



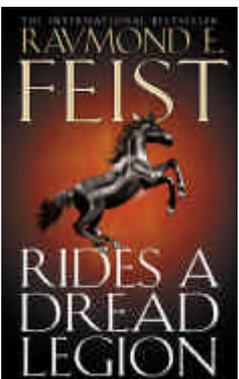
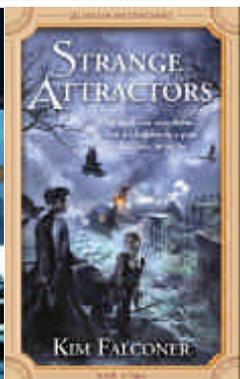
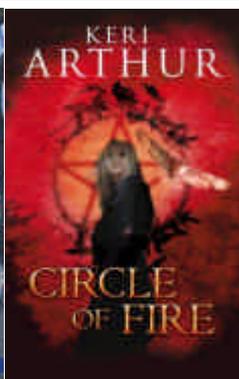
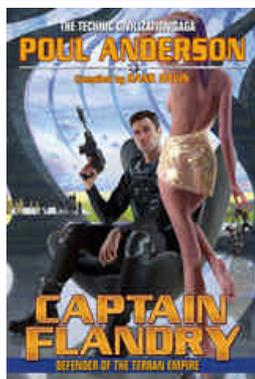
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Featured Books



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Keri Arthur

Lois McMaster Bujold

Rachel Caine

Kim Falconer

Raymond E Feist

Eric Flint & Marilyn Kosmatka

Laurell K Hamilton

Charlaine Harris

Garth Nix

Robert Rankin

John Ringo

Captain Flandry: Defender of the Terran Empire trade paperback

Circle of Fire in paperback

The Sharing Knife Horizon in paperback

Unknown Outcast Season 2 in paperback

Strange Attractors in paperback

Rides a Dread Legion in paperback

Time Spike a Ring of Fire paperback

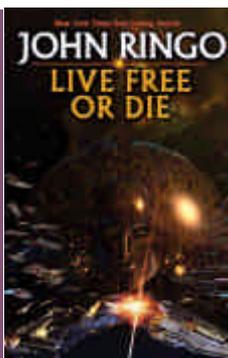
Flirt a new Anita Blake novella in trade paperback and hardcover

True Blood Boxed Set

Lord Sunday Keys to the Kingdom 7 in paperback

Retromancer in trade paperback

Live Free or Die in hardcover



News

Aurealis Awards 2009 were announced 23rd January in Brisbane. Best science fiction novel went to *Wonders of a Godless World* by Andrew McGahan, best fantasy novel went to *The Magician's Apprentice* by Trudi Canavan, best horror novel went to *Red Queen* by H B Brown.

For a full list of winners, see: http://www.aurealisawards.com/finalists_winners.htm

Star War Minis To End: Wizards of the Coast has decided to not renew their Star Wars licence, which covers the Star wars miniatures and role playing game. http://community.wizards.com/go/thread/view/75862/22320337/Wizards_of_the_Coast_announcement

Kage Baker died 31st January. She wrote some fantasy novels and many science fiction books including her *Company* series. There are still some not yet published, but will be.

R A Salvatore has signed a deal to produce 6 new Drizzt novels over the next 6 years. <http://www.wizards.com/Company/Press.aspx?c=wz/press/38>

Duncan Lay Book Launch



Infinitas hosted **Duncan Lay** Thursday evening 28th January as he launched *The Risen Queen*, which is book 2 in his fantasy trilogy. The book launch attracted several regulars, some of Duncan's friends as well as roping in some passing customers. Much wine was drunk and nibbles nibbled, books got signed, good wishes toasted. Duncan had to talk for hours as different readers ask similar questions – but authors tend to love this. He spoke about his writing processes, his



influences and his ideas for the future. A very pleasant evening indeed. Duncan's third book, concluding this story arc is due mid year as a paperback. He is discussing another series with Voyager, so more books yet will likely come. Duncan's book list: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ProductsByAuthor.php?autid=30967>

Upcoming Events

D&D Day will be on again. Wizards of the Coast are releasing Player's Handbook 3 and supporting us running games on Saturday 20th March. Scenarios will be using new possibilities from PH3. Book your place now.

D&D Delve Day will run 27th February. These are smaller events than D&D days with a single table of players running through one or two encounters rather than a whole module. We welcome more regular players, so if interested contact the shop or come along.

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

Games Workshop Figurines

We now have stock of Warhammer 40,000, Warhammer fantasy and Lord of the Rings figurines and some accessories including codex rulebooks. Games Workshop convinced us to stock it and they do support their game. For players this means you can now get your figurines with Infinitas guild points.



Bestsellers for January 2010

General Release

<i>The Risen Queen</i>	Duncan Lay *
<i>Kitty's House of Horrors</i>	Carrie Vaughn
<i>Just Another Judgement Day</i>	Simon R Green
<i>The Wounded Guardian</i>	Duncan Lay *
<i>Earth to Hell</i>	Kylie Chan *
<i>Rides a Dread Legion</i>	Raymond E Feist
<i>Honor of the Clan</i>	John Ringo & Julie Cochrane
<i>Odd Girl Out</i>	Timothy Zahn
<i>Nice Girls Don't Live Forever</i>	Molly Harper
<i>Born of Ice</i>	Sherrilyn Kenyon

Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Dark Creed</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Sons of Dorn</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Rynn's World</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Shadow King</i>	Warhammer
<i>Don't Split the Party</i>	Order of the Stick
<i>Black Tide</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Darth Bane Dynasty of Evil</i>	Star Wars
<i>Draconomicon II</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4th Ed
<i>The Plane Below</i>	Dungeons & Dragons 4th Ed
<i>Millenium Falcon</i>	Star Wars

* Australian Authors

Book Reviews

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

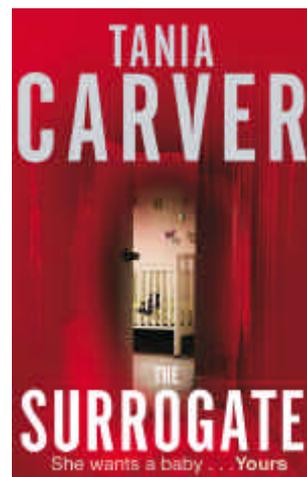
The Surrogate by Tania Carver reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781847442826>

A murderer who murders near-term pregnant women to steal their babies by carving knife Caesarean (the author's name is appropriate!) is definitely a nut case. Almost half way through *The Surrogate*, you learn how nutty: the word teratology comes to mind. From that point on, there's a question of how the police can possibly uncover this lunatic. Up to that point, the novel reads like a whodunit with a lot on private lives. The cover blurb calls *The Surrogate* a 'crime thriller'. I interpret it as thriller fiction with a police vs murderers setting. I thought the setting moot: the only distinction between this murderer and a vampire is the taking of unborn babies instead of blood. There's nothing supernatural here, but there are provocative questions about isolated people in desolate locations on the English coast.

The Surrogate features blood, guts, sex, danger, suspense and the seedy side of life. There is a love element, which I thought doubtful given the contrivances for the thrills, but there you are. You have everyone's point of view, so you have no doubts there ("Oh, no, he's cutting me open to take my baby," she thinks as she dies with no one to pass this thought on to). The story line resolves into classic melodrama: will the hero save the heroine before the murderer kills him and before he has a heart attack? You might reasonably expect that he will, so to me the main highlight is the suspense author Carver creates over the question of whether Hester has a husband or not. It's pertinent and you don't find out until the end. Carver's English usage is ordinary, but clear enough apart from a number of places where I stumbled over pronoun confusion.

I would offer *The Surrogate* two stars of a possible five in my eccentric homemade system. The cover blurb says this is the first of a series of novels featuring the leading characters, a detective Inspector and his crime psychologist lover, declaring it will be "a sure-fire best selling series". That's probably right. My impression of *The Surrogate* is that readers of melodramatic thriller fiction will be well entertained as these two characters battle their deranged opponents through the series.

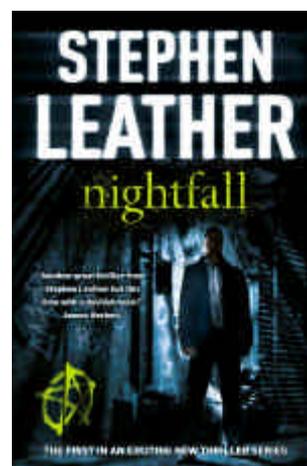


Nightfall by Stephen Leather reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444700633>

Jack is a Police negotiator, used to dealing with suicides & hostage situations, so when he gets a call to try & talk a young girl down from a window ledge, he thinks that he's ready to deal with it. He's wrong. "You're going to Hell, Jack Nightingale" are the words spoken to him just before the girl's father throws himself out a window, leaving Jack there to sort out the mess. Leaving the Police, he becomes a private detective, then is told that his real father has committed suicide, and left him a mansion. This is all news to Jack, who decides to investigate, and finds a DVD left by his father, telling him that his father sold Jack's soul to a demon while Jack was still unborn, and on his 33rd birthday, well, time's up! Jack is cynical, but after relatives & people around him start dying in very unpleasant ways, he starts to believe. Then he realises that there's only a couple of weeks to go till his birthday.....

Action, intrigue, Satanism, possession, all set against a background of modern Britain - I loved reading this book. The style is similar to a more sophisticated Simon Green, especially the Shaman Bond series, with the narrative free flowing & always driving the story. The author has managed to make the characters feel real & alive, with characters ranging from appealing to repulsive. The demons are also interesting, in that they reminded me more of the classic soul seeking bargain makers, who are more interested in the deal & the acquisition, rather than the spraying of intestines & body parts around the landscape. Make no mistake, piss one off and you're dead, usually in an extremely unpleasant manner, but the gore isn't the main factor, unlike many other horror novels. You find yourself following Jack as he tries to survive in business on a day to day basis, despite everything being manipulated around him, and supporting him as he tries to understand what is going on, and what he might be able to actually do to save his soul. Leather has gone into a new genre from the hard bitten cop stories, and I think has created a book which could potentially be a very fun series to follow. I'm looking forward to the next with a great deal of impatience.



***The Cold Kiss of Death* by Suzanne McLeod reviewed by Chantelle**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575084292>

Genevieve Taylor sees dead people. Some of them have even been inviting her to visit with them and don't really like taking 'no' for an answer.

Genny, the only sidhe in London, has been seeing ghosts and bigwigs of the vampire community have put her on their guest lists. Add that to a job position at Spellcrackers.com which is tenuous at best, a boss who could have been her lover only isn't, landlords who will jump at any opportunity to turf her out and her own personal stalker in the form of an autonomous vampire, the murder of one of her friends is just the icing on the cake. The fact that she's been set up for the murder is just added sprinkles.

'The Cold Kiss of Death' by Suzanne McLeod is the second book in the Spellcrackers.com series and is faster paced than its predecessor. It never really slows down its frenetic pace. So much happens to Genny while she's trying to find the real murderer that anything I write about would be spoilery. Suffice to say, I began to feel really sorry for what the author put her through. Just when you think she's about to get some breathing room, she gets hit with another whammy.

All of this activity means, unfortunately, the story suffered a little. There were too many plotlines, too many pieces of the puzzle, to keep straight. Really, there could have been two novels woven out of the threads in this one book. Also, the story takes place over a week, but it felt more like a month. At any time when there was worldbuilding to impart or background information to keep the reader up to speed, the story ground to a sudden halt. Then you were thrown into the action again at warp speed once the exposition was done.

The action around Genny never really lets up. (Being knocked unconscious doesn't count as a rest, really.) She goes through some pretty hard stuff, both emotionally and physically and the only way we get to see how she copes with it all is by her suppressing any emotion for later analysis, which we don't get to see, unfortunately. There's a large cast of characters around her too and the only one we get a good glimpse of is her stalker, Malik. And that glimpse is fleeting. That's not to say all of the characters are two dimensional, we just don't have the time to get to know them apart from all the action.

Pacing and characterisation issues aside though, you'll need to java up for this one if you want to keep up with the ride and reading 'The Sweet Scent of Blood' (Spellcrackers.com book 1) first is highly recommended.

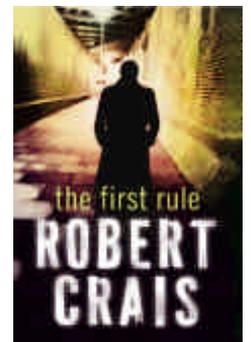


***The First Rule* by Robert Crais, reviewed by Jonathan Dean**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780752898735>

Joe Pike runs a private mercenary unit, and a successful one. Highly skilled contractors, with the equipment & the attitude to match. Frank Meyers was one of his, until he decided to get out, and settle down with his wife & kids. Years later, four men break into Frank's house, and brutally execute him & his entire family. But they've just made the biggest mistake in their lives. Joe is determined to find out what happened and why. Then he's going to kill everyone involved. As he digs deeper into the killings, he finds that the killers are part of an Eastern European gang, bigger & better connected than he could have imagined. No problem - that just means more people who have to die.....

Brutal, graphic, detailed & vicious, Crais writes in a similar style to Lee Child, particularly when it comes to depictions of violence, logic & events. The characters in the novel acknowledge what they are, and have no issues with it, revelling in the fact in some cases. The descriptions & understanding of the criminal underworld, the connections between law enforcement, politics & crime are brilliantly depicted, and the characters feel real. The plot twists & turns like a decapitated snake, and sucks you in with every twist. In short, a well written, engrossing, violent piece of work, which I loved.



***My Soul to Take* by Rachel Vincent, reviewed by Daniella**

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781741168648>

Kaylee Cavanaugh is like every other teenage girl. She sneaks into clubs with her best friend, she fights with her family, she gets flustered around teenage boys, oh, and she can sense when someone is going to die. Kaylee's ability (and the screaming that it causes) has been passed off as panic attacks by her family previously. This time, she knows what's going to happen, and flees before the scream overtakes her. When it happens again, she is certain that the deaths aren't natural.

My Soul to Take is a teenage urban fantasy romance. For an adult reader it's an enjoyable, light paranormal romance without the 'bodice ripper' factor.





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

Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. Newcomers welcome. See our website for more info: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ReadersGroup.php>
Thursday 4th February 2010: Best and Worst of 2009
Thursday 1st March 2010: Epidemics and Infestations

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

Thursday 18th February 2010:
Hunting Ground by Patricia Briggs (Urban Fantasy)
The Dragonbone Chair by Tad Williams (Fantasy)
Thursday 18th March 2010:
Helix by Eric Brown (Science Fiction)
Furies of Calderon by Jim Butcher (Fantasy)

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

Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

Monsterpocalypse is a tabletop miniature game for 2 players who each deploy their figurine army of giant monsters rampaging through a cityscape. It is very silly and often humans only rank as collateral damage. Games start 6pm the 2nd and 4th Thursday of most months. Register as a player for prize support from Privateer Press. Contact the shop for details.



Dungeon & Dragons Delve Days: Play a short game of 4th edition D&D, one or two encounters only. Pre-prepared characters may be required. Ask us at the shop for details.
4th Saturday morning of each month starting at 10am. Not Dec!

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

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

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Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Mario Acevedo

Jailbait Zombie (Felix Gomez 04)

There's undead and then there's . . . living dead! Private Investigator Felix Gomez thought he had seen it all since becoming a vampire: horny aliens, maniacal nymphs. But now he's facing everyone's worst nightmare. As far as being undead goes, vampires are indisputably the more civilized—intelligent, rational (on occasion), good conversationalists. Zombies, on the other hand, are just violent, walking, rotting, flesh-eating meat with no redeeming qualities. And now there's a ravenous army of them heading this way.

So it's vamps versus zombies, round one. And Felix's only hope of stopping the stinking, hungry horde is a pre-cocious and much-too-hot-for-her-bitches teenager with clairvoyant powers. But she's not going to help unless Felix agrees to make her immortal. **APB \$20.99**

Guy Adams

The World House

In a room, there is a box. Inside that box is a door. Beyond that door is a house... And inside that house is an entire world.

The house is not of our reality or time. People get in but they do not get out. In some rooms, forests grow while others suffer from seasonal downpours or encroaching icy tundra. It's filled with dangers, but also answers to all the secrets of the ages. Who dares venture inside? **APB \$20.99**

Poul Anderson

Young Flandry (Technic Civilisation 04)

It is the twilight of the Terran Empire. The warriors who made it great are long gone now, and the Traders of the Polesotechnic League who made it possible are the dimly-remembered stuff of legend. Alien enemies prowl its outer precincts, and Sector Governors conspire for the Throne of Man. On Terra herself, those who occupy the labyrinthine corridors of power busy themselves with trivialities and internal politics, as outside the final darkness gathers.

In this scene of terminal disarray one man stands like a giant: Dominic Flandry, Agent of the Terran Empire. In three full-length novels, he will rise from young ensign to lieutenant commander as he outthinks rivals and thwarts adversaries, blazing a trail across the galaxy in defense of an Empire which barely appreciates him and against alien enemies who appreciate him all too well. **TP \$24.95**

Captain Flandry: Defender of the Terran Empire (Technic Civilisation 05)

No longer a brash, young ensign, Captain Dominic Flandry has risen in rank, but now appreciates fully that the Terran empire is old and tired, wanting to be left in peace. But the enemies it has made and the competing empire of Merseia will give it no peace. Too evenly matched for open warfare not to destroy them both, the opponents engage in subtle thrust and counter-thrust, feint and counter-feint, with Flandry in the thick of it.

Though through this and his succeeding adventures he will struggle gloriously and snatch victory from the alien jaws of defeat, Flandry is yet a tragic figure: a man who knows too much history, who knows that battle, scheme and even betray as he will, in the end it will mean nothing. For with the relentlessness of physical law the Empire is falling and the Long Night is approaching. If that darkness is not to fall in his own lifetime, if the things he cares about are to be saved, he must do what he can. And anyone, human or alien, who gets in his way will most definitely regret it. **TP \$24.95**

Piers Anthony

Xanth by Two (Xanth 16, 17)

An omnibus of two early Xanth tales includes *Demons Don't Dream*, in which a pair of adventurers are drawn into Xanth by a computer game; and *Harpy Time*, in which Gloha must battle supernatural forces in time and space. **TP \$32.95**

Christopher Anvil

Trouble With Humans

Humans—there's no understanding them, and no dealing with them either. Or even with their planet.

Pity the poor aliens, whose shape-changing ability should let them take over the planet Earth before the humans even know they're there—if it weren't for all that omnipresent pollution. Or consider another set of invaders, from a planet where the weather is always mild and the changing of the seasons is hardly noticeable. They land in force and their weapons are more powerful than those of the primitive humans—but they've never before had to deal with below-zero temperatures, flash floods or tornados—not to mention volcanoes. Then there were the aliens who noticed how belligerent humans were, and gave them the "gift" of TV-like devices which would show anything anywhere on Earth, which was sure to lead to war. Imagine how surprised the aliens were when the humans took the gadgets apart, improved them, and started spying on everything the aliens were up to, all over the galaxy.

Humans don't make sense, they don't fight fair, and they're making aliens throughout interstellar space think seriously about pulling up stakes and moving to another galaxy! **PB \$19.95**

Kelley Armstrong

Angelic

Demon bounty hunter Eve Levine, the sassy and savvy heroine of "Haunted", finds herself in danger of losing a lot more than just her job when she tries to get herself fired by the Fates. **HC \$43.95**

Keri Arthur Australian Author

Circle of Fire (Damask Circle 01)

Sixteen teenagers taken from their homes. Eleven bodies recovered, each completely drained of blood. Some believe vampires are responsible. Jon Barnett knows its something far worse, and while in Taurin Bay to stop the killers, he quickly becomes enmeshed in a web of black magic. He needs help but fate gives him only one choice. Madeline Smith has retreated to an isolated farmhouse, afraid of the abilities she cannot control - abilities that have killed. But when a 'ghost' brings a warning of danger and her nephew goes missing, Maddie has to leave her haven and learn to control the abilities she fears. As Maddie and Jon's search for the teenagers becomes a race against time, the greatest danger to them both could be the feelings they refuse to acknowledge. **APB \$19.99**

Circle of Death (Damask Circle 02)

In one vicious night, Kirby Brown's world is torn apart. Her best friend is dead - killed by a madman who is now after Kirby - and she has no idea why. Doyle Fitzgerald has been sent to Melbourne to hunt down the killer but what he doesn't expect to find is a circle of witches, and a sorceress determined to take that power for herself. And he certainly isn't expecting to play bodyguard to a woman who is more than she seems. But while inexplicably drawn to Doyle, Kirby fears trusting him because of the magic that lies in his soul. Because Doyle isn't the only one with power - Kirby's magic is capable of destroying the world. **APB \$19.99**

Keri Arthur *Australian Author*

Circle of Desire (Damask Circle 03)

In ten years of working for the Damask Circle, shapeshifter Katherine Tanner has never come across anything like this child-murdering monster. Although she doesn't want to confront it, the Circle gives her little choice. The last thing she needs is interference from a cop who doesn't know what he's up against. Ethan Morgan's niece is missing and he's determined to bring her back alive and catch the monster behind these kidnappings. He will use anyone to achieve his aims - even a woman who claims to be a witch. Forced to join forces, Ethan and Kat struggle to uncover clues that will lead them to the monster's lair. Yet time is ticking away and the monster rarely keeps victims alive for more than seven days. Four of those days have already passed. But it soon becomes clear that the greatest threat to Kat might not come from the forces of darkness, but from the man she is beginning to love. **APB \$19.99**

Sarah Ash

Flight Into Darkness (Alchemist's Legacy 02)

Celebrated singer Celestine de Joyeuse struggles to deal with the grief over the death of her first love, seek revenge on those who had killed him, uncover the secrets of her birth and cope with the powers granted to her upon her father's death. **PB \$19.95**

Jennifer Ashley

Pride Mates (Shifters Unbound 01)

When DA Kim Fraser enters the lair of shifter Liam Morrissey to get answers for a client accused of murder, she finds herself unable to resist her attraction to this dangerous creature who is the only one who can save her from a feral shifter bent on her destruction. **APB \$14.95**

Amanda Ashley

Everlasting Kiss

Unable to explain her strong attraction to Erik Delacourt, a sexy man she keeps meeting at a popular L.A. nightclub, Daisy O'Donnell has no idea that the new man in her life is a powerful vampire out to destroy the Blood Thief who is draining young vampires all over the city. **APB \$17.95**

Amelia Atwater-Rhodes

The Den of Shadows Quartet (Den of Shadows)

IN THE FORESTS OF THE NIGHT Three hundred years ago Risika had a family - a brother and a father who loved her. Three hundred years ago she was human. Now she is a vampire, a powerful one. And her past has come back to torment her.

DEMON IN MY VIEW Jessica isn't your average high school student - she's an acclaimed published author of vampire fiction. Now two new students at her high school strongly remind her of her favourite characters. But those characters only live in her imagination - right?

SHATTERED MIRROR Christopher Raneva and Sarah Vida may look like a normal high school couple, but he's actually a vampire who's sworn off human blood and she's an incredibly powerful, vampire-hunting witch. As if that weren't enough to prevent their love, his past and her future collide when they get tangled up with Nikolas, one of the most reviled vampires ever.

MIDNIGHT PREDATOR Once a happy teenager, Turquoise Draka is now a vampire hunter. Her current assignment is to assassinate Jeshickah, one of the cruellest vampires in history. But to do that, she'll have to enter Midnight, a fabled vampire realm, as a human slave . . . **TP \$24.95**

James Axler

Reality Echo (Outlanders 52)

As Kane and his band of Cerberus rebels prepare to infiltrate the Bluegrass range, the operating base of a race of monstrous genetic mutations, a self-replicating cyborg replicates himself as Kane and breaches humanity's last defense. **PB \$17.95**

L A Banks

The Thirteenth (Vampire Huntress)

The entire Neteru Guardian team is on the run, having now been labeled as America's most-wanted terrorists following the gruesome demon battle that felled the Washington Monument and crashed the front doors of the White House. The Anti-Christ is positioned for emergence, the powers of darkness have released the pale horse of the apocalypse, and half the Neteru team is pregnant. Plagues from hell that ravage the country are being cited as stemming from bio-terrorism. The nation is under martial law. The Neterus and their team are underground. If things weren't bad enough the Dark Realm breaks the sixth Biblical seal, which plunges the world into perpetual darkness...and irrevocably into the Armageddon. **PB \$19.95**

Gerry Bartlett

Real Vampires Hate Their Thighs (Real Vampires 05)

Glory St. Clair loves soaking up Hollywood's vampire nightlife with her sexy Scottish lover, Jeremiah. Especially when she meets a vampire/diet guru who promises to give her the body she's wanted for centuries. One problem: his clan and Jeremiah's are ancient enemies. But Glory's not about to let a stupid family feud come between her and slender bliss. Yet, she can't help but wonder...how much is she willing to risk for her hips? And how much (and precisely what) is she willing to lose? **TP \$28.95**

Greg Bear

Dead Lines

BPB \$24.99

Robert Jackson Bennett

Mr Shivers

It is the time of the Great Depression. The dustbowl has turned the western skies red and thousands leave their homes seeking a better life. Marcus Connelly seeks not a new life, but a death - a death for the mysterious scarred man who murdered his daughter. And soon he learns that he is not alone. Countless others have lost someone to the scarred man. They band together to track him, but as they get closer, Connelly begins to suspect that the man they are hunting is more than human. As the pursuit becomes increasingly desperate, Connelly must decide just how much he is willing to sacrifice to get his revenge. **TP \$29.99**

Francesca Lia Block

Wood Nymph Seeks Centaur

Navigating the world of dating can be like wandering an enchanted forest, full of creatures, with peculiar habits and baffling behaviour. In Wood Nymph Seeks Centaur, Francesca Lia Block provides a guide to this often treacherous terrain, classifying all those mystifying men and women into various types of mythical forest fauna-fauns and Werewolves, Mermaids and Banshees. After answering questions to determine your own type, you can learn to identify others with the help of illustrations from artist Fumi Nakamura. By reading up on the various types' favourite activities, professions, sexual preferences, and parenting styles, you'll gain insight into compatible creatures. If you're a Wood Nymph, you could get your heart broken by a fickle Satyr, but if you can track down the strong, soulful Centaurs of the forest, you just might be on the path to true love. Clever and insightful, Wood Nymph Seeks Centaur is an invaluable guide for any dating creature. **HC \$35**

Ben Bova*Able One*

When a nuclear missile launched by a rogue North Korean faction explodes in space the resulting shockwave destroys the world's satellites, throwing global communication into chaos. The United States military satellites, designed to withstand such an assault, show that two more missiles are sitting on the launch pad in North Korea, ready to be deployed. Faced with the threat of a thermonuclear attack, the United States has only one possible defense: ABL-1. Able One is a modified 747 fitted with a high-powered laser able to knock out missiles in flight. But both the laser's technology and the jet's crew are untested. What was originally to be a training flight with a skeleton crew turns into a desperate race to destroy the two remaining nukes. Will Able One's experimental technology be enough to prevent World War III—especially when it becomes clear that a saboteur is onboard? Able One is a timely thrill-ride by one of science fiction's most respected novelists. **HC \$51.95**

Allison Brennan*Original Sin (Seven Deadly Sins 01)*

Hunting down her mother Fiona, whose command of black magic has granted her control of the underworld, Moira O'Donnell is led to a small California town where she meets ex-seminarian Rafe Cooper, who, tormented by his dark past, agrees to help her stop Fiona from unleashing the living incarnations of the Seven Deadly Sins upon the mortal world. **APB \$19.95**

Patricia Briggs*Bone Crossed (Mercy Thompson 04)*

Marsilia, the local vampire queen, has learned that Mercy crossed her by slaying a member of her clan. Now, she's out for blood. But since Mercy is protected from direct reprisal by the werewolf pack-and her relationship with its sexy Alpha-it's not Mercy's blood Marsilia is after... **APB \$19.95**

Lois McMaster Bujold*Horizon (Sharing Knife 04)*

The concluding volume in the epic fantasy saga from multiple Hugo Award-winning author Lois McMaster Bujold

A Lakewalker entrusted with protecting the populace from malices—terrifying remnants of ancient magic—Dag Redwing Hickory never expected to fall in love with Fawn Bluefield, the farmer girl he rescued. When they joined in marriage, defying their kin, they bridged the perilous split between their peoples. Now Dag's extraordinary maker abilities have grown—along with his fears about who and what he is becoming, and his frustration with the disdain in which Lakewalker soldier-sorcerers are expected to hold their farmer neighbors.

Fawn and Dag's world is changing, and the traditional Lake-walker practices cannot continue to hold every malice at bay. At the end of their long journey home, the pair must at last answer the question they've grappled with for so long: When the old traditions fail disastrously, can their untried new ways stand against their world's deadliest foe? **APB \$19.95**

Jim Butcher*Princep's Fury (Codex Alera 05)*

After bitter fighting, Tavi of Calderon has eventually forged an alliance with Alera's oldest foes, the savage Canim, and he must escort them on their long sea-voyage home. This will strain their fragile accord - but the worst is yet to come. The inhuman Vord have spent the last three years laying waste to the Canim homeland, making it a desolate place indeed. Then the Alerans become stranded there, cut off from their ships. The Canim alliance will be tested as they enter the killing fields together, depending on each other's strengths if they both are to survive. For a thousand years, Alera and her furies have withstood every enemy, and survived every foe. The thousand years are over. **APB \$19.99**

Rachel Caine*Unknown (Outcast Season 02)*

Living among mortals, the djinn Cassiel has developed a reluctant affection for them—especially for Warden Luis Rocha. As the mystery deepens around the kidnapping of innocent Warden children, Cassiel and Luis are the only ones who can investigate both the human and djinn realms. But the trail will lead them to a traitor who may be more powerful than they can handle... **PB \$19.95**

Orson Scott Card*Ender in Exile (Ender)*

After making the hard choice to leave his home world to travel to the colonies, twelve-year-old military genius Andrew Wiggin shares a series of daring adventures with his sister Valentine and the artificial intelligence Jane. **PB \$19.95**

Dakota Cassidy*Accidentally Demonic (Accidentally Paranormal)*

When mild-mannered Casey Schwartz wakes up in jail, she has no memory of how she got there. But after her sister, Wanda, bails her out, Casey has more to deal with than a foggy memory-like abrupt mood swings and fireballs shooting from her fingertips. But things really head south when a vampire shows up on her doorstep...

