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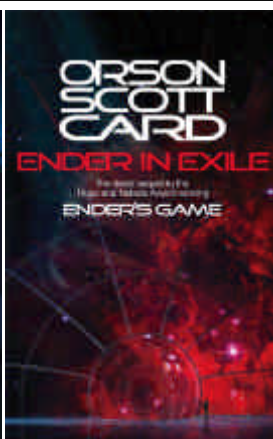
Duncan Lay Book Launch



Duncan Lay will be visiting Infinitas to launch *The Risen Queen*, which is book 2 in his fantasy trilogy. The launch is on Thursday evening 5pm to 8pm, 28th January. We are expecting quite a crowd. Bring in his earlier book to get it signed too. See later in this newsletter for a reader's book review of *The Risen Queen*. Duncan has visited Infinitas before - notably braving the Review Group meeting last October when they were discussing his book 1, *The Wounded Guardian*. Duncan's books: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/ProductsByAuthor.php?autid=30967>

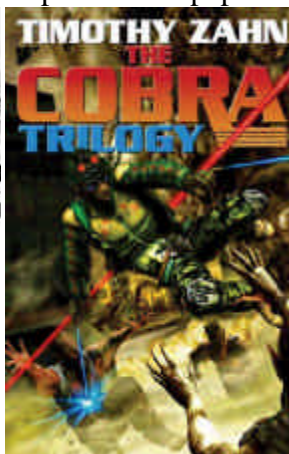
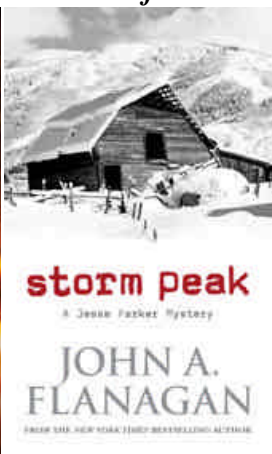
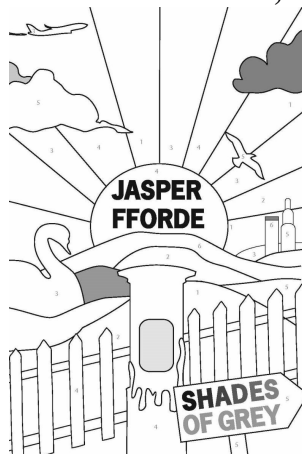


Featured Books



Warmachine
Michele Bardsley
Orson Scott Card
Jim Butcher, Simon R Green, et al
David Sherman & Dan Cragg
Jasper Fforde
Simon R Green
John A Flanagan
Timothy Zahn
Warhammer 40,000

Prime MKII hardcover rulebook
Come Hell or High Water a new Broken Heart paperback
Ender in Exile in paperback
Mean Streets a paperback collection of 4 novellas
Wings of Hell a new Starfist paperback
Shades of Grey in trade paperback.
Just Another Judgement Day a Nightside paperback
Storm Peak a paperback crime mystery
The Cobra Trilogy an omnibus paperback
Sons of Dorn an Imperial Fists paperback



Kylie Chan Author Visit

Kylie Chan visited Infinitas 17th December. Kylie attracted many enthusiastic fans, some travelling quite far to attend. Thanks to this event, Kylie's book *Earth To Hell* became our best selling title for the year. Normally after an author visit we have many signed shelf copies, but by the time of this newsletter, only a few are left – ask us quick if you want one, we have been posting many out.

Kylie really enjoyed her visit and listened to the fans' comments. Taking on board some of the feedback from Infinitas fans, she said that in her current writing, she will include more of the favourite characters that fans want to know more of. The readers are influencing the plot! Another good reason to write book reviews - authors read them. She happily had her photo taken with various fans, and signed books for what seemed like hours. Each signed book was also stamped with her seal.

We still had some free tickets to the **Mythic Creatures** opening the following evening (<http://www.anmm.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=1599>) from the give away through our December newsletter, so Kylie and her daughter attended the National Maritime Museum with the several Infinitas readers who got tickets from us. This continued at a nearby restaurant and a good evening was had by all.

Kylie confirmed *Earth to Hell* is book one of a trilogy and she plans another trilogy set later again. We have more images of this successful event on our website at: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/forums/viewtopic.php?t=1049>



News

Aussiecon 4 will be the 68th World Science Fiction Convention and to be held in Melbourne over September 2nd to 6th 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 have convinced us to stock a range of their models, paints and codex rule books. For years the Warhammer 40,000 and Warhammer novels have been very popular here, now our readers can get their figurines and rulebooks here too – earning Infinitas Guild reward vouchers.

Infinitas is on Facebook. If you use Facebook, why not visit us and become a fan. You could start a discussion about your favourite books. Let us know what you think should be there.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Parramatta-Australia/Infinitas-Bookshop/155683874074>

Bestsellers for 2009 have been worked out from our sales figures. The top 50 are listed later in the newsletter and the top 100 are listed on our forums at: <http://www.infinitas.com.au/forums/viewtopic.php?t=1052>

Each month we list here in the newsletter the previous month's bestsellers (see below) but each year we find it interesting to see which books feature in the annual list. Congratulations to Kylie Chan for topping the list and to all the authors listed. It is interesting to see all four of Joe Abercrombie's books in the top 100, all of three of Brent Weeks books and all four of Ilona Andrews' books. Brandon Sanderson's Mistborn trilogy is all listed as well as his Wheel of Time continuation of Robert Jordan's work. Clearly these are all newly significant writers – if you haven't read them yet, perhaps you should as many other readers like them. Many of the other bestsellers are predictable, being continuations of popular series, Warhammer 40,000 novels, Star Wars, RPG rulebooks, etc. We welcome your own comments on our forums.

Bestsellers for December 2009

<u>General Release</u>		<u>Media and Games Related Titles</u>	
<i>Earth to Hell</i>	Kylie Chan *	<i>Sons of Dorn</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Six White Boomers</i>	Rolf Harris *	<i>Titanicus</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Claws That Catch</i>	John Ringo & Travis S Taylor	<i>Synthesis</i>	Star Trek Titan
<i>Divine Misdemeanors</i>	Laurell K Hamilton	<i>Innocence Proves Nothing</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>White Tiger</i>	Kylie Chan *	<i>Don't Split the Party</i>	Order of the Stick
<i>Princep's Fury</i>	Jim Butcher	<i>Imperial Commando 501st</i>	Star Wars
<i>Changing the World and other Tales of Valdemar</i>	Mercedes Lackey (ed)	<i>Halo Evolutions</i>	Halo
<i>Battle At Devastation Reef</i>	Graham Sharp Paul *	<i>Shadow King</i>	Warhammer
<i>Torch of Freedom</i>	David Weber & Eric Flint	<i>The Undertaker's Gift</i>	Torchwood
<i>At the Gates of Darkness</i>	Raymond E Feist	<i>Brass in Pocket</i>	CSI

* Australian Authors

Infinitas Bookshop 2009 Bestsellers - Top 50 Books

1	Earth to Hell	Kylie Chan (Australian Author)
2	Tales of Heresy (Warhammer 40,000)	Nick Kyme (editor)
3	Fallen Angels (Warhammer 40,000)	Mike Lee
4	The Gathering Storm	Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson
5	Player's Handbook 2 (Dungeons & Dragons 4Ed)	
6	Zoe's Tale	John Scalzi
=7	Pride and Prejudice and Zombies	Jane Austen & Seth Grahame-Smith
=7	White Witch, Black Curse	Kim Harrison
9	Small Favour	Jim Butcher
10	Kris Longknife: Undaunted	Mike Shepherd
11	Halt's Peril	John Flanagan (Australian Author)
=12	By Schism Rent Asunder	David Weber
=12	Moon Flights	Elizabeth Moon
=12	Heroes of the Space Marines (Warhammer 40,000)	Nick Kyme & Lindsey Priestley (editors)
=12	Salamander (Warhammer 40,000)	Nick Kyme
16	Mechanicum (Warhammer 40,000)	Graham McNeill
17	Hunting Ground	Patricia Briggs
=18	The Blade Itself	Joe Abercrombie
=18	The Last Centurion	John Ringo
=18	The Way of Shadows	Brent Weeks
=21	Kitty and the Dead Man's Hand	Carrie Vaughn
=21	Passage	Lois McMaster Bujold
=21	Dawn of War II: Extermination (Warhammer 40,000)	Chris Roberson
=21	Hellforged (Warhammer 40,000)	Ben Counter
=25	Dead and Gone	Charlaine Harris
=25	From Dead to Worse	Charlaine Harris
=25	Six White Boomers	Rolf Harris (Australian Author)
=25	Turn Coat	Jim Butcher
=25	Blood Pact (Warhammer 40,000)	Dan Abnett
=30	Kitty Raises Hell	Carrie Vaughn
=30	Magic Strikes	Iona Andrews
=30	Shadow's Edge	Brent Weeks
=30	Storm Front	Jim Butcher
=30	Cadian Blood (Warhammer 40,000)	Aaron Dembski-Bowden
=30	The Killing Ground (Warhammer 40,000)	Graham McNeill
=36	Beyond the Shadows	Brent Weeks
=36	Bone Crossed	Patricia Briggs
=36	Edmund Campion A Life	Evelyn Waugh
=36	Manxome Foe	John Ringo & Travis S Taylor
=36	Mistborn	Brandon Sanderson
=36	Skin Trade	Laurell K Hamilton
=36	Time Machines Repaired While U-Wait	K A Bedford (Australian Author)
=36	Wrath of a Mad God	Raymond E Feist
=44	Eclipse	Stephenie Meyer
=44	The Hero of Ages	Brandon Sanderson
=44	The Last Argument of Kings	Joe Abercrombie
=44	Magic Bites	Iona Andrews
=44	Storm From the Shadows	David Weber
=44	Imperial Commando: 501st (Star Wars)	Karen Traviss
=44	Emperor's Mercy (Warhammer 40,000)	Henry Zou

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.

Cardinal's Blades by Pierre Povel reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780575084384>

Remember the Three Musketeers? Gallant, noble swordsmen who fight for the King & Queen, against the evil, manipulating Cardinal Richelieu? This time, Cardinal Richelieu has the Cardinal's Blades, an elite group of swordsman spies, on his side, and he needs them desperately. Europe is in the middle of the Hundred Year War, and France is under threat from Spain. The catch is that dragons are real, ancient & powerful, and they have ambitions. The Spanish crown is controlled by the dragons who want to create a lodge of the Black Claw cult in Paris, so that their power will overwhelm all of Europe. Richelieu's only hope is to bring back Captain La Fargue from forced retirement after he was betrayed, reinstate him and hope that he & his men can succeed where all others have failed. If he has to threaten La Fargue's daughter as the price for bringing back La Fargue, so be it.



