later, the skitter bounded south.

“It wouldn’t matter so much if I enjoyed this job,” Sloom continued, as the skitter buzzed a lone hitchhiker wandering along the interstate. “But I don’t. There’s no satisfaction in it.”

Vorn touched a button and drew the hitchhiker up into the skitter. “Oral or anal?”

“Do you know how dirty their mouths are?”

“Anal it is.”

“Ooooooer!” squealed the hitchhiker.

“At the end of the day,” said Sloom, “I want job satisfaction and wealth. And whether I stay or go, I’m going to sacrifice one or the other. All done?”

“All done. Give him the owl imprint and dump him.”

The hitchhiker hit the ground, hooting maniacally.

Vorn glanced at his watch. “Clock-off time.”

They quacked into nilspace. Sloom began filling out shift paperwork.

“Here’s an idea,” said Vorn. “Try to think of the job as something you only do for the money, without expecting satisfaction, and apply for a BM internship. With your qualifications, you’d get in easy. One or two nights a week for a few cycles, so it doesn’t interfere with your day job, and you could walk straight into a high-level position.”

Sloom nodded thoughtfully. “Wealth and satisfaction. And I’d be doing something worthwhile.” He looked down at his paperwork. “I mean, look at all this. Mutilation. Intimidation. Abduction. Probes.” He shook his head wearily. “Some days I really wonder if there’s any point to it all...”

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### News

The title of **J K Rowling’s** next book will be *Harry Potter & The Half Blood Prince*. No date has been announced for it’s publication though.

**Larry Niven’s** *Ringworld* is set to become a 4 hour miniseries on the Sci Fi Network.

**Clarion South 2005** tutors have been announced: Ellen Datlow, Ian Irvine, Margo Lanagan, Michael Swanwick, Scott Westerfield and Sean Williams will each teach for one week during the program.

The new SciFi channel show *StarGate Atlantis*, a spin off from the popular *StarGate SG1*, has had the highest veiwership of any first run episode, of any show, in the channel’s history, pulling over 3 million viewers for the double episode premiere.



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