Vampire Clayton Gunnarsson is seriously hot. And seriously taken-by a demon. In a ritual gone wrong, Clayton tried to get rid of his unwanted bond, but spilled some demonic blood on Casey, getting her possessed in the process. Now, Casey has to share her body and manage to keep her growing attraction to Clayton in check, because falling for her demon's boyfriend just might get Casey killed—from the inside out. **TP \$28.95**

Blake Charlton*Spellwright*

In a world where words can come to life, an inability to spell can be a dangerous thing. And no one knows this better than apprentice wizard Nicodemus Weal. Nicodemus is a cacographer, unable to reproduce even simple magical texts without 'misspelling' - a mistake which can have deadly consequences. He was supposed to be the Halcyon, a magic-user of unsurpassed power, destined to save the world; instead he is restricted to menial tasks, and mocked for his failure to live up to the prophecy.

But not everyone interprets prophecy in the same way. There are some factions who believe a cacographer such as Nicodemus could hold great power - power that might be used as easily for evil as for good. And when two of the wizards closest to Nicodemus are found dead, it becomes clear that some of those factions will stop at nothing to find the apprentice and bend him to their will... **TP \$32.99**

David B Coe*The Horseman's Gambit (Blood of the Southlands 02)*

David B. Coe created a richly textured, unique world in his Winds of the Forelands, and topped himself with The Sorcerer's Plague, his first novel set in the Southlands of the same world. Divided by clan rivalries and ancient feuds, suspicious of magics wielded by longtime enemies, the folk of the South have lived in a state of truce for generations. But peace is shattered when a woman loses a deadly plague on the magical Qirsi people. While some people seek to prevent the spread of the plague, others see in this disaster a unique opportunity. With the magical folk weakened by the decimation of the plague, their unmagical enemies might be able to defeat them and take back lands lost in an ancient war. Haunted by the specter of what would be a tragic and devastating new war, the Southlands are aflame with rumors of violence, pestilence, and treachery. Coe weaves together engagingly complex characters, unique, unusual magic, political intrigue and a compelling, unpredictable story into a captivating epic that will enthrall fantasy readers. A potent brew conjured by a masterful storyteller. **PB \$19.95**

Aliette de Bodard*Servant of the Underworld*

Year One-Knife, Tenochtitlan the capital of the Aztecs: The end of the world is kept at bay only by the magic of human sacrifice. A Priestess disappears from an empty room drenched in blood. Acatl, High Priest of the Dead must find her, or break the boundaries between the worlds of the living and the dead. Aliette De Bodard is the hottest rising star in world SF and Fantasy, blending ancient crimes with wild imagination. **APB \$20.99**

Mark del Franco*Unperfect Souls (Connor Grey 04)*

In the Boston neighborhood known as the Weird, a decapitated body floats out of the sewer, and former Guild investigator Connor Grey uncovers a conspiracy that may bring down the city's most powerful elite. As the violence escalates, Connor is determined to stop it-with help from one of the most dangerous beings of Faerie. Even if it means unleashing the darkness that burns within him. **APB \$19.95**

Lori Devoti*The Hellhound King (Unbound)***APB \$14.95****David Drake***Complete Hammer's Slammers Volume 2 (Hammers Slammers)*

This Omni-trade paperback volume collects the first four novels in the series: At Any Price, Counting the Cost, Rolling Hot, and The Warrior-all have been out of print and unavailable for several years..

Neither stainless white knights nor bloodthirsty killers, the Slammers are competent professionals, with recognizable human flaws, engaged in a deadly business. Their internal conflicts, set against vivid scenes of battle, make their stories exciting and compelling.

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Kate Elliott*Jaran (Jaran 01)*

The sister of and heir to the leader of Earth's rebellion, Tess flees the responsibility of her position to a world whose alien conquerors are plotting a dangerous mission, in a new tenth anniversary edition of the classic fantasy, featuring a special introduction by the author. **APB \$19.95**

Jennifer Estep*Spider's Bite (Elemental Assassin 01)*

When a powerful Air elemental double-crosses her, and kills her handler, Gin, the most feared assassin in the South when she's not busy cooking at the Pork Pit, must convince the right side of the law--sexy Detective Donovan Caine--to help her exact revenge on the enemy. **APB \$19.95**

Kim Falconer Australian Author*Strange Attractors (Quantum Enchantment 03)*

Set in worlds both technological and fey, scientific and magical, STRANGE ATTRACTORS brings to the events begun in THE SPELL OF ROSETTE to a dramatic and gripping end.

Corsanon's warriors are a vanished race, defeated in the temple wars long ago ... or so Rosette thought. She changes her mind when the portal drops her in the middle of an armed legion. Before she and Drayco can escape, Teg is injured and the Sword Master imprisoned. The glamour she spins to rescue her father sets in motion a series of events that may sunder Earth and Gaela forever.

Unknown to all, the corridors hide their greatest threat, weaving magic so tight that even Kreshkali can't see it. A battle ensues and the fabric of the many-worlds starts to unravel. Only one of the Richter blood can put things right, but which descendant will use the spell? **APB \$22.99**

Raymond E Feist*Rides a Dread Legion (Demonwar 01)*

A lost race of elves, the taredhel or 'people of the stars', have found a way across the universe to reach Midkemia. On their current home world, these elves are hard pressed by a ravaging demon horde, and what was once a huge empire has been reduced to a handful of survivors. The cornerstone of taredhel lore is the tale of their lost origins in the world they call simply 'Home', a place lost in the mists of time. Now they are convinced that Midkemia is that place, and they are coming to reclaim it. Ruthless and arrogant, the taredhel intend to let nothing stand in their way; but before long, Pug and the Conclave realise that it's not necessarily the elves, but the demon horde pursuing them where the true danger lies. And hanging over Pug always is the prophecy that he will be doomed to watch everyone he loves die before him... **APB \$20.99**

Eric Flint & Marilyn Kosmatka*Time Spike (Ring of Fire)*

Captain Andrew Blacklock was overseeing the change of shifts at the state of Illinois' maximum-security prison when the world outside was suddenly ripped. They thought it was an earthquake until they found that the Mississippi river had disappeared, along with all signs of civilization. Then the sun came up—in the wrong direction. And a dinosaur came by and scratched its hide against the wall of the prison . . .

Something had thrown the prison back in time millions of years. And they were not alone. Other humans from periods centuries, even millennia apart had also been dropped into the same time. Including a band of murderous conquistadores. But the prison had its own large population of murderers. They couldn't be turned loose, but what else could be done with them? Death walked outside the walls, human savagery was planning to break loose inside, and Stephens and the other men and women of the prison's staff were trapped in the middle. **APB \$19.95**

Daniel Fox*Jade Man's Skin (02)*

A follow-up to *Dragon in Chains* finds the stakes for the throne growing higher in the wake of the freed dragon Taishu's vengeful designs, a situation that is shaped by a vicious pirate captain, a traitorous general and a slave boy. **TP \$30.95**

Angie Fox*The Tale of Two Demon Slayers (Demon Slayer 03)*

Former preschool teacher-turned-demon slayer Lizzie discovers that she has an evil twin who wants to kill her and everyone she knows, including her Grandma's gang of biker witches, her talking Jack Russell terrier and an eccentric necromancer. **APB \$19.95**

Lorna Freeman*Shadows Past (Borderlands 03)*

After defeating a rebellion and a demon hungry for his soul, Rabbit, the heir of King Jusson, is confronted by his past when his mother's jilted suitor, Lord Idwal of Mearden, demands that Rabbit marry his daughter--a request that leads him into a world of courtly intrigue and betrayal. **APB \$19.95**

Jeaniene Frost*First Drop of Crimson (Night Huntress World 01)*

The night is not safe for mortals. Denise MacGregor knows all too well what lurks in the shadows—her best friend is half-vampire Cat Crawfield—and she has already lost more than the average human could bear. But her family's past is wrapped in secrets and shrouded in darkness—and a demon shapeshifter has marked Denise as prey. Now her survival depends on an immortal who lusts for a taste of her.

He is Spade, a powerful, mysterious vampire who has walked the earth for centuries and is now duty-bound to protect this endangered, alluring human—even if it means destroying his own kind. Denise may arouse his deepest hungers, but Spade knows he must fight his urge to have her as they face the nightmare together . . .

Because once the first crimson drop falls, they will both be lost. **PB \$19.95**

Maggie Furey*Heritage of the Xandim*

This series returns to the lands of Aurian and is set in the distant past of the Magefolk, when even the land was a different shape and the sea between the northlands and the south did not exist. This was the time when the Artefacts of Power were created and lives were torn apart by the Mage Wars. In those days, the Magefolk were comprised of four disparate races. But while the four races of the Magefolk strove and vied amongst themselves to master the powers of magic both good and evil, a new race was emerging, who would come to play a vital part in these phenomenal events. As the story opens, the Xandim are little more than simple beasts. Enslaved by the fey and powerful Phaerie, masters of the Old Magic, they have been trapped in their horse forms for so long that they have forgotten they once held a human shape. Only one of the tribe knows better: the Windeye, the shaman of the Xandim. This is the story of his epic quest to free his people. **BPB \$24.99**

Ray Garton*Scissors*

Tormented by nightmares of Dr. Ferguson, who did horrible things to him with scissors when he was a boy, Stuart is plunged into a new realm of terror when Dr. Ferguson returns, determined to do the same horrible things to Stuart's young son. **APB \$14.95**

David Gemmell*Legend, 25th Anniversary (Drenai 01)*

The Legend Druss, Captain of the Axe: the stories of his life were told everywhere. Instead of the wealth and fame he could have claimed, he had chosen a mountain lair, high in the lonely country bordering on the clouds. There the grizzled old warrior kept company with snow leopards and awaited his old enemy death. The Fortress Mighty Dros Delnoch, protected by six outer walls, the only route by which an army could pass through the mountains. It was the stronghold of the Drenai empire. And now it was the last battleground, for all else had fallen before the Nadir hordes. And hope rested on the skills of that one old man... **BPB \$22.99**

Laura Anne Gilman*Burning Bridges (Retrievers 04)*

With hate crimes escalating against magic users--human and non-human alike--and the Mage Council undermined by internal power struggles, Wren Valere is called in to act as spokesperson for the Fatae and Lonejack communities, all the while dealing with her growing relationship with her partner and lover, Sergei. **APB \$19.95**

Free Fall (Retrievers 05)

While taking on a seemingly simple job to keep herself occupied, Wren Valere, a Retriever, decides to take action and stop the war that has left the Cosa Nostradamus in disarray--and has taken her partner/lover away from her. **APB \$19.95**

Blood From Stone (Retrievers 06)

When her newest assignment puts her on the wrong side of a child-snatcher and face-to-face with her past, Wren, Manhattan's most sought after Retriever, must pull off the most important mission of her life to save a friend and protect her future. **APB \$19.95**

Heather Graham*Nightwalker*

While in Las Vegas, Jessy Sparhawk, desperate for money, places a bet that changes her life forever when, after collecting her winnings, she is drawn into a murder investigation involving a gorgeous PI, an angry ghost, a casino magnate and a ghost town called Indigo. **PB \$19.95**

Chris Marie Green*Break of Dawn (Vampire Babylon 03)*

Hollywood stuntwoman Dawn Madison discovers long-hidden secrets about her missing father and dead mother and ventures deep into the Vampire Underground on a perilous quest to save her father, confront a devastating betrayal and uncover the very essence of good and evil. **APB \$19.95**

Kris Greene*The Dark Storm*

Gabriel is a New York City college kid who loves to bury his nose in books, looking up stories of long-dead cultures, lost languages, and forgotten legends. He never imagined one of those legends would come looking for him—until a tough-talking girl named De Mona Sanchez thrusts an ancient weapon into his hands...and recruits Gabriel in a dark epic war he was born to fight.

Banished centuries ago by warrior knights, a demonic army is storming through a dimensional rift into our world. Stalkers are prowling the streets. Corpses are rising up to fight. And Gabriel—a descendant of one of the original warriors—has no choice but to drop his textbooks and start kicking demon butt alongside his new friend De Mona...who has a few secrets of her own. If Gabriel fails, humanity loses. If war is hell, this is hell on earth... **PB \$19.95**

Laurell K Hamilton*Guilty Pleasures (Anita Blake 01)*

I don't date vampires. I kill them. My name is Anita Blake. Vampires call me the Executioner. What I call them isn't repeatable. Ever since the Supreme Court granted the undead equal rights, most people think vampires are just ordinary folks with fangs. I know better. I've seen their victims. I carry the scars...But now a serial killer is murdering vampires and the most powerful bloodsucker in town wants me to find the killer. **BPB \$22.99**

Circus of the Damned (Anita Blake 03)

Most women complain that there are no single straight men left. I'd just like to meet one that's human. I'm Anita Blake, expert on creatures of the night. I've dined with shapeshifters, danced with werewolves, and been wooed but not won by Jean-Claude, the Vampire Master of the City. And now a darkly dangerous vampire named Alejandro has hit town. He wants me for his human servant.

A war of the undead has begun. Over me... **BPB \$22.99**

Flirt (Anita Blake 17)

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

HC \$49.95 TP \$27.99

Charlaine Harris*True Blood Boxed Set (Sookie Stackhouse)*

Sookie Stackhouse is a cocktail waitress in a little bar in Bon Temps, a small town deep in Louisiana. She's funny and pretty and well-mannered, but she doesn't have that many close friends - mind you, that's not so surprising when you consider how few people can appreciate her abilities as a mind-reader. It's not a quality that has the guys beating down her door - well, unless they're vampires or werewolves or the like...but they're not just supernatural freaks, some of them are friends, even family...

The box contains: DEAD UNTIL DARK, LIVING DEAD IN DALLAS, CLUB DEAD, DEAD TO THE WORLD, DEAD AS A DOORNAIL, DEFINITELY DEAD, ALL TOGETHER DEAD and FROM DEAD TO WORSE. **BPB \$89.99**

Kim Harrison*White Witch, Black Curse (Hollows 07)*

Kick-ass bounty hunter and witch Rachel Morgan has crossed forbidden lines, taken demonic hits, and still stands. But the death of her lover struck her harder than she ever thought possible. She won't rest until his murder is solved . . . and avenged.

But a new predator is moving to the apex of the Inderlander food chain—and now Rachel's past is coming back to haunt her.

Literally. **APB \$19.95**

Barb Hendee & J C Hendee*In Shade and Shadow (Dhampir 07)*

Wynn Hygeorht arrives at the Guild of Sagecraft, bearing texts supposedly penned by vampires. Seized by the Guild's scholars without Wynn's consent, several pages disappear and two sages are found murdered. Convinced the Noble Dead are responsible for the killings, Wynn embarks on a quest to uncover the secrets of the texts... **APB \$19.95**

Through Stone and Sea (Dhampir 08)

Wynn journeys to the mountain stronghold of the dwarves in search of the "Stonewalkers," an unknown sect supposedly in possession of important ancient texts. But in her obsession to understand these writings, she will find more puzzles and questions buried in secrets old and new—along with an enemy she thought destroyed... **HC \$51.95**

Joe Hill*Horns*

After his childhood sweetheart is brutally killed and suspicion falls on him, Ig Parrish goes on a drinking binge and wakes up with horns on his head, hate in his heart and an incredible new power, a power he uses in the name of vengeance, only to learn that, when it comes to revenge, the devil is in the details. **CD - Unabridged \$78 HC \$59.99 TP \$32.99**

Robin Hobb*Dragonkeeper (Rain Wild Chronicles 01)*

Trader's wife Alise and 16-year-old Thymara must join the caravan traveling up the toxic and inhospitable Rain Wild River, with the aim of relocating weakened dragons from outside their home town of Cassarick to the long-lost city of Kelsingra. **HC \$54.95**

P C Hodgell*The God Stalker Chronicles (Kencyr)*

Jame is a Kencyrath, the chosen people of the Three-Faced God, who fight the demonic being called Perimal Darkling. At the same time, she fights an internal battle for their honor because 3,000 years ago the leader of the Kencyrath betrayed his people to the Darkness for his own immortality.

She also must find her ten-year older brother Tori and return to him the sword and the ring of their father. If that is not enough she has to stand before the rathorns, wear the cloak of living snakes, kill one god, and resurrect another. All in a day's work for Jame.

The God Stalker Chronicles has been previously published as two separate novels, God Stalk and its sequel Dark of the Moon. **APB \$19.95**

Robert E Howard*El Borak and Other Desert Adventures*

A lavishly illustrated collection of the influential pulp author's desert adventures, restored to their definitive versions, features the wily Texan El Borak and includes drawings by an Eisner Award-nominated illustrator. **TP \$36.95**

Sarah A Hoyt*Darkship Thieves*

Athena Hera Sinistra never wanted to go to space. Never wanted see the eerie glow of the Powerpods. Never wanted to visit Circum Terra. Never had any interest in finding out the truth about the DarkShips. You always get what you don't ask for. Which must have been why she woke up in the dark of shipnight, within the greater night of space in her father's space cruiser, knowing that there was a stranger in her room. In a short time, after taking out the stranger—who turned out to be one of her father's bodyguards up to no good, she was hurtling away from the ship in a lifeboat to get help. But what she got instead would be the adventure of a lifetime—if she managed to survive. . . . **TP \$32.95**

Stephen Hunt*Secrets of the Fire Sea (03)*

The isolated island of Jago is the only place Hannah Conquest has ever known as home. Encircled by the magma ocean of the Fire Sea, it was once the last bastion of freedom when the world struggled under the tyranny of the Chimecan Empire during the age-long winter of the cold-time. But now this once-shining jewel of civilization faces an uncertain future as its inhabitants emigrate to greener climes, leaving the basalt plains and raging steam storms far behind them.

For Hannah and her few friends the streets of the island's last occupied underground city form a vast, near-deserted playground. But Hannah's carefree existence comes to an abrupt halt when her guardian, Archbishop Alice Gray, is brutally murdered in her own cathedral.

Someone desperately wants to suppress a secret kept by the archbishop, and if the attempts on Hannah's own life are any indication, the killer believes that Alice passed the knowledge of it onto her ward before her saintly head was separated from her neck.

But it soon becomes clear that there is more at stake than the life of one orphan. A deadly power struggle is brewing on Jago, involving rival factions in the senate and the island's most powerful trading partner. And it's beginning to look as if the deaths of Hannah's archaeologist parents shortly after her birth were very far from accidental. Soon the race is on for Hannah and her friends to unravel a chain of hidden riddles and follow them back to their source to save not just her own life, but her island home itself. **TP \$32.99**

Charlie Huston*My Dead Body (Joe Pitt 05)*

As the concluding volume of this highly acclaimed series opens, Joe has spent a year splashing around in the city's sewer system, protecting the perimeters of the ground on which his love, Evie, now lives. Above ground, Manhattan's Vampyre clans have at last abandoned any claims on civility and have finally sprung fully for each others' throats. But as Vampyre civil war rages, Joe is tracked down by an old acquaintance and pulled back to the surface. At last, the many questions that have driven him will be put to rest - and the many friends and foes who have defined his world will either be put in the ground or will claw their way to survival. The carefully maintained peace is forgotten. When the stakes are this high, there can be no neutrality - only winners and losers. But when the blood stops flowing, what side will Joe Pitt be on? **BPB \$22.99**

Larissa Ione*Ecstasy Unveiled (Demonica 04)*

DEMON ENSLAVED

Lore is a Seminus half-breed demon who has been forced to act as his dark master's assassin. Now to earn his freedom and save his sister's life, he must complete one last kill. Powerful and ruthless, he'll stop at nothing to carry out this deadly mission.

AN ANGEL TEMPTED

Idess is an earthbound angel with a wild side, sworn to protect the human Lore is targeting. She's determined to thwart her wickedly handsome adversary by any means necessary—even if that means risking her vow of eternal chastity. But what begins as a simple seduction soon turns into a passion that leaves both angel and demon craving complete surrender.

Torn between duty and desire, Lore and Idess must join forces as they battle their attraction for each other. Because an enemy from the past is rising again—one hellbent on vengeance and unthinkable destruction. **PB \$17.95**

Alexandra Ivy*Darkness Unleashed (Guardians of Eternity 05)* **APB \$19.95****N K Jemisin***The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms (Inheritance 01)*

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

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Mark Jenkins*Vampire Forensics: Uncovering the Origins of an Enduring Legend*

A history of the vampire legend prior to Bram Stoker's Dracula draws on myriad sources to offer insight into vampire lore from ancient civilizations, recounting key stories while describing recent archaeological findings of reputed vampire sites. **HC \$51.95**

Gwyneth Jones*Spirit*

Bibi (meaning princess) is the sole survivor of a massacre. Lady Nef, the General's wife, stops the General taking her as a concubine, winning Bibi's eternal and passionate devotion. Years later, a diplomatic mission to a supposedly friendly planet ends in disaster. Bibi, now a junior officer in Lady Nef's household, is incarcerated with her mistress in the notorious high-security prison on Fenmu. Lady Nef, 150 years old when arrested, dies in prison; she bequeaths to Bibi her rank, her level of access to the AI systems that permeate the Diaspora of inhabited planets and a highly secret set of 4-space co-ordinates. Bibi uses Lady Nef's death to escape from Fenmu, finds Spirit, an instantaneous-transit space pod and follows Lady Nef's co-ordinates to a treasure beyond price: a virgin, perfect, uninhabited planet. **BPB \$22.99**

Brenda Joyce*Dark Embrace (Masters of Time Rose 01)*

Aidan, the Wolf of Awe, has abandoned the Brotherhood and forsaken his vows. Feared by all and trusted by none, he hunts alone, seeking vengeance against the evil that destroyed his son. He has not saved an Innocent in sixty six years — until he hears Brianna Rose's scream of terror across centuries, and leaps to modern-day Manhattan to rescue her...

Brie is a gifted empath who spends her time fighting evil from the safety of her laptop — and fantasising about the medieval Highlander she met just once. Still, her life is pretty ordinary — until she awakens one night consumed with Aidan's pain and rage. When Aidan suddenly appears and takes her hostage, Brie cannot believe how dark and dangerous he has become. She knows she should be afraid, but instead, she will fight across time for his redemption... and his love. **BPB \$22.99**

Brian Keene*Darkness on the Edge of Town*

When the residents of Walden, Virginia, wake up one morning to find that the rest of the world is gone and they are unable to leave their town, which is now surrounded by a mysterious barrier, some people will defy the fear of death to escape this living purgatory. By a Bram Stoker Award winner. **APB \$14.95**

Jackie Kessler*The Road to Hell*

Jesse Harris may no longer be a soul-stealing succubus, but she's got a Hell of a past. She'd love to come clean to her sweet, super-hot boyfriend Paul, but how exactly does a girl start that conversation? Just like some people are worth being monogamous for (shudder), some secrets are worth keeping. Like the fact that bad boy incubus Daunuan keeps popping up from the Underworld to put some toe-curling moves on her, and that her former associates are trying to strong-arm her back into the fold. But someone in the Underworld isn't ready to play nice (go figure), and this time, the stakes are nothing less than Paul's immortal soul. **APB \$14.95**

Nancy Kress*Steal Across the Sky*

Responding to a fantastical invitation that most of humanity disregards as a joke, three volunteers travel to other planets at the behest of the Atoners, who claim that they have wronged humanity and would convey understanding of the past. **PB \$19.95**

Katherine Kurtz*Deryni Rising MP3 (Deryni 01 CD)*

Charissa, a full-blooded Deryni trained in the disciplines of sorcery and necromancy, threatens the rulership of Kelson and the life of his chief advisor Morgan, in a special revised edition of the classic fantasy novel, which includes a special introduction by the author. Read by Jeff Woodman. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Ursula K Le Guin*Worlds of Exile and Illusion (Nainish 01, 02, 03)*

Rocannon's World, Planet of Exile, City of Illusions

The author's first three novels--City of Illusions, Rocannon's World, and Planet of Exile--are included in an omnibus edition, all set in the same universe as The Left Hand of Darkness, as her characters battle forces in society that seek to tear them apart. **TP \$34.95**

Stephen Leather*Nightfall*

'You're going to hell, Jack Nightingale': They are words that ended his career as a police negotiator. Now Jack's a struggling private detective and the chilling words come back to haunt him. Nightingale's life is turned upside down the day that he inherits a mansion with a priceless library; it comes from a man who claims to be his father, and it comes with a warning. That Nightingale's soul was sold at birth and a devil will come to claim it on his thirty-third birthday just three weeks away. Jack doesn't believe in Hell, probably doesn't believe in Heaven either. But when people close to him start to die horribly, he is led to the inescapable conclusion that real evil may be at work. And that if he doesn't find a way out he'll be damned in hell for eternity. **TP \$32.99**

John A Lindqvist*Handling the Undead*

The lights are refusing to go out all over Stockholm. There's a mysterious problem in the power system. Every appliance in the city is going at full blast and the entire population is struck by blinding headaches. The pressure builds to an intolerable pitch and then...stops. Moments later, in morgues and cemeteries across Stockholm, the dead start to rise.

John Ajvide Lindqvist, the acclaimed author of the world's most original vampire novel, Let the Right One In, turns his attention to the living dead. Not the nameless zombies of classic horror but real dead people: mothers, children, grandchildren and spouses. Desperately loved, bitterly missed and now 'relying.' Which is not, it turns out, the same as being alive. Lindqvist brings a deliciously ironic mixture of the macabre and the heartbreaking to the big questions of love and death. It makes Handling the Undead the must-read horror novel of the year. **BPB \$24.95**

Kathy Love*What A Demon Wants*

When her brother hires Jude Anthony to protect her, half-demon Ellina Kostova, an author with a cult following, finds that her heart is also in peril when she falls for this outcast and paid fighting machine who, adrift in both the mortal and preternatural worlds, has also been tasked with killing her **TP \$28.95**

Katie MacAlister*Steamed*

Katie Macalister takes on Steampunk-and romance gets hotter than ever...

When one of Jack Fletcher's nanoelectromechanical system experiments is jostled in his lab, the resulting explosion sends him into the world of his favorite novel—a seemingly Victorian-era world of steampower, aether guns, corsets, and goggles. A world where the lovely and intrepid Octavia Pye captains her airship straight into his heart... **PB \$19.95**

Evan Mandery

First Contact; Or, Its Later Than You Think

A satirical joyride in the tradition of Kurt Vonnegut and Douglas Adams, *First Contact* introduces us to the hyper-intelligent Rigelians, who admire Woody Allen movies and Bundt cake, and who urge the people of Earth to mend their ways to avoid destruction of their planet. But the president of the United States, a God-fearing, science-doubting fitness fanatic, is skeptical of the evidence presented to him and sets in motion a chain of events that will change the lives of his young attachÉ, an alien scam artist, several raccoons, and a scientist who has predicted the end of the universe. Parrot sketch excluded. **TP \$28.95**

A Lee Martinez

Monster

Meet Monster. Meet Judy. Two humans who don't like each other much, but together must fight dragons, fire-breathing felines, trolls, Inuit walrus dogs, and a crazy cat lady - for the future of the universe.

Monster runs a pest control agency. He's overworked and has domestic troubles - like having the girlfriend from hell.

Judy works the night shift at the local Food Plus Mart. Not the most glamorous life, but Judy is happy. No one bothers her and if she has to spell things out for the night-manager every now and again, so be it. But when Judy finds a Yeti in the freezer aisle eating all the Rocky Road, her life collides with Monster's in a rather alarming fashion. Because Monster doesn't catch raccoons; he catches the things that go bump in the night. Things like ogres, trolls, and dragons. Oh, and his girlfriend from Hell? She actually is from Hell. **APB \$19.95**

Zachary Mason

The Lost Books of the Odyssey

Zachary Mason's brilliant and beguiling debut novel, *The Lost Books of the Odyssey*, reimagines Homer's classic story of the hero Odysseus and his long journey home after the fall of Troy. With brilliant prose, terrific imagination, and dazzling literary skill, Mason creates alternative episodes, fragments, and revisions of Homer's original that taken together open up this classic Greek myth to endless reverberating interpretations. *The Lost Books of the Odyssey* is punctuated with great wit, beauty, and playfulness; it is a daring literary page-turner that marks the emergence of an extraordinary new talent. **HC \$49.95**

Ian McDonald

Cyberabad Days

The world: 'Cyberabad' is the India of 2047, a new, muscular superpower of one and a half billion people in an age of artificial intelligences, climate-change induced drought, water-wars, strange new genders, genetically improved children that age at half the rate of baseline humanity and a population where males out-number females four to one. India herself has fractured into a dozen states from Kerala to the headwaters of the Ganges in the Himalayas. Cyberabad is a collection of 7 stories: *The Little Goddess*. *The Djinn's Wife*. *The Dust Assassin*. *Jasbir and Sujay go Shaadi*. *Sanjeev and Robotwallah*. *Kyle meets the River*. *Vishnu at the Cat Circus*. **BPB \$22.99**

K E Mills Australian Author

Wizard Squared (Rogue Agent 03)

Melissande and co. are shocked to receive a visit from a Monk Markham who comes from an alternate version of their own world.