Their mission? To identify & eliminate the Black Claw before they can create a group in France, identify & eliminate the traitors to the Crown, rescue prisoners & above all, do what the Cardinal wants, even if he never says what his desires are. A challenging goal, and the price of failure is lethal.

Povel has created a fascinating world, depicting the streets & alleyways of Paris magnificently, whilst presenting a totally credible picture of the people & the times. Betrayals, assassinations, politics and swordsmanship are blended in a violent, turbulent time, where duels are commonplace, the streets are filthy & polluted, and you can picture yourself sitting in the taverns, with the stench of the streets & people filling your nostrils, as he describes the scene. He describes Paris of the time beautifully, and the people are made real to the reader, until you find yourself following them eagerly, wanting to know what is happening. There are certain factors that modern readers may find challenging, but if you read the Three Musketeers & enjoyed it, you'll love this story.

The Risen Queen by Duncan Lay reviewed by Julianne

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732287696>

The Risen Queen is the second book of the Dragon Sword Histories, a new series by Australian Author Duncan Lay. It continues the story of Martil, Karia, Merren and their struggle to save Norstalos from an upcoming invasion from their neighbours and the dreaded fearpriests. The thing that I loved about this and the previous book is the way that the author has written his characters. The interaction between Martil and his 'adopted' daughter Karia is beautiful and a highlight of both books 1 and 2. It has been interesting to read about how Martil struggles with his past, present and future and the manipulation of characters along the way. The one negative thing that I will say about this book / series is that I feel like I'm ticking off boxes on all the components that make a good epic fantasy story – magic sword, dragons, a budding romance, a fight of good against evil etc. However, the interaction between characters and the writing of fight scenes and the journey the characters are taken on more than makes up for this slight blemish. I really enjoyed the emotional ride that these books have taken me on. I am looking forward to the third book coming out to complete the series and then Duncan Lay's future fantasy series to see how he develops and grows as an author in this genre.

If you like epic fantasy like Raymond E Feist, David Eddings etc, then you will enjoy this series. It's great to see an Australian author writing such good quality epic fantasy... there should be more of it!

Shades of Grey by Jasper Fforde, reviewed by David Bofinger

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780340963043>

If you got to know Fforde through his Thursday Next series then Shades of Grey will feel different in a familiar way: instead of literature being all-important it's colour. And it's written by Jasper Fforde, so it was never likely to be a bad book. But Shades of Grey is easily the nastiest book he's given us. There's an oppressive social system, more drama and fewer gags. Even the more sympathetic characters do things that make them hard to like. If you're feeling down and need cheering up, go elsewhere. Otherwise it's recommended.

Book Reviews Wanted

Love a book and want to share that passion with others?

Not enough to read but not enough money for more?

We always have a shelf of books looking for reviews. Publishers send us books prior to publication to promote staff knowledge and elicit reviews. We cannot review all so we would swap a book for review. Visit us to look through the pile – we don't post them out.

God Complex by Luke Harris

Declan slowly opened his eyes. The bright, white light streaming through the widening gap between his eyelids burned and made him flinch. He couldn't remember where he is, what this is or how he came to be. Slowly his mind began to register more sensation. His ears began to focus on a loud hydraulic hiss. The temperature in the room was freezing and Declan began to shiver. His head began to pound like the day after shore leave. Declan groaned and reached up with his hands to rub his scalp, he ran his fingers through thick, short cropped hair. He thought hard but couldn't remember what he looked like.

A loud metallic thump broke the silence. Declan whirled around and noticed he was standing, staggering, in front of a large coffin like tube made from glass and steel built right into the wall. Dozens more of these tubes lined the room. The hissing had stopped as soon as he heard the thud. He felt dizzy and dropped to his knees. Declan coughed and vomited, struggling to breath.

'Relax and breathe deeply subject zero', a booming electronic voice suddenly said. Declan strained and looked up, the light was easing a little and his eyes could focus.

The strange voice continued, 'You are suffering cryo shock. Please stand and I will raise the temperature of the room slowly'.

'Where am I?', Declan asked, 'Who am I?'. He stood and began to shuffle towards the centre of the room. He looked down and could see himself. His skin was extremely pale. He looked thin but very fit. Declan could see markings on his chest and shoulders. Some kind of paint, but he had no idea what it meant.

Declan wasn't so cold anymore and he could breathe again. The pain in his head began to ease. The voice introduced itself.

'I am Link. You are Declan, subject zero. You are the last human'.

'The last what?', Declan replied, 'The last human? How can that be?'.

Link replied mechanically, without emotion. 'Your memory will return. Allow me to brief you on your purpose.'

Declan remembered a part of himself. In situations like this he's compelled to respond in a certain way.

'I'm all ears', said Declan.

'Humans destroy themselves. The cycle has repeated before, it will repeat again. This is a failsafe, designed to prevent your extinction. You are aboard a shuttle craft. This shuttle has been cruising the outskirts of the Earth's solar system for three hundred thousand years. As subject zero, it is your responsibility to assist with the rebirth of your species.'

As Link spoke Declan began to remember, his life as a soldier, fighting, watching friends and family die. He remembered being selected among others as a candidate of suitable genetic composition. He remembered watching the doors of the cryo tube close from the inside, snap freezing and drifting into a world of endless dreams and torturous nightmares.

Declan shivered. The continued existence of man and it's all up to him. 'No pressure huh', he said with a faint smile.

Link continued, 'Your DNA has been harvested. On our return journey to Earth, your genetic material will be used to replicate man and woman. The process has already begun. Once their growth has been stabilised, subjects one and two will be dispatched by pod to the planet's surface. Advance scans already show that the surface has recovered from the damage of constant war and life is flourishing. You will remain here in orbit and watch over subjects one and two. You are responsible for their safety and survival.'

'Can't I be with them?', Declan asked.

'Negative', Link responded, 'Subjects one and two cannot successfully rebirth your species with knowledge of what has gone before. Your role is to watch over subjects one and two. Nothing more'.

'They are Adam and Eve', Declan said, 'and I am God'.

Link paused for a moment. 'If you refer to the Christian belief in the creator and his children and the similarities to your present situation then yes, you may call yourself God.'

'Then this is heaven', Declan said with a wink. 'I'm to spend the rest of my life up here, orbiting the planet in this crate, watching a couple of kids grow up with you keeping me company. Link, I hope you have a comfy couch and a well stocked bar.'



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

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

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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 21st January 2010:

Flashforward by Robert J Sawyer (SF)

Time Machines Repaired While U Wait by K A Bedford (SF)

Thursday 18th February 2010:

Hunting Ground by Patricia Briggs (Urban Fantasy)

The Dragonbone Chair by Tad Williams (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

C T Adams & Cathy Clamp

Moon's Fury (Sazi 05)

When he violates the Sazi's single greatest rule by allowing humans to see their kind, cop Adam Mueller is forced to join sheriff Cara Salinas and her pack in Texas where they must save their people--and the world--from a flock of vicious Sazi raptors with a penchant for human flesh. **APB \$13.95**

Lara Adrian

Shades of Midnight (Midnight Breed 07)

Bush pilot Alexandra Maguire comes face-to-face with a horrific event from her past when an inhuman creature leaves a trail of bloody carnage in the frigid Alaskan wilds, forcing her to team up with a vampire warrior sent to stop the attacks. **APB \$19.95**

Zoe Archer & Bianca D'Arc

Half Past Dead

Contains two hot paranormal romances--Zoe Archer's "The Undying Heart," and Bianca D'Arc's "Simon Says," in which a Special Forces soldier protects the woman he has loved for years from the deadly creatures that lurk in the forest around her clinic, unbeknownst to her. **TP \$28.95**

Neal Asher

The Gabble and Other Stories

"What has six arms, a large beak, looks like a pyramid, has more eyes than you'd expect and talks nonsense? If you don't know the answer to that, then 1) you should and 2) you haven't been reading Neal Asher (see point 1)" (Jon Courtenay Grimwood)

In the eight years since his first full-length novel Gridlinked was published by Pan Macmillan, Neal Asher has firmly established himself as one of the leading writers of science fiction, and his novels are now translated in many languages. Most of his stories are set in a galactic future-scape called The Polity, and with this collection of marvellously inventive and action-packed short stories, he takes us further into the manifold diversities of that amazing universe.

No one does monsters better than Neal Asher, so be prepared to revisit the lives and lifestyles of such favourites as the gableduck and the hooder, to savour alien poisons, the walking dead, the Sea of Death, and the putrefactor symbiont. **APB \$21.99**

Isaac Asimov

The Stars, Like Dust

Biron Farrell was young and naïve, but he was growing up fast. A radiation bomb planted in his dorm room changed him from an innocent student at the University of Earth to a marked man, fleeing desperately from an unknown assassin.

He soon discovers that, many light-years away, his father, the highly respected Rancher of Widemos, has been murdered. Stunned, grief-stricken, and outraged, Biron is determined to uncover the reasons behind his father's death, and becomes entangled in an intricate saga of rebellion, political intrigue, and espionage.

The mystery takes him deep into space where he finds himself in a relentless struggle with the power-mad despots of Tyrann. Now it is not just a case of life or death for Biron, but a question of freedom for the galaxy.... **HC \$49.95**

Robert Asprin, Eric Del Carlo & Teresa Patterson

No Quarter

TP \$32.95

James Axler

Prophecy (Deathlands 90)

After the nuclear winter, the taint of humanity worsened in the raw blood-quest for survival. Hunger for jack and power now fuels traders and barons, who relinquish authority only through death, crushing everything in their path. Still, a handful seek a better way of life, where iron fists and ordnance are replaced by harmony, justice and fair trade.