The second Monk has created a portal that allows travel between realities, and he's come to them for help. The Gerald in his world has turned into a raving tyrannical despot as a result of actions taken during their version of the Kallarapi crisis. Monk 2 is convinced the only person who can stop Gerald ... is Gerald. But Gerald's disappeared! The incredible double-trouble third book in this popular series. **TP \$32.99**

Miyuki Miyabe

The Sleeping Dragon

With *The Sleeping Dragon*, Miyuki Miyabe, Japan's #1 best-selling mystery author, returns to the spare, hard-boiled style of her debut book in English, the cult classic *All She Was Worth*. Add in a touch of the paranormal, and this noir tale of suspense is on track to garner reviews as glowing as those she's received in the past to win her a legion of new readers.

A fierce typhoon strikes Tokyo one night, flooding the city streets. Someone has unlawfully removed a manhole cover, and a little boy out searching for a lost pet goes missing, possibly drowned in the sewers. Is it murder or accidental? These events bring together a struggling journalist named Kosaka, who is grappling with the ghosts of his past, and two young men who may or may not have psychic powers. The three form an unwilling team not only to search for the lost boy, but also to solve a second mystery involving Kosaka's former fiancée.

Kosaka's career and personal life have stagnated since his breakup with Saeko a few years earlier, and locked him in an emotional impasse. Each of his two reluctant comrades Shinji and Naoyais struggling to come to terms with his unique powers ("the dragon within"). While Shinji wants to use his abilities to help others, Naoya seeks to hide his. Kosaka, meanwhile, doubts the young men's ability, all-too-clearly aware that such claims of psychic knowledge of the crimes could in reality mask a criminal culpability. But then all three are forced into an unsteady alliance to try to save the life of someone close to Kosaka. **HC \$39.99**

The Book of Heroes

A young girl travels into a magical world to save her brother from real-world bullies. L to R (Western Style). When her brother Hiroki disappears after a violent altercation with school bullies, the young Yukiro finds a magical book in his room. The book leads her to another world where she learns that Hiroki has been possessed by a spirit from the Book of Heroes. She visits the magical Nameless Land, where she is told how to save her brother, and is sent back to Earth with a young monk named Sora and the magical book, now a mouse named Azu. Yuri has to piece together the mystery of Hiroki, and has a library of powerful magic books at her disposal to do so! When her brother Hiroki disappears after a violent altercation with school bullies, the young Yukiro finds a magical book in his room. The book leads her to another world where she learns that Hiroki has been possessed by a spirit from the Book of Heroes. She visits the magical Nameless Land, where she is told how to save her brother, and is sent back to Earth with a young monk named Sora and the magical book, now a mouse named Azu. Yuri has to piece together the mystery of Hiroki, and has a library of powerful magic books at her disposal to do so! **HC \$49.95**

Miyuki Miyabe

The Devil's Whisper

Three deaths come in quick succession: one girl jumps from the roof of a six-story building; another falls in front of a train; and a third is hit by a late-night taxi. But how are they related? And are they accidents, suicides or murder? Slowly, the answers are uncovered by sixteen-year-old Mamoru, the nephew of the taxi driver currently being held by the police on charges of manslaughter for the death of the third victim.

Determined to help his uncle, Mamoru discovers that the girl killed by his uncle's taxi had participated in a devious scam to separate vulnerable men from their money, and that three of the four girls involved in the plot are now dead. When a powerful businessman reveals new evidence that could free Mamoru's uncle, Mamoru decides he must go all out if he is to save the last of the four girls being targeted by the real killer.

And then the killer contacts him. **TP \$19.99**

L E Modesitt Jr*Imager (Imager Portfolio 01)*

A new series by the author of the Saga of Recluse tales finds aspiring master artist Rhenn discovering that he possesses the skills of an imager who can visualize things and make them real, a talent for which he is forced to leave his home and join others of his kind in a distant region where he secretly practices magic. **APB \$19.95**

Lucy Monroe*Moon Craving (Children of the New Moon 02)*

When Talorc-laird of the Sinclair clan and leader of his werewolf pack- must wed an Englishwoman, he's shocked to find that she is his mate. Deaf since childhood, Abigail hopes to keep her affliction from Talorc as long as possible, just as he has no intention of telling her that he's a werewolf. But when Abigail learns that the husband she's begun to love has deceived her, it will take all his warrior's strength-and his wolf's cunning-to win his wife back. **PB \$19.95**

David Moody*Hater*

Society is rocked by a sudden increase in the number of violent assaults on individuals. Christened 'Haters' by the media, the attackers strike without warning. The assaults are brutal, remorseless and extreme: within seconds, normally rational, self-controlled people are becoming maddened, vicious killers. There are no apparent links as a hundred random attacks become a thousand and then thousands, right across the country. Everyone, irrespective of gender, age, race, sexuality or any other difference, has the potential to become a victim - or a Hater. People are afraid to go to work, afraid to leave their homes and, increasingly, afraid that at any moment their friends, even their closest family, could turn on them with murderous intent. By the end of today you could be dead. By the end of today you could be a killer. Attack first, ask questions later...but the answer might not be what you expect... **BPB \$22.99**

Jill Myles*Gentlemen Prefer Succubi*

Jackie Brighton has a problem. First she slept with a hot guy she met in a bar after too many martinis, then she woke up in a dumpster, where a mugger had left her for dead. Except her one-night stand turned out to be an angel named Noah, and her mugger turned out to be a vampire named Zane - and the combination of angel-sex and vampire-bite has turned her into a succubus.

The upside of being a succubus? She's suddenly a bombshell with hoards of men panting after her, which is a very good thing - because the downside is The Itch: she needs sex constantly. Sure, it might sound like fun. But Jackie's picky about who she sleeps with, yet if she doesn't have sex regularly and frequently, she'll literally die!

When Jackie's pulled into Noah's and Zane's pursuit of an ancient halo that will give the Heavenly Host or the Infernal Host ultimate power in the world, she now has two hot guys to scratch her Itch - unless she gets destroyed in the battle for the halo, first. **APB \$14.99**

Andre Norton*Search for the Star Stones*

Murdoc Jern's father, an interstellar gem trader, was murdered by outlaw competitors and left behind an odd ring, large enough to fit over the finger of a space suit. With his companion Eet, a strange feline mutant with phenomenal mental powers, he soon discovered that the stone in the ring was actually a Zero Stone—an alien device left behind by an ancient vanished race—and it was the key to powers beyond human imagination.

Murdoc and Eet had to solve the secret of the Zero Stone, and very quickly, because very greedy and dangerous people wanted that ring, and wouldn't hesitate at a second murder to obtain it.

Search for the Star Stones was originally published in parts as The Zero Stone and its sequel Uncharted Stars. This is the first time both novels have appeared in one mass market volume. **APB \$19.95**

K J Parker*The Folding Knife*

Basso the Magnificent. Basso the Great. Basso the Wise. The First Citizen of the Vesani Republic is an extraordinary man.

He is ruthless, cunning, and above all, lucky. He brings wealth, power and prestige to his people. But with power comes unwanted attention, and Basso must defend his nation and himself from threats foreign and domestic. In a lifetime of crucial decisions, he's only ever made one mistake.

One mistake, though, can be enough. **TP \$30.95**

Dale Peck*Body Surfing*

While a typical teen gradually realizes that a dark force has taken over the body of his best friend, prompting the latter's dangerous and reckless behavior, a member of an elite and secret organization of hunters investigates the sinister activities of human-possessing demons. **TP \$30.95**

Alexey Pehov*Shadow Prowler (Chronicles of Siala 01)*

After centuries of calm, the Nameless One is stirring.

An army is gathering; thousands of giants, ogres, and other creatures are joining forces from all across the Desolate Lands, united, for the first time in history, under one, black banner. By the spring, or perhaps sooner, the Nameless One and his forces will be at the walls of the great city of Avendoom.

Unless Shadow Harold, master thief, can find some way to stop them.

Epic fantasy at its best, Shadow Prowler is the first in a trilogy that follows Shadow Harold on his quest for a magic Horn that will restore peace to the Kingdom of Siala. Harold will be accompanied on his quest by an Elfin princess, Miralissa, her elfin escort, and ten Wild Hearts, the most experienced and dangerous fighters in their world...and by the king's court jester (who may be more than he seems...or less).

Reminiscent of Moorcock's Elric series, Shadow Prowler is the first work to be published in English by the bestselling Russian fantasy author Alexey Pehov. The book was translated by Andrew Bromfield, best known for his work on the highly successful Night Watch series.

HC \$51.95 MP3 CD \$51.95

Adrian Phoenix*Beneath the Skin*

Chaos controls his future. One mortal woman could be his salvation. The countdown to annihilation will begin with Dante's choice. The fate of three worlds... The dark pieces of vampire rock star Dante Baptiste's past are violently emerging, and it is only a matter of time before the Fallen discover he is the creature they have sought for thousands of years. The destruction he left behind in Oregon threatens to reveal his identity as Fallen Maker and True Blood, exposing the young nightkind to shadowy predators -- mortal and supernatural -- who will do whatever it takes to win his favor...or destroy him. When beautiful FBI special agent Heather Wallace went AWOL on assignment, she chose irresistible Dante over the shady government forces that now stalk them both. Heather has her own secrets of the past to uncover, but she is also the only one who can hold her nightkind lover together when his dangerous quest for the truth threatens to send him over the edge. And as she and Dante fight for their survival, she realizes they must work together to protect their future -- before his mysterious destiny tears them apart.... **APB \$14.99**

Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman*Good Omens (Anniversary Edition)***BPB \$24.95****Cherie Priest***Fathom*

While the survivors of an ancient band of monsters plot revenge against a human race that prompted their exile, unwilling heroine Nia emerges from a frozen sanctuary and prepares to intervene in coastal Florida. **TP \$32.95**

Robert Rankin*Retromancer*

There is big and evil magic abroad upon the face of the Earth. History has been changed. The Germans have won WWII. America is a nuclear wasteland. And worst of all, the breakfast menu at The Wife's Legs Cafe in Brentford is serving Bratwurst rather than the proper big boys' British banger. Something is Not Right. And when the world's all wrong and it needs setting right, who're you gonna call? Hugo Rune, that's who. A man who offers the world his genius and asks only, in return, that the world cover his expenses. And so, with the aid of his faithful acolyte and companion Rizla, the guru's guru, also known as the hokus bloke, the Lad Himself and the Retromancer, sets out to rewrite history the way it should be. Together they return to war-torn London, to solve the twelve cosmic conundra based on Hugo Rune's personal tarot deck, each one leading them closer to a final terrifying confrontation. They must match their wits against beautiful spies, advanced alien technology, killer robots and death rays, do battle with an ancient god and come face to face once more with Hugo Rune's arch-enemy, the sinister Count Otto Black, all the while finding time to drink ale, talk the toot and dine out in some of London's swankiest eateries. Without ever paying the bill. **TP \$32.99**

Knees Up Mother Earth

There's big trouble in little Brentford. Property developers are planning to destroy the borough's beloved football ground and build executive homes on the site. Shock! Outrage! Horror! The lads of The Flying Swan, Brentford's most celebrated drinking house, take up the challenge. Surely with these stalwarts working for the cause, Brentford's football ground can be saved? Would it were so, but this is Brentford and ancient forces of evil are forever stirring in the borough: Old Testament terrors, Lovecraftian loathsomes and beasts from the bottomless pit. And if the team make it through to the final, it's going to be a match that no one will forget. What with the fate of mankind hanging upon the result. And everything. **BPB \$22.99**

The Da-Da-De-Da-Da Code

Jonny Hooker has been picked as a WINNER! and all he has to do to claim his prize is to solve the Da-da-de-da-da Code. Jonny knows that beat; it always turns up in popular music - like 'Waltzing Matilda', or the National Anthem. And it has something to do with the Devil's Chord. And with Robert Johnson (who sold his soul to the Devil), whose blues influenced a generation of musicians. And it definitely has something to do with Elvis, who is still alive and rocking (of course). And with the Secret Parliament of Five, who meet in Gunnersbury Park to dictate world affairs. And when he solves the Da-da-de-da-da Code, Jonny will also discover why all the most famous rock musicians die aged twenty-seven, the truth about raising an ancient god and the destruction of the world. It's all right there in the music. All Jonny has to do is to crack that code. Before he dies on Monday. **BPB \$22.99**

*The Hollow Chocolate Bunnies of the Apocalypse***BPB \$22.99***Witches of Chiswick***BPB \$22.99****Melanie Rawn***Fire Raiser (Spellbinder 02)*

Relocating to Holly's ancestral home in Pocahontas County to raise their children, manipulative Spellbinder Holly McClure and sheriff Evan Lachlan investigate magically set church arson fires that Evan suspects are linked to the new owners of an upscale inn. **PB \$19.95**

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

A sequel to The Red Wolf Conspiracy finds Thasha Isiq and her deckhand allies working to prevent an international war, an effort that is further complicated by unknown challenges throughout the great Ruling Sea. **HC \$56.95**

Paula Reed*Hester*

Upon the death of her demonic husband, Hester Prynne is left a widow, and her daughter is left a wealthy heiress. Together they travel to England where Hester seeks a quiet life—only to find herself drawn into the circle of the most powerful Puritan of all time, Oliver Cromwell.

From the moment Hester donned the famous scarlet letter, it instilled in her the power to see the sins and hypocrisy of others, an ability not lost on the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth. To Cromwell, Hester's sight is either a sign of sorcery or a divine gift that Hester must use to assist the divinely chosen in his scheming to control England. Since sorcery carries a death sentence, Hester is compelled against her will to use her sight to assist Cromwell. She soon finds herself entangled in a web of political intrigue, espionage, and forbidden love. Sweeping, engaging historical fiction, Hester will carry readers away to seventeenth century England with a deeply human story of family, love, history, and desire. **HC \$51.95**

Nick Rennison*100 Must-Read Fantasy Novels*

Fantasy is one of the most visible genres in popular culture: we see the creation of magical and imagined worlds and characters in every type of media, with very strong fan bases in tow. This is another in the successful Bloomsbury Must-Read series, and covers work from a wide range of authors: Tolkien, Philip Pullman, Terry Pratchett, Michael Moorcock, Rudyard Kipling and C.S Lewis to very contemporary writers such as Garth Nix and Steven Erikson.

If you want to expand your range of reading or deepen your understanding of this genre, this is the best place to start. **PB \$16.99**

Alastair Reynolds

Absolution Gap

Mankind has endured centuries of horrific plague and a particularly brutal interstellar war...but there is still no time for peace and quiet. Stirred from aeons of sleep, the Inhibitors - ancient alien killing machines - have begun the process of ridding the galaxy of its latest emergent intelligence: mankind. As a ragtag bag of refugees fleeing the first wave of the cull head towards an apparently insignificant moon light-years away, they discover an avenging angel, a girl born in ice. She has the power to lead mankind to safety and the ability to draw down their darkest enemy. And on a planet where vast travelling cathedrals crawl towards the treacherous fissure known as Absolution Gap, an unsettling truth becomes apparent: to beat one enemy, it may be necessary to forge an alliance with something much, much worse... **BPB \$24.99**

John Ringo

Honor of the Clan (Posleen)

Duty. Honor. Country.

Three words that resound in the heart of the warrior. But what is duty when country is gone? Where does honor lie when allies are revealed as enemies, when friends are not who they seem and when enemies are the ones we love?

For Cally O'Neal and the O'Neal Bane Sidhe, underground fighters against the tyranny of Earth's Darhel ?allies,? duty lies in the overthrow of the established order. For Major General Michael O'Neal, her father, duty lies in maintaining that order to prevent a reinvasion by the dreaded Posleen.

When diamond meets diamond, when O'Neal battles O'Neal, the only sure outcome is fireworks. **APB \$19.95**

Live Free or Die (Troy Rising 01)

First contact was friendly...

When aliens trundled a gate to other worlds into the solar system, the world reacted with awe, hope and fear. But the first aliens to come through, the Glatun, were peaceful traders and the world breathed a sigh of relief.

Who Controls the Orbitals, Controls the World...

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

Live Free or Die...

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

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

Troy Rising is a book in three parts-Live Free of Die being first part-detailing the freeing of earth from alien conquerors, the first steps into space using off-world technologies and the creation of Troy, a thousand trillion ton battlestation designed to secure the solar system. **HC \$54.95**

J D Robb

Fantasy in Death (Eve Dallas 30)

They were best friends, driven by one shared vision - to rule the world of virtual reality games. Cill, hard-edged and beautiful, Var and Benny, brains and business acumen, and Bart, the genius behind the idea. Their newest invention, developed to transport the player into a fantastical virtual world, is just about to be launched. Then, suddenly, Bart is found brutally killed, defeated by their own game. Their close-knit group is torn apart. Who could have engineered a virtual death with such devastating consequences? Even Eve Dallas, New York City's most cunning investigator, is hard-pressed for an answer. But as she digs deeper, peeling back layers of secrets, revenge and misplaced allegiances, she realises with growing dread the depth of the killer's master plan. And she knows his game is far from over... **TP \$32.99**

Linda Robertson

Hallowed Circle

And you think beauty pageants are scary?

Persephone Almedi has been persuaded to compete for the position of High Priestess of the Cleveland, Ohio, coven -- now that the former priestess, Vivian Diamond, has strangely gone missing. Unfortunately, there are a few small problems with the idea. Not only does Seph know rather more about Vivian's disappearance than the other witches realize, but the epic struggle she's just survived has left her with some highly unusual powers -- ones that could be dangerous to reveal. Despite her reluctance, she agrees to participate, if only to prevent snooty Hunter Hopewell, an obnoxious but talented witch, from ending up in the winner's circle. Can Seph hide her secrets -- including her connection to the master vampire-wizard Menessos -- from the terrifyingly wise judges? Plus, there's her rock 'n' roll werewolf boyfriend, Johnny, and some angry fairies to deal with...

Once the competition begins, a finalist turns up dead. It looks as if one of the contestants is willing to do anything -- including murder -- to win. Suddenly Seph has even more on her plate than she thought: from solving a murder to working out what her new powers really are...and exactly why they're creating so much havoc in her love life. **APB \$14.99**

Denise Rossetti

Thief of Light

In the subtropical city of Caracole, Erik the Golden is widely known as irresistible-his Voice an instrument of incredible pleasure. But the Voice is a curse as much as a blessing, for once Erik used it to steal a soul, and now he must pay.

Pruella Takimori McGuire is the business manager for the beautiful courtesans of the Garden of Nocturnal Delights. She deals in numbers, not Magick, and when Erik turns his charms in her direction, she sees only vanity, not a golden gift. If Erik cannot use his power to win Prue's heart, how can he truly possess her?

And all the while, a far darker power corrupts the foundations of Caracole-the Necromancer, who feasts on souls. When the Necromancer's hired assassin kidnaps Prue, Erik must harness his air Magick to recover the woman he has come to love more than life itself. **TP \$17.95**

Fred Saberhagen

An Old Friend of the Family

The Southerland family left the old world to start anew in America, but little did they know that a blood-feud, older than history itself, would follow them through the generations to come.

Kate Southerland, the first born of the latest generation of Southerlands, has been murdered, but she is not dead. Her little brother, Johnny, has also vanished, a severed, bloody finger the only clue.

But the Southerlands have no clue what they've fallen into. Their enemy is no mortal madman, but the undying mistress of evil enchantment, Morgan Le Fay, and the Southerlands are not her true target. She seeks to do battle with their protector, their defender, the only man who is capable of saving this mortal family from a war they've never realized was waged. **APB \$17.95**

Brandon Sanderson*Well of Ascension (Mistborn 02)*

The impossible has happened. The Lord Ruler is dead has been vanquished. But so too is Kelsier the man who masterminded the triumph. The awesome task of rebuilding the world has been left to his protegee Vin; a one-time street urchin, now the most powerful Mistborn in the land. Worryingly for her Vin has become the focus of a new religion, a development that leaves her intensely uneasy. More worryingly still the mists have become unpredictable since the Lord Ruler died and a strange vaporous entity is stalking Vin. As the siege of Luthadel intensifies the ancient legend of the Well of Ascension offers the only glimmer of hope. But no-one knows where it is or what it can do... **BPB \$24.99**

Sharon Shinn*Fortune and Fate (Twelve Houses)*

Behind the walls of a vast family estate called Fortune, Wen, a Warrior Rider hired to protect a young heiress, must face a terrifying challenge that will lead her into a confrontation with her ultimate destiny. **APB \$19.95**

Gena Showalter*Playing with Fire (Belle Jamison 01)*

Twenty-four-year-old barista Belle Jamison dreams of a better job and a decent love life. Until a crazy scientist spikes her mocha latte! Suddenly Belle can wield the four elements—earth, wind, fire and water—with only a thought. Coffee too hot? No problem. Hair in need of a blow-dry? Done. Gorgeous government agent Rome Masters has been sent to neutralize Belle. But he's not the only one after her. Together they must outrun the rogue agents on their trail and find a way to control her powers. There's just one problem: the sparks Belle and Rome generate are even hotter than the ones flying from her eyes—and with her future on the line, now is the worst possible time to fall in love.... **APB \$19.95**

Twice as Hot (Belle Jamison 02)

Paranormal Investigator Belle Jamison is trying to plan her wedding to operative Rome Masters, but when her fiance returns from a dangerous mission with selective memory loss, Belle must go up against a band of new supervillians and Rome's ex to salvage her nuptials. **APB \$19.95**

Nalini Singh*Archangel's Kiss (Guild Hunter 02)*

Vampire hunter Elena Deveraux wakes from a year-long coma to find that she has become an angel-and that her lover, the stunningly dangerous archangel Raphael, likes having her under his control. But almost immediately, Raphael must ready Elena for a flight to Beijing, to attend a ball thrown by the archangel Lijuan. Ancient and without conscience, Lijuan's power lies with the dead. And she has organized the most perfect and most vicious of welcomes for Elena... **PB \$19.95**

Thomas E Sniegoski*A Kiss Before the Apocalypse MP3 (Remy Chandler 01)*

An angel who has chosen to renounce Heaven to live on Earth, Boston private detective Remy Chandler must put his unique talents to work when his angelic former colleagues enlist his assistance to help find a missing Angel of Death, and he uncovers a conspiracy aimed at destroying the entire human race. Read by Luke Daniels. **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Terry Spear*Legend of the White Wolf (04)*

P.I. Cameron MacPherson, while searching the Canadian Arctic for his missing business partners, meets Faith O'Mallery, who is on a mission of her own, and together they go up against dangerous enemies who are bent on the destruction of all the grey werewolves.

Cameron arrives in the Canadian Arctic to search for his partners who are late returning from a hunting trip. Faith is there to discover what her father had seen in the same area years earlier that had made him lose touch with reality - the man-wolves, he called them.

The two tumble into an icy world of enemies bent on destroying the lupus garou kind. As they turn into lupus garou themselves, and bond with the pack that only they can rescue from destruction, Cameron and Faith find their soul mates in each other. **APB \$17.95**

Charles Stross*The Revoluton Business (Merchant Princes 05)*

Things are going badly for the Clan in this SF novel of the Merchant Princes, the immensely popular series by Charles Stross. Locked in a vicious civil war for control over the kingdom of Nijwein, their army is bottled up inside a fortress under siege in two parallel universes at once. Duke Angbard, the Clan's leader, has been laid low by a stroke: plotters are already conspiring in readiness for the deadly dance to come.

Miriam, rescued from a tight spot in New Britain, finds the hopes of the young, progressive faction focused on her. But do they want her as a leader or a figurehead? She soon finds herself thrown into a desperate struggle for power. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to the Clan, researchers working for the US government have achieved a technological breakthrough. **APB \$19.95**

Steph Swainston*The Castle Omnibus*

50 immortals, chosen by the emperor lead humanity in an endless war against hordes of giant insects. Their immortality, conferred on them by the emperor can be taken away if they lose a challenge to be part of the circle of 50. Jant, the emperor's drug-addicted messenger, the only man who can fly, tells the story of mankind's savage fight for survival in a uniquely imagined, beautiful fantasy world. **TP \$35**

K J Taylor Australian Author*The Griffin's Flight (Fallen Moon 02)*

Arren Cardockson is dead... but something won't let him rest.

Hated and hunted, Arren's only ally is Skandar, the monstrous man-eating dark griffin. Together they must reach the cold North, where they may be able to hide from Erian, vengeful son of the murdered Lord Rannagon.

Then Arren meets the ferocious and mysterious Skade, and he begins to believe that she might know the way to lift his curse and make his dead heart beat again.

And all the while, the dark Night God is watching ... **APB \$22.99**

Linda Thomas-Sundstrom*Red Wolf (Wolf Moons)***APB \$14.95**

Vicki Lewis Thompson*Blonde With a Wand (Babes on Brooms 01)*

Sexy witch Anica Revere has one rule: never under any circumstances get involved with a man before telling him she's a witch. Still, what's one silly rule? Especially when the guy in question is as cute as Jasper Danes. But when Anica and Jasper have a spat, she breaks an ever bigger rule of witchcraft and turns him into a cat. Bad news for him. Worse for her... **PB \$19.95**

Lavie Tidhar*The Bookman*

A masked terrorist has brought London to its knees - there are bombs inside books, and nobody knows which ones. On the day of the launch of the first expedition to Mars, by giant cannon, he outdoes himself with an audacious attack. For young poet Orphan, trapped in the screaming audience, it seems his destiny is entwined with that of the shadowy terrorist, but how?

Like a steam-powered take on V for Vendetta, rich with satire and slashed through with automatons, giant lizards, pirates, airships and wild adventure, *The Bookman* is the first of a series. **APB \$20.99**

Joss Ware*Embrace the Night Eternal*

Everything they knew is gone.

From the raging fires, five men emerge with extraordinary new powers. They must learn how to survive this dark, ravaged world . . . but they cannot do it alone.

Simon Japp will never forget his violent past. But when civilization is all but destroyed, he sees his chance for redemption. Blessed with a strange "gift," he's determined to help the resistance against the Strangers, the mysterious force that stalks them at every turn. He can't afford to get distracted, even by the stunning, soft-spoken woman fighting by his side . . . Sage Corrigan has learned to be careful where she places her trust. But she sees something good in Simon, even if he can't see it in himself. Posing as lovers to infiltrate a group key to their fight, they find that their staged affection soon develops into a desire that will leave them fighting for their lives in the night eternal . . . **BPB \$19.95**

Brent Weeks*Night Angel Trilogy (Night Angel)*

For Durzo Blint, assassination is an art-and he is the city's most accomplished artist.

For Azoth, survival is just the beginning. He was raised on the streets and knows an opportunity when he sees one-even when the risks are as high as working for someone like Durzo Blint.

Azoth must learn to navigate the assassins' world of dangerous politics and strange magics - and become the perfect killer.

Now, for the first time, get the complete story in one special edition boxed set. **PB \$59.95**

Michelle Sagara West*City of Night (House Wars 02)*

Demonic activity has escalated in both the Undercity and the mortal surface level city as the worshipers and servants of the Lord of the Hells strive to complete the rituals that will return their god to the mortal realm. As Rath joins with mages and the Twin Kings' agents to wage a secret battle against this nearly unstoppable foe, he gives Jewel Markess and her den of orphans the opportunity to escape the chaos by providing them with a note of introduction to the head of House Terafin, where Jewel will discover her destiny. **HC \$52.95**

Steve White*St Antony's Fire*

In our universe, Ponce de León is remembered for his fruitless search for the mythical fountain of youth. But, in an alternate universe, his quest found something very different—and very dangerous. After his return to Spain, bizarre rumors flew about what he had found there, and what had come back with him.

Eighty-five years later, Spain sent a fleet of ships against England. The English were confident that they could repel the threat—but England's fleet was annihilated by weapons shooting beams of fiery light, weapons which seemed to employ the blackest of sorcery, even if they were wielded by odd-looking beings in monk's garb.

The Queen herself was forced to flee to the New World on Captain Thomas Winslow's ship, Heron, accompanied by her advisor Dr. Dee, whom some called a sorcerer, and an odd fellow named Shakespeare, hoping there to find the source of Spain's powerful weapons. But they would find far stranger matters there than they had expected, such as a grown woman who had been only an infant a year before, and eerie tales of a gate to another world populated with beings who were not human . . . **APB \$19.95**

Eileen Wilks*Blood Magic (Moon Children 06)*

Lily Yu and Lupi prince Rule Turner have a bigger problem than their families not accepting their impending human/werewolf mixed marriage. A powerful ancient nemesis of Lily's grandmother has come to San Diego to turn the city into a feeding ground. **PB \$19.95**

Connie Willis*Blackout (Oxford 03)*

Stranded in the past during World War II, three researchers from the future investigate period behavior and seek each other out in a shared effort to return to their own time. By the multiple Nebula and Hugo Award-winning author of *The Doomsday Book*. **HC \$52.95**

Jane Yolen & Midori Snyder*Except the Queen*

Sisters Serena and Meteora were once proud members of the high court of the Fairy Queen- until they played a prank that angered her highness. Separated and banished to the mortal realm of Earth, they must find a way to survive in a strange world in which they have no power. But there is more to their new home than they first suspect...

A sympathetic Meteora bonds with a troubled young girl with an ornate tattoo on her neck. Meteora recognizes it as a magic symbol that will surely bring danger down on them all. Serena, meanwhile, takes in a tortured homeless boy whose mind is plagued by dark visions. The signs point to a rising power that threatens to tear asunder both fairy and human worlds.

And the sisters realize that perhaps the queen cast them from their homes not out of anger or spite- but because they were the only ones who could do what must be done... **HC \$49.95**

Anthologies

Steven Amsterdam

Things We Didn't See Coming

Richly imagined, dark, and darkly comic, the stories follow the narrator over three decades as he tries to survive in a world that is becoming increasingly savage as cataclysmic events unfold one after another. In the first story, "What We Know Now"—set in the eve of the millennium, when the world as we know it is still recognizable—we meet the then-nine-year-old narrator fleeing the city with his parents, just ahead of a Y2K breakdown. The remaining stories capture the strange—sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes funny—circumstances he encounters in the no-longer-simple act of survival; trying to protect squatters against floods in a place where the rain never stops, being harassed (and possibly infected) by a man sick with a virulent flu, enduring a job interview with an unstable assessor who has access to all his thoughts, taking the gravely ill on adventure tours. But we see in each story that, despite the violence and brutality of his days, the narrator retains a hold on his essential humanity—and humor. *Things We Didn't See Coming* is haunting, restrained, and beautifully crafted—a stunning debut. **HC \$49.95**

P N Elrod *Editor*

Strange Brew

An anthology of nine urban fantasy tales includes contributions by some of today's most popular paranormal-genre authors, in a collection that includes Charlene Harris's "Bacon," Patricia Briggs's "Seeing Eye," and Jim Butcher's "Last Call." **MP3 CD \$51.95**

Christopher Golden *Editor*

The New Dead

RESURRECTION!

The hungry dead have risen. They shamble down the street. They hide in back yards, car lots, shopping malls. They devour neighbors, dogs and police officers. And they are here to stay. The real question is, what are you going to do about it? How will you survive?

HOW WILL THE WORLD CHANGE WHEN THE DEAD BEGIN TO RISE?

Stoker-award-winning author Christopher Golden has assembled an original anthology of never-before-published zombie stories from an eclectic array of today's hottest writers. Inside there are stories about military might in the wake of an outbreak, survival in a wasted wasteland, the ardor of falling in love with a zombie, and a family outing at the circus. Here is a collection of new views on death and resurrection.

With stories from Joe Hill, John Connolly, Max Brooks, Kelley Armstrong, Tad Williams, David Wellington, David Liss, Aimee Bender, Jonathan Maberry, and many others, this is a wildly diverse and entertaining collection...the Last Word on the New Dead. **TP \$30.95**

Gena Showalter, Maggie Shayne & Susan Krinard

Heart of Darkness

The Darkest Angel by Gena Showalter

An iron-willed demon assassin, the angel Lysander has never known lust – until he meets Bianca. Spawned from the bloodline of Lucifer, the beautiful but deadly Harpy is determined to lead the pure hearted Lysander into temptation...

Love Me To Death by Maggie Shayne

Twenty-two years ago four teenage boys were convicted of a young girl's murder. Now, in the form of a beautiful woman, the 'victim' is seeking vengeance. And only one man dares to dig into the past to uncover its secrets... and set her free.

Lady Of The Nile by Susan Krinard

Lady Tameri believes herself to be the reincarnation of an ancient Egyptian princess, and Leo Erskine has set out to prove her wrong... never dreaming that the two of them are about to discover a prophecy that will bind them together forever. **TP \$32.99**

Young Adult

Alice in Wonderland: Ultimate Sticker Book (Wonderland)

Watch your child get stuck into Alice in Wonderland. Over 60 colourful stickers and amazing scenes straight from Tim Burton's, Alice in Wonderland means kids can discover all about their favourite magical characters. Watch as they create their own incredible adventures, then peel stickers off to use again and again. And if they still want more, there are lots of cool facts about Alice in Wonderland to amaze their friends with. Hours of wonderful, sticky fun. **PB \$9.95**

Alice in Wonderland: Film Tie-In

PB \$14.95

Patrick Carman

Ghost in the Machine (Skeleton Creek 02)

The chilling conclusion in the innovative series from best-selling author Patrick Carman. Strange things are happening in Skeleton Creek . . . and Ryan and Sarah are trying to find out why. Ryan writes down everything in his journal, and Sarah records everything on her videocam. The two move deeper into the mystery they've uncovered, determined to discover the secrets buried in Skeleton Creek, in this conclusion to Patrick Carman's thrilling series. **BPB \$16.99**

Zizou Corder

Halo

'Until you know who you are, you're no one.'

Washed ashore as a baby in ancient Greece, Halo is discovered by a family of centaurs. Although her true identity remains a mystery, she is loved as one of their own. But when Halo is dragged away by fishermen, her wild adventure begins . . .

Halo soon realizes that if she is to survive then she must live in disguise – as a boy. A violent war is threatening to erupt and Halo is at the mercy of the mighty Spartan warriors. And as she battles to hide her secret, Halo never forgets her quest to find out who she is – and where she really came from. **TP \$19.95**

Kevin Emerson

The Eternal Tomb (Oliver Nocturne 05)

Though he's due to receive an important power at the Darkling Ball, allowing him to fulfil his terrible destiny, Oliver only wants to escape his fate. And finally, he may have found a way. But as opposing forces collide and evil plots are hatched all around him, Oliver's plans fall apart. Can a young vampire really save his friends and change his fate? The future of humanity depends on it. **PB \$14.99**

Beth Fantaskey

Jessica's Guide to Dating on the Dark Side

Marrying a vampire definitely doesn't fit into Jessica's senior year 'get-a-life' plan.

Enter a bizarre new exchange student named Lucius Vladescu who claims Jessica is a Romanian vampire princess by birth and he's her long-lost fiancé. He's arrogant, officious, embarrassingly overprotective, and, well, incredibly hot.

Armed with a copy of *Growing Up Undead: A Teen Vampire's Guide to Dating, Health, and Emotions*, Jessica tries to imagine the transition from average American teenager to glam European vampire princess. But just when things start to heat up with Lucius, a devious cheerleader sets her sights on him.

Soon Jess finds herself fighting to win back her wayward prince, stop a global vampire war – and save Lucius's soul from eternal damnation. All of which leaves her to wonder: Wouldn't life be easier if she could just fall for a nice mortal boy? **BPB \$19.95**

Claudia Gray

Hourglass (03)

Bianca has found refuge again with the Black Cross, and she and Lucas work desperately to keep her secret. In this company, being a vampire is a death sentence, and the two of them live and train alongside the hunters without anyone noticing her increasing need for blood.

Even though she's with the boy she loves more than anyone else in the world, Bianca can't help worrying about the family and friends she left behind. Caught between three feuding worlds, it's starting to feel as though she'll never be entirely at peace again.

When another betrayal puts the lovers in mortal danger once more, they realise that all they truly have is one another. But with the secret of Bianca's birth taking hold, not even Lucas can help her win her toughest fight. **TP \$19.99**

Janice Hardy

The Pain Merchants (Healing Wars 01)

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

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

When a ferry accident floods the city with injured, the already overwhelmed Takers start disappearing from the Healer's League and Nya's talent is suddenly in demand. But her principles and endurance are tested to the limit when her talent turns out to be the only thing that can save her sister's life. **TP \$19.99**

Ben Horton

Monster Republic

An explosion in a nuclear power plant.

Kids patched up with scavenged body parts and bionic implants.

A growing army of superhuman soldiers programmed for destruction.

No, whispered Cameron to the monster in the glass. And he watched it shaking its hideous head. That's not me. You're not me.

As commercial and compelling as a computer game, this is the first book in a major new series. **BPB \$17.95**

Erin Hunter

Shattered Peace (Warriors Ravenpaw's Path)

Ravenpaw has settled into life on the farm, away from the forest and Tigerstar's evil eye. He knows that leaving the warrior clans was the right choice, and he appreciates his quiet days and peaceful nights with his best friend, Barley. But when five rogue cats from Twolegplace come to the barn seeking shelter, Ravenpaw's new life is threatened. He and Barley must try to find a way to overpower the rogues—before they lose their home for good. **PB \$12.99**

Ian Irvine Australian Author

The Backward Hourglass (Runcible Jones 04)

After every defeat Lord Shambles returns stronger than before, and more determined to punish humanity. Having crushed resistance on Iltior, he now moves the war to Earth. An Earth which is on the verge of collapse.

Unfortunately, Earth's leaders refuse to believe that magic exists. Only Runcible Jones and his friends know that Shambles has caused all this havoc. Only Runcible can stop him. When he finally reaches Earth, he discovers that the whole world is against him.

Runcible Jones will need every bit of his courage and cunning to defend Earth.

And this time, someone close to him is going to die. **TP \$19.95**

Diana Wynne Jones

Enchanted Glass

When Andrew Hope's magician grandfather dies, he leaves his house and field-of-care to his grandson who spent much of his childhood at the house. Andrew has forgotten much of this, but he remembers the very strong-minded staff and the fact that his grandfather used to put the inedibly large vegetables on the roof of the shed, where they'd have vanished in the morning. He also remembers the very colourful stained glass window in the kitchen door, which he knows it is important to protect.

Into this mix comes young Adrian Crane, who turns up from the orphanage asking for safety. Exactly who he is and why he's there is unclear, but a strong connection between the two becomes apparent.

There is a mystery to be solved, and nothing is as it appears to be. But nobody can solve the mystery, until they find out exactly what it is! **TP \$19.99**

Derek Landy

The Faceless Ones (Skulduggery Pleasant 03)

If you've read the previous Skulduggery books then you know what the Faceless Ones are - and if you know what the Faceless Ones are, then you can probably take a wild guess that things in this book are going to get AWFULLY sticky for our skeletal hero and his young sidekick.

If you haven't read the previous Skulduggery books then what are you doing reading this? Go and read them right now, so that you know what all that stuff in the previous paragraph was about.

Done? Good. So now you're on tenterhooks too, desperately awaiting the answers to all your questions, and instead you're going to have to wait to read the book. Sorry about that. **BPB \$14.99**

Ursula K Le Guin

Powers (Chronicles of the Western Shore 03)

The final part in the story that started with GIFTS, and the tale of Gry Barre of Roddmant and Orrec Caspro of Caspromant, two children with extraordinary powers. They play a part in VOICES too, the sequel to GIFTS, in which Memer, a girl who has grown up in a captured city, is part of the people's fight for freedom. And now, in POWERS, we have the conclusion to Ursula Le Guin's beautifully written, powerful and moving story of the Western Isles, a tale that will leave every reader begging for more. **PB \$17.99**

D J MacHale

Raven Rise (Pendragon 09)

Bobby Pendragon is trapped... with a single, massive explosion of Tak the entrance to the flume on Ibara was destroyed, sealing off any means of escape for Bobby, and his nemesis, Saint Dane. Even though he had given up all hope of ever returning to his old life, Bobby was ok. He felt certain that by burying the flume, he had ended the war, and that after so many battles and so much sacrifice, Halla was finally safe. He was wrong...

The final battle for Halla was already underway... territories were changing, nothing past, present or future would ever be the same. Unable to contact Pendragon, Mark and Courtney find themselves faced with an impossible task of defending their home against the inevitable wave of evil that Saint Dane has set in motion. The next target was set, but there was only one thing missing - Bobby Pendragon! **BPB \$16.99**

Marc McBride

How to Draw Mythical Creatures

Learn from the master of fantasy illustration, Marc McBride, as he shows you how to create mythical creatures, step-by-step! Draw creatures from your favourite classic tales, such as a unicorn, a sphinx, the Minotaur, Pegasus, a mermaid, a bunyip and more! Full-colour illustrations show how to make mythical creatures, from black-and-white sketch through to fully coloured creation! **TP \$12.99**

Garth Nix Australian Author

Lord Sunday (Keys to the Kingdom 07)

Master of the Incomparable Gardens, the last of the Trustees, and the most powerful Denizen in the house, Lord Sunday is a fierce opponent. And Arthur is running out of time.

With everything falling to pieces around him, Arthur must be quick if he is to stem the tide of Nothing and save the House and the Secondary Realms. But he is beset by worries. Will he ever get home to his family? Does he have a home and family left? Is he even really human anymore? And perhaps most urgent of all: What will be revealed when the Will of the Architect is finally made whole? **BPB \$15.99**

Terry Pratchett, adapted by Mark Ravenhill

Nation: The Play

A parallel world, 1860. Two teenagers thrown together by a tsunami that has destroyed Maus village and left Daphne shipwrecked on his South Pacific island, thousands of miles from home. One wears next to nothing, the other a long white dress; neither speaks the others language; somehow they must learn to survive. As starving refugees gather, Daphne delivers a baby, milks a pig, brews beer and does battle with a mutineer. Mau fights cannibal Raiders, discovers the world is round and questions the reality of his tribes fiercely patriarchal gods. **BPB \$27.95**

Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian (Percy Jackson)

Most people get presents on their sixteenth birthday. I get a prophecy that could save or destroy the world.

That's how it is when you're the son of Poseidon, God of the Sea. According to an ancient prophecy, bad things will happen when I turn sixteen - because I'm the one who gets to decide the fate of the entire world. But no pressure.

This is the one where Kronos, Lord of the Titans, is beginning his attack on New York City, where Mount Olympus stands virtually unguarded. Oh, and the dreaded (and not to mention enormous) monster Typhon is also heading our way. So it's me and forty of my demigod friends versus untold evil... **BPB \$16.95**

Dave Roberts

The Twilight Gospel (Twilight)

The blockbuster Twilight Saga is being read by teenager and adult alike. These powerful novels are getting even more popular as the movies hit the theaters. But what should a Christian response be? And is there a helpful way to approach a teenager or young adult captivated with the books without alienating her? **PB \$16.99**

Emily Rodda Australian Author

The Charm Bracelet (Charm Bracelet 01)

When Jessie visits her grandmother's house, Blue Moon, she discovers an amazing secret and enters the Realm for the first time.

Fairies, elves, tiny horses and all kinds of magical beings live in the Realm, and a noble Queen in a great golden palace rules them all.

But the Realm is in terrible danger, and Jessie must outwit an evil enemy to save the land before it is destroyed forever! **BPB \$12.99**

The Flower Fairies (Charm Bracelet 02)

Jessie's friends from the Realm beg her to return and help them with a problem. Magic is thick in the air, and the terrifying griffins that guard the Realm's treasure house are out of control!

The tiny, beautiful flower fairies play an important part in Jessie's clever plan to stop the griffins. But then the fairies themselves fall into a new and terrible danger, and only Jessie can save them. **BPB \$12.99**

The Third Wish (Charm Bracelet 03)

Jessie has helped the magic people of the Realm to escape danger twice now. But now her world is in danger.

Bushfires threaten her beloved home, Blue Moon, and only a wish-a very powerful wish-can save it. For this, Jessie needs a wish-stone, which means she must make a very treacherous journey... **BPB \$12.99**

Michelle Rowen

Demon Princess

Nikki's just found out that her long-lost father is the demon king of the Shadowlands - the world that separates and protects us from the Underworld. When she is brought there by the mysterious - and surprisingly cute - messenger Michael, she learns that her father is dying and wants her to assume the throne. To complicate matters, a war is brewing between the Shadowlands and the Underworld, her half-demon qualities are manifesting, and her growing feelings for Michael are completely forbidden. And back in 'our' world, the Winter Dance is looming... what's a teenage demon princess to do? **BPB \$14.99**

Alex Scarrow

TimeRiders (01)

Liam O'Connor should have died at sea in 1912.

Maddy Carter should have died on a plane in 2010.

Sal Vikram should have died in a fire in 2029.

Yet moments before death, someone mysteriously appeared and said, 'Take my hand . . .'

But Liam, Maddy and Sal aren't rescued. They are recruited by an agency that no one knows exists, with only one purpose – to fix broken history.

Because time travel is here, and there are those who would go back in time and change the past. That's why the TimeRiders exist: to protect us. To stop time travel from destroying the world . . . The first in a mindblowing series **BPB \$16.95**

Darren Shan

Dark Calling (Demonata 09)

"I know it's ridiculous. Lights can't whisper. But I swear I heard a voice calling to me. It sounded like static to begin with, but then it came into focus, a single word repeated over and over. Softly, slyly, seductively, insistently.

Come..."

The Disciples are being manipulated by beings older than time. Only Kernel Fleck knows that something is wrong. But he is in the grip of a creature who cares nothing for the fate of humanity. Voices are calling to him from the darkness and he's powerless to resist.

Kernel has already been to hell and back. Now he's about to go further... **BPB \$14.99**

Neal Shusterman

Full Tilt

Sixteen-year-old Blake and his younger brother, Quinn, are exact opposites. Blake is the responsible member of the family. He constantly has to keep an eye on the fearless Quinn, whose thrill-seeking sometimes goes too far. But the stakes get higher when Blake has to chase Quinn into a bizarre phantom carnival that traps its customers forever.

In order to escape, Blake must survive seven deadly rides by dawn, each of which represents a deep, personal fear -- from a carousel of stampeding animals to a hall of mirrors that changes people into their deformed reflections. Blake ultimately has to face up to a horrible secret from his own past to save himself and his brother -- that is, if the carnival doesn't claim their souls first! **BPB \$16.99**

Justin Stanchfield

Time Walker

When the sleepy town of Antler is filled with rumours of crop circles, cattle mutilation and strange lights in the sky, brothers Sean and Trick are determined to investigate. Sleepwalking on a lonely road, Sean meets a strange girl who is pursued by a deadly organization known as the Paradise Project. He and Trick are determined to protect the girl, but the head of the Paradise Project will not rest until he discovers and destroys the genetic source of her power to teleport through time. Unfortunately for Sean, the source is closer than he realizes. Heart-stopping action sequences and a deeply eerie atmosphere reminiscent of classic sci-fi films make this a must-read novel for anyone who knows the truth is out there... Ages: 11+ **BPB \$14.99**

Rebecca Stead

When you Reach Me

Four mysterious letters change Miranda's world.

Miranda and Sal are best friends, but when Sal gets punched by a new kid for no apparent reason, he shuts Miranda out of his life. Then she finds a mysterious note scrawled on a tiny slip of paper:

I am coming to save your friend's life, and my own. I ask two favours. First, you must write me a letter.

Miranda finds other notes left for her in strange places and she realises that whoever is leaving them knows all about her, including things that haven't even happened yet... **BPB \$16.95**

R L Stine

When the Ghost Dog Howls (Goosebumps Horrorland 13)

Twelve-year-olds Andy and Marnie had an awesome week in HorrorLand-despite their freaky encounter with Murder the Clown and the zombie mob. Then they think they've won big when they get a FREE souvenir from HorrorLand's Chiller House-and they're not so worried that the shopkeeper said they'd have to 'pay later'. Or that the hound's tooth is rumoured to be haunted. It's totally worth the risk to have a tooth that grants wishes. But when Andy hears howling at night and Marnie starts acting strange, they begin to rethink the gift from HorrorLand. **BPB \$9.99**

Timothy Zahn

Dragon and Soldier (Dragonback 02)

Draycos, a golden-scaled draconic K'da poet-warrior, was on a scout fleet ship when it was attacked, with him the lone survivor. Forced to find a new symbiotic humanoid host, he found Jack Morgan. Jack has been on his own, making his way by shipping interstellar cargo on the ship he's inherited from his Uncle Virgil, a con-man and thief who met with a fatal accident. Draycos has vowed to uncover those behind a vast conspiracy to wipe out his people, while Jack is determined to find out who framed him for a crime he didn't commit. Virgil, who survives as "Uncle Virge" in the ship's computer, is against their plan. But Draycos once saved Jack's life, so Jack feels an obligation to this strange creature who can slip onto the boy's skin, pressing against it like a living tattoo. Knowing that mercenaries were involved in the ambush that killed Draycos's fleet, Jack enlists in a mercenary outfit that practically enslaves adolescent recruits.

But the soldier's life isn't exactly what Jack had bargained for, especially when a mysterious girl is recruited into his group. Strange things are happening, and people and events are not always as they seem. **BPB \$15.95**

Dragon and Slave (Dragonback 03)

Fourteen-year-old Jack Morgan has gone through a lot since he met Draycos, a dragon-like K'da warrior he saved when everyone else in Draycos' scout fleet was killed in an ambush. Ever since, Jack and Draycos, who slips onto Jack's back like a living tattoo, have been trying to track down the people responsible for the massacre.

On the planet Brum-a-dum Jack gets hired to work on a plantation owned by a Brummga whose family has ties to mercenary groups. One of those groups might have been involved in the ambush.

Jack's a terrific thief, and managed to do a passable imitation of a mercenary, but those talents don't help him much on the plantation. Here, he's just one of many slaves, with little hope of finding the information he came for. But that's not his biggest problem now. The slavemaster knows Jack's no ordinary slave, and has his eye on him. Jack, who's been in tight spots before, knows that can only mean trouble.

On the heavily fortified grounds of the alien plantation, there's no way to get out, and nobody to help him. Nobody, that is, except Draycos. Jack can only hope that's enough. **PB \$15.95**

Timothy Zahn

Dragon and Herdsman (Dragonback 04)

Jack Morgan has had it rough. He was orphaned at three, then lost his Uncle Virgil ten years later. But the plucky fourteen-year-old didn't know what rough was until he met Draycos, sole survivor of an advance force of alien refugees that had been brutally ambushed over the world where Jack was in hiding from the authorities. The K'da poet-warrior needed to bond with a host, or he would die; the reformed boy thief and con artist needed a friend, someone he could depend on as he tried to clear his name. Since then they've formed a unique team, determined to find and expose those responsible for the slaughter of Draycos's team.

In the months since fate threw them together, they've been through a lot. But when Jack tries to hack the computer in an office of the notorious Malison Ring, their quest nearly ends in the jaws of that mercenary organization's trap.

Luckily, Alison Kayna, a girl Jack had worked with as a reluctant mercenary for another outfit, comes to his rescue. Evading pursuit, they escape to the primitive world of Rho Scorvi, where she's planned a rendezvous with friends.

But at the edge of Rho Scorvi's hundred-mile-wide forest, they make a shocking discovery: traveling with a group of the planet's native Erassvas is a small lost colony of Draycos's own race, the K'da. But unlike Draycos's people, these K'da--known as Phookas--are slow, lethargic, and unintelligent. When the Malison Ring tracks the Essenay to Rho Scorvi, Jack realizes that unless he and Draycos and a reluctant Alison can lead the Phookas to safety in the forest, these unfortunate creatures will become the latest victims of the genocide that threatens to wipe out their entire race.

Jack has already been a thief, a soldier, and a slave. Now he must become a herdsman, protecting the Phookas from danger as they travel deep into the unexplored forest. But even more importantly, he must protect from the mercenaries and Alison the dark secret of the herd and Jack's poet-warrior ally. Only if they succeed do they stand a chance of surviving Rho Scorvi to continue their quest . . . **BPB \$15.95**

Dragon and Judge (Dragonback 05)

Orphaned at the age of three, brought up by his con man Uncle Virgil, Jack Morgan has done things that even in the future in space are unusual. But when he rescued Draycos, a dragon-like symbiont, from certain death, his life became a series of breathtaking adventures. With the help of Draycos, who can leap onto Jack's back and become what looks like a tattoo, Jack has been doing everything he can to find out who ambushed the scout-fleet of Draycos's people, the K'da and Shontine, leaving Draycos the sole survivor.. Now, just when Jack thinks he may finally be on the trail of the information he needs, he's kidnapped by aliens, who ask him to be a judge for them, as, they reveal, his parents had once been.

Jack's friend Alison Kayna, and her newly acquired K'da symbiont Taneem, are also kidnapped, and she is forced by two of the conspirators to open the booby-trapped safes from the K'da/Shontine scout fleet, to try and learn the rendezvous point of the larger fleet. With the help of Jack's Uncle Virge and his ship Essenay, Jack and Draycos escape and rescue Alison, but they are unable to gain the information they desperately need to save the refugee fleet, and precious time is running out! **BPB \$15.95**

Dragon and Liberator (Dragonback 06)

In this exciting space adventure, fourteen-year-old Jack Morgan and Draycos, a poet/warrior K'da dragon who can hide himself as a tattoo on Jack's back, have their backs to the wall. Brought together by a twist of fate, these two have been through a lot of scrapes, risking death and imprisonment on worlds far and wide, seeking justice for Jack and information that might save Draycos's people from a genocidal ambush. But now, Neverlin, the man who killed Jack's parents and destroyed the scout fleet of which Draycos was the sole survivor, is about to ambush millions of K'da refugees, and kill them with a Death weapon that kills any living being within its range. To prevent Neverlin from eradicating the K'da race, Jack and Draycos must somehow disable the Death.

But for Jack and Draycos, things never seem to go the way they should. When Jack's friend Alison is captured, Jack gives himself up to keep her from being harmed. Neverlin, with Jack and Draycos as his prisoners, holds all the cards. But desperate times call for desperate measures, as time is running out, not just for our young heroes, but also for the millions of K'da who face annihilation, and resourceful Jack and his remarkable ally will find a way . . . or die trying.

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David Mack

'In every revolution, there is one man with a vision.' Those prophetic words were spoken by Captain James T. Kirk to Commander Spock of the Terran Empire, hoping to inspire change -- but he could not have imagined the impact his words would have.

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Paul S Kemp

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Aaron Allston

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Keith R A deCandido

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Raymond Benson

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Nick Kyme, Lindsey Priestley & Alex Davis

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Steve Parker

When the ork hordes of Warlord Snagrod lay waste to the planet of Badlanding and wipe out the Crimson Fists sent to stop them, Chapter Master Kantor prepare a hasty line of defence on the Fists homr planet of Rynn's World. Tragedy strikes when an errant missile destroys the Space Marine's Chapter monastery, killing most of their warriors. With a handful of Crimson Fists left, Kantor must fight the campaign of his life, to defeat Snagrod's orks and prevent his Chapter's annihilation. **BPB \$20**

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Arthas

Christie Golden

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Arkham Horror was originally published by Chaosium, Inc. almost two decades ago. This new, updated edition features stunning new artwork and graphical design as well as revised and expanded rules! No fan of the Cthulhu Mythos will want to miss this opportunity to acquire this classic Call of Cthulhu boardgame! **Game \$92**

Arkham Horror: The King in Yellow Expansion

Have You Seen The Yellow Sign?

A new play is coming to Miskatonic University, and anyone who's anyone will be there for the opening performance. However, there's something sinister about this play, and the people who see it come back a little...different.

As if the investigators didn't have enough to worry about before, now they must deal with the mind-warping effects of the King in Yellow, a play that tells a tale of madness and horror, opening a door for the Tattered King to enter through.

This expansion introduces a major new mechanic to Arkham Horror - Heralds, who prepare the way for the Ancient One to arrive. In addition, old familiar faces will be turned against the investigators in ways they never expected. Featuring over 160 new cards, the King in Yellow heralds a darker age for Arkham Horror fans.

- 13 Blight cards, old friends gone irretrievably mad.
- 7 Magical Effect cards representing powerful new abilities.
- The new Herald mechanic and the King in Yellow Herald.
- 3 new Monster tokens, more horrible than any before!
- Over 160 new cards, detailing new items, new spells, and new horrible happenings in Arkham and beyond! **Game \$44**

Curse of the Dark Pharaoh

The Exhibit is in Town

It seems harmless enough. Just a room full of dusty old antiquities, dug up from some old tomb in Egypt. Miskatonic U's faculty are all a tizzy, of course, but why did Professor Armitage go all pasty-white when he saw the Pharaoh's sarcophagus?

The weirdness didn't start until the next night ...

Curse of the Dark Pharaoh is the first expansion for Arkham Horror! Focusing on the thematic game play, amazing art, and strange tales that made the original game such a fan-favorite, this expansion includes 166 new cards!

- 22 Exhibit Items, ancient relics from the visiting exhibit.
- 18 "Barred from the Neighborhood" cards for unlucky investigators.
- 4 Benefit and 4 Detriment cards with new and intriguing effects.
- 45 new Arkham Location cards, 27 new Gate cards, 18 new Mythos cards, 21 new Spells, and 7 new Allies to make Arkham Horror bigger, scarier, and more exciting than ever before! **Game \$45**

Innsmouth Horror Expansion

Of all the cities found in H.P. Lovecraft's vision of Massachusetts, perhaps none is quite so deadly as the small fishing village of Innsmouth. Decrepit and dying, Innsmouth is being consumed from within by an ancient pact once made to save the town. The investigators will find every hand turned against them as they explore its rotting docks and fetid beaches. In the end, perhaps the only way to save Innsmouth is by destroying it along with the terrible creatures that haunt its waters near Devil Reef.

Innsmouth Horror introduces several new game concepts to the Arkham Horror board game, including Personal Stories unique to each investigator as well as the Innsmouth Look. The town of Innsmouth is hostile to the investigators, and they may well find themselves thrown in jail and fed to a Shoggoth while they search the town for evidence to call in the Feds. However, leaving Innsmouth to fester is a bad idea, since the Deep Ones will gather and rise, bringing with them the Ancient One. Innsmouth Horror also adds 16 new investigators, eight new Ancient Ones, two new Heralds, Epic Battle cards for the new Ancient Ones, over 30 new monster markers, plenty of new encounters, and an expansion board featuring the town of Innsmouth. Over all, this expansion adds over 300 new cards to the base game. **Game \$70**

The Black Goat of the Woods

The Woods So Dark And Deep

A dangerous cult has risen in Arkham! Meeting in secret, these heretics and madmen consort with dark powers and offer up sacrifices to the Ancient One, while hordes of vicious monsters descend on the town. It's up to a small band of investigators to infiltrate the cult and learn from these dark rituals, yet even the most pure-hearted may find himself corrupted in the process. Will their efforts be enough to stop the Ancient One from awakening, or will the investigators succumb, one by one, to the blasphemous seduction of its Herald, the Black Goat of the Woods?