Separated by fate and a freak storm in the shifting landscape of the Great Plains, the companions find themselves on a path of strange prophecy. Here, Native American tribes embrace a peaceful, sacred way of life the travelers have only imagined. Still, Deathlands is a place with no reverence for ease or peace; the land was once the clandestine sanctuary of preDark science. Are Ryan Cawdor and his warrior survivalists destined to fulfill a vision-quest foretold by the shamans...or take a final, fatal plunge into the grim reality of a shattered world? **PB \$17.95**

Michele Bardsley

Come Hell or High Water (Broken Heart 06)

The newest paranormal romance in the national bestselling broken heart series

Everybody makes mistakes--and my first one was named Connor, a heart-stealing Scottish hottie. I thought our night together was the beautiful beginning to a love story, which turned out to be my second mistake. I, Phoebe Allen, lifelong Broken Heart resident and vampire, am now mated to a half-demon.

Thankfully Phoebe's four-year-old son Danny is safely away at Disneyworld with his human father. Because Phoebe's right in the middle of major paranormal drama, helping Connor and his rag-tag group of friends retrieve part of an ancient talisman in order to ward off Connor's vicious stepmother, an uber-demon named Lilith. Phoebe swears she isn't falling for any of Connor's demon charm. But still, he's willing to do anything to protect her and prevent demons from storming into Broken Heart. And her undead heart can't resist a bad boy with identity issues... **APB \$17.95**

Anya Bast

Wicked Enchantment (Dark Magic 01)

When the Summer Queen of the fae orders her to act as Gabriel Mac Braire's guide in the Seelie Court, Aislinn Finvarra must protect herself from this half incubus who is rumored to possess dark magick and has enslaved many women with his irresistible sensual charms. **APB \$19.95**

Carol Berg

The Spirit Lens (Collegia Magica)

For Portier de Savin-Duplais, failed student of magic, sorcery's decline into ambiguity and cheap illusion is but a culmination of life's bitter disappointments. Reduced to tending the library at Sabria's last collegia magica, he fights off despair with scholarship. But when the King of Sabria charges him to investigate an attempted murder that has disturbing magical resonances, Portier believes his dreams of a greater destiny might at last be fulfilled... **TP \$32.95**

Shayla Black*Possess Me at Midnight (Doomsday Brethren 02)*

An apocalypse approaches in the new novel from bestselling author Shayla Black's electrifying Doomsday Brethren series, as a magical warrior and a spirited witch ignite a smoldering passion that could destroy them both.

As a mysterious dark cloud drains the life of her beloved brother, Doomsday Brethren leader Bram, Sabelle Rion can think of little else. Still, every time she meets Ice Rykard's intense green gaze, her body aches with need for the sexy warrior. Their attraction is explosive, incredible -- and forbidden. As dangerous as he is unpredictable, Ice is her brother's sworn enemy. But as Bram weakens, a more sinister force is gaining power.

Evil Mathias and his ruthless Anarki army are on a bloodthirsty hunt for the Doomsday Diary. Sabelle must guard the potent book with her life -- and Ice vows to protect the beautiful witch with his. Duty demands that Sabelle deny her lover's fiery call of possession and mate with a man who can sway the magical Council against the impending rebellion. With the fate of magickind hanging in the balance, will she forsake the burning desires she can't ignore or turn her back on her people for the courageous man she can't resist? **PB \$14.99**

Annette Blair*Naked Dragon (Works Like Magic 01)*

The Works like Magick Employment Agency has a reputation for perfectly matching clients with magical temps. So when McKenna Greylock requests a handyman, the gorgeous Bastian Dragonelli arrives to repair her B&B- and fire up her bedroom. **APB \$19.95**

Michael Boatman*The Revenant Road*

Print on demand. **TP \$32.95**

Michael Bowers*Prison Ship*

When he receives an offer to captain a Penitentiary Assault Vessel--a prison ship crewed by criminals--Commander Jacob Steiner, in prison for a crime he didn't commit, is forced to take the assignment and must report to the man responsible for his incarceration. **APB \$19.95**

Marion Zimmer Bradley & Deborah J Ross*Hastur Lord (Darkover)*

The world of Darkover, a unique, isolated, and protected world, has long avoided becoming part of the technologically advanced Terran Empire. But things are about to change. Regis Hastur, lord of the most powerful of the seven Domains in Darkover, learns that the Empire is about to become a Federation, and is extending an invitation for all of the worlds to join. While the offer seems tempting to his people, Regis knows that Darkover would become little more than a military base, used for its unique planetary position, and will be sapped of its resources. He must now stop at nothing to save his world. **HC \$51.95**

Eric Brown*Cosmopath (Bengal Station 03)*

A ruthless businessman hires necropath Jeff Vaughan to find out what happened to a missing crew, an investigation that takes a bizarre turn once Jeff reaches Canopus VII and a group of humans captures him and takes him to an underground city, where he discovers the real reason why he was hired. **APB \$19.95**

Steven Brust*Iorich (Vlad Taltos)*

House Jhereg, Dragaera's organized crime syndicate, is still hunting Vlad Taltos. There's a big price on his head on Draegera City. Then he hears disturbing news. Alieria--longtime friend, sometime ally--has been arrested by the Empire on a charge of practicing elder sorcery, a capital crime.

It doesn't make sense. Everybody knows Alieria's been dabbling in elder sorcery for ages. Why is the Empire down on her now? Why aren't her powerful friends--Morrolan, Sethra, the Empress Zerika--coming to her rescue? And most to the point, why has she utterly refused to do anything about her own defense?

It would be idiotic of Vlad to jump into this situation. He's a former Jhereg who betrayed the House. He's an Easterner--small, weak, short-lived. He's being searched for by the most remorseless killers in the world. Naturally, that's exactly why he's going to get completely involved... **HC \$51.95**

Laura Bynum*Veracity*

Harper Adams was six years old in 2012 when an act of viral terrorism wiped out one-half of the country's population. Out of the ashes rose a new government, the Confederation of the Willing, dedicated to maintaining order at any cost. The populace is controlled via government-sanctioned sex and drugs, a brutal police force known as the Blue Coats, and a device called the slate, a mandatory implant that monitors every word a person speaks. To utter a Red-Listed, forbidden word is to risk physical punishment or even death.

But there are those who resist. Guided by the fabled "Book of Noah," they are determined to shake the people from their apathy and ignorance, and are prepared to start a war in the name of freedom. The newest member of this resistance is Harper -- a woman driven by memories of a daughter lost, a daughter whose very name was erased by the Red List. And she possesses a power that could make her the underground warriors' ultimate weapon -- or the instrument of their destruction.

In the tradition of Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, Laura Bynum has written an astonishing debut novel about a chilling, all-too-plausible future in which speech is a weapon and security comes at the highest price of all. **HC \$51.95**

Rhyannon Byrd*Edge of Desire (Edge 03)*

Sheriff Riley Buchanan is a good man... but a man possessed. Plagued by vicious and uncontrollable impulses, he lives in fear of surrendering to real love. Even after years apart, he still craves one woman, Hope Summers, above all others, and will do anything to protect her from harm -- even tempt fate.

Hope is a woman with her own secrets. For months she has eluded her abusive ex-husband, a ruthless creature who won't rest until Hope and her kind are destroyed. Hope's fantasies are still haunted by Riley, the one man who might help her, and the man whose searing touch she cannot forget. But surrendering to their long-denied passion could mean the destruction of everything they hold dear... **APB \$16.99**

Orson Scott Card

Hidden Empire (Empire 02)

In this sequel to Card's bestselling novel *Empire*, Averell Torrent has become President of the United States, with enormous political and popular support and, if people only realized it, a tight grip on the reins of both political parties. He has launched America into a get-tough, this-world-is-our-empire foreign policy stance.

But Captain Bartholomew Coleman, known as Cole to his friends and enemies alike, sees the danger Torrent poses to American democracy and the potential disasters involved in his foreign military adventures. Cole quickly runs afoul of Torrent; on the run, he and a few friends and allies seek proof of how Torrent orchestrated the political takeover that included assassinating a President and nearly starting a civil war.

HC \$51.95 CD - Unabridged \$78

Ender in Exile (Ender)

At first, Ender believed that they would bring him back to Earth as soon as things quieted down. But things were quiet now, had been quiet for a year, and it was plain to him now that they would not bring him back at all, that he was much more useful as a name and a story than he would ever be as an inconveniently flesh-and-blood person. At the close of *ENDER'S GAME*, Andrew Wiggin - called Ender by everyone - knows that he cannot live on Earth. He has become far more than just a boy who won a game: he is the Saviour of Earth, a hero, a military genius whose allegiance is sought by every nation of the newly shattered Earth Hegemony. He is offered the choice of living under the Hegemon's control, a pawn in his brother Peter's political games. Or he can join the colony ships and go out to settle one of the new worlds won in the war. The story of those years on the colony worlds has never been told...until now. **BPB \$22.99**

Ender's Game (Ender 01)

In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin lives with his kind but distant parents, his sadistic brother Peter, and the person he loves more than anyone else, his sister Valentine. Peter and Valentine were candidates for the soldier-training program but didn't make the cut—young Ender is the Wiggin drafted to the orbiting Battle School for rigorous military training.

Ender's skills make him a leader in school and respected in the Battle Room, where children play at mock battles in zero gravity. Yet growing up in an artificial community of young soldiers Ender suffers greatly from isolation, rivalry from his peers, pressure from the adult teachers, and an unsettling fear of the alien invaders. His psychological battles include loneliness, fear that he is becoming like the cruel brother he remembers, and fanning the flames of devotion to his beloved sister.

Is Ender the general Earth needs? But Ender is not the only result of the genetic experiments. The war with the Buggers has been raging for a hundred years, and the quest for the perfect general has been underway for almost as long. Ender's two older siblings are every bit as unusual as he is, but in very different ways. Between the three of them lie the abilities to remake a world. If, that is, the world survives. **APB \$19.95**

Speaker For the Dead (Ender 02)

In the aftermath of his terrible war, Ender Wiggin disappeared, and a powerful voice arose: The Speaker for the Dead, who told the true story of the Bugger War.

Now, long years later, a second alien race has been discovered, but again the aliens' ways are strange and frightening...again, humans die. And it is only the Speaker for the Dead, who is also Ender Wiggin the Xenocide, who has the courage to confront the mystery...and the truth. **APB \$19.95**

Xenocide (Ender 03)

The war for survival of the planet Lusitania will be fought in the hearts of a child named Gloriously Bright.

On Lusitania, Ender found a world where humans and pequininos and the Hive Queen could all live together; where three very different intelligent species could find common ground at last. Or so he thought.

Lusitania also harbors the descolada, a virus that kills all humans it infects, but which the pequininos require in order to become adults. The Starways Congress so fears the effects of the descolada, should it escape from Lusitania, that they have ordered the destruction of the entire planet, and all who live there. The Fleet is on its way, a second xenocide seems inevitable. **APB \$19.95**

Children of the Mind (Ender 04)

The planet Lusitania is home to three sentient species: the Pequeninos; a large colony of humans; and the Hive Queen, brought there by Ender. But once against the human race has grown fearful; the Starways Congress has gathered a fleet to destroy Lusitania.

Jane, the evolved computer intelligence, can save the three sentient races of Lusitania. She has learned how to move ships outside the universe, and then instantly back to a different world, abolishing the light-speed limit. But it takes all the processing power available to her, and the Starways Congress is shutting down the Net, world by world.

Soon Jane will not be able to move the ships. Ender's children must save her if they are to save themselves. **APB \$19.95**

Jeffrey A Carver

Sunborn

With fully realized characters, plenty of twists and turns, and a plot inspired by chaos theory, this exciting hard SF adventure will keep readers on the edge of their seats.

John Bandicut and several aliens and artificial intelligences have been thrown together by a force greater than themselves to prevent cataclysmic disasters on an interstellar scale. Now, before they can take a break after a world-saving mission, they are pulled into a waystation that is being threatened by highly destructive gravity waves.

The waves are part of a much larger problem. Something is causing stars to become unstable and go prematurely nova—they're being murdered. When the waystation is destroyed by the gravity waves, Bandicut and his crew barely escape on a jury-rigged ship. Their destination is a star nursery in the Orion Nebula, where sentient stars are being driven to destruction by an artificial intelligence bent on remaking the cosmos in its own image.

APB \$19.95

P C Cast

Divine By Blood (Partholon Divine 03)

Conceived in a lie and trapped in a tree throughout her gestation, Morrigan's birth was truly magical. After that start, she spent the next eighteen years raised as a normal girl in Oklahoma.

Upon discovering the truth of her heritage, her rage and grief take on a power of their own, carrying her back to the world of Partholon. Yet, instead of being respected as the daughter of the Goddess Incarnate, Morrigan feels like a shunned outsider.

In her desperation to belong to Partholon, she confronts forces she can't fully understand or control. And soon a strange darkness draws closer... **BPB \$22.99**

P C Cast

Divine by Choice (Partholon Divine 02)

Shannon Parker has finally come to terms with life in the mythical world of Partholon. She loves her centaur husband, her connection to the goddess Epona and the pampering that comes with both! She's almost forgotten her old life on Earth — especially when she discovers she's pregnant... Then a sudden burst of power sends her back to Oklahoma. Without magic, Shannon can't return to Partholon — and so she needs to find help. Trouble is, it might take the form of a man as tempting as her husband. And along the way she'll discover that being divine by mistake is a lot easier than being divine by choice... **BPB \$22.99**

Divine by Mistake (Partholon Divine 01)

The only excitement Shannon Parker expects while on summer vacation is a little shopping. But when an antique vase calls to her, she finds herself transported to Partholon, where she's treated like a goddess. A very temperamental goddess...

Somehow Shannon has stepped into another's role as the Goddess Incarnate of Epona. And while there's an upside — what woman doesn't like lots of pampering? — it also comes with a ritual marriage to a centaur and threats against her new people. Oh, and everyone disliking her because they think she's her double.

Somehow Shannon needs to figure out how to get back to Oklahoma without being killed, married to a horse or losing her mind... **BPB \$22.99**

Karen Chance

Death's Mistress (Dorina Basarab 02)

When Dorina, a dhampir--half human, half vampire--agrees to help sexy vampire Louis-Cesare find his former mistress, Christine, she stumbles upon a plot to kill vampire Senate members. **APB \$19.95**

C J Cherryh

Regenesis (Union Alliance Cyteen 02)

The direct sequel to Cyteen, Regenesis continues the story of Ariane Emory, Personal Replicate, the genetic clone of one of the greatest scientists humanity has ever produced, and of her search for the murderer of her progenitor--the original Ariane Emory. Murder, politics, deception, and genetic and psychological manipulation combine against a backdrop of interstellar human factions at odds to confront questions that have remained unanswered for two decades...

Who killed the original Ariane Emory?

And can her Personal Replicate avoid the same fate? **APB \$19.95**

Glen Cook

Many Deaths of the Black Company (Black Company Glittering Stone 03, 04)

Omnibus of Waters Sleep and Soldiers Live

Water Sleeps: The survivors of the Black Company regroup to rescue their fellow comrades in arms, who are being held prisoner in the underworld, but the journey is extremely dangerous. As they plot to free them from under the glittering plain, they must first endure a terrible ordeal and face the dubious history of their own organization.

Soldiers Live: In the conclusion of the Glittering Stone cycle within the Black Company series, the members of the Black Company are faced with a number of old enemies including Narayan Singh and his adopted daughter, Shadowcatcher, Longshadow, and Howler while an evil spirit, a forvalaka, attacks them at a shadowgate, igniting a chain of repercussions leading to the brink of apocalypse. **TP \$36.95**

Patricia Coughlin

The Lost Enchantress

An enchanting new paranormal romance from an award-winning author.

Long ago Eve Lockhart discovered that the ancient magic that was her birthright could cost her everything. So she vowed to create a normal life and was convinced she'd succeeded--until a long-lost family talisman resurfaces. A prize beyond price, the hourglass pendant ignites the fevered interest of mysterious forces who'll risk anything to possess it--forces that include one very seductive man...

The priceless pendant isn't the only thing Gabriel Hazard wants from Eve. For nearly two centuries he's searched for the hidden magic that can break a spell and grant him the one thing he craves. But he isn't alone in wanting the pendant--or Eve's magic.

Now Eve has no choice but to break her long-ago vow and claim her power, her dream of everlasting love--and her destiny. **TP \$28.95**

Gail Dayton

Heart's Blood

When he is arrested for a murder he did not commit, conjurer Grey Carteret, in order to prove his innocence, must make a deal with a beautiful street urchin named Pearl who wants to be his apprentice--a partnership that hurls them both into a world of murder, evil and love. **APB \$17.95**

Carole Nelson Douglas

Vampire Sunrise (03)

Paranormal Investigator Delilah Street is still making things hot for the hellish supernatural beings running Las Vegas. Delilah has identified the skeletal lovers she and sexy ex-FBI guy Ricardo Montoya found, but now the victims won't stay dead.

Delilah's personal quest for her possible twin, Lilith, leads to a deadly face-to-face showdown with her mirror image. Come hell or high water, and they've faced both, Ric, Delilah, and her wolfhound-wolf dog, Quicksilver, will take on vampires, gods, werewolves, and insane celebrity zombies as they fight to unearth Vegas's deepest, darkest paranormal secrets and save the few innocents left in town. **PB \$14.99**

David Drake

The Gods Return (Crown of the Isles 03)

The Isles have been more or less unified under Garric's rule, but the Change that created the continent has removed the old Gods of the Isles from reality and released other Gods from other planes of existence. Now the servants of the forbidden Gods of Palomir call forth The Worm, an ancient thing that threatens to devour all life in the newly formed kingdom and make way for the reign of dark Gods, newly awakened to ambitions of worship and dominion. Some are bad . . . and some are worse. **PB \$19.95**

Mistress of the Catacombs (Lord of the Isles 04)

For the first time in a thousand years, the Kingdom of the Isles has a government and a real ruler: Prince Garric of Haft. But the enemies joining against him intend to destroy not only the kingdom but humankind as well. Reptilian and insect monsters from out of the ages march on the kingdom. Unchecked, their ravaging slaughter will sweep over the Isles like a flood of lava. Watching it all from the blackness of a tomb walled off in time and space, the Mistress waits . . .

And her fangs drip poison! **APB \$19.95**

David Drake*Queen of Demons (Lord of the Isles 02)*

In the world of the Isles, the elemental forces of magic are rising to a thousand-year peak. A small bank of companions has set forth across a world in the process of transformation in search of their destinies. Now their epic adventure continues. **APB \$19.95**

Dave Duncan*Ill Met in the Arena*

The nobles of Aureity have been breeding their children for psychic powers for generations. Women's powers are mental, including psychic control and mind-reading, making them ideal rulers. Men have superhuman strength and can teleport to any place they have previously visited. Consequently, young noblemen make their fortune by competing in psychic gladiatorial contests to display their powers in the hope of being hired—and married—by women of high rank.

When Quirt, an older man with obvious skill but little known record, first enters the arena, the combat circuit is abuzz wondering who he might be. But his mystery is almost eclipsed by the young cub who has been entering competitions anonymously and winning them all. Barely in his teens, full of raw power but short on training or patience, Humate is so horrified when he's bested by Quirt that he insists on finding out where he came from. Unfortunately for Humate, the answer reaches far beyond his birth: back to the terrible wrongs done to Quirt's mother and his new wife by one of Humate's relatives, and back to Quirt's sentencing, a doom which takes away his identity until he can bring the culprit to justice. Humate is in deep denial about this familial scandal generations deep, but Quirt must try to convince him to help, compelled by his doom and by the stirrings of a new love that cannot possibly be realized in his nameless condition.

No one ever said revenge was going to be easy. **APB \$19.95**

Mark Dunn*Unde the Harrow*

A group of people live a Victorian lifestyle in a place called Dingley Dell, unaware that they are just a voyeuristic experiment devised by a group of billionaires, but when a few Dinglians learn the secret of why they are there, and of their doomed future, they must race to save themselves and their fellow countrymen from annihilation. **TP \$30.95**

Cynthia Eden*Eternal Hunter (Night Watch 03)*

Trying to hide her supernatural gift—and her identity as an Other--Assistant DA Erin Jerome, when an Other rogue begins "gifting" her bloody corpses, must team up with a bounty hunter who, a shape-shifter himself, dares her to reveal her true nature. **TP \$28.95**

Steven Erikson*Gardens of the Moon (10th Anniversary) (Malazan Book of the Fallen 01)*

Bled dry by interminable warfare, infighting and bloody confrontations with Anomander Rake, Son of Darkness, the Malazan Empire simmers with discontent. Its legions yearn for some respite from the chaos and killing.