The Black Goat of the Woods is an expansion for the Arkham Horror board game by Fantasy Flight Games. This expansion features 88 new Ancient One cards, 9 new monster markers, 1 Herald Sheet, and 90 new Investigator cards including new items, new spells, and the dangerous lure of corruption... **Game \$44**

Cthulhutech

CthulhuTech Core Rulebook

Catalyst Game Labs--the publisher of Shadowrun, Fourth Edition--has teamed up with WildFire, LLC to produce high-quality, full-color and hardback books for the CthulhuTech universe. **HC \$85**

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Alex Berenson*The Midnight House*

Early one morning, a former CIA agent is shot to death in the street. That night, an army vet is gunned down in his doorway. The next day, John Wells gets a phone call. Come to Langley. Now.

The two victims were part of an eleven-member interrogation team that operated out of a secret base in Poland called the Mid-*Å* night House. For two years, they put the screws to the toughest jihadis, men thought to have knowledge of imminent threats. The interrogators used whatever means necessary. When they were disbanded in the wake of public controversy, they were given medals for their heroism, Prozac for their nightmares. Now Wells must find out who is killing them. Islamic terrorists are the likeliest explanation, and Wells is uniquely qualified to go undercover after them. But the trail of blood he discovers will lead him and his boss, Ellis Shafer, to a place they wouldn't have imagined—and leave Wells facing the hardest of questions about the men of the Midnight House. **HC \$52.95**

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Someone gives you a dangerous puzzle to solve, one that may kill you or someone else, and you're about to fail. . . . And there is no other option. No one who can help. No one but the Bricklayer.

The Bricklayer is the pulse-pounding novel introducing Steve Vail, one of the most charismatic new heroes to come along in thriller fiction in many years. He's an ex-FBI agent who's been fired for insubordination but is lured back to the Bureau to work a case that has become more unsolvable—and more deadly—by the hour.

A woman steps out of the shower in her Los Angeles home and is startled by an intruder sitting calmly in her bedroom holding a gun. But she is frozen with fear by what he has to say about the FBI—and what he says he must do. . . .

A young agent slips into the night water off a rocky beach. He's been instructed to swim to a nearby island to deposit a million dollars demanded by a blackmailer. But his mission is riddled with hazardous tests, as if someone wanted to destroy him rather than collect the money. . . .

Vail has resigned himself to his dismissal and is content with his life as a bricklayer. But the FBI, especially Deputy Assistant Director Kate Bannon, needs help with a shadowy group that has initiated a brilliant extortion plot. The group will keep killing their targets until the agency pays them off, the amount and number of bodies escalating each time the FBI fails. One thing is clear: someone who knows a little too much about the inner workings of the Bureau is very clever—and very angry—and will kill and kill again if it means he can disgrace the FBI.

Steve Vail's options—and his time to find answers—are swiftly running out.

Noah Boyd's *The Bricklayer* is written with the bracing authenticity only someone who has been a crack FBI investigator can provide. And in this masterful debut Boyd has created a mind-bending maze of clues and traps inside a nonstop thrill ride that is sure to leave readers exhilarated and enthralled. **HC \$51.95**

William Boyd*Ordinary Thunderstorms*

One May evening in London, Adam Kindred, a young climatologist in town for a job interview, is feeling good about the future as he sits down for a meal at a little Italian bistro. He strikes up a conversation with a solitary diner at the next table, who leaves soon afterward. With horrifying speed, this chance encounter leads to a series of malign accidents, through which Adam loses everything—home, family, friends, job, reputation, passport, credit cards, cell phone—never to get them back.

The police are searching for him. There is a reward for his capture. A hired killer is stalking him. He is alone and anonymous in a huge, pitiless modern city. Adam has nowhere to go but down—underground. He decides to join that vast army of the disappeared and the missing who throng London's lowest levels as he tries to figure out what to do with his life and struggles to understand the forces that have made it unravel so spectacularly. Adam's quest will take him all along the river Thames, from affluent Chelsea to the gritty East End, and on the way he will encounter all manner of London's denizens—aristocrats, prostitutes, evangelists, and policewomen—and version after new version of himself. **HC \$54.95**

Alan Bradley*The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*

In his wickedly brilliant first novel, Debut Dagger Award winner Alan Bradley introduces one of the most singular and engaging heroines in recent fiction: eleven-year-old Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison. It is the summer of 1950—and a series of inexplicable events has struck Buckshaw, the decaying English mansion that Flavia's family calls home. A dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its beak. Hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch and watches him as he takes his dying breath. For Flavia, who is both appalled and delighted, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw. "I wish I could say I was afraid, but I wasn't. Quite the contrary. This was by far the most interesting thing that had ever happened to me in my entire life."

To Flavia the investigation is the stuff of science: full of possibilities, contradictions, and connections. Soon her father, a man raising his three daughters alone, is seized, accused of murder. And in a police cell, during a violent thunderstorm, Colonel de Luce tells his daughter an astounding story—of a schoolboy friendship turned ugly, of a priceless object that vanished in a bizarre and brazen act of thievery, of a Latin teacher who flung himself to his death from the school's tower thirty years before. Now Flavia is armed with more than enough knowledge to tie two distant deaths together, to examine new suspects, and begin a search that will lead her all the way to the King of England himself. Of this much the girl is sure: her father is innocent of murder—but protecting her and her sisters from something even worse....

An enthralling mystery, a piercing depiction of class and society, *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* is a masterfully told tale of deceptions—and a rich literary delight. **TP \$30.95**

Suzanne Brockmann*Unsung Hero (Troubleshooters)*

After a near-fatal head injury, US Navy SEAL Lieutenant Tom Paoletti is forced to take a leave of absence from his Seal team, the Troubleshooters. Being out of the action is so far out of character that he thinks a visit home to New England may be the answer. So much the better if that means he can see Dr Kelly Ashton again. Then the unthinkable happens as Tom catches a terrifying glimpse of an international terrorist in his hometown. When he calls his superiors for help, the Navy dismisses the danger as injury-induced imaginings and worse, threatens to take him off-duty permanently. In a desperate, last-ditch effort to prevent disaster, Tom creates his own makeshift counterterrorist team, assembling his most loyal officers, two elderly war veterans, a couple of misfit teenagers and Kelly herself. As the clock ticks down will the town's infamous bad boy save the day and perhaps get a lasting chance for happiness or will the unthinkable happen and a terrorist strike right in the heart of America? *Troubleshooters: Danger can be addictive...* **APB \$14.99**

Suzanne Brockmann*Nowhere to Run*

In *Not Without Risk*, a pleasure cruise turns deadly when Emily Marshall stumbles upon a drug smuggling ring and the only person who can save her is a man from her past; and in *A Man to Die For*, Carrie Brooks is forced to trust the enemy when she is kidnapped by a murder suspect determined to prove his innocence. **PB \$19.95**

Sandra Brown*Smash Cut*

'Do you know what a smash cut is?' It's an abrupt edit. A sudden shift of scene. Used to shock the audience. Very effective. Lots of impact. It'll be like that. No one will see it coming. Especially her. When Paul Wheeler is shot dead during an armed robbery, his lover Julie Rutledge is convinced that Paul's prodigal nephew, Creighton, is responsible for the murder. Creighton has a passion for movies and Paul's murder has all the elements of a blockbuster: family rivalries, incalculable wealth, and a prominent man dying in the arms of his beautiful mistress. Although Creighton has a rock-solid alibi, even his renowned defense attorney, Derek Mitchell, soon doubts the young man's innocence. The clock ticks down as Derek and Julie seek to learn if Creighton's fascination with movie murders is merely a bizarre hobby, or depravity. Has he begun re-enacting cinema's goriest scenes... and, if so, who will be his unwitting co-stars? **PB \$19.99**

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Covert government operative Danielle Laidlaw leads an expedition into the deepest reaches of the Amazon in search of a legendary Mayan city. Assisted by a renowned university professor and protected by a mercenary named Hawker, her team journeys into the tangled rain forest—unaware that they are replacements for a group that vanished weeks before, and that the treasure they are seeking is no mere artifact but a breakthrough discovery that could transform the world.

Shadowed by a ruthless billionaire, threatened by a violent indigenous tribe, and stalked by an unseen enemy that leaves battered corpses in its wake, the group desperately seeks the connection between the deadly reality of the Mayan legend, the nomadic tribe that haunts them, and the chilling secret buried beneath the ancient ruins. **PB \$19.95**

Carla Buckley*The Things That Keep Us Here*

How far would you go to protect your family?

Ann Brooks never thought she'd have to answer that question. Then she found her limits tested by a crisis no one could prevent. Now, as her neighborhood descends into panic, she must make tough choices to protect everyone she loves from a threat she cannot even see. In this chillingly urgent novel, Carla Buckley confronts us with the terrifying decisions we are forced to make when ordinary life changes overnight.

A year ago, Ann and Peter Brooks were just another unhappily married couple trying—and failing—to keep their relationship together while they raised two young daughters. Now the world around them is about to be shaken as Peter, a university researcher, comes to a startling realization: A virulent pandemic has made the terrible leap across the ocean to America's heartland.

And it is killing fifty out of every hundred people it touches.

As their town goes into lockdown, Peter is forced to return home—with his beautiful graduate assistant. But the Brookses' safe suburban world is no longer the refuge it once was. Food grows scarce, and neighbor turns against neighbor in grocery stores and at gas pumps. And then a winter storm strikes, and the community is left huddling in the dark.

Trapped inside the house she once called home, Ann Brooks must make life-or-death decisions in an environment where opening a door to a neighbor could threaten all the things she holds dear. **HC \$51.95**

Alafair Burke*City Of Fear*

In a city full of victims, it's murder to choose just one...

Chelsea Hart, a fresh-faced Indiana college student, spends the final night of her spring break in the VIP room of an elite New York City nightclub with her girlfriends and a fake ID. The next morning, joggers find her in East River Park, her celebrated blonde hair hacked off.

NYPD Detective Ellie Hatcher catches the case and quickly homes in on a group of privileged men who were last seen partying with Chelsea. When a tight case is built against a young hedge fund manager, the department and the district attorney's office are elated.

But Ellie has her doubts. Chelsea's murder is eerily similar to three other deaths that occurred a decade ago: the victims were young, female, and in each case, the killer had taken her hair as a souvenir. Ellie's search for the truth pits her against her fellow cops and places her under the watchful eye of a psychopath eager to add the prideful young detective to his list... **APB \$19.99**

Anne Canadeo*Knit, Purl, Die (Mary Kruger Mystery)*

Meet the Black Sheep knitters -- five smart, funny women who love to knit, gossip, and solve crimes.

Gloria Sterling had it all -- money, looks, and a new sexy young husband. So when she's found floating face down in her own swimming pool, shock waves ripple through tiny Plum Harbor. At the Black Sheep Knitting Shop, Maggie Messina and her circle are devastated to lose their dear friend -- a woman as colorful as her fabulous yarn creations.

The police are quick to call it an accident, but sorting out Gloria's final hours leaves too many loose ends to satisfy her friends. The vivacious, fiftysomething cougar had her French manicured tips in more than a few pots, and the threads of some inside deals stashed in her chic knitting tote.

Who was the last person to see Gloria alive on that quiet summer night? Two empty wine glasses suggest she wasn't home alone knitting the entire evening...

The Black Sheep need to know the truth and set out to unravel -- stitch by stitch -- the weighty secrets that pulled poor Gloria under. **TP \$24.99**

Kate Carlisle*If Books Could Kill (Bibliophile Mysteries 02)*

Murder is easy-on paper.

Book restoration expert Brooklyn Wainwright is attending the world-renowned Book Fair when her ex Kyle shows up with a bombshell. He has an original copy of a scandalous text that could change history—and humiliate the beloved British monarchy.

When Kyle turns up dead, the police are convinced Brooklyn's the culprit. But with an entire convention of suspects, Brooklyn's conducting her own investigation to find out if the motive for murder was a 200-year-old secret—or something much more personal. **PB \$17.95**

James Church

Bamboo and Blood (Inspector O)

The critically acclaimed A Corpse in the Koryo brought readers into the enigmatic workings of North Korean intelligence with the introduction of a new kind of detective---the mysterious Inspector O. In the follow-up, Hidden Moon, O threaded his way through the minefield of North Korean ministries into a larger conspiracy he was never supposed to touch.

Now the inspector returns . . .

In the winter of 1997, trying to stay alive during a famine that has devastated much of North Korea, Inspector O is ordered to play host to an Israeli agent who appears in Pyongyang. When the wife of a North Korean diplomat in Pakistan dies under suspicious circumstances, O is told to investigate, with a curious proviso: Don't look too closely at the details, and stay away from the question of missiles. O knows he can't avoid finding out what he is supposed to ignore on a trail that leads him from the dark, chilly rooms of Pyongyang to an abandoned secret facility deep in the countryside, guarded by a lonely general; and from the streets of New York to a bench beneath a horse chestnut tree on the shores of Lake Geneva, where the Inspector discovers he is up to his ears in missiles---and worse. Stalked by the past and wary of the future, O is convinced there is no one he can trust, and no one he can't suspect. Swiss intelligence wants him out of the country; someone else wants him dead.

Once again, James Church's spare, lyrical prose guides readers through an unfamiliar landscape of whispered words and shadows, a world wrapped in a level of mystery and complexity that few outsiders have experienced. With Inspector O, noir has a new home in North Korea, and James Church holds the keys. **TP \$28.95**

Cassandra Clark

Red Velvet Turnshoe

Black February in the year 1383: rain started to fall before Martinmas, sweeping through France, Flanders and Tuscany, and barely ceased all year. Floods brought famine. Famine brought disease. The Black Death bestowed its grace on town after town. Bodies were piled in open pits. The lime was spread. Paris shut its gates; Cologne and Florence followed suit. Into this watery world, against a background of plague and the political turmoil of the Hundred Years War, the nun Hildegard is sent across Europe in search of a precious relic, the Cross of Constantine. Strong-willed and independent, she will need remarkable skills to survive such a dangerous quest. For with the English Crown at stake there are many who want her mission to fail and one, above all, who plans a deadly revenge . . . **PB \$24.99**

Paul Cleave

Blood Men

Edward Hunter is a family man with a beautiful wife and daughter, a great job, a bright future, and a very dark past. Edward's father is a man of blood. He's been in jail for twenty years and he's never coming out. Edward has struggled his entire life to put that all behind him, but it's hard, it's hard when everybody knows you're the son of a serial killer. Then, a week out from Christmas, Eddie's world is about to be turned upside-down. Suddenly he's going to need the help of his father, a man he hasn't seen since he was a boy. Is Edward destined to be just like his father, to become a man of blood? **TP \$29.95**

Blaize Clement

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Despite the efforts of Lieutenant Guidry--Dixie Hemmingway's on-again, off-again boyfriend--to find a missing young girl who may be a material witness to a murder, Dixie finds that she must go it alone to confront criminals who will stop at nothing to get what they want. **HC \$49.95**

Harlan Coben

Long Lost

Myron is summoned to Paris at the behest of an old lover, Terese. She is in unspecified trouble and needs his help. When he gets there, he discovers that her husband has been murdered and she is the main suspect. The interesting thing is that more than one blood-type has been discovered at the scene - and the other blood can only be attributed to his daughter. But she died 10 years before. As Myron and Terese try to find out exactly what's going on, they uncover more and more questions. Did the daughter really die? Did Terese's husband have a further child with someone else? But when the truth is something no one expected... **BPB \$22.99**

Kate Collins

Sleeping With Anemone (Flower Shop Mysteries 09)

Maybe Abby Knight shouldn't have chosen a home and garden show sponsored by Uniworld Food as the venue for her protest against the corporation's harmful farming practices. But being bodily removed from the event won't stop her campaign. Nor will a burning brick thrown through her flower shop's window.

After she narrowly escapes being kidnapped three times, Abby calls in the big guns--her ex-Ranger boyfriend Marco and her friends and family. And then the stakes are raised by murder... **PB \$17.95**

Jackie Collins

Poor Little Bitch Girl

Three twenty-something women, one hot rich guy, two mega movie stars, and a devastating murder: Poor Little Bitch Girl has it all.

Denver Jones is a hotshot twenty-something attorney working in L.A. Carolyn Henderson is personal assistant to a powerful and very married Senator in Washington with whom she is having an affair. And Annabelle Maestro---daughter of two movie stars---has carved out a career for herself in New York as the madame of choice for discerning famous men. The three of them went to high school together in Beverly Hills---and although Denver and Carolyn have kept in touch, Annabelle is out on her own with her cocaine addicted boyfriend, Frankie.

Then there is Bobby Santangelo Stanislopoulos, the Kennedyesque son of Lucky Santangelo and deceased Greek shipping billionaire, Dimitri Stanislopoulos. Bobby owns Mood, the hottest club in New York. Back in the day he went to high school with Denver, Carolyn and Annabelle. And he connected with all three of them. Frankie is his best friend.

When Annabelle's beautiful movie star mother is found shot to death in the bedroom of her Beverly Hills mansion, the five of them find themselves thrown together . . . and secrets from the past have a way of coming back to haunt everyone. . . . **HC \$54.95**

Julie Compton

Rescuing Olivia

Anders Erickson has fallen for Olivia, who likes to live in the moment and doesn't want to talk about her past. That's fine with Anders—who has his own memories he'd like to forget—until a car runs their motorcycle off the road and causes an accident that puts Olivia in a coma.

Olivia's estranged father blames Anders and denies his pleas to see her. When she mysteriously disappears from the hospital and Anders tries to learn what happened, her father stops at nothing to prevent him from discovering the truth. But Anders refuses to accept that she's gone for good. Determined to find answers, he sets out on a dangerous path that exposes Olivia's traumatic past and places him squarely in the way of her father's plans. When he discovers her very life is threatened, his search for answers becomes a race against time, and he is forced to finally confront his own past if he is to have any chance of rescuing Olivia from hers. Pitched at the intersection of suspense and family drama, *Rescuing Olivia* is another gripping read from Julie Compton, a talented new author who never fails to mine the most compelling emotional terrain. **HC \$52.95**

Michael Connelly

The Scarecrow (Jack McEvoy 02)

Forced out of the Los Angeles Times amid the latest budget cuts, newspaperman Jack McEvoy decides to go out with a bang, using his final days at the paper to write the definitive murder story of his career. He focuses on Alonzo Winslow, a 16-year-old drug dealer in jail after confessing to a brutal murder. But as he delves into the story, Jack realizes that Winslow's so-called confession is bogus. The kid might actually be innocent. Jack is soon running with his biggest story since *The Poet* made his career years ago. He is tracking a killer who operates completely below police radar—and with perfect knowledge of any move against him. Including Jack's. **PB \$21.95**

John Connolly

Lovers (Charlie Parker)

When Charlie Parker was still a boy, his father, a NYPD cop, killed a young couple, a boy and a girl barely older than his son, then took his own life. There was no explanation for his actions. Stripped of his private investigator's license, and watched by the police, Parker is working in a Portland bar, holding down a job and staying out of trouble. But in the background, he is working on his most personal case yet, an investigation into his own origins and the circumstances surrounding the death of his father, Will. It is an investigation that will reveal a life haunted by lies, by his mother's loss and his father's betrayal, by secrets kept and loyalties compromised. And by two figures in the shadows, a man and a woman, with only one purpose: to bring an end to Charlie Parker's existence. . . . **BPB \$22.99**

Every Dead Thing (Charlie Parker)

Tormented and racked with guilt over the brutal slaying of his wife and daughter, Charlie Parker, ex-cop with the NYPD, agrees to track down a missing girl. It is a search that will lead him into an abyss of evil. At the same time, he is warned by an old black woman in Louisiana that 'The Travelling Man' is about to strike again. Multiple strands converge with a horrific confrontation in which hunter and hunted are intimately connected by guilt. **BPB \$22.99**

Dark Hollow (Charlie Parker)

Still raw from the brutal slayings of his wife and daughter, and the events surrounding the capture of their killer, *The Travelling Man*, Charlie Parker retreats to the wintry Maine landscape of his childhood. By following in the steps of his beloved grandfather, Parker hopes to heal his spirit and get through the bitter anniversary of Jennifer and Susan's murder. But the echoes of the past that await him are not all benign. In a gruesome re-enactment of Parker's own nightmares, another young woman is killed with her child and his brief involvement in their lives impels Parker to hunt their vicious murderer. As the death toll mounts, Parker comes to realise that the true answer to the puzzle lies thirty years in the past, in a tree with strange fruit, in his own grandfather's history, and in the perverted desires of a monster incarnate - Caleb Kyle. **BPB \$22.99**

Killing Kind (Charlie Parker)

Did Grace Peltier commit suicide? When a mass grave in northern Maine reveals the final resting place of a religious community that disappeared almost forty years earlier, private detective Charlie Parker, hired to investigate the circumstances of her death, realises that their deaths and the violent passing of Grace Peltier are part of the same mystery, one that has its roots in her family history and in the origins of the shadowy organisation known as the Fellowship. Aided by the genial killers Angel and Louis, Parker must descend into the depths of a honeycomb world populated by dark angels and lost souls, a world where the ghosts of the dead wait for justice and the unwary are prey for the worst kind of creatures. *The killing kind*. . . **BPB \$22.99**

White Road (Charlie Parker)

In South Carolina, a young black man faces the death penalty for the rape and murder of Marianne Larousse, daughter of one of the wealthiest men in the state. It's a case that nobody wants to touch, a case with its roots in old evil, and old evil is private detective Charlie Parker's speciality. But Parker is about to make a descent into the abyss, a confrontation with dark forces that threaten all that Parker holds dear: his lover, his unborn child, even his soul. . . For in a prison cell, a fanatical preacher is about to take his revenge on Charlie Parker, its instruments the very men that Parker is hunting, and a strange, hunched creature that keeps its own secrets buried by a riverbank: the undiscovered killer Cyrus Nairn. Soon, all of these figures will face a final reckoning in southern swamps and northern forests, in distant locations linked by a single thread, a place where the paths of the living and the dead converge. A place known only as the White Road. **BPB \$22.99**

Julie Corbin

Tell Me No Secrets

They say that everybody has a secret. Mine lies underground. Her name was Rose and she was nine years old when she died. . . Grace lives in a quiet, Scottish fishing village the perfect place for bringing up her twin girls with her loving husband Paul. Life is good. Until a phone call from her old best-friend, a woman Grace hasn't seen since her teens and for good reason threatens to destroy everything. Caught up in a manipulative and spiteful game that turns into an obsession, Grace is about to realise that some secrets can't stay buried forever. For if Orla reveals what happened on that camping trip twenty-four years ago, she will take away all that Grace holds dear. . . . A tense psychological thriller with an instantly familiar domestic backdrop, this exciting debut will leave you with the chilling feeling that this could happen to you. **PB \$19.99**

Robert Crais

Watchman (Elvis Cole)

For Elvis and Joe, two of the most beloved characters in crime fiction, the action is getting a little close to home. The dangerous and enigmatic Joe Pike has always defied close examination but in this breathtaking new thriller that's all about to change. Joe Pike owes a bad man a big favour. The favour is to protect the life of Larkin Conner Barkley, a spoiled rich girl who happens to be a federal witness in a case against the mob. When Pike and the girl come under intense fire, he hatches a plan: disappear into the anonymous underbelly of Los Angeles, turn the table and hunt down the hunters. Enlisting the help of Elvis Cole, Pike uncovers a web of lies and betrayals - even the cops aren't who they seem. As the body count rises, it becomes clear that Pike's biggest threat may be the girl herself - a vapid soul determined to destroy herself, unless Joe can fill the void in her bruised heart. **PB \$19.99**

Robert Crais*The First Rule*

The team thought that Frank Meyer had got out of the 'life' safely. He had put an end to his mercenary days, turned over a new leaf and settled down with his wife and children. It had been a hard decision but, encouraged by his boss and friend Joe Pike, he had walked away. But ten years later, a group of armed men break into his Los Angeles home and brutally gun him and his family down. It's a vicious, cold and professional job. The crew leave no trace behind except the bodies. But they have made one catastrophic, and almost certainly terminal, mistake - Joe Pike. Because Pike is now determined to hunt down and eliminate everyone involved in the attack one by one. And it doesn't matter that, as he starts to investigate, he discovers that this group of criminals are bigger and more well-organised than he ever could have imagined - part of sprawling gang of east European mafia. None of that matters, they are going down anyway. **TP \$32.95**

Sean Cregan*The Levels*

On the outskirts of Newport, on the US East Coast, lies an abandoned, feral housing project: the Levels. Inhabited by Newport's forgotten homeless population, the Levels are run as a personal fiefdom by the all-powerful Sorrow.

As THE LEVELS opens, ex-CIA agent Nate Turner, who is in the Levels to find out who has just tried to kill him, meets a 14-year-old girl Ghost. Ghost is a Fury, one of Sorrow's trained, drug-addicted assassins looking for a way back to her normal life.

Also in the Levels is Kate, a suspended cop, who has been told that she has only days to live after being attacked, and infected, by the Beast, a serial killer working the streets. The Beast is out for revenge on Kate's new employer, who he believes created the infection that's killing him, an infection that has also been released into the Levels.

Now Ghost is trying to escape Sorrow, Kate is looking for the Beast and Turner is looking for answers. One thing's for sure, some people aren't going to survive the fallout... **TP \$32.95**

Jordan Dane*The Wrong Side of Dead*

Facing the nightmare of their past is the only way out . . .

Mysterious computer wizard Seth Harper awakens in a bloody motel room to find he's not alone. The vacant eyes of a grisly corpse stare accusingly at him—the body of a young woman. Seth becomes the prime suspect of a heinous murder. If only he could remember what happened.

His former employer, bounty hunter Jessie Beckett, is determined to prove his innocence despite his gaps in memory. But when Seth is reluctant to reveal his own dark secrets, she must earn his deepest trust. Against all odds, she's in an uphill battle to save him—the man she hasn't stopped thinking about since he disappeared from her life.

But his plight is not what it seems. And both Jessie and Seth must confront the demons of their past—in the place where their nightmares began—before Seth becomes a sacrificial lamb to a ruthless killer. With one fatal mistake, more innocent lives could wind up on the wrong side of dead.

APB \$14.99

Krista Davis*The Diva Paints the Town (Domestic Diva 03)*

When Sophie's neighbor—a reclusive professor—dies, his final wish is for the Domestic Diva to throw a dinner party in his honor, and he's planned everything down to the letter. But what no one planned for is the corpse of a student that Sophie finds in his house. **PB \$17.95**

Anna Dean*Bellfield Hall (Dido Kent 01)*

1805. An engagement party is taking place for Mr Richard Montague, son of wealthy landowner Sir Edgar Montague, and his fiancée Catherine. During a dance with his beloved, a strange thing happens: a man appears at Richard's shoulder and appears to communicate something to him without saying a word. Instantly breaking off the engagement, he rushes off to speak to his father, never to be seen again. Distraught with worry, Catherine sends for her spinster aunt, Miss Dido Kent, who has a penchant for solving mysteries. Catherine pleads with her to find her fiancé and to discover the truth behind his disappearance. It's going to take a lot of logical thinking to untangle the complex threads of this multi-layered mystery, and Miss Dido Kent is just the woman to do it. **HC \$49.95**

Jeffrey Deaver*Roadside Crosses*

A highway patrol trooper notices something strange on the side of the road: a homemade cross, fashioned as a memorial. Except the date being 'remembered' is the following day - the day the police find a kidnapped teenage girl in the trunk of a car, left for dead. Special Agent Kathryn Dance, kinesics expert with the California Bureau of Investigation, is on the case. The teenage victim points her to an online community where criticism is vicious. It looks as though one teen has finally snapped. Then further crosses appear. Now Dance must race against the clock to find the attacker before he can carry out his deadly plans for revenge . . . in the cyber world and the real. **BPB \$22.99**

Ted Dekker*Bone Man's Daughters*

US Navy intelligence analyst Ryan Evans is used to treating life like a code to be deciphered. But a brutal kidnapping in the Iraqi desert presents him with an excruciating dilemma that turns his whole world upside down. Back home in Texas, the serial killer dubbed Bone Man is about to be released, amid allegations that the wrong man was put behind bars. When Bone Man strikes again, hunter becomes hunted and Evans must risk everything he has to win a cruel game and protect everything he loves. A tense psychological puzzle that explores the complexity and compromises of relationships, this is a dark and frightening thriller that drills into the ultimate battleground between good and evil the human heart. **PB \$19.99**

Michael Dobbs*The Reluctant Hero*

When Harry Jones discovers that former friend Zac Kravitz's life is in danger, a debt of honour sends him on a perilous rescue mission to Ta'argistan, a mountainous and landlocked former Soviet republic bordering Russia, China and Afghanistan. Muscling his way onto a delegation of MPs who happen to be paying the state a visit, Harry finds an unlikely ally in the stubbornly independent Martha and together they devise a plan to break Zac out of the ancient high-walled prison in the capital, Ashkek. But when, in the depths of winter, the attempt backfires and Harry finds himself taking Zac's place, he realises that he has been lured, unawares, into a terrifying web of international conspiracy. **TP \$32.99**

P C Doherty*The Spies of Sobeck*

Returning to Egypt amid rumors of murder and treason, Chief Amerotke is directed to solve a mystery involving a sinister cult in order to stave off a threat of imminent war. By the author of The Poisoner of Ptah. **HC \$51.95**

Tim Dorsey*Gator A-Go-Go*

After a Miami crime gang ruins his Spring Break by targeting a snitch's son, drug-addled Serge A. Storms and his equally bloodthirsty deputy, Coleman, aim to track down the gang members and take them out. By the author of Nuclear Jellyfish. **HC \$51.95**

Marjorie Eccles*Last Nocturne*

What could make a successful, happily married man take a gun and shoot himself? What made a young artist on the brink of fame throw himself to his death?