For Sergeant Whiskeyjack and his Bridgeburners, and Tattersail - the lone surviving sorceress of the Second Legion - the aftermath of the siege of Pale should have been a time to draw breath and mourn the dead. But Empress Laseen's gaze has moved on and fallen upon the ancient citadel of Darujhistan. The last of the Free Cities of Genabackis, it proclaims its defiance and still holds out against her. However the empire is not alone in this great and bloody game. Sinister forces are gathering, and it would seem that the gods themselves are preparing to play their hand... **HC \$54.95**

Ken Eulo*The House of Caine*

When Rob Martin left Millhouse, he was barely out of his teens and Millhouse was his beloved hometown. Ten years later, Rob returns for a brief visit and finds that beneath the calm surface of small-town America, a terrible evil is brewing.

For decades, vampires have lived secretly in Millhouse, selecting victims who will not be missed. Now a great thirst is upon them, for blood and the pleasures of the flesh. Now they have grown more brazen, seducing not just vulnerable loners but some of Millhouse's leading citizens. Rob's old girlfriend, Elizabeth, is having amazing erotic dreams, dreams that leave her feeling drained and weak the next morning, afraid and yet eager to return to sleep

As mutilated bodies turn up, drained of blood, the sheriff and town council look for a normal explanation for the wave of violence that is engulfing their town - but there is nothing normal about a nest of vampires. Only Rob, his best friend Tony, and a few stalwarts are prepared to drive a stake through the heart of the vampire menace. But will they act fast enough to save Elizabeth's life... and soul? **BPB \$24.99**

Al Ewing*Death Got No Mercy (Afterblight Chronicles)*

Traveling to San Francisco when one of the few people he cares for lands in trouble, a knife-wielding Cade finds himself confronting such adversaries as religious fanatics, coupon-clipping cannibals and violent free-love hippies. **PB \$19.95**

Christine Feehan*Street Game (Ghost Walkers 08)*

For Mack McKinley and his team of GhostWalker killing machines, urban warfare is an art. But despite a hard-won knowledge of the San Francisco streets, Mack knows from experience that too many things can still go wrong. Danger was just another part of the game - and now he's come face-to-face with a woman who can play just as tough. She's Jaimie, a woman with a sapphire stare so potent it can destroy a man. Years ago she and Mack had a history - volatile, erotic and electric. Then she vanished. But now she's walked back into Mack's life again, as a spy with more secrets than are good for her. Against all odds, she's hooking up with Mack one more time to take on an enemy that could destroy them both, or bring them back together in one hot, no-holds-barred adrenaline rush. **APB \$19.99**

Raymond E Feist*At the Gates of Chaos (Demonwar 02)*

Recent events have shocked and devastated the Conclave of Shadows; the discovery of the Demon horde that is following the elven invaders of Midkemia; the rise of the mad magician Belasco, and the personal cost paid by Pug and his family. But grieving for lost loved-ones must wait. The followers of the Demon prince have almost succeeded in bringing him through the dimensions. The Conclave must regroup and find a way to meet the approaching evil, whilst trying to stop civil war from destroying Triagia before the demon horde even arrives. **HC \$49.99**

Jasper Fforde

Shades of Grey

No one could cheat the Colourman and the colour test. What you got was what you were, forever. Your life, career and social standing decided right there and then, and all worrisome life-uncertainties eradicated forever. You knew who you were, what you would do, where you would go, and what was expected of you. In return, you simply accepted your rung upon the Chromatic ladder, and assiduously followed the Rulebook. Your life was mapped. And all in the time it takes to bake a tray of scones . . .

Eddie Russett lives comfortably in a world where fortune, career and ultimate destiny are rigidly dictated by the colours you can see. Until he falls in love with a Grey named Jane, and starts to question every aspect of the Rulebook. Why are spoons illegal? And what actually happens to all those people who are sent to the Emerald City to Reboot? **TP \$32.99 HC \$51.95**

Eric Flint & Dave Freer

The Sorceress of Karres (Karres 03)

As Captain Pausert had often had occasion to observe, life just wasn't fair! Hadn't he (with the help of the notorious witches of Karres, of course) outmaneuvered the deadliest of space pirates and eliminated the threat of the Worm World (as told in *The Witches of Karres*), after which, at the least, he deserved some time off. No such luck, though, as the Empress herself sent him on a secret mission to stop the nanite plague, but an enemy had somehow convinced the Imperial Fleet that he was actually a wanted criminal, so after a battle leaving his ship in urgent need of repairs all three of them joined an interstellar traveling circus (don't ask!) in order to save the galaxy once again (as told in *The Wizard of Karres*).

Time for a vacation? Don't be ridiculous—there's a new urgent mission that has Captain Pausert's name on it! This new novel finds the long-suffering Captain and the two young Karres witches—Goth, who vows she will marry him when she grows up, and her younger sister The Leewit—being sent off to investigate mysterious and ominous events in the notorious Chaladoor region of space. Goth soon becomes aware that unknown but surely inimical forces are tracking them, and in order to foil them she takes a desperate route to travel back in time and meet Pausert as a young boy. Meanwhile, the Captain and the Leewit find themselves in the middle of their own desperate situation in the Chaladoor.

Whoever it was who said that a change was as good as a vacation never met any of the Witches of Karres—nor experienced their amazing talent for getting Captain Pausert into trouble. **HC \$49.95**

Jacquelyn Frank

Hunting Julian (Gatherers)

While on Earth to bring back the Chosen--women who possess potent energy to help revitalize his people--Julian Sawyer, an Advocate for his colony, meets his destiny in the stunning Asia, who, unbeknownst to him, believes him to be a ruthless killer responsible for the disappearance of her sister. **APB \$19.95**

Celia (C S) Friedman

Feast of Souls (Magister 01)

Against a backdrop of glittering kingdoms and dark prophecies, a rogue magister and a dying prince fight for their lives. Magisters from across the known world are gathering for an unusual meeting. King Aurelius has summoned them to heal his dying son, who has fallen victim to an incurable wasting disease. The King has demanded an explanation and a cure, yet appearances are deceptive. It's clear to the initiated that a magister is responsible - so the order remains quiet and organises a manhunt to silence the culprit. But while men are distracted, strangeness is stirring in the world. An ancient evil is rising in the north, but the old warnings are long forgotten. Only those carrying the Protector bloodline feel fear and their numbers are few. So the powerful will soon find themselves playing a new and more dangerous game. **BPB \$22.99**

Wings of Wrath (Magister 02)

In a world where the price of magic is life itself, a group of seemingly immortal sorcerers called Magisters appears to have cheated the system. But only one man knows the true origin of their power, or understands what it may soon cost them. Now Kamala - a young woman born to poverty and abuse, the first of her sex to claim a Magister's power - will seek her rightful place among them, and lay siege to their secrets. The monk Salvator will claim his father's throne, and test his faith against a legendary darkness. The beautiful Siderea Aminestas, consort to Magisters, will be offered the thing she desires most...at the cost of her human soul. All while an ancient Evil that was thought to be destroyed long ago begins to stir anew, corrupting kings, shattering alliances, and ultimately threatening to unweave the very fabric of human civilization. A mystical bloodline was cultivated to stand in the path of darkness and it must awaken to its full potential. But this will demand the ultimate sacrifice of its warriors...and corruption is rife. **TP \$32.99**

Yasmine Galenorn

Bone Magic (Otherworld 07)

Another equinox is here, and life's getting more tumultuous for the D'Artigo sisters. Smoky, the dragon of Camille's dreams, must choose between his family and her. Plus, the sisters can't locate the new demon general in town. And Camille's summoned to Otherworld, thinking she'll reunite with her long-lost soul mate Trillian. But once there, she must undergo a drastic ritual that will forever change her and those she loves. **APB \$19.95**

Kathleen O'Neal Gear & W Michael Gear

People of the Thunder (People)

By 1300 AD, the Sky Hand people had crushed and enslaved the Albaamaha people and built their high-walled capital, Split Sky City, to dominate towns up and down the Black Warrior River. But a violent wind is brewing that may topple the city's mighty walls. Great armies are on the march, and a cunning new leader, Smoke Shield, has risen. He will lead the Sky Hand people either to stunning triumph or to bloody doom.

Old White, Trader, and the mystical Two Petals are journeying across the Choctaw lands straight into the chaos. Old White, the Seeker, must play a delicate game of espionage. For Trader the slightest indiscretion - let alone the temptation of forbidden love - could lead to disaster. Two Petals, the Contrary, faces the toughest choice of all: she must betray herself and her friends to Smoke Shield or live forever in the backward grip of madness. And Spirit Power has laid a far deadlier trap for them in the rainbow colours just beneath the rolling surface of the Black Warrior River. **APB \$16.99**

Donna Grant

Dangerous Highlander (Dark Sword 01)

First in a breathtaking new series, the bold and passionate Lucan MacLeod—one of three brothers cursed by dark magic for eternity—is driven by desire for the one woman he dare not let himself possess...

He is magnificently strong—and dangerously seductive. One of the fiercest of his clan, Lucan MacLeod is a legend among warriors, inspiring fear in man and woman alike. For three hundred years, he has locked himself away from the world, hiding the vengeful god imprisoned in his soul. But then, a young lass caught in a raging storm awakens his deepest impulses...and darkest desires.

Cara doesn't believe the rumors about MacLeod castle—until the majestic Highland warrior appears like a fiery vision in the storm, pulling her into his powerful arms, and into his world of magic and Druids. An epic war between good and evil is brewing. And Lucan must battle his all-consuming attraction for Cara—or surrender to the flames of a reckless, impossible love that threatens to destroy them both... **PB \$19.95**

Walter Greatshell

Apocalypse Blues (Xombies)

When the Agent X plague struck, it infected women first, turning them into mindless killers intent only on creating an army of 'Xombies' by spreading their disease.

Running for her life, seventeen-year-old Lulu is rescued by the father she has never known and taken aboard a refitted nuclear submarine that has one mission: to save a little bit of humanity. **APB \$19.95**

Simon R Green

Just Another Judgement Day (Nightside 09)

God's own enforcer, the righteous engine of destruction known as the Walking Man, has come to the Nightside. His sole purpose is the elimination of the wicked and the guilty, which means no one will be left in the Nightside once he gets started. So the Authorities have hired P.I. John Taylor to stop him. Legend has it that he can't be killed. Taylor is very much hoping that the legend isn't true. **APB \$19.95**

The Good, the Bad, and the Uncanny (Nightside 10)

Things were going so well for P.I. John Taylor, that it was only a matter of time before everything hit the fan. Walker, the powerful, ever-present, never-to-be-trusted agent who runs the Nightside on behalf of The Authorities, is dying. And he wants John to be his successor—a job that comes with more baggage, and more enemies, than anyone can possibly imagine. **HC \$51.95**

Joe Haldeman

Starbound (02)

Carmen Dula and her husband have spent six years travelling to a distant solar system that is home to the enigmatic, powerful race known as "The Others," in the hopes of finding enough common purpose between their species to forge a delicate truce.