These are the questions facing Chief Inspector Lamb and his assistant, Detective Sergeant Cogan. Neither victim left a note behind to explain what drove him to take his own life, and it appears that nothing untoward had occurred in the weeks preceding their deaths. Having briefly met both victims, Lamb struggles to connect the impression he gained of the men with their final actions, and his close attention pays off when a postmortem reveals some surprising results.

With one case now looking like a suspicious death, Lamb looks for links between the two men. All paths seem to lead to the enigmatic figure of Mrs. Isobel Amberley and a mysterious event that took place one winter's night in Vienna.

Beautifully written and highly evocative of the bustling streets of London and Vienna in the early twentieth century, *Last Nocturne* is an intriguingly complex mystery of passion and the devastating repercussions of a single action. **HC \$51.95**

Earl Emerson*Cape Disappointment (Thomas Black)*

As Thomas Black and his partner, Kathy Birchfield, work opposite sides of a charged political campaign, a plane crash claims the life of an incumbent senator, Kathy vanishes and Thomas finds himself working solo to investigate a political conspiracy that has been rigging elections for years **PB \$19.95**

Joy Fielding*The Wild Zone*

Robert Eversz's edgy and endearing heroine Nina Zero is back...and this time she's embroiled in her most dangerous case ever -- investigating L.A.'s underground S&M scene while getting caught up in sex, lies, and babysitting.

It's opening night of Nina Zero's first gallery show, and her staged photographs of Hollywood pulp scenes are attracting the interest of actual art connoisseurs, not just the usual gossip rag readership. But the excitement of the evening shifts to alarm when Nina receives an anonymous package containing an amateur bondage video that may have ended in death. As she and her editor at *Scandal Times* watch the rape and strangling of a young woman, Nina Zero recognizes a distinctive tattoo on the woman's right shoulder, and suddenly realizes why one of her models has missed the opening.

Who sent the tape? And more important, what happened to the woman? Nina starts investigating her model and discovers a parallel life of S&M phone sex, blogs written in code, an illicit relationship with a celebrity hypnotherapist, and ties to the son of a billionaire film director. Her *Scandal Times* coverage of the case enrages the LAPD and attracts death threats from anonymous sources. Luckily, Nina has her trusted (but toothless) Rottweiler by her side, as well as a sexy but mysterious detective who keeps landing in her bed. Just when events begin to spin from her control, Nina's deeply dysfunctional family enters the fray, making life even more complicated for this ex-con with a soft heart and a chip on her shoulder.

Set in a vividly sunny and sinister Los Angeles, *Zero to the Bone* is the best (and sexiest) Nina Zero novel yet. **HC \$52.95**

Joanne Fluke*Cream Puff Murder (Hannah Swenson Mystery with Recipes)*

When bakery owner Hannah Swenson stumbles upon a dead body floating in the new health club's jacuzzi with a plate of her very own cream puffs--purchased by her boyfriend, Detective Mike Kingston--decorating the crime scene, she suddenly has a lot on her plate. **PB \$19.95**

Steven M Forman*Boca Mournings*

Since he arrived in sunny Florida, Eddie has survived a run-in with the Russian mafia and tangled with Boca's own family of neo-Nazis. But crime and punishment in the land of the Early Bird Special is complicated. The Russians have fled . . . but their evil lingers on; and though the neo-Nazis' junior thug is guilty, punishing him is a lot more complicated than Eddie thought it would be when he caught the little creep harassing decent folks in the name of white supremacy. And that's just Eddie's unfinished business. Helped by a reformed computer conman, he's busier with new cases than he was in Boston, ranging from a mysteriously haunted elevator to a double kidnapping. He's got cases with trails as far as Russia and Israel. Retirement, my foot.

Good thing he didn't retire from matters of the heart . . . because the women won't let him. Between his amorous adventures and his burgeoning sleuth business, the twists and turns of Eddie's life make this an edge-of-your-seat, uproariously funny thriller . . . **HC \$51.95**

Alan Glynn*Winterland*

The worlds of business, politics and crime collide when two men with the same name, from the same family, die on the same night—one death is a gangland murder, the other, apparently, a road accident. Was it a coincidence? That's the official version of events. But when a family member, Gina Rafferty, starts asking questions, this notion quickly unravels.

Devastated by her loss, Gina's grief is tempered, and increasingly fuelled, by anger—because the more she's told that it was all a coincidence, that gangland violence is commonplace, that people die on our roads every day of the week, the less she's prepared to accept it. Told repeatedly that she should stop asking questions, Gina becomes more determined than ever to find out the truth, to establish a connection between the two deaths—but in doing so she embarks on a path that will push certain powerful people to their limits... **HC \$52.95**

Alan Gordon*The Parisian Prodigal (Fool's Gold Mysteries 08)*

After a man claiming to be a full brother of the ruling count is found one morning in a local bordello, killed with his own sword, next to a dead prostitute, Theophilos, a fool by trade and spy in secret; his family; and other members of the Fool's Guild must uncover the truth. By the author of *Jester Leaps In*. **HC \$52.95**

Ann Granger

Mud, Muck and Dead Things (01)

The first Campbell and Carter mystery from one of the nation's best-loved crime writers. Lucas Burton hates the countryside. To him it's nothing but mud, muck and dead things. And he's right. When he turns up at a deserted farm in the middle of nowhere hoping to conduct a business deal he stumbles across the body of a girl. And that's just the start of his bad luck: Penny Gower from the local stables has spotted his silver Mercedes leaving the scene of the crime. Suddenly, for Lucas, things are looking very bleak indeed... Inspector Jess Campbell is on the case, but with few leads and a new superintendent, Ian Carter, breathing down her neck, she's beginning to feel the pressure. Then another dead body is found... **PB \$19.99**

Tim Green

False Convictions

Casey is counting on an open-and-shut case, a sure success for her first effort with the Freedom Project, the renowned charity group dedicated to helping exonerate wrongfully convicted prisoners. Not only is the Freedom Project giving Casey the chance to help innocent people, but its founder, Robert Graham, is offering Casey a one-million-dollar annual pledge to her legal clinic for taking on just two jobs a year. Her first assignment is to revive the case of Dwayne Hubbard, an indigent black man serving a life sentence for the rape and murder of a college student seventeen years ago. Using DNA evidence, Casey expects to easily prove Hubbard's innocence. Yet when she arrives in rural Auburn, New York, she meets immediate and aggressive resistance.

Tormented by death threats and assassination attempts, Casey investigates a prosecution apparently rife with lies. From the judge, the lawyers, the jury, to the police, she traces a web of corruption surrounding the destruction of one young man. But in all the chaos, Casey's hardest challenge may be just staying alive. **HC \$52.95**

Susanna Gregory

The Westminster Poisoner (Thomas Chaloner Adventure)

Christopher Vine, a Treasury clerk working in solitary piety in the Painted Chamber of the Palace of Westminster, is not alone. A killer waits in the draughty hall to ensure Vine will not live to see in the New Year. And Vine is not the only government official to die that season. The Lord Chancellor fears his enemies will skew any investigation to cause him maximum damage, so he decides to commission his own inquiries into the murders and, with his suspicions centred on Greene, another clerk, he instructs Thomas Chaloner to prove that Greene is the killer. Chaloner can prove otherwise, but unravelling the reasons behind his employer's suspicions is as complex as discovering the motives for the killings. His search for the real murderer plunges him into a stinking seam of corruption that leads towards the Royal apartments and to people determined to make Christmas 1663 Chaloner's last... **BPB \$22.99**

James Grippando

Born to Run

When the U.S. Vice President dies un-expectedly during a hunting trip in the Everglades, the President selects his friend, former Florida governor Harry Swytek, to fill the vacant position. Called to Washington to serve as his father's legal advisor, Jack Swytek has mixed feelings about working so closely with the parent he's been at odds with in the past. Jack's duty, however, as a son and as an American, takes top priority.

But the vipers are restless in the D.C. snake pit. A fifty-year-old secret is unraveling and a cover-up at the highest levels of government threatens to drag both Swytecks under. When hostages are taken, Jack must get to the root of the evil and quickly—because suddenly no one is safe, and the presidency itself hangs in the balance. **APB \$14.99**

Bill Guttentag

Boulevard

It's always sunny in California until you walk on the wrong side of Sunset Boulevard. And yet the bright lights still call to thousands, and every day new arrivals fill the ranks of Hollywood's underworld of teenage runaways and hopeful stars turned hookers and strippers.

Their stories are too wretched and too sad for society's attention, but when a high-profile lawyer is murdered at the Chateau Marmont, lackluster detective Jimmy McCann takes to the streets and finds himself enmeshed in this complex web of prostitution and drugs, learning that the killer, a young girl named Casey, is a victim in her own right. Delving into Casey's troubled community of homeless runaways, characterized by abuse, rape, death and disease, but also by friendship, loyalty and love, Bill Guttentag has crafted a stunning literary crime novel--based on real-life incidents--that will resound with readers everywhere. **HC \$51.95**

Parnell Hall

The Puzzle Lady (Puzzle Lady Mysteries)

It's the battle of the century when Minami, the Sudoku Lady, shows up in Bakerhaven, Connecticut, to meet Cora Felton, the Puzzle Lady, whose sudoku books have just edged Minami's off the Japanese bestseller list. Before the rivals have a chance to square off, a killer strikes, and a sudoku puzzle is found at the scene of the murder. Now it's a fight to the finish to see who can unmask the killer.

Cora is eager to undo her Japanese counterpart---at least until the poor woman is arrested for murder and Cora realizes that she accidentally framed her for the crime. As if that weren't frustrating enough, the publicity of her arrest drives Minami's sales through the roof!

Now it's up to Cora to clear her rival's name, get her off the bestseller list, and trap the real killer, but she'd better do it fast, before the cops find out what Cora did, and she winds up facing more jail time than Minami.

Boasting an entertaining, fun-filled mystery, as well as several satisfying crossword and sudoku puzzles, the Puzzle Lady's latest adventure makes for a rollicking good read. **HC \$51.95**

James W Hall

Silencer

A father's murder and a son's ruthless betrayal are at the heart of the new novel by "master of suspense" (Publishers Weekly) James W. Hall

Earl Hammond, the wealthy patriarch of a family of ranchers, lies dead, shot just as he was to donate his Coquina Ranch to the state to preserve it from developers. Spearheading the plan to save this environmental treasure was Thorn, a reluctant heir to a secret family fortune, who now finds himself in terrible danger as well. A pair of deviant brothers, both contract killers, kidnap him and drags him to a game preserve, surrounded by herds of exotic and very dangerous animals. He is entrapped in a sinkhole—a geological dungeon from which there is no escape.

But Frisco Hammond, the dark sheep of the family, is drawn into the investigation of his father's murder and Thorn's disappearance. He suspects the crimes are related. Helping him is his brother's beautiful, troubled wife, Clare. They uncover a trail that leads back to the 1930's, to a cabal of powerful and rich men with a sinister plan. **HC \$51.95**

Elliott Hall*First Stone*

Private eye Felix Strange doesn't work homicide cases. He saw enough dead bodies fighting in Iran, a war that left him with a crippling disease that has no name and no cure. So when Strange is summoned to a Manhattan hotel room to investigate the dead body of America's most-loved preacher, he'd rather not get involved. Strange has a week to find the killer, and even less time to get the black-market medicine he needs to stay alive. In an America where biblical prophecy is foreign policy, Strange knows that his hiring is no accident. He can't see all the angles, and he knows he's being watched. In a race against time Strange must face religious police, organized crime and a dame with very particular ideas, while uncovering a conspiracy that reaches the very heart of his newly fundamentalist nation. One of the most stunningly original debut crime novels ever written, *The First Stone* is both an epic of the imagination and an action-packed mystery set in a time and place too chillingly close to our own. It is the first in an ambitious trilogy that pays homage to the genius of Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler and James Ellroy, while offering a wholly original take on the noir genre. **BPB \$22.99**

Eric L Haney*No Man's Land*

Kennesaw Tanner once fought a shadow war.

Now he's fighting for himself.

Soldier of fortune Kennesaw Tanner is approached by government operatives with an offer: rescue the kidnapped heir of a powerful Persian Gulf sheik whose alliance with the U.S. has made him a target for terrorists.

But what Tanner doesn't know is that there are elements within the government who want him to fail, that the sands of politics are shifting against him-and that the job he's being paid to do may cost him more than he bargained for. **PB \$19.95**

Robert Harris*Conspirita (02)*

A second installment in the trilogy that began with *Imperium* finds powerful and brilliant politician Cicero struggling with the high human cost of agendas gone terribly wrong. By the author of *Fatherland*. **HC \$54.95**

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles*Fell Purpose (Bill Slider Mysteries)*

Bank Holiday Monday, and beautiful Zella Wilding--straight-A student, prefect, future Head Girl--lies dead near the famous Wormwood Scrubs prison in London. What was this good Christian girl doing out there, dressed to kill, when she was supposed to be at a sleep-over with school friends? A secret boyfriend from a run-down estate and a recently-released rapist look tasty; or could the nearby fairground or prison have something to do with it? 9780727868442\A nail-biting novel of domestic suspense from a best-selling author. When Morgan Adair arrives at the small seaside town of West Briar on the Long Island shore, she is looking forward to attending the baptism of her new godson, Drew. Morgan and Drew's mother, Claire, have been friends since childhood, and Morgan was delighted when Claire married the handsome Guy Bolton. But a few days after the christening, Morgan receives a devastating phone call from her friend. **HC \$58.95**

Mo Hayder*Skin*

Detective Jack Caffery and police driver Flea Marley--the protagonists from author's previous thriller, *Ritual*--follow a trail of apparent suicides to Elf's Grotto, a nearly bottomless network of flooded quarries, where someone--or something--lurks, ready to disappear into darkness or slip into houses unseen. **HC \$52.95**

Betty Hechtman*A Stitch in Time (Crochet 04)*

Molly's been handed the reins for this year's creative retreat--an exhilarating weekend out on the Monterey Peninsula, complete with crochet classes. Unfortunately for one teacher, though, the breathtaking scenery is where she'll take her last breath. Now Molly will have to find a new instructor, and, if she can squeeze it in, solve this murder--with the help of her pals from the Tarzana Hookers. **PB \$19.95**

Joan Hess*The Merry Wives of Maggody (Arly Hanks Mysteries)*

After Mrs. Jim Bob Buchanan sets the small town of Maggody, Arkansas, on the path to chaos by holding a golf tournament where the first hole-in-one wins a premier bass-fishing boat, local golf instructor Tommy Ridner wins the prize on the first day, only to be found dead later, a case that Sheriff Arly Hanks must take on just as the cut-throat golf tournament begins anew. **HC \$51.95**

Jack Higgins*The Wolf at the Door*

On Long Island, a trusted operative for the president nudges his boat up to a pier, when a man materializes out of the rain and shoots him. In London, General Charles Ferguson, adviser to the prime minister, approaches his car on a side street, when there is a flash and the car explodes. In New York, a former British soldier, who is also a bit more than that, takes a short walk in Central Park to stretch his legs, when a man comes up fast behind him, a pistol in his hand. And that is only the beginning. Someone is targeting the members of the elite intelligence unit known as "the Prime Minister's private army" and all those who work with them, and whoever is doing it has a lot of resources at his command. Sean Dillon has an idea of who it may be, an old nemesis who has clearly gotten tired of their interference in his schemes. But proving it is going to be a difficult task. And surviving it the hardest task of all. **HC \$54.95**

Susan Hill*The Risk of Darkness (Simon Serailler Mysteries 03)*

A third tale featuring Simon Serailler pits him against the increasingly violent acts of an obsessive widower, a case that is further complicated by Serailler's troubled feelings for the Cathedral's newest recruit, a red-haired woman Anglican priest. **TP \$30.95**

Jilliane Hoffman*Pretty Little Things*

Special Agent Bobby Dees knows what grief feels like. He understands the pain of losing a child. And he'll do whatever he can to prevent it from happening again. The phone call that comes on a Sunday morning will take him away from his insular world of grief and sleepless nights - and into a far darker place. A young girl, Elaine Emerson, has gone missing and only Dees has a chance of finding her.

It seems that Elaine had gone to meet her boyfriend, a mysterious figure she met secretly on the internet, who goes by the name of "Boogeyman", and whose reality is as cruel and chilling as the worst thing Dees can imagine... **TP \$32.99**

Anne Holt*Final Murder*

A talk-show star is found killed in her home, her tongue removed and left on her desk, cleaved in two. And when a second body, that of a right-wing party leader, is found crucified to the bedroom wall, Superintendent Adam Stubo is pulled from leave to lead the investigation. Is there a celebrity-slaying serial killer on the loose? His partner, Yohanne Vik, agrees to help with the case but begins to see a pattern, one that traces back to her FBI days. If she's right, the pattern will end in the murder of the investigating officer: Adam. From the internationally bestselling Anne Holt, this is the latest thrilling instalment in a gripping and compulsive series. **PB \$22.99**

Death in Oslo

When Helen Barclay becomes the first female US president, the whole world takes notice. And unfortunately for President Barclay, one man takes very particular notice. He knows her dark secret, buried for over twenty years. And not only does he have the power to destroy everything she's worked for, but he also has the ultimate motive. Revenge. Unfortunately for the FBI and the Norwegian police, nobody knows about this when Helen Barclay chooses to visit Norway for her first state visit. But when she goes missing from a locked, heavily secured bedroom, they are forced - unwillingly - to work together to find her. Has she been kidnapped? Murdered? Can the US president really just disappear into thin air...? Taut, gripping and chillingly convincing, *Death in Oslo* is a brilliant new thriller from one of the world's most popular crime writers. **BPB \$22.99**

Kay Hooper*Blood Ties (Bishop / Special Crimes Blood 03)*

When part of a murdered body is discovered on a running trail in a sleepy Tennessee town, three agents from the FBI's elite Special Crimes Unit are dispatched to investigate and discover an unearthly series of killings, in a conclusion to a trilogy that includes *Blood Sins* and *Blood Dreams*. **HC \$52.95**

Quintin Jardine*Blood Red*

Primavera Blackstone becomes the prime suspect in the second breathtaking novel in a brilliant new series by bestselling Scottish crime writer Quintin Jardine. Primavera is enjoying the quiet life in an idyllic village on the Catalan coast of Spain. The attractive single mother and eight-year-old Tom, son of the late and still lamented Oz Blackstone, are popular figures in the tiny community. But her close friendship with the parish priest has eyebrows rising and tongues wagging. Then a dispute explodes with a powerful councillor who refuses to allow the village wine fair to go ahead. When his body is found, head caved in, some ominous questions are asked... **TP \$32.99**

Pam Jenoff*Almost Home*

A young woman intelligence officer struggles to confront her haunting past while tackling a dangerous assignment of global proportions with origins tracing back to World War II. By the author of *The Kommandant's Girl*. **TP \$30.95**

J Sydney Jones*Requiem in Vienna (Viennese Mysteries)*

After a singer is murdered at the Court Opera in Vienna, Lawyer Karl Werthen thinks the intended victim being targeted is conductor and composer Gustav Mahler and sets out to stop the attacks with the help of his new wife, Berthe, and the criminologist Hans Gross, in a historical mystery by the author of *The Empty Mirror*. **HC \$51.95**

Jessie Keane*Scarlet Women*

It's 1970 and there's a killer on the loose in London.

When gang boss Annie Carter gets a call, suddenly it's personal. A close friend of hers is the latest victim, and another is in the frame for the murder. With the hated Delaney gang still causing trouble, and NY mob boss Don Constantine Barolli's family making no secret of the fact that they hate her, she senses a feud blowing up in all their faces very soon.

To save her old friend, Annie has to try to find out who's been targeting the girls. Before long she's diving head-first into the seedy underbelly of the streets.

How long before the killer strikes again? And who will the next victim be? **APB \$19.99**

Jonathan Kellerman*Blood Test*

Doctors believe that they can successfully treat five-year-old, cancer patient, Woody Swope. But Woody's parents, members of a cult called 'The Touchers', are not only refusing the treatment, they're also threatening to remove him from the hospital. Psychologist Alex Delaware, is called in to talk the parents round. But before he can, the Swopes are gone and so is Woody. All that remains is a savagely ransacked and bloodied motel room, their teenage daughter, Nona, and an increasingly dark and bizarre case to solve. **PB \$9.99**

J A Kerley*The Death Collectors*

Thirty years after his death, Marsden Hexcamp's 'Art of the Final Moment' remains as sought after as ever. But this is no ordinary collection. Hexcamp's portfolio was completed with the aid of a devoted band of acolytes - and half a dozen victims, each of whom was slowly tortured to death so that their final agonies could be distilled into art.

When tiny scraps of Hexcamp's 'art' begin appearing at murder scenes alongside gruesomely displayed corpses, Detective Carson Ryder and his partner Harry Nautilus must go back three decades in search of answers.

Meanwhile an auction has been announced and the death collectors are gathering. These wealthy connoisseurs of serial-killer memorabilia will pay millions to acquire Hexcamp's art - unless Carson and Harry can beat them in their quest for the anti-grail. **BPB \$24.99**

The Hundredth Man

A body is found in the sweating heat of an Alabama night; headless, words inked on the skin. Detective Carson Ryder is good at this sort of thing - crazies and freaks. To his eyes it is no crime of passion, and when another mutilated victim turns up his suspicions are confirmed. This is not the work of a 'normal' murderer, but that of a serial killer, a psychopath.

Famous for solving a series of crimes the year before, Carson Ryder has experience with psychopaths. But he had help with that case - strange help, from a past Ryder is trying to forget.

Now he needs it again.

When the truth finally begins to dawn, it shines on an evil so twisted, so dangerous, it could destroy everything that he cares about... **BPB \$24.99**

Simon Kernick*The Last 10 Seconds*

TP \$32.95

Chris Knopf*Short Squeeze*

After one of Hamptons real estate lawyer Jackie Swaitkowski's clients makes an odd request to evict his sister-in-law from his own home, he turns up dead, and an envelope found on the corpse contains an item so unusual that Jackie finds herself working on something more dangerous than real estate. **HC \$51.95**

Roberta Kray*Strong Women*

Jo Strong is the youngest widow in the East End. Running her late husband's jewellery shop, mercilessly bullied by her evil mother-in-law, she is trying to get her life back together again. But then the 14-year-old daughter of one of the East end's most notorious gangsters is kidnapped, and Jo finds herself in a deadly race against time to rescue the girl - before it is too late. And to get her back, she'll have to join forces with damaged but handsome bad boy Gabe Miller, a man who has a dark past of his own... **PB \$19.99**

Michael Kurland *Editor**Sherlock Holmes: The American Years (Sherlock Holmes)*

A compelling volume of original tales concerning Sherlock Holmes' legendary time in America

With an introduction by Leslie S. Klinger, editor and compiler of all three volumes of the Annotated Sherlock Holmes, this collection of ten original stories brings light to one of the least examined periods in the life of the great detective—his time in the former colonies, the United States. This Holmes is a youthful one—a young man not yet set upon his course in life and in his famous lodgings at 221B Baker Street. In Richard Lupoff's "Inga Sigerson Weds," he's come to America to represent the family at his sister's wedding. In "My Silk Umbrella," Mark Twain narrates his fateful encounter with Holmes at a baseball game in Hartford, Connecticut; Steve Hockensmith narrates the meeting of the young William Gillette and the object of his later, most famous turn upon the stage; and Peter Tremayne reveals the intersection of Holmes and the Irish in the 19th century American midwestern landscape. With further stories by Marta Randall, Rhys Bowen, Peter Beagle, and others, the legend, the mythology and even the history of the world's greatest detective is further enhanced by these charming, clever and mystifying tales. **HC \$51.95**

William Lashner*Blood and Bone*

For a son, every funeral before his father's death is a rehearsal and every funeral thereafter is a memorial.

Kyle Byrne, the illegitimate son of a prominent Philadelphia lawyer, had to sneak into his father's funeral when he was fourteen years old. Twelve years later, his father's death still casts a shadow upon his heart.

Now amiable and handsome, Kyle finds himself drifting through a life of slack. With his house in foreclosure and his part-time job lost, he spends his days playing Xbox and his nights in Philly bars, drinking way too much and sleeping with the wrong type of women. Life is, well, actually pretty damn sweet. But when his father's former law partner is brutally murdered, the cops see Kyle as a possible suspect and start asking uncomfortable questions about his father's death. And after a strange encounter with one of his father's former clients, Kyle enters into a search for answers that leads from his father's past to the highest pinnacles of power—and forces Kyle to lay bare the deceptions and losses in his own life. **APB \$16.99**

Andre Le Gallo*The Caliphate*

Recruited by the CIA as an undercover operative while in Paris, U.S. businessman Steve Church, along with his beautiful partner, must infiltrate a radical Muslim group that will stop at nothing, including assassination and terrorism, to restore the Caliphate, a global Muslim empire. **APB \$19.95**

Patrick Lennon*Cut Out*

Afghanistan. Every year, an assignment for thousands of British personnel. Some of them bring back more than memories. TV producer Dan Simmons wants to film it all. He finds a regiment about to be deployed to the Afghan war on a radical anti-heroin operation. He gets himself embedded. He shoots some film. Then he shoots himself. The Ministry of Defence spin machine goes into motion and puts Military Police captain Stef Maguire under pressure to file it all away. But Maguire has heard the TV man's dying words and they lead her to someone called Tom Fletcher. Ex-cop, ex-PI, now Fletcher is living the perfect life in a house in the country. A very isolated house. Fletcher doesn't know why the TV man shot himself. But some very dangerous people think otherwise. And when they begin to threaten Fletcher's family, it's time for him to act. **PB \$22.99**

Laura Lippman*Life Sentences*

What if you found out that the central story of your life was a lie?

A successful writer returns to her hometown of Baltimore on the hunt for new material and stumbles into the middle of a mystery which takes her back to her schooldays.

Former classmate Callie Jenkins hit the headlines when she was jailed for 7 years having refused to give up the whereabouts of her missing child. But why did she remain silent? And whatever happened to the little boy?

Cassandra thinks she can find out. But in the course of her investigation she finds out that her own history might be far from the truth... **BPB \$19.99**

Eric Van Lustbader*Last Snow*

Jack McClure, Special Advisor and closest friend to the new President of the United States, interprets the world very differently from the rest of us. It's his greatest liability, and his greatest asset.

An American senator, supposedly on a political trip to the Ukraine, turns up dead on the island of Capri. When the President asks him to find out how and why, Jack sets out from Moscow across Eastern Europe, following a perilous trail of diplomats, criminals, and corrupt politicians. Thrust into the midst of a global jigsaw puzzle, Jack's unique dyslexic mind allows him to put together the pieces that others can't even see.

Still unreconciled to the recent death of his daughter and the dissolution of his marriage, Jack takes on a personal mission along with his official one: keeping safe from harm his two unlikely, unexpected, and incompatible companions—Annika Dementieva, a rogue Russian FSB agent, and Alli Carson, the President's daughter. As he struggles to keep both young women safe and unearth the answers he seeks, hunted by everyone from the Russian mafia to the Ukrainian police to his own NSA, Jack learns just how far up the American and Russian political ladders corruption and treachery has reached.

In the vein of Eric Van Lustbader's latest bestselling Jason Bourne novels, Lustbader takes us on an international adventure in this powerful page-turner that will keep you reading through the night. **HC \$52.95**

Patricia MacDonald*From Cradle to Grave*

A nail-biting novel of domestic suspense from a best-selling author - When Morgan Adair arrives at the small seaside town of West Briar on the Long Island shore, she is looking forward to attending the baptism of her new godson, Drew. Morgan and Drew's mother, Claire, have been friends since childhood, and Morgan was delighted when Claire married the handsome Guy Bolton. But a few days after the christening, Morgan receives a devastating phone call from her friend . . . **HC \$58.95**

Colin MacKinnon*The Contractor*

Rick Behringer is an outside contractor working for the Central Intelligence Agency. He owns a small company that, in the light of day, provides communications security for government offices, including the CIA. In the shadows, though, Rick's a spy. He runs overseas agents for the CIA and, through his firm, buys foreign-military technology that the Agency wants to inspect but can't be seen purchasing.

The divorced father of two little girls, Rick carries on a cold war with his ex, Liz, and a hot romance with his sexy girlfriend, Frannie. He still broods over the mysterious death of his father, a high-level CIA officer during the Vietnam War, who committed suicide when Rick was thirteen.

Through contacts in what he calls the "Black World," Rick hears of a mysterious Pakistani Islamist, a rogue nuclear physicist who is trying to acquire highly enriched uranium in order to construct an "Islamic bomb"—a scheme that is all too credible. In tracking him down, Rick encounters a host of characters, some willing to help, many more willing to take his life. And in the explosive conclusion, he struggles in a deadly game of wits with Russian gangsters and the terrorist who is plotting nuclear mass murder in America. **TP \$30.95**

Henning Mankell*The Man From Beijing*

One cold January day the police are called to a sleepy little hamlet in the north of Sweden where they discover a savagely murdered man lying in the snow. As they begin their investigation they notice that the village seems eerily quiet and deserted. Going from house to house, looking for witnesses, they uncover a crime unprecedented in Swedish history.