By the time Carmen and her party return, fifty years have been consumed by relativity—and the Earthlings have not been idle, building a massive flotilla of warships to defend Earth against The Others. But The Others have more power than any could imagine—and they will brook no insolence from the upstart human race. **HC \$51.95**

Molly Harper

Nice Girls Don't Live Forever (Jane Jameson 03)

Nothing sucks the romance out of world travel like a boyfriend who may or may not have broken up with you in a hotel room in Brussels. Jane Jameson's sexy sire Gabriel has always been unpredictable, but the seductive, anonymous notes that await him at each stop of their international vacation, coupled with his evasive behavior over the past few months, finally push Jane onto the next flight home to Half Moon Hollow -- alone, upset, and unsure whether Gabriel just ended their relationship without actually telling her.

Now the children's-librarian-turned-vampire is reviving with plenty of Faux Type O, some TLC from her colorful friends and family, and her plans for a Brave New Jane. Step One: Get her newly renovated occult bookstore off the ground. Step Two: Support her best friend, Zeb, and his werewolf bride as they prepare for the impending birth of their baby...or litter. Step Three: Figure out who's been sending her threatening letters, and how her hostile pen pal is tied to Gabriel. Because for this nice girl, surviving a broken heart is suddenly becoming a matter of life and undead. **APB \$19.95**

Barb Hendee

Blood Memories (Vampire Memories 01)

For ages, they have lived among mortals, in the shadows, hiding their true selves from the eyes of humanity - until now.

Eleisha Clevon is no angel, although she has the face of one. A vampire, he's far older than she looks - and she makes men yearn to care for her. A few even survive the experience. Eleisha might not like to kill, but she knows self-preservation must come first.

So when an old vampire friend kills himself, Eleisha is shocked. What she finds afterward shows how world-weary he had become - hoarding drained corpses and keeping the records of vampires' actual names and addresses. Now the police know who Eleisha is and, more alarmingly, what she is. But she soon realizes that being known may have its pros - even if it puts her and her kind at risk. **APB \$19.95**

C J Henderson

Brooklyn Knight

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

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

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

What looks like an ordinary inscribed stone may unlock an otherworldly Armageddon that certain dark powers are all too eager to bring about--and only Piers Knight stands in their way. **TP \$30.95**

Paul Hoffman

The Left Hand of God (01)

sten. The Sanctuary of the Redeemers on Shotover Scarp is named after a damned lie for there is no redemption that goes on there and less sanctuary.'

The Sanctuary of the Redeemers is a vast and desolate place – a place without joy or hope. Most of its occupants were taken there as boys and for years have endured the brutal regime of the Lord Redeemers whose cruelty and violence have one singular purpose – to serve in the name of the One True Faith.

In one of the Sanctuary's vast and twisting maze of corridors stands a boy. He is perhaps fourteen or fifteen years old – he is not sure and neither is anyone else. He has long-forgotten his real name, but now they call him Thomas Cale. He is strange and secretive, witty and charming, violent and profoundly bloody-minded. He is so used to the cruelty that he seems immune, but soon he will open the wrong door at the wrong time and witness an act so terrible that he will have to leave this place, or die.

His only hope of survival is to escape across the arid Scablands to Memphis, a city the opposite of the Sanctuary in every way: breathtakingly beautiful, infinitely Godless, and deeply corrupt. But the Redeemers want Cale back at any price... not because of the secret he now knows but because of a much more terrifying secret he does not. **TP \$32.95**

Nancy Holzner*Deadtown (01)*

If you were undead, you'd be home by now...

They call it Deadtown: the city's quarantined section for its inhuman and undead residents. Most humans stay far from its borders-but Victory Vaughn, Boston's only professional demon slayer, isn't exactly human. **APB \$19.95**

Faith Hunter*Blood Cross (Jane Yellowrock 02)*

Jane Yellowrock is back on the prowl against the children of the night...

The vampire council has hired skinwalker Jane Yellowrock to hunt and kill one of their own who has broken sacred ancient rules-but Jane quickly realizes that in a community that is thousands of years old, loyalties run deep... **APB \$19.95**

Eric Idle*Monty Python Live!*

Despite its evergreen, cross-generational fan base, there hasn't been a new Monty Python book by all the (surviving) Pythons in thirty years. On their fortieth anniversary, Monty Python Live! focuses primarily on their stage show and includes original material written for the book -- oral histories, essays -- from all living members, as well as much archival material never before in print.

Books, DVDs and other Python paraphernalia have remained bestsellers for the last four decades, and fans are always eager for something new. Eric Idle -- who is editing and designing -- has committed to 5-7 days of live events, radio and TV tapings, digital promotion, and more. Cleese, Gilliam, Jones, and Palin will also participate if they're available. They are all excited about this book (and about still being around after forty years) and want to help however they can. **HC \$40**

Alexander Jablovok*Brain Thief*

Eternal Haydon-Rumi, executive assistant to a funder of eccentric projects, drops by his boss's house on the way home from a business trip. By the next morning, he's been knocked out, his wealthy socialite boss Muriel has stolen a car and vanished, and the AI designed for planetary exploration that she's been funding turns out to be odder than it should be. In figuring out what's going on, Bernal has to deal with an anti-AI activist toting a handmade electronic arsenal, a local serial killer, a drug dealer with a business problem, a cryonic therapist stalked by past mistakes—and someone who specifically wants Bernal dead.

Brain Thief is a fun, literate speculative fiction adventure, sort of New England cyberpunk noir, set a year or ten from now, somewhere between the Berkshires and Boston, and includes, at no extra charge, a 30-foot-tall fiberglass cowgirl. **HC \$51.95**

Sid Jacobson*Vlad the Impaler: Man Who Was Dracula*

From the bestselling author/illustrator team of the 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation comes the truly gory tale of the historical Dracula. The Dracula myth has sparked a legacy of endlessly entertaining creepy tales. The fictional character, originally penned by Bram Stoker, was inspired by and named after a real-life fiend—Prince Vlad Dracula, the fifteenth-century ruler of Wallachia—a man infamous for massacring and impaling his enemies. In brilliant four-color illustrations, Vlad the Impaler tells the ghastly prince's life story from his seizure as a boy by the Turkish Sultan, to his love life, to his maniacal attempts to retain power regardless of whose throat he must slit. From the bestselling writer and illustrator team who brought us The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation—hailed by Stan Lee as 'beautifully and compellingly written and illustrated. . . . It will surely set the standard for all future works of contemporary history, graphic or otherwise'—this graphic novel, based on a true story, is replete with gory details of torture tactics. Ideal for readers who made 30 Days of Night and World War Z bestsellers, the combination of riveting legend and blood-and-guts drawings will be an anticipated addition to the graphic novel fan's library. **HC \$39.95**

Julie Kenner*Turned (Blood Lily Chronicles 03)*

Three consecutive months—three explosive novels of The Blood Lily Chronicles.

When Lily Carlyle died in an act of vengeance, she came back as an assassin for the light. But when she discovered her masters' true darkness, she decided to choose the right side for once...

Her own.

With her cover as a double agent inside the forces of evil blown, Lily has no choice but to go underground. She takes along a cadre of warriors: humans, angels, demons, and other trusted creatures. Their only hope is to stop the forces who are attempting to use the Ninth gate as a wedge that will unleash the fury of Hell. **APB \$19.95**

Jack Ketchum*The Lost*

Two teenage friends bear silent witness to a third's murder of two campers in the summer of 1965, and four years later a cop determined to solve the crime puts them in mortal danger. **PB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Kostova*The Historian*

Late one night, exploring her father's library, a young woman finds an ancient book and a cache of yellowing letters addressed ominously to 'My dear and unfortunate successor'. Her discovery plunges her into a world she never dreamed of - a labyrinth where the secrets of her father's past and her mother's mysterious fate connect to an evil hidden in the depths of history. In those few quiet moments, she unwittingly assumes a quest she will discover is her birthright - a hunt for the truth about Vlad the Impaler, the medieval ruler whose barbarous reign formed the basis of the Dracula myth. Deciphering obscure signs and hidden texts, reading codes worked into the fabric of medieval monastic traditions, and evading terrifying adversaries, one woman comes ever closer to the secret of her own past and a confrontation with the very definition of evil. **PB \$24.99**

Jayne Ann Krentz*Running Hot (Arcane Society 03)*

Reluctantly paired for a murder investigation by the paranormal Arcane Society, former cop Luther Malone and aura-reading librarian Grace Renquist find their mutual disgust dissolving into a powerful attraction during a case that is further complicated by operatives for a ruthless underground psychic group. **PB \$19.95**

Lynn Kurland*A Tapestry of Spells (Nine Kingdoms 04)*

The compelling start of a new fantasy romance trilogy set in the world of the Nine Kingdoms, from New York Times bestselling author Lynn Kurland

Return to the world of the Nine Kingdoms with New York Times bestselling author Lynn Kurland as a new evil, and a new passion, emerges.

Sarah's brother has embraced the dark arts, vowing to destroy the Nine Kingdoms, and she doesn't have the power to stop him. Now she must risk everything to thwart his plans, even though she fears the quest will reveal the secret she's kept all her life.

After seeing his entire family slain by magic, Ruithneadh swore never to use his power again. But when Sarah pleads for his help, he's thrust back into a life of enchantments and peril, and a quest capable of unraveling the entire fabric of the Nine Kingdoms. **TP \$30.95**

Jay Lake*Death of a Starship*

Working for a bureau that investigates anomalous events, operative Father Jonah Menard, pursued by the alien-killing Golliwog, looks into the bizarre reappearance of a long-lost battleship and hears an astonishing tale with links to mysterious entities and political betrayals. **BPB \$21.95**

Shelly Laurenston*The Mane Event (Mane)*

Mace Llewellyn. Brendon Shaw. Two tall, gorgeous, sexy alpha heroes who are 100% male—with a little something extra. Lion-shifters, to be exact, who can unleash every woman's animal side and still look good—make that spectacular—in a suit...and even better out of it...

NYPD cop Desiree 'Dez' MacDermot knows she's changed a lot since she palled around with her childhood buddy, Mace. But it's fair to say that Mace has changed even more. It isn't just those too-sexy gold eyes, or the six-four, built-like-a-Navy Seal body. It's something in the way he sniffs her neck and purrs, making her entire body tingle... Meanwhile, for Tennessean Ronnie Lee Reed, New York City is the place where any girl—even one who runs with a Pack—can redefine herself. First order of business: find a mate, settle down, and stop using men for sex. Even big, gorgeous, lion shifter men like Brendon Shaw. But she needn't worry, because now that Brendon's set his sights on her, the predator in him is ready to pounce and never let go... **APB \$17.95**

James D MacDonald*The Apocalypse Door*

The world is a dangerous place, and it's Peter Crossman's job to protect it. Men of the cloth can only do so much against ancient evils – you need the ancient strength of faith. That's where Peter Crossman, Knight Templar in modern America, comes in. Crossman's world is yours and mine. Governments and businesses squabble, people go out for coffee, folks meet and fall in love, and the Red Sox will win the Series when Hell freezes over. But that last just might happen if Crossman doesn't get his latest assignment right. **BPB \$24.99**

Mari Mancusi*Bad Blood (Blood Coven Vampire)*

Sunny McDonald is in the ultimate forbidden relationship. Her boyfriend Magnus is a vampire, and the leader of the Blood Coven. And when the Coven decides that Magnus needs a mate to be his co-ruler, Sunny's humanity puts her out of the running. The Coven's chosen candidate is Jane Johnson, a magna cum laude graduate of Oxford University who just happens to look like a vampiric supermodel.

Sunny is suspicious of a Rhodes Scholar who can't answer the most basic poli-sci questions, but Magnus brushes it off as petty jealousy. Still, when the Blood Coven goes to Las Vegas for a vampire convention, Sunny and her twin sister Rayne secretly tag along. And Sunny's not going home before she learns the truth about Jane. Because not everything stays in Vegas—especially bad blood. **TP \$21.95**

Gail Z Martin*Dark Lady's Chosen (Necromancer 04)*

The fourth thrilling installment of Gail Z Martin's Chronicles of the Necromancer series sees Tris's kingdom on the brink of collapse and fate of Jonmarc Vahanian hanging in the balance as the vampires and the undead enter into a deadly civil war and threaten to unleash an even greater danger onto the world **APB \$19.95**

Graham Masterton*Blind Panic*

People across the country are struck suddenly and totally blind, rendering them helpless against the Native American spirit warriors who, thirsty for blood, have risen to destroy their oppressors, in the sequel to Manitou. **APB \$19.95**

Liz Maverick*Crimson and Steam (Crimson City 08)*

As a new plot evolves in Crimson City, threatening to destroy all vampires and werewolves, ill-fated lovers Marius, a vampire, and Jill, a mortal, must race against time to find a way to achieve peace and stop the darkness from rising. **APB \$14.95**

Melissa Mayhue*A Highlander's Destiny (Daughters of the Glen 05)*

When her sister mysteriously disappears, Destiny Noble, abandoned by everyone she's ever loved, uses her visions to find the truth and is led to Jesse Coryell, a descendant of the Fae--and her soulmate--forcing her to choose between a life with Jesse and saving her sister. **PB \$19.95**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough*Catalyst (Basque Cats 01)*

The authors of the Powers That Be series introduce a universe in which space-faring humans are aided by remarkable telepathic cats, invaluable felines whose survival is threatened by a corrupt government edict to control a health threat by impounding and destroying animals throughout the galaxy. **HC \$52.95**

Robert R McCammon*Swan Song*

"We're about to cross the point of no return. God help us; we're bestselling author flying in the dark and we don't know where the hell we're going."

Facing down an unprecedented malevolent enemy, the government responds with a nuclear attack. America as it was is gone forever, and now every citizen -- from the President of the United States to the homeless on the streets of New York City -- will fight for survival. **TP \$26.99**

Erin McCarthy*The Taking (Deadly Sins 03)*

Heiress Regan Henry knows that passion can be an illusion, and she keeps her emotions in check-until she falls under the spell of the beguiling Felix LeBlanc. He knows that the rumors that her mansion is haunted are true, and that he's the only one who can save her from the spirits residing there. But the only way he can do it is to sacrifice his last chance at redemption...or risk a love that could consign them both to an eternity of evil.

PB \$19.95

Fern Michaels*Vanishing Act (Sisterhood 15)*

After Harry Wong--Yoko's true love and a staunch supporter of the Sisterhood--becomes a victim of an identity-theft ring, the Sisters carefully craft their own brand of vigilante justice. **PB \$19.95**

Martin Millar*Lonely Werewolf Girl (01)*

As teenage werewolf Kalix MacRinnalch is pursued through the streets of London by murderous hunters, her sister, the Werewolf Enchantress, is busy designing clothes for the Fire Queen. Meanwhile, in the Scottish Highlands, the MacRinnalch Clan is plotting and feuding after the head of the clan suddenly dies intestate. As the court intrigue threatens to explode in all-out civil war, the competing factions determine that Kalix is the swing vote necessary to assume leadership of the clan. Unfortunately, Kalix isn't really into clan politics - laudanum s more her thing. But what s even more unfortunate is that Kalix is the reason the head of the clan ended up dead, which is why she s now on the run in London... **BPB \$19.99**

L E Modesitt Jr*Arms-Commander (Recluce 16)*

Arms-Commander takes place ten years after the end of The Chaos Balance and tells the story of the legendary Saryn. The keep of Westwind, in the cold mountainous heights called the Roof of the World, is facing attack by the adjoining land of Gallos. Arthanos, son and heir to the ailing Prefect of Gallos, wishes to destroy Westwind because the idea of a land where women rule is total anathema to him.

Saryn, Arms-Commander of Westwind, is dispatched to a neighboring land, Lornth, to seek support against the Gallosians. In the background, the trading council of Suthya is secretly and informally allied with Gallos against Westwind and begins to bribe lord-holders in Lornth to foment rebellion and civil war. They hope to create such turmoil in Lornth that the weakened land will fall to Suthya. But Zeldyan, regent of Lornth, has problems in her family. To secure Zeldyan's aid, Saryn must pledge her personal support—and any Westwind guard forces she can raise—to the defense of Zeldyan and her son. The fate of four lands, including Westwind, rests on Saryn's actions. **HC \$56.95**

Melina Morel*Smolder*

Satisfaction can be found in the darkest places. From Melinda Morel, the award-winning author of *Prey* and *Devour* Vengeance has its price. But you pay for passion forever... Descended from werewolf hunters, Catherine Marais has vanquished countless of their vile kind-including the one that slaughtered her father. Her debt of blood and honor was fulfilled-but her heart is empty. The only one who ignites Catherine's passion is Ian-a handsome, elegant vampire whose seductive touch she cannot resist. But when he offers her the dark temptation of eternal commitment to each other, Catherine must look within her heart-and her truest desires-to find the answers she seeks... **APB \$17.95**

Andrew Neiderman*Guardian Angel*

After a one-night stand with Steve Wallace, whom she met at a bar, newly separated Megan Wallace becomes the obsession of this sick and twisted man who believes she is his "perfect" woman. **APB \$19.95**

Pierre Pevil*Cardinal's Blade*

Paris, 1633. Louis XIII reigns over France and Cardinal Richelieu governs the country. One of the most dangerous and most powerful men in Europe, Richelieu keeps a constant, sharp eye on the enemies of the Crown to avoid their assassination attempts, thwart their spies and avert their warmongering. The nobility keep tiny dragonnets as pets; royal couriers ride tame wyverns and lethal man-shaped scaled dracs roam the country. But the power rising from the Court of Dragons is anything but mundane; the Black Claw sect draws on dragons as they once were: ancient, terrible, utterly merciless and poised to move against France. Faced with the growing threat from Spain, Richelieu must persuade Captain la Fargue, an exceptional swordsman, devoted officer and brilliant leader and his legenday company of swashbucklers and rogues, to once again risk their lives, fortunes and reputations for Richelieu and for France. **TP \$32.99**

Terry Pratchett*Making Money (Anniversary Edition) (Discworld 31)*

It's an offer you can't refuse. Who would not to wish to be the man in charge of Ankh-Morpork's Royal Mint and the bank next door? It's a job for life. But, as former con-man Moist von Lipwig is learning, the life is not necessarily for long. The Chief Cashier is almost certainly a vampire. There's something nameless in the cellar (and the cellar itself is pretty nameless), it turns out that the Royal Mint runs at a loss. A 300 year old wizard is after his girlfriend, he's about to be exposed as a fraud, but the Assassins Guild might get him first. In fact lot of people want him dead Oh. And every day he has to take the Chairman for walkies. Everywhere he looks he's making enemies. What he should be doing is . . . Making Money! **BPB \$24.95**

Monstrous Regiment (Anniversary Edition) (Discworld 28)

It began as a sudden strange fancy . . . Polly Perks had to become a boy in a hurry. Cutting off her hair and wearing trousers was easy. Learning to fart and belch in public and walk like an ape took more time . . . And now she's enlisted in the army, and searching for her lost brother. But there's a war on. There's always a war on. And Polly and her fellow recruits are suddenly in the thick of it, without any training, and the enemy is hunting them. All they have on their side is the most artful sergeant in the army and a vampire with a lust for coffee. Well . . . They have the Secret. And as they take the war to the heart of the enemy, they have to use all the resources of . . . the Monstrous Regiment. **BPB \$24.95**

Night Watch (Anniversary Edition) (Discworld 27)

Commander Sam Vimes of the Ankh-Morpork City Watch had it all. But now he's back in his own rough, tough past without even the clothes he was standing up in when the lightning struck... Living in the past is hard. Dying in the past is incredibly easy. But he must survive, because he has a job to do. He must track down a murderer, teach his younger self how to be a good copper and change the outcome of a bloody rebellion.

There's a problem: if he wins, he's got no wife, no child, no future...

A Discworld Tale of One City, with a full chorus of street urchins, ladies of negotiable affection, rebels, secret policemen and other children of the revolution. Truth! Justice! Freedom! And a Hard-boiled Egg! **BPB \$24.95**

Douglas Preston*Impact*

Wyman Ford is tapped for a secret expedition to Cambodia... to locate the source of strangely beautiful gemstones that do not appear to be of this world. A brilliant meteor lights up the Maine coast... and two young women borrow a boat and set out for a distant island to find the impact crater. A scientist at the National Propulsion Facility discovers an inexplicable source of gamma rays in the outer Solar System. He is found decapitated, the data missing. High resolution NASA images reveal an unnatural feature hidden in the depths of a crater on Mars... and it appears to have been activated.