When Judge Birgitta Roslin reads about the massacre, she realises that she has a family connection to one of the couples involved and decides to investigate. A nineteenth-century diary and a red silk ribbon found in the forest nearby are the only clues.

What Birgitta eventually uncovers leads her into an international web of corruption and a story of vengeance that stretches back over a hundred years, linking China and the USA of the 1860s with modern-day Beijing, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, and coming to a shocking climax in London's Chinatown.

The Man from Beijing is both a gripping and perceptive political thriller and a compelling detective story. **TP \$34.95**

The Man From Beijing

In the aftermath of the 2006 massacre of 19 people in a Swedish village, Judge Birgitta Roslin, a granddaughter of two of the victims, discovers the 19th-century diary of a gang leader that reveals the case's eerie connections to the abuse of Chinese slave workers. By the award-winning author of the Kurt Wallander mysteries. **HC \$52.95**

Phillip Margolin*Fugitive (Amanda Jaffe)*

Amanda Jaffe, the heroine of Wild Justice and Proof Positive, is back—in this twisting tale of international intrigue and murder that leads her deep into the past . . . and into the crosshairs of a killer.

Charlie Marsh, a petty thief and con man, becomes a national hero when he rescues the warden of a state penitentiary during a prison riot, but it doesn't take long before he is wanted again, suspected of killing a United States congressman. After twelve years of living in the African nation of Batanga, at the mercy of Jean-Claude Baptiste, a sadistic, power-mad dictator, Charlie flees for home to face his murder charge, when Baptiste learns about Charlie's affair with the tyrant's favorite wife.

But it's not just the state of Oregon that's got it in for the philandering con. Criminal lawyer Amanda Jaffe has her work cut out for her. She must keep Charlie off death row, protect him from the head of Baptiste's deadly secret police, and prevent him from being caught by a shadowy killer who will stop at nothing to keep the truth about a decade-old crime buried forever. **PB \$21.95**

Ngaio Marsh*Ngaio Marsh Collection (Man Lay Dead / Enter a Murderer / Nursing Home Murder) (Inspector Alleyn Mysteries)***A MAN LAY DEAD**

Sir Hubert Handesley's extravagant weekend house-parties are deservedly famous for his exciting Murder Game. But when the lights go up this time, there is a real corpse with a real dagger in the back. All seven suspects have skilful alibis - so Chief Detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn has to figure out the whodunit...

ENTER A MURDERER

The crime scene was the stage of the Unicorn Theatre, when prop gun fired a very real bullet; the victim was an actor clawing his way to stardom using bribery instead of talent; and the suspects included two unwilling girlfriends and several relieved blackmail victims. The stage is set for one of Roderick Alleyn's most baffling cases...

THE NURSING HOME MURDER

A Harley Street surgeon and his attractive nurse are almost too nervous to operate. Their patient is the Home Secretary - and they both have very good personal reasons to want him dead. The operation is a complete success - but he dies within hours, and Inspector Alleyn must find out why...

BPB \$29.99*Ngaio Marsh Collection 2 (Death in Ecstasy / Vintage Murder / Artists in Crime) (Inspector Alleyn Mysteries)***DEATH IN ECSTASY**

Who slipped cyanide into the ceremonial wine of ecstasy at the House of the Sacred Flame? The other initiates and the High Priest claim to be above earthly passions. But Roderick Alleyn discovers that the victim had provoked lust and jealousy, and he suspects that more evil still lurks behind the Sign of the Sacred Flame...

VINTAGE MURDER

New Zealand theatrical manager Alfred Meyer is planning a surprise for his wife's birthday - a jeroboam of champagne descending gently onto the stage after the performance. But, as Roderick Alleyn witnesses, something goes horribly wrong. Is the death the product of Maori superstitions - or something more down to earth?

ARTISTS IN CRIME

It starts as an art exercise - the knife under the drape, the pose outlined in chalk. But when Agatha Troy returns to her class, the scene has been re-enacted: the model is dead, fixed in the most dramatic pose Troy has ever seen. It's a difficult case for Chief Detective Inspector Alleyn. Is the woman he loves really a murderess...? **BPB \$29.99**

Ngaio Marsh

Ngaio Marsh Collection 3 (Death in a White Tie / Overture to Death / Death at the Bar) (Inspector Alleyn Mysteries)

DEATH IN A WHITE TIE

The season has begun. Débutantes and chaperones are planning their gala dinners - and the blackmailer is planning strategies to stalk his next victim. But Chief Detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn knows that something is up and has already planted his friend Lord Gospell at the dinner. But someone else has got there first...

OVERTURE TO DEATH

It was planned as an act of charity: a new piano for the parish hall, and an amusing evening's entertainment to finance the gift. But all is doomed when Miss Campanula sits down to play. A chord is struck, a shot rings out, and Miss Campanula is dead.

It seems to be a case of sinister infatuation for Roderick Alleyn...

DEATH AT THE BAR

A midsummer evening - darts night at The Plume of Feathers, a traditional Devonshire public house. A distinguished painter, a celebrated actor, a woman graduate, a plump lady from County Clare and a local farmer all play their parts in a fatal experiment which calls for the investigative expertise of Inspector Alleyn... **BPB \$29.99**

Ferenc Mate

Sea of Lost Dreams (Dugger / Nello)

Breaking out of a Mexican jail on the Day of the Dead in 1921, the ne'er-do-well sea captain Dugger, his lover Kate, and his engagingly sardonic first mate Nello set sail on their ketch for Tahiti. They carry two mysterious passengers: a defrocked Irish nun in search of her lost twin brother and a French spy hunting the unknown leader of an anticolonial uprising. Muddling their quest are fourteen tons of gold stolen from a church in Peru and hidden in a lagoon in the Tuamotous--a true story. Guided by Gauguin's Polynesian daughter, they navigate the spectacular South Seas and an ancient culture of beauty that is as brutal as it is benign. This entangled story of love, betrayal, and clashing civilizations ends in an apocalyptic convergence of unforeseen destinies. **HC \$51.95**

Keith McCarthy

Corpus Delicti (Eisenmenger and Robinson)

Continuing the Eisenmenger and Robinson forensic mystery series - Eisenmenger's relationship with Helena Flemming has deteriorated to the point that Helena wants it to end, leaving Eisenmenger devastated. In order to cope, he throws himself back into his work as a forensic pathologist and is immediately consumed by a disturbing discovery. **HC \$58.95**

Craig McDonald

Print the Legend

Ingeniously plotted and executed, *Print the Legend* is an epic masterpiece from Craig McDonald. Beginning to end, I was riveted by this story of character, history and intrigue. --MICHAEL CONNELLY

The competition for the future of crime fiction is fierce, but don't take your eyes off Craig McDonald. He's wily, talented and -- rarest of the rare -- a true original. I am always eager to see what he's going to do next."--LAURA LIPPMAN

What critics might call eclectic, and Eastern folks quirky, we Southerners call cussedness -- and it's the cornerstone of the American genius. As in: "There's a right way, a wrong way, and my way." You want to see how that looks on the page, pick up any of Craig McDonald's novels. He's built him a nice little shack out there way off all the reg'lar roads, and he's brewing some fine, heady stuff. Leave your money under the rock and come back in an hour. --JAMES SALLIS

With *Print the Legend*, with a James Ellroy-like scope and vision of national history, McDonald takes on governmental conspiracy, Hemingway hagiography, the under-history of the FBI, the Death of the Author (literal and figurative) and the tantalizing, destructive mythologization of the Writer's Life. While the scale is immense, McDonald's hand is deft, and we never forget that, at its center, this is a human story, complex and bruising and deeply felt. --MEGAN ABBOTT

"*Print the Legend* is a landmark book. Lassiter for me is the Flashman/Zelig of the new era, but with a ferocious literary knowledge that is worn so lightly. A book beyond genre, stunning." --KEN BRUEN

Craig McDonald's debut, *Head Games*, a relentlessly slick and action packed literary caper novel, was shortlisted for the Edgar, Anthony, Crimespress and Gumshoe awards for Best First Novel. Now, with *Print the Legend*, McDonald exceeds the extraordinary promise of his debut, delivering a consummate mystery about a conspiracy gone wrong, and the outer edges of creative jealousy and obsessive revenge.

It was the shot heard around the world: On July 2, 1961, Ernest Hemingway died from a shotgun blast to the head... 4 years later, two men have come to Idaho to confront the widow Hemingway—men who have doubts about the circumstances of Hemingway's death. One is crime novelist Hector Lassiter, the oldest and best of Hem's friends...the last man standing of the Lost Generation. Hector has heard rumors of some surviving Hemingway manuscripts: a "lost" chapter of *A Moveable Feast* and a full-length novel written by a deluded Hemingway that Hector fears might compromise his own reputation. The other man is professor Richard Paulson, who along with his pregnant wife Hannah, herself an aspiring writer, is bent on proving that Mary Hemingway murdered Papa. As Hector digs into the mystery of Hemingway's lost writings, he uncovers an audacious, decades-long conspiracy tied to the emergent art movements of 1920's Paris, the most duplicitous of Cold War espionage tactics, and J. Edgar Hoover's FBI... **HC \$51.95**

John McFetridge

Let It Ride

Vernard 'Get' McGetty is back from serving in Afghanistan, back dealing drugs in Detroit and looking to move up with his buddy JT, a guy he met in Kandahar who also happens to be the leader of the Saints of Hell—a notorious Ontario biker gang currently in the process of taking over all North of the border drug traffic. Commuting weekly across the line into the center of JT's high flying empire, Get hooks up with Sunitha, a decidedly independent woman who's gone from working seedy massage parlors to robbing them at gunpoint—and has dreams of a much bigger score: taking the Saints for the millions they have stashed in gold bars. Meanwhile, the Toronto cops have the Saints under a microscope. Detectives Price and McKeon are getting nowhere with a double drive-by killing on the Gardiner Expressway—a husband and wife returning from a swingers party—and the investigation keeps leading back to the Saints... **HC \$51.95**

G A McKeveatt

Wicked Craving (Savannah Reid Mystery)

Helping out her good friend Detective Sergeant Dirk Coulter, voluptuous P.I. Savannah Reid is hot on the trail of a shady weight loss therapist who tricked his patients into losing their money instead of their weight, and who supposedly killed his wife Maria. **HC \$45.95**

Ken Mercer*Slow Fire*

One morning, Will Magowan opens his mail and finds a mysterious job offer to become the police chief of Haydenville, a tiny town in rural Northern California.

Once a highly decorated LAPD narcotics detective, Will was terminated after a devastating personal tragedy drove him to become addicted to the heroin he was charged with keeping off the streets. Fresh out of rehab but jobless and estranged from his wife, Will now lives alone in an old Airstream trailer on the fringes of L.A.

Out of options, Will accepts the job. After moving to Haydenville, he discovers that the once postcard-perfect town is being corrupted by a criminal influence that threatens to destroy it.

Haydenville's normally law-abiding citizens begin to erupt in acts of unspeakable violence. Pets are going missing at an alarming rate. Stately Victorian homes are falling into disrepair.

With only a rookie officer at his disposal, Will risks everything in his quest to save Haydenville—entering a labyrinth of dark secrets that have remained buried for almost 40 years. **HC \$51.95**

Deon Meyer*Blood Safari*

Lemmer is a professional bodyguard. Silent, invisible, he never gets involved. Emma le Roux is convinced she's seen her brother on the news as a suspect in the recent killing of four poachers. But her brother is supposed to have died twenty years ago. When le Roux hires Lemmer to watch her back while she goes looking for answers, it becomes clear someone wants to keep them in the dark. And when that someone tries to murder them both, for once in his life Lemmer steps out of the shadows. **PB \$19.99**

Richard Montanari*Kiss of Evil*

Christmas is just around the corner; the season of peace and goodwill. But this year, for Detective Jack Paris, the Christmas spirit is eclipsed by the hunt for a sadistic and twisted serial killer

When an accused murderer is acquitted on a technicality then found dead of an apparent suicide, a spree of brutal murders terrorizes the citizens of Cleveland. This vicious and vengeful killer tortures his seemingly unrelated victims in unimaginably violent ways, leaving them all with a strange symbol carved into their flesh.

When Detective Paris discovers that these murders are the grim handiwork of one maniac obsessed with the dark side of the ancient religion, Santeria, he's pulled into a web of danger and sexual deviance. Jack must catch the killer before he kills again. But on Christmas Eve, Jack finds himself right where the homicidal maniac wants him: questioning his loyalties, facing an impossible choice, with the barrel of a gun pointing at his temple and the whole world watching. **BPB \$24.95**

Bob Morris*Baja Florida*

Zack Chasteen's old friend Mickey Ryser pays a surprise visit to deliver some bad news: doctors tell him he has only a few weeks to live and he plans to spend it on his private-island hideaway in the Bahamas. But Ryser has a favor to ask. He needs Zack to find his estranged daughter, Jen, whom Ryser hasn't seen in more than twenty years. He wants to make amends and spend what little time he has left with her.

When last heard from, Jen had bought a big sailboat and was bound for the Bahamas with some college friends. A private detective hired by Ryser to track her down has gone MIA. One of Jen's friends has jumped ship, under curious conditions. And there's the specter of an international piracy ring, known to hijack and plunder private yachts passing through island waters.

With little to go on, Zack embarks on a mission that will take him from one end of the Bahamas to the other. It's home to all sorts of rogues and rascals, with plenty of places to hide—a wonderment of islands that Zack calls Baja Florida. **HC \$51.95**

Walter Mosley*The Long Fall (Leonid McGill 01)*

Leonid McGill is an ex-boxer and a hard drinker looking to clean up his act. He's an old-school P.I. working a New York City that's gotten a little too fancy all around him. But it's still full of dirty secrets, and as McGill unearths them, his commitment to the straight and narrow is going to be tested to the limit... **TP \$28.95**

Tamar Myers*Butter Safe Than Sorry*

Mennonite innkeeper Magdalena Yoder is at the bank with her four-year-old son when three armed Amish men burst in and start shooting and—more surprisingly—cursing. Magdalena protects Little Jacob, and the robbers flee at the sound of police sirens.

When Jacob wonders why the bandits had mustaches—unlike all the other Amish men he knows—Magdalena springs into action to catch the thieves. They may be armed, but they may not be Amish! **TP \$28.95**

Barbara Nadel*Death by Design*

Barbara Nadel's new Turkish crime novel sees Inspector Ikmen tackling a complex case of organised crime in London. When the Istanbul police raid a counterfeit goods factory in the run-down district of Tarlabasi, a young man with explosives strapped to his chest blows himself up in front of them. In the process, Istanbul's Inspector etin Ikmen is injured. Documents found in the factory lead the authorities in both Istanbul and London to believe that a terrorist attack, in part orchestrated from the Tarlabasi factory, is about to be enacted in the British capital. Ikmen goes undercover amongst the Turkish community of North London, although what he uncovers there is certainly not what his British colleagues were expecting. ...

TP \$32.99

Sure and Certain Death

The chilling new World War Two crime mystery by the award-winning author Barbara Nadel, the fourth novel in the highly popular Francis Hancock series. East London, 1940: Francis Hancock finds the brutally eviscerated body of a woman in a derelict house. Francis' sister, Nancy, knew the victim. Then, shockingly, two more murders follow. Rumours start to spread through the East End about another Jack the Ripper. When a fourth woman is murdered, Nancy admits that she knew all of the victims, and Francis sets out to find the killer, discovering a trail of murderous resentment that goes back decades... **PB \$19.99**

Jonathan Nasaw*Boys From Santa Cruz*

A latest work by the Literary Guild selection Fear Itself finds unlikely hero and former FBI agent E. L. Pender recovering from the events of When She Was Bad only to find himself pitted against the most formidable adversary of his career. **HC \$52.95**

Carla Neggers*Cold River*

Hannah Shay has finally shown the town of Black Falls what she's worth. Her Three Sisters Café is a success, and she's soon to become a prosecutor. When the café becomes an epicentre for investigators trying to pierce a violent crime ring that's leaving bloody trails on nearby Cameron Mountain, Hannah suspects a man from her past is involved.

Sean Cameron returns to the snowy cold of his Vermont hometown to unmask his father's killer. Sean has the skills and resources to mount his own search, but he must convince the resistant Hannah to cooperate — because the killer is ready to strike again... and closer than anyone ever imagined.

APB \$16.99

Brenda Novak*The Perfect Murder*

If someone commits the perfect murder...

For more than a year, Sebastian Costas has been trying to unravel the truth behind the murder of his ex-wife and son. Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, he's convinced that her second husband — a cop — committed both murders, then faked his own death. Now Sebastian has followed the slimmest of leads to Sacramento... and that's where he finally gets the break he needs. Jane Burke, an investigator with The Last Stand, calls him in connection with a separate crime — a crime that could lead him straight to the man he's been looking for.

Will he try it again?

Once married to a serial killer, Jane has spent the past five years rebuilding her life. And with Sebastian she finally has a chance at happiness. But the man they're after is after them, too. For him this has become a personal battle, one he's determined to win. Whatever it takes... **APB \$16.99**

Gregg Olsen*Victim Six*

A serial killer terrorizes the surrounding cities of Puget Sound, carefully selecting, capturing and torturing his victims, the latest of which will be the most shocking of all. **PB \$19.95**

Michael Palmer*The Last Surgeon*

Four murders.

Three accidents.

Two suicides.

One left...

THE LAST SURGEON

Michael Palmer's latest novel pits a flawed doctor against a ruthless psychopath, who has made murder his art form. Dr. Nick Garrity, a vet suffering from PTSD—post traumatic stress disorder—spends his days and nights dispensing medical treatment from a mobile clinic to the homeless and disenfranchised in D.C. and Baltimore. In addition, he is constantly on the lookout for his war buddy Umberto Vasquez, who was plucked from the streets by the military four years ago for a secret mission and has not been seen since.

Psych nurse Gillian Coates wants to find her sister's killer. She does not believe that Belle Coates, an ICU nurse, took her own life, even though every bit of evidence indicates that she did—every bit save one. Belle has left Gillian a subtle clue that connects her with Nick Garrity.

Together, Nick and Gillian determine that one-by-one, each of those in the operating room for a fatally botched case is dying. Their discoveries pit them against genius Franz Koller—the highly-paid master of the “non-kill”—the art of murder that does not look like murder. As Doctor and nurse move closer to finding the terrifying secret behind these killings, Koller has been given a new directive: his mission will not be complete until Gillian Coates and Garrity, the last surgeon, are dead. **HC \$54.95**

T Jefferson Parker*The Renegades (Charlie Hood)*

Patrolling a section of America's West that he finds just as untamed as those depicted in early pulp novels, Charlie Hood finds his preference for working alone overruled when he is assigned to partner with a popular county veteran whose subsequent murder reveals sinister truths behind the man's stellar reputation. **PB \$21.95**

Robert B Parker*Night and Day (Jesse Stone 08)*

Investigating allegations of lewd conduct on the part of the local junior high principal, police chief Jesse Stone finds efforts to bring the woman to justice thwarted by a high-powered attorney, a case that is further complicated by the activities of a twisted voyeur. **PB \$21.95**

James Patterson & Martin Dugard*The Murder of King Tut*

Thrust onto Egypt's throne when just nine years old, King Tut's reign was fiercely debated from the outset. After nine years in power, Tut suddenly perished and his name was purged from Egyptian history. To this day, his death remains shrouded in controversy. Now, in *The Murder of King Tut*, James Patterson and Martin Dugard dig through the evidence to arrive at their own account of Tut's life and untimely death. The result is an exhilarating true crime tale of intrigue, passion, and betrayal that casts fresh light on one of the oldest mysteries of all. **BPB \$22.95**

Richard North Patterson*Degree of Guilt*

TV journalist Mary Carelli admits that she shot and killed Mark Ransom, one of the world's most famous authors. She claims it was self-defense. She swears he tried to rape her. Now she has to prove it in a court of law—with her former lover acting as her attorney...

Christopher Paget is one of the top lawyers in the country. But defending the mother of his son

in the trial of the decade, he begins to have doubts. Is Mary telling the truth? Did she invent her story about the rape? What is she hiding? With each shocking revelation, Paget is forced to question his defense, his ethics, and the whole legal system. Because no one, not even the judge, is completely innocent. And guilt is a matter of degree... **PB \$21.95**

James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge

The Worst Case

The son of one of New York's wealthiest families is snatched off the street and held hostage. His parents can't save him, because this kidnapper isn't demanding money. Instead, he quizzes his prisoner on the price others pay for his life of luxury. In this exam, wrong answers are fatal.

Worst case: death

Detective Michael Bennett leads the investigation. With ten kids of his own, he can't begin to understand what could lead someone to target anyone's children. As another student disappears, one powerful family after another uses their leverage and connections to turn the heat up on the mayor, the press--anyone who will listen--to stop this killer. Their reach extends all the way to the FBI, who send their top Abduction Specialist, Agent Emily Parker. Bennett's life--and love life--suddenly get even more complicated.

This case: Detective Michael Bennett is on it

Before Bennett has a chance to protest the FBI's intrusion on his case, the mastermind changes his routine. His plan leads up to the most devastating demonstration yet--one that could bring cataclysmic devastation to every inch of New York. **HC \$56.95**

R J Pineiro

Havoc

When CIA Officer Tom Grant was pulled out of early retirement to investigate a recent high-tech robbery at United States Nanotechnologies, America's government-run agency for the development of nanoweapons, he had no idea that he would be propelled into the middle of a conspiracy that could threaten the survival of our species.

Teaming up with young Rachel Muratani, a rising star in the agency, and Karen Frost, an old hand from the FBI, Grant tracks the cyber thieves to CyberWerke, a German conglomerate run by Rolf Hartman. Hartman has stretched his high-tech empire across Europe, and now plans to use the newly acquired nanotechnology to take his empire global.

Among the stolen USN hardware is a prototype nanoassembler, a highly intelligent and self-propelled machine with the capability of creating and destroying any object allowed by the laws of physics, including itself--though it needs access to radioactive material in order to mine the fuel required to power its clones. When the nanoassembler breaks free from its relatively unsophisticated captors, it finds itself no longer restricted by the software shackles imposed on it while at USN. While the megalomaniacal Hartman races to recapture it, Grant and his team must not only stop Hartman, but find away to combat the nanoassembler as it embarks on its own mission to ensure the survival of its species--even if that means the eradication of the human race! **PB \$19.95**

Henry Porter

The Bell Ringers

After her husband, a former head of intelligence, is killed, Kate Lockhart inherits his dangerous secrets and unfinished business, all having to do with the Orwellian reality this near-future England has become, and she soon finds herself on the run from the security-obsessed state, with a shadowy group called the Bell Ringers her only hope for freedom. By the author of Brandenburg Gate. **HC \$49.95**

Alex Prentiss

Night Tides

Rachel Matre, in order to commune with the lake spirits in the dead of night, must help those in need, but when someone begins preying on young women, leaving no bodies behind, Rachel, with the help of the spirits, must find the truth and becomes trapped in a madman's twisted world.

PB \$19.95

Misa Ramirez

Hasta La Vista, Lola! (Lola Cruz)

When Lola comes home to her parents' house to find a horde of relatives mourning her death, no one is more surprised than she is. The news had reported that one Lola Cruz, PI was found murdered in an alley, causing great alarm in the Cruz family. Before Lola can say "boo," a cop comes to the house. It turns out the dead woman had a driver's license with Lola's information. Between avoiding an unsavory ex-boyfriend, sorting out mixed signals from the very interested but not yet committed Jack Callaghan, and filling in as a waitress at her parents' Mexican restaurant, Lola tries to find out who the woman was and why she stole her identity. Was the woman hiding from someone who meant her harm, or is there someone out there who wants Lola dead?

This follow-up to Ramirez's debut novel, *Living the Vida Lola*, is a red-hot, fun-filled mystery. Lola, a black belt in kung fu who loves to salsa dance, makes for a sexy, unique, and vivacious detective. **HC \$51.95**

Christopher Rice

Blind Fall

Disgraced after a split-second decision nearly kills his Marine captain, Iraq war veteran John Houck struggles to redeem himself in his captain's eyes and stumbles upon a horrifying murder scene that wrongfully implicates the captain's partner. **APB \$19.95**

Karen Robards

Pursuit

Directed by her inebriated boss to meet with the first lady in Washington, D.C., rookie lawyer Jessica Monaghan barely survives a high-speed car crash in which the first lady is killed, a tragedy after which amnesia-stricken Jessica begins to suspect that the crash was not an accident. **PB \$19.95**

John Maddox Roberts

The Year of Confusion (SPQR 13)

Caius Julius Caesar, now Dictator of Rome, has decided to revise the Roman calendar, which has become out of sync with the seasons. As if this weren't already an unpopular move, Caesar has brought in astronomers and astrologers from abroad, including Egyptians, Greeks, Indians and Persians. Decius is appointed to oversee this project, which he knows rankles the Roman public: "To be told by a pack of Chaldeans and Egyptians how to conduct their duties towards the gods was intolerable." Not long after the new calendar project begins, two of the foreigners are murdered. Decius begins his investigations and, as the body count increases, it seems that an Indian fortuneteller popular with patrician Roman ladies is also involved.

This latest in the acclaimed series is sure to please historical mystery fans. **HC \$51.95**

Hank Phillippi Ryan

Drive Time (Charlotte McNalty 02)

While working on an expose of a counterfeit car scam, investigative reporter Charlotte McNalty finds her professional life crashing into her personal life when her fianc  is privy to information about a new case that plunges into a world of revenge, extortion and murder. **PB \$19.95**

Lisa Scottoline*Look Again*

When reporter Ellen Gleeson gets a "Have You Seen This Child?" flyer in the mail, she almost throws it away. But something about it makes her look again, and her heart stops—the child in the photo is identical to her adopted son, Will. Her every instinct tells her to deny the similarity between the boys, because she knows her adoption was lawful. But she's a journalist and won't be able to stop thinking about the photo until she figures out the truth. And she can't shake the question: if Will rightfully belongs to someone else, should she keep him or give him up? She investigates, uncovering clues no one was meant to discover, and when she digs too deep, she risks losing her own life—and that of the son she loves. **TP \$28.95**

Michael Shea*The Extra*

Books and films have skewered Hollywood's excesses, but none has ever portrayed one man's crazy vision of the future of big action/adventure films as *The Extra* does. As over-the-top as Mel Brooks's *Blazing Saddles*, as savagely dark as Robert Altman's *The Player*, and more violent than *Rollerball*, this is the story of the ultimate, so-insane-it-could-only-happen-in-Hollywood formula for success, a brave new way to bring the ultimate in excitement to the silver screen. Producer Val Margolian has found the motherlode of box-office gold with his new "live-death" films whose villains are extremely sophisticated, electronically controlled mechanical monsters. To give these live-action disaster films greater realism, he employs huge casts of extras, in addition to the stars. The large number of extras is important, because very few of them will survive the shoot.

It's all perfectly legal, with training for the extras and long, detailed contracts indemnifying the film company against liability for the extras' injury or death. But why would anyone be crazy enough to risk his or her life to be an extra in such a potentially deadly situation?

The extras do it because if they survive they'll be paid handsomely, and they can make even more if they destroy any of the animatronic monsters trying to stomp, chew, fry, or otherwise kill them. If they earn enough, they can move out of the Zoo—the vast slum that most of L.A. has become. They're fighting for a chance at a reasonable life. But first, they have to survive . . . **HC \$47.95**

Alexander McCall Smith*Tea Time for the Traditionally Built (No 1 Ladies Detective Agency 10)*

It is a troublesome fact on which even Mma Ramotswe and her assistant Mma Makutsi agree: there are things that men know and ladies do not, and vice versa. It is unfortunate, for example, when Mma Ramotswe's newest client is the big-shot owner of the ailing Kalahari Swoopers, that one thing lady detectives know very little about is football. And when the glamorous Violet Septho sets her sights on Mma Makutsi's unsuspecting fiancé, it becomes exasperatingly clear that some men do not know how to recognise a ruthless Jezebel even when she is bouncing up and down on the best bed in the Double Comfort Furniture Shop. In her attempt to foster understanding between the sexes and find the traitor on Mr Football's team, Mma Ramotswe ventures into new territory, drinks tea in unfamiliar kitchens and learns to trust in the observational powers of small boys. And, as wise and warm-hearted as his heroine, Alexander McCall Smith reminds us that we must dig deep to uncover the goodness of the human heart.

BPB \$22.99*The Double Comfort Safari Club (No 1 Ladies Detective Agency 11)*

Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi are called to a safari lodge in Botswana's Okavango Delta to carry out a delicate mission on behalf of a former guest. The Okavango makes Precious appreciate once again the beauty of her homeland: it is a paradise of teeming wildlife, majestic grasslands and sparkling water. However, it is also home to rival safari operators, fearsome crocodiles and disgruntled hippopotamuses. What's more, Mma Makutsi still does not have a date for her wedding to Phuti Radiphuti and is feeling rather tetchy herself. But Precious knows that with a little patience, just as the wide river will gently make its way round any obstacle, so will everything work out for the best in the end . . . **HC \$34.99**

Roger Smith*Wake Up Dead*

An amphetamine-fueled thriller about a bombshell American widow on the run in Cape Town's violent badlands. A split-second decision with no second chance: get it wrong and you wake up dead. On a blowtorch-hot night in Cape Town, American ex-model Roxy Palmer and her gunrunner husband, Joe, are carjacked, leaving Joe lying in a pool of blood. As the carjackers make their getaway, Roxy makes a fateful choice that changes her life forever. Disco and Godwynn, the ghetto gang members who sped away in Joe's convertible, will stop at nothing to track her down. Billy Afrika, a mixed-race ex-cop turned mercenary, won't let her out of his sight because Joe owed him a chunk of money. And remorselessly hunting them all is Piper, a love-crazed psychopath determined to renew his vows with his jailhouse "wife," Disco.

As these desperate lives collide and old debts are settled in blood, Roxy is caught in a wave of escalating violence in the beautiful and brutal African seaport. **HC \$51.95**

Erica Spindler*Breakneck*

Mary Catherine MC Riggio and Kitt Lundgren, detective partners at the Rockford Violent Crimes Bureau, have been through a lot together. Lately, though, things have begun to look up: MC is about to get married, while Kitt is slowly coming to terms with the loss of her daughter. Suddenly, the fragile peace of their world is shattered when a brutal murder strikes close to home for MC. Nothing will be the same again. A killer is on the loose, someone who quickly and systematically works his way down a seemingly unconnected list of victims. With the body count rising, MC realises that she has to keep her head in the game and use her grief to fuel the hunt, but as the madman draws ever closer, Kitt and MC begin to struggle to walk that fine line between protecting the law - and taking it into their own hands . . . **BPB \$19.99**

Erica Spindler*Blood Vines*

Thirty-something Alex Owens knows very little about her childhood or who she really is, her only family an absent, emotionally fragile mother. Alex spent most of her adulthood searching for the missing link, drifting from job to job, relationship to relationship. But when an infant's remains are unearthed in her hometown in back-country California, Alex suddenly realises that she has a connection to the case. As if opening Pandora's box, long-lost memories start flooding in, dark and terrifying nightmares that haunt her every waking moment. When she arrives in Sonoma, the tight-knit community greets Alex with silence and suspicion, but Alex presses on, determined to get to the heart of a secret no one wants to see uncovered. As more violent deaths and a series of deadly rituals shock the small town, Alex is finally forced to confront the terrible truth about a single night that changed her family's lives forever... **TP \$32.99**

Breakneck

The first victim is murdered in his bed. A clean-cut college boy with no criminal record. Then a second victim is killed in the shower, then a third...each one striking closer to home for M.C. When loved ones become targets, M.C. must walk a fine line between upholding the law and taking it into her own hands. At stake is her job, her relationship with Kitt, and possibly, her life. The key to finding this emotionless killer lies in the stolen computers of his victims—a secret network of false identities and true evil where no one is who they seem. If M.C. hopes to capture Breakneck, she'll have to put her own neck on the line... **PB \$19.95**

Dana Stabenow*A Night Too Dark (Kate Shugak 17)*

In Alaska, people disappear every day. In Aleut detective Kate Shugak's Park, they've been disappearing a lot lately. Hikers head into the wilderness unprepared and get lost. Miners quit without notice at the busy Suulutaq Mine. Suicides leave farewell notes and vanish.

Not only are Park rats disappearing at an alarming rate, but so is life in the Park as Kate knows it. Alaska state trooper Jim Chopin's workload has increased to where he doesn't make it home three nights out of four, the controversial mine has seduced Johnny and his classmates with summer jobs and divided the Niniltna Native Association—the aunties are to a woman selling out—and a hostile environmental activist organization has embraced the Suulutaq Mine as their reason for being.

It's almost a relief when Kate finds a body. This she can handle.

Until the identity of the body vanishes, too.

In this latest Kate Shugak novel, the smart, sexy PI, her wolf/husky hybrid Mutt, and Chopper Jim are only just beginning to realize the fallout from the discovery of the world's second-largest gold mine in their backyard. "Mine change everything," Auntie Vi said in *Whisper to the Blood* (the previous book in the series).

And it's only just beginning. **HC \$51.95**

Kelli Stanley*City of Dragons (San Francisco)*

February, 1940. In San Francisco's Chinatown, fireworks explode as the city celebrates Chinese New Year with a Rice Bowl Party, a three day-and-night carnival designed to raise money and support for China war relief. Miranda Corbie is a 33-year-old private investigator who stumbles upon the fatally shot body of Eddie Takahashi. The Chamber of Commerce wants it covered up. The cops acquiesce. All Miranda wants is justice--whatever it costs. From Chinatown tenements, to a tattered tailor's shop in Little Osaka, to a high-class bordello draped in Southern Gothic, she shakes down the city--her city--seeking the truth. An outstanding series debut. **HC \$51.95**

Mary Stanton*Avenging Angels (Beaufort and Company 03)*

Law school hasn't prepared Bree to appeal cases for the dead. After inheriting her great-uncle's haunted law firm, she must now represent ex-banker O'Rourke, who supposedly killed himself after losing a fortune. But with a merry widow and evidence mounting, it's beginning to look like murder. So Bree and her team of angels begin to investigate. But Bree soon discovers that someone would rather see her deceased than debriefed. **PB \$19.95**

Wallace Stroby*Gone 'til November*

It's late at night when Florida sheriff's deputy Sara Cross arrives at the scene of a roadside shooting along a deserted highway. Another deputy, Billy Flynn, her former partner, who also happens to be her former lover, has fatally shot a twenty-two-year-old man during what started out as a routine traffic stop, and she's the first to arrive on the scene. He claims that the man pulled a gun, and that when he didn't respond to Billy's commands to drop it, Billy shot him. Billy is clearly upset, shaken up; Sarah sees the gun in the dead man's hand and the bag of illegal weapons in the trunk of his car and believes Billy's actions were justified.

Up north in New Jersey, Mikey-Mike runs a major drug operation and is tightening his hold on the competition, making a deal with a new supplier. Morgan, a middle-aged enforcer for Mikey who's been in the life too long, would like to make one last score, walk away, and retire for good. Mike asks Morgan to head to Florida to find out what's holding up his new deal, and Morgan sees the job as a possibility for his last big payday.

As more details of the roadside shooting emerge with Sara's investigation, and as Morgan follows the trail Mikey lays out for him, the two storylines begin to merge into a much darker, more menacing scenario than either Morgan or Sara imagined. Sara, in order to protect herself and her son, must follow the truth no matter where it leads.

Acclaimed crime writer Wallace Stroby delivers a gripping novel that is part modern noir, part intense character study---and totally compelling from start to finish. **HC \$51.95**

Andrew Taylor*A Stain on the Silence*

After a grown daughter he never knew he had shows up and seeks help because she is wanted for murder, James's ordered family life is thrown into disarray and suddenly all his secrets are on the verge of exposure. **TP \$32.95**

Paul Theroux*A Dead Hand*

Jerry Delfont leads an aimless life in Calcutta, struggling in vain against his writer's block, or 'dead hand,' and flitting around the edges of a half-hearted romance. Then he receives a mysterious letter asking for his help. The story it tells is disturbing: A dead boy found on the floor of a cheap hotel, a seemingly innocent man in flight and fearing for reputation as well as his life.

Before long, Delfont finds himself lured into the company of the letter's author, the wealthy and charming Merrill Unger, and is intrigued enough to pursue both the mystery and the woman. A devotee of the goddess Kali, Unger introduces Delfont to a strange underworld where tantric sex and religious fervor lead to obsession, philanthropy and exploitation walk hand in hand, and, unless he can act in time, violence against the most vulnerable in society goes unnoticed and unpunished. **HC \$52.95**

Aimee Thurlo & David Thurlo*Coyote's Wife (Ella Clah)*

Returning to her Navajo reservation after a stint with the FBI to oversee her family's struggles to balance their modern and traditional ways of life, Ella Clah investigates an attack on a powerful Navajo politician's son who had been attempting to bring satellite telephone service to the Rez.

TP \$30.95

Charles Todd*A Matter of Justice (Inspector Ian Rutledge Muysterics 11)*

At the start of a new century, in a war far away from England, two British soldiers see a golden opportunity . . . and do the unthinkable to take advantage of it.

Twenty years later, a successful though much despised London businessman is found savagely and bizarrely murdered in a medieval tithe barn on his estate in Somerset. For Scotland Yard inspector Ian Rutledge, a man still shaken by the Great War's deafening echoes, the well-concealed trail he must now follow is leading back to an event so monumentally barbarous that its consequences envelop even the innocent. And when justice takes a malevolent turn, one haunted policeman must stand alone against the onrushing tide. **BPB \$24.99**

Charles Todd*The Red Door*

Lancashire, England-June, 1920

Who was the woman who lived and died behind the red door? What did she see before she died? And who was the man who never came home from the Great War, for the simple reason that he had never gone to war? How is the woman's death linked to his disappearance? And why is Scotland Yard blind to the connection, even when Inspector Ian Rutledge points it out? **TP \$32.99**

Paul Tremblay*No Sleep Till Wonderland*

Mark Genevich, narcoleptic detective, is caught between friends and a police investigation in this wickedly riveting PI novel with a twist—a follow-up to *The Little Sleep*

Mark Genevich is stuck in a rut: his narcolepsy isn't improving, his private-detective business is barely scraping by, and his landlord mother is forcing him to attend group therapy sessions. Desperate for companionship, Mark goes on a two-day bender with a new acquaintance, Gus, who is slick and charismatic—and someone Mark knows very little about. When Gus asks Mark to protect a friend who is being stalked, Mark inexplicably finds himself in the middle of a murder investigation and soon becomes the target of the police, a sue-happy lawyer, and a violent local bouncer. Will Mark learn to trust himself in time to solve the crime—and in time to escape with his life? **TP \$28.95**

Peter Turnbull*Improving the Silence*

A brilliant stand-alone novel dark, gritty, and compelling marking a new departure for the author - When a body is discovered in a rough grave, deep in the woods, the police find that it is of one of their young undercover officers who died nearly thirty years ago. As their inquiries from slender clues progress, it becomes clear that what they are also uncovering is a sordid tale of corruption and murder within their own ranks. **HC \$56.95**

Melinda Wells*The Proof is in the Pudding (Della Cooks 03)*

Murder and mayhem are on the menu during the Celebrity Cook-Off Charity Gala when a gold-digging food columnist is found dead and Della Carmichael must serve up the killer on a platter when one of her closest friends stands accused of the crime **PB \$19.95**

Kenneth Wishnia*The Fifth Servant*

Whoever saves a single life saves the entire world . . .

In 1592, as the Catholic Church and the Protestants battle for control of the soul of Europe, Prague is a relatively safe harbor in the religious storm. Ruled by Emperor Rudolph II, the city is a refuge for Jews who live within the gated walls of its ghetto. But their lives are jeopardized when a young Christian girl is found with her throat slashed in a Jewish shop on the eve of Passover. Charged with blood libel, the shopkeeper and his family are arrested. All that stands in the way of a rabid Christian mob is a clever Talmudic scholar, newly arrived from Poland, named Benyamin Ben-Akiva. Pleading the shopkeeper's innocence to the city's sheriff, Benyamin is given three days to bring the true killer to justice.

But the search will not be easy. Hampered by rabbinic law, and with no allies or connections, Benyamin has only his wits, knowledge, and faith to guide him on his quest—a trail that weaves from the city's teeming streets to the quiet of a shul, from the forbidden back rooms of a ghetto brothel to the emperor's lavish palace.

The Talmud says many things in life depend on *mazl*, luck. Fortunately, Benyamin is blessed, for an unlikely group of heroes will risk their own lives to help him discover the truth: Anya, a Christian butcher's daughter; the renowned reformist rabbi Judah Loew; a wise herbal healer known as *Kassandra the Bohemian*; and even the emperor himself.

Who would most profit from the girl's murder—and from having the entire ghetto sealed off? Is the killer a Christian indebted to the girl's apothecary father? Or a messianic Jew bent on the destruction of his people to precipitate the Messiah's coming? The desperate search for answers is complicated by the arrival of a new Holy Inquisitor determined to root out witchcraft and heresy, and reclaim the fractious Bohemian territory for Rome. With time running out, Benyamin must dare the impossible—and commit the unthinkable—to save the Jews of Prague . . . and his own life.

HC \$52.95

Inger Ash Wolfe*The Taken*

BPB \$21.95

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Other Books

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Connie Brockway

The Golden Season

Wealthy, orphaned Lady Lydia Eastlake reigns over Regency England as the ton's most celebrated beauty. But she must face losing the only life she's ever known when her fortune suddenly disappears—and the only solution is to find a wealthy husband. Enter Captain Ned Lockton, a rich and dashing war hero who sends Lydia's pulse racing. Little does she know that the enigmatic captain's family estate is secretly on the selling block—and he's on the hunt for a rich bride who will rescue his family from poverty... **PB \$19.95**

Bill Bryson

Seeing Further: 350 years of the Royal Society and Scientific Endeavour

Since its inception in 1660, the Royal Society has pioneered scientific discovery and exploration. The oldest scientific academy in existence, its backbone is its Fellowship of the most eminent scientists in history including Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. Today, its fellows are the most influential men and women in science, many of whom have contributed to this ground-breaking volume.

Published to mark its 350th anniversary, this highly illustrated book celebrates the Royal Society's vast achievements in its illustrious past as well as its huge contribution to the development of modern science. With unrestricted access to the Society's archives and photographs, *Seeing Further* shows that the history of scientific endeavour and discovery is a continuous thread running through the history of the world and of society - and is one that continues to shape the world we live in today. **HC \$49.99**

Jennifer Crusie

The Cinderella Deal

In a warm, funny tale of opposites attracting, a man persuades a sharp-tongued woman to pose as his fiancée in order to win his dream job, but his partner in pretense plans to make her role a reality. **PB \$19.95**

John Defresne

Is Life Like This? A Guide to Writing your First Novel in Six Months

An experienced novelist injects his sense of humor into helping aspiring writers take their first tentative steps, with a six-month program that offers exercises that are designed to sharpen a writer's command of novel-length storytelling. **HC \$54.95**

Sara Donati

The Endless Forest

The spring of 1824 is a challenging one for the inhabitants of Paradise N.Y. when a flood devastates the village. But for Nathaniel and Elizabeth Bonner, it's also a time of reunion as their children return from far-off places: Lily and her husband from Italy, and Martha Kirby, the Bonners' ward, from Manhattan. Although Lily is nursing her own grief, it is Martha, fleeing a crushing humiliation, who brings with her trouble that will reverberate in all their lives.

In the sudden peace that follows the storm, as families struggle to rebuild, childhood friends Martha and Daniel, Lily's twin brother, suddenly begin to see each other in a new light. But their growing bond is threatened when Martha's mother arrives back in Paradise a decade after abandoning her daughter. Jemima Southern is a dangerous schemer who has destroyed more than one family, and her anger touches everyone, as do her secrets. Has Jemima come to claim her daughter—or does she have something else in mind? Whatever happens, Martha and Daniel and all the Bonners must stand united against the threats to both heart and home. **TP \$34.95**

Barbara Ehrenreich

Smile or Die: How Positive Thinking Fooled America and the World

A brilliant savagely funny attack on the cult of positive thinking.

This brilliant new book from the author of *Nickel and Dimed* and *Switch* explores the tyranny of positive thinking, and offers a history of how it came to be the dominant mode in the USA. Ehrenreich conceived of the book when she became ill with breast cancer, and found herself surrounded by pink ribbons and bunny rabbits and platitudes. She balked at the way her anger and sadness about having the disease were seen as unhealthy and dangerous by health professionals and other sufferers. In her droll and incisive analysis of the cult of cheerfulness, Ehrenreich also ranges across contemporary religion, business and the economy, arguing, for example, that undue optimism and a fear of giving bad news sowed the seeds for the current banking crisis. She argues passionately that the insistence on being cheerful actually leads to a lonely focus inwards, a blaming of oneself for any misfortunes, and thus to political apathy. Rigorous, insightful and bracing as always, and also incredibly funny, *Smile or Die* uncovers the dark side of the 'have a nice day' nation. **TP \$29.99**

Lori Foster

Back in Black

President of the SBC fighting organization, extreme fighter Drew Black, forced to clean up his image in order to promote his new sports club venture, meets his match in Gillian Noode, a PR expert who has a reputation for smoothing out the rough edges on many a man. **PB \$19.95**

James Franklin

What Science Knows: And How It Knows It

To scientists, the tsunamis of relativism, scepticism, and postmodernism that washed through the humanities in the twentieth century was all water off a duck's back. Science remained committed to objectivity and continued to deliver remarkable discoveries and improvements in technology.

In *What Science Knows*, the Australian philosopher and mathematician James Franklin explains in captivating and straightforward prose how science works its magic. He begins with an account of the nature of evidence, where science imitates but extends commonsense and legal reasoning in basing conclusions solidly on inductive reasoning from facts.

After a brief survey of the furniture of the world as science sees it—including causes, laws, dispositions and force fields as well as material things—Franklin describes colorful examples of discoveries in the natural, mathematical, and social sciences and the reasons for believing them. He examines the limits of science, giving special attention both to mysteries that may be solved by science, such as the origin of life, and those that may in principle be beyond the reach of science, such as the meaning of ethics.

What Science Knows will appeal to anyone who wants a sound, readable, and well-paced introduction to the intellectual edifice that is science. On the other hand it will not please the enemies of science, whose willful misunderstandings of scientific method and the relation of evidence to conclusions Franklin mercilessly exposes. **HC \$49.95**

Atul Gawande

Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right

We live in a world of great and increasing complexity, where even the most expert professionals struggle to master the tasks they face. Longer training, ever more advanced technologies - neither seems to prevent grievous errors. But in a hopeful turn, acclaimed surgeon and writer Atul Gawande finds a remedy in the humblest and simplest of techniques: the checklist. First introduced decades ago by the U.S. Air Force, checklists have enabled pilots to fly aircraft of mind-boggling sophistication. Now innovative checklists are being adopted in hospitals around the world, helping doctors and nurses respond to everything from flu epidemics to avalanches. Even in the immensely complex world of surgery, a simple ninety-second variant has cut the rate of fatalities by more than a third.

In riveting stories, Gawande takes us from Austria, where an emergency checklist saved a drowning victim who had spent half an hour underwater, to Michigan, where a cleanliness checklist in intensive care units virtually eliminated a type of deadly hospital infection. He explains how checklists actually work to prompt striking and immediate improvements. And he follows the checklist revolution into fields well beyond medicine, from homeland security to investment banking, skyscraper construction, and businesses of all kinds.

An intellectual adventure in which lives are lost and saved and one simple idea makes a tremendous difference, *The Checklist Manifesto* is essential reading for anyone working to get things right. **HC \$49.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear

Coming of the Storm (Contact 01)

A first entry in a new series by the Golden Spur Award-winning authors of *People of the Raven* traces the first contact between Native Americans and Europeans in 1539 as viewed by Chickasaw trader Black Shell, who witnesses the brutal progress of Hernando de Soto's military. **HC \$54.95**

Lois Greiman

Charming the Devil (Witches of Mayfair 03)

She held him in her thrall, and he was powerless to resist . . .

To London society, they were nothing more than a group of well-bred ladies gathering to gossip about eligible bachelors. But the women of Lavender House share an uncommon gift that will lead them to days filled with danger—and nights of desire. **PB \$19.95**

Heather Grothaus

Taming the Beast

After years of turmoil, Roderick Cherbon has left the Crusades to return to the home he loves. But the wars have changed him, and the heir who thought to heal his father's injustices has become a vicious beast of a man, scarred inside and out. He will speak to no one, see no one; he leaves the shadows of his ruined keep only under the darkness of night. And even in death his father mocks him: to retain his land and title, Roderick, the Beast, must marry.

Lady Michaela Fortune is reviled for her poverty, ridiculed for her dreams, and preyed on for her soft heart. Humiliation and want dog her beloved family, and her pride is an indulgence she can ill afford. Cherbon and its shattered lord offer a solution. But to court a man who has fallen so low, Michaela will need all her grace and beauty to harbor any hopes of taming the beast... **PB \$12.95**

Jan Guillou

The Templar Knight (Crusades 02)

THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR follows Arn's adventures in the Holy Land, where he discovers that the infidel Saracens aren't as brutish and uncivilised as he had been led to believe, and that in fact there is another, darker side to the teaching of the Cistercians. **TP \$24.99**

Frank Jacobs

Strange Maps: An Atlas of Cartographic Curiosities

Spanning many centuries, all continents, and the realms of outer space and the imagination, this collection of 138 unique graphics combines beautiful full-color illustrations with quirky statistics and smart social commentary. The result is a distinctive illustrated guide to the world. Categories of cartographic curiosities include: Literary Creations, featuring a map of Thomas More's Utopia **HC \$45**

Richard P McBrien

The Church: Evolution of Catholicism

From the struggles of the very first Christians to the challenges and scandals of today, the Catholic Church has wrestled with how to organize itself, express its beliefs, and nurture its members. The Church has grown from a handful of disciples in the first century to over one billion members in the twenty-first, resulting in profound changes that demand a theological response. In this sweeping history, renowned scholar Richard McBrien reveals the evolution of the Church's relationship to the divine, its leadership of the faithful, and its role as a global religion. The Church answers the questions raised by this extraordinary history, including:

Where did the idea of the pope's infallibility come from?

Why are priests celibate and women barred from the priesthood?

What inspired the Inquisition?

What was the position of the Catholic Church on Hitler's policies in World War II?

What is the Church's relationship to Islam?

How will the growth of the Church in South America, Africa, and Asia shape its future?

McBrien helps the reader understand the evolution of the Catholic Church's understanding of itself through the centuries, its leadership, and its relationship to national governments and world religions. From Jesus's apostle Peter to Pope Benedict XVI, The Church explains in layperson's terms the evolution of the Catholic Church, its power, its scope, its theology, and its influence. **TP \$31.99**

Patricia L O'Neill Australian Author

Her Majesty the King

Hatshepsut, the gifted and beautiful daughter of the Pharaoh, vows to accept whatever destiny the gods have decreed for her. When just fourteen, she kills a marauder, is betrothed to her loathsome brother and becomes the most powerful priestess in Egypt. She falls in love with Senenmut, the brilliant commoner who is torn between his yearning for Hatshepsut and his duty to protect her. When her father dies, Hatshepsut must make the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of Egypt.

Her Majesty the King is the story of Hatshepsut's turbulent path to the throne. She battles bigotry, heartbreak and betrayal in the glittering but treacherous world of New Kingdom Egypt. Hatshepsut and Senenmut's forbidden passion is one of history's greatest untold love stories. **TP \$29.95**

Peter Padfield*Maritime Dominion and the Triumph of the Free World*

Freedom of expression and individual enterprise have distinguished the societies of powers dominant at sea; and since supreme maritime nations have prevailed over their territorial rivals in the great wars of the modern era, it is they who have created today's world. In this final volume of his masterful trilogy, Peter Padfield carries the theme through the terrible wars of the last century to the present. **TP \$32.99**

Don Pendleton*Salvador Strike (Executioner 375)*

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Season of Harm (Stony Man 105)

When a routine FBI raid results in a bloodbath and reveals a link between Asian heroin smugglers and Russia's newly elected president, the Stony Man team, with the help of a radical new satellite imaging technology, unleashes relentless fury against a drug cabal and a highly protected political kingpin. **PB \$17.95**

Roger Penrose*The Emperor's New Mind: Concerning Computers, Minds, and the Laws of Physics*

For decades, proponents of artificial intelligence have argued that computers will soon be doing everything that a human mind can do. Admittedly, computers now play chess at the grandmaster level, but do they understand the game as we do? Can a computer eventually do everything a human mind can do?

In this absorbing and frequently contentious book, Roger Penrose--eminent physicist and winner, with Stephen Hawking, of the prestigious Wolf prize--puts forward his view that there are some facets of human thinking that can never be emulated by a machine. Penrose examines what physics and mathematics can tell us about how the mind works, what they can't, and what we need to know to understand the physical processes of consciousness. He is among a growing number of physicists who think Einstein wasn't being stubborn when he said his "little finger" told him that quantum mechanics is incomplete, and he concludes that laws even deeper than quantum mechanics are essential for the operation of a mind. To support this contention, Penrose takes the reader on a dazzling tour that covers such topics as complex numbers, Turing machines, complexity theory, quantum mechanics, formal systems, Godel undecidability, phase spaces, Hilbert spaces, black holes, white holes, Hawking radiation, entropy, quasicrystals, the structure of the brain, and scores of other subjects.

The Emperor's New Mind will appeal to anyone with a serious interest in modern physics and its relation to philosophical issues, as well as to physicists, mathematicians, philosophers and those on either side of the AI debate. **TP \$39.95**

Ian Pfenigwerth Australian Author*A Man of Intelligence*

Eric Nave, an Australian naval officer, was the first to unravel Japanese naval telegraphy and to break Imperial Japanese Navy codes. Yet few Australians have ever heard of the exploits and achievements of this exceptionally talented man who did so much for the safety and security of our country. This biography tells how a bright lad with ambition and with a powerful streak of luck entered and carved his own special niche in the arcane world of codebreaking. It sets his achievements against the geopolitical shifts which led to war with Japan in 1941. It explores the dysfunctional nature of US signals intelligence and its effects on war in the South West Pacific, and charts the rise of Australia's quantitative and qualitative contribution to Allied intelligence. **TP \$29.95**

The Australia Cruiser Perth

For all but a few months from her commissioning in June 1939 to her sinking on 1 March 1942, the Australian light cruiser Perth was engaged in wartime operations against the forces of Germany, Italy, Vichy France and Japan. She served in the

West Indies, the Pacific and Indian Oceans, the Mediterranean and, finally in the Java Sea. Her operations included blockading German merchant ships in neutral ports, escorting vital troop convoys to the Middle East, attacking shore positions in Libya and Syria and providing air defence of convoys, especially from the feared Stuka dive bombers of the German Luftwaffe. She participated in several pivotal battles, notably Matapan and Java Sea, and in the evacuation of Commonwealth forces from Greece and Crete in April-May 1941.

Based on the diaries kept by members of her ship's company and records from British, Australian, German, Italian and Japanese official sources, the book is a study of adventure and of courage in adversity. You will read the sailors' thoughts on coming under fire by an Italian battleship, being subjected to concentrated and sustained bombing attacks, and the disappearance of their comrades in other ships under the welter of enemy fire. Above all, the book tracks the forging of the unshakable bonds between the men of Perth in the crucible of ferocious attacks by the enemy, even into the cruiser's last desperate action against overwhelming Japanese forces and the captivity that followed for her survivors. HMAS Perth became a legend in her time for the gallantry, steadfastness and sheer guts under fire that made her a byword for excellence and determination in three navies. In later years one of her petty officers would muse on the fact that so many had 'been touched by the ghostly character of this long-gone ship, which has so affected us'. **TP \$29.95**

Royal Australian Navy and MacArthur

By 1945, General MacArthur's forces had advanced from Papua to the Philippines and to Borneo. The vast majority of the troops, supplies, and equipment for this campaign were transported by sea, and MacArthur's success was based on 22 amphibious assaults. Soldiers and Marines did the ground fighting and MacArthur's air forces eventually ruled the skies, but it was the ships of the United States and Australian navies that delivered them to the battlefronts and supported them. This book reveals facts of the Royal Australian Navy's crucial role in World War II. **TP \$35**

Tiger Territory

Between 1948 and 1971 ships and men of the Royal Australian Navy served with almost unnoticed distinction in defending the newly emerging nations of Malaya, Malaysia and Singapore. In this period of intense diplomatic and military activity in a potentially volatile region, Australia developed its engagement with Southeast Asia and its concept of forward defence. While the Vietnam War loomed ever larger over the region, the RAN played its part in creating the conditions for the peace and prosperity Malaysia and Singapore now enjoy. Tiger Territory tells of the naval men who delivered this underappreciated achievement, and recounts their previously unpublished experiences. **TP \$29.95**

Alex Rutherford*Riders from the North (Empire of the Moghul 01)*

The largely untold story of the rise and fall of one of the most powerful, opulent and glittering dynasties in history. It is 1494 when the tragic death of the ruler of Ferghana leaves his only son, twelve-year-old Babur, facing a seemingly impossible challenge: to live up to the example of his great ancestor, Tamburlaine, whose conquests stretched from Delhi to the Mediterranean, from wealthy Persia to the wildernesses along the Volga. But Babur is dangerously young to inherit a kingdom and, from that moment, his precarious reign will be fraught with danger, in a world of tribal rivalries, rampaging armies and ruthlessly ambitious enemies. **BPB \$22.99**

Jenny Woolf

The Mystery of Lewis Carroll

A new biography of Lewis Carroll, just in time for the release of Tim Burton's all-star Alice in Wonderland

Lewis Carroll was brilliant, secretive and self contradictory. He reveled in double meanings and puzzles, in his fiction and his life. Jenny Woolf's *The Mystery of Lewis Carroll* shines a new light on the creator of Alice In Wonderland and brings to life this fascinating, but sometimes exasperating human being whom some have tried to hide. Using rarely-seen and recently discovered sources, such as Carroll's accounts ledger and unpublished correspondence with the "real" Alice's family, Woolf sets Lewis Carroll firmly in the context of the English Victorian age and answers many intriguing questions about the man who wrote the Alice books, such as:

- Was it Alice or her older sister that caused him to break with the Liddell family?
- How true is the gossip about pedophilia and certain adult women that followed him?
- How true is the "romantic secret" which many think ruined Carroll's personal life?
- Who caused Carroll major financial trouble and why did Carroll successfully conceal that person's identity and actions?

Woolf answers these and other questions to bring readers yet another look at one of the most elusive English writers the world has known.

HC \$56.95