Sixty hours and counting. **HC \$52.95**

Z A Recht*Plague of the Dead*

After the Morningstar virus turns much of the world population into zombies, a battle-hardened general protects dozens of refugees, while back in the United States, an Army colonel discovers an even darker side of the virus and collaborates with a well-known journalist to leak the information to the public. **TP \$30.95**

Judith Reeves-Stevens & Garfield Reeves-Stevens*The White Island*

A nine-thousand-year-old conspiracy. Three families. One secret. The epic race to uncover history's greatest mystery has begun. **HC \$45**

Laura Resnick*Doppelgangster (Esther Diamond 02)*

Out-of-work actress Esther Diamond, while waiting tables, stumbles upon mystical mayhem and must once again call on Max the magician and Detective Connor Lopez for help when a gangster meets his demise at the hands of his doppelganger. **APB \$19.95**

Mike Resnick*Flagship (Starship 05)*

Wilson Cole, the crew of the starship Theodore Roosevelt and their ragtag armada must find a way past the Republic's Navy if they are to infiltrate the planet Deluros VIII and overthrow the government, a conundrum compounded by the fact that a new threat looms on the horizon. **HC \$52.95**

Alastair Reynolds*Chasm City (Revelation Space)*

Tanner Mirabel was a security specialist who never made a mistake - until the day a woman in his care was blown away by Argent Reivich, a vengeful young postmortal. Tanner's pursuit of Reivich takes him across light-years of space to Chasm City, the domed human settlement on the otherwise inhospitable planet of Yellowstone. But Chasm City is not what it was. The one-time high-tech utopia has become a Gothic nightmare: a nanotechnological virus has corrupted the city's inhabitants as thoroughly as it has the buildings and machines. Before the chase is done, Tanner will have to confront truths which reach back centuries, towards deep space and an atrocity history barely remembers. **BPB \$24.99**

Gord Rollo*Strange Magic*

Starting a new life in Pennsylvania, Wilson Kemp, a former magician, soon discovers that he cannot hide from his dark past when a mysterious stranger arrives accompanied by an old, battered trunk that contains an unspeakable horror. **PB \$19.95**

Margaret Ronald*Wild Hunt (Evie Scelan 02)*

Genevieve Scelan thought she was done with magic. She was wrong.

Sure, six weeks earlier Evie—bike messenger, supernatural tracker, and avid Red Sox fan—had been instrumental in bringing down the Fiana, the organization of magicians that had ruled Boston's undercurrent for hundreds of years. But now they were gone, Boston could breathe easy again, the Sox had a chance at the pennant, and Evie was ready to relax.

Except it turns out that when you take down the guy on top, everyone assumes you're going to fill his spot, and now Evie finds herself at the center of a whole lot of unwelcome magical attention. On top of that, a new client needs her to call up a family ghost and ask about a stolen inheritance; Evie's friend Nate has a supernatural problem of his own; and a legendary pack of hounds has been terrorizing Boston's undercurrent. And try as Evie might to deny the legacy that runs through her blood, when the Hunt is called, the Hound must run . . . **PB \$19.95**

Denise Rossetti*The Flame and the Shadow*

Some are drawn to the light. Some are drawn to the dark. Some desire both...

Grayson of Concordia, known on countless worlds as the Duke of Ombra, is a mercenary, a sorcerer of shadows—a man whose soul is consumed by darkness. For Gray, the bleak savagery in his heart is manifest in an entity he calls Shad. He has long resisted Shad's enticements, but when he is hired to kidnap a fire witch, he seizes the chance to restore his soul—no matter the cost.

Cenda's heart is ash. Since the death of her precious baby daughter, life has lost all meaning for the fire witch. Slowly, she has worked to master her powers and go on living. But when she encounters Gray, her will is no match for her desire. But her love may not survive the terrible discovery of Gray's betrayal... **PB \$19.95**

William Shatner*Tek War*

TP \$30.95

Ali Shaw*The Girl With Glass Feet*

An inventive and richly visual novel about young lovers on a quest to find a cure for a magical ailment, perfect for readers of Alice Hoffman

Strange things are happening on the remote and snowbound archipelago of St. Hauda's Land. Unusual winged creatures flit around the icy bogland, albino animals hide themselves in the snow-glazed woods, and Ida Maclaird is slowly turning into glass. Ida is an outsider in these parts, a mainlander who has visited the islands only once before. Yet during that one fateful visit the glass transformation began to take hold, and now she has returned in search of a cure.

Midas Crook is a young loner who has lived on the islands his entire life. When he meets Ida, something about her sad, defiant spirit pierces his emotional defenses. As Midas helps Ida come to terms with her affliction, she gradually unpicks the knots of his heart. Love must be paid in precious hours and, as the glass encroaches, time is slipping away fast. Will they find a way to stave off the spread of the glass?

The Girl with Glass Feet is a dazzlingly imaginative and magical first novel, a love story to treasure. **HC \$49.95**

David Sherman & Dan Cragg*Wings of Hell (Starfist 13)*

With powerful alien invaders intent on destroying all humankind, members of the 34th FIST are given the task of infiltrating and destroying an alien base, while at home, on the eve of the presidential election, political intrigue could destroy any chance of success. **APB \$19.95**

Double Jeopardy (Starfist 14)

Released from quarantine upon Earth's discovery of the alien Skink threat, Lieutenant Bass and his men of the 34th FIST unit struggle with internal limitations while planning to locate and invade the Skink home world, an effort that is influenced by a report from the planet of IshTar. **HC \$51.95**

Scott Sigler*Contagious (Infected 02)*

When the seeds landed on Chelsea Jewell, they made her seven-year-old body and mind the incubator for the worst plague ever to attack the planet. Mankind's best hope of defence is Perry Dawsey: host-turned-hunter, bloodthirsty psychotic, and with his strange new ability a key member of the black-ops team leading a deadly battle against the mysterious disease that is spreading across America. Now Dawsey and the rest of the black-ops team are in a desperate race to find and destroy Chelsea and her family before it's too late. **APB \$19.99**

Dan Simmons*Drood*

Sealed for 125 years, a secret manuscript by Charles Dickens' friend and some-time collaborator Wilkie Collins, reveals the dark secret that obsessed both men - a secret that not only ended their long friendship, but also brought each writer to the very brink of murder. By night Dickens and Collins began stalking the underbelly of London, obsessed with corpses, catacombs, murders, lime pits, opium dens, disguises and serial killers. Research... or something darker? Or perhaps Wilkie Collins - a laudanum addict with a seething, Salieri-esque jealousy of Dickens' success - had another agenda altogether? **BPB \$24.95**

Alexander Gordon Smith*Death Sentence (Furnace 03)*

In order to escape them, I must become one of them. We were so close. We had one last shot at freedom and we failed. This time the warden will show us no mercy. Only death won't come for us here, not in Furnace. It wouldn't dare. No, our fate is something much, much worse. Because in the bloodstained laboratories deep beneath the prison lies the horrific truth behind the warden's plans. Down here, monsters are made. **PB \$16.99**

Lucy A Snyder*Spellbent*

When her lover, Cooper Marron, is ripped from this world, leaving her alone to battle against a vicious demon, outlaw Jessie Shimmer, armed with supernatural powers and her familiar, a ferret named Palimpsest, will stop at nothing to find out what happened to Cooper. **APB \$19.95**

Neal Stephenson*Anathem*

Erasmus, 'Raz', is a young avout living in the Concent, a sanctuary for mathematicians, scientists, and philosophers. Three times during history's darkest epochs, violence has invaded and devastated the cloistered community. Yet the avouts have always managed to adapt in the wake of catastrophe. But they now prepare to open the Concent's gates to the outside world, in celebration of a once-a-decade rite. Suddenly, Erasmus finds himself a major player in a drama that will determine the future of his world - as he sets out on an extraordinary odyssey that will carry him to the most dangerous, inhospitable corners of the planet...and beyond. **BPB \$26.95**

Daniel Suarez*Daemon*

When a designer of computer games dies, he leaves behind a program that unravels the Internet's interconnected world. It corrupts, kills, and runs independent of human control. It's up to Detective Peter Sebeck to wrest the world from the malevolent virtual enemy before its ultimate purpose is realized: to destroy civilization... **PB \$21.95**

Freedom

In the opening chapters of Freedom(tm), the Daemon is firmly in control, using an expanded network of real-world, dispossessed darknet operatives to tear apart civilization and rebuild it anew. Soon civil war breaks out in the American Midwest, in a brutal wave of violence that becomes known as the Corn Rebellion. Former detective Pete Sebeck, now the Daemon's most powerful-though reluctant-operative, must lead a small band of enlightened humans toward a populist movement designed to protect the new world order. But the private armies of global business are preparing to crush the Daemon once and for all. In a world of conflicted loyalties, rapidly diminishing human power, and the possibility that anyone can be a spy, what's at stake is nothing less than human freedom's last hope to survive the technology revolution. **HC \$54.95**

Patrick Taylor*An Irish Country Girl*

Readers of Patrick Taylor's books know Mrs. Kinky Kincaid as the unflappable housekeeper who looks after two frequently frazzled doctors in the colourful Irish village of Ballybucklebo. She is a trusted fixture in the lives of those around her, and it often seems as though Kinky has always been there. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Some forty-odd years before and many miles to the south, the girl who would someday be Kinky Kincaid was Maureen O'Hanlon, a farmer's daughter growing up in the emerald hills and glens of County Cork. A precocious girl on the cusp of womanhood, Maureen has a head full of dreams, a heart open to romance, and something more: a gift for seeing beyond the ordinary into the mystic realm of fairies, spirits, and even the dreaded Banshee, whose terrifying wail she first hears on a snowy night in 1922. . . . As she grows into a young woman, Maureen finds herself torn between love and her fondest aspirations, for the future is a mystery even for one blessed with the sight. Encountering both joy and sorrow, Maureen at last finds herself on the road to Ballybucklebo---and the strong and compassionate woman she was always destined to become. An Irish Country Girl is another captivating tale by Patrick Taylor, a true Irish storyteller. **HC \$51.95 CD \$78**

Mark Teppo*Heartland (Codex of Souls 02)*

Markham returns to Paris where he lost his love, and nearly his life. The ancient order of manipulative magicians that once cast him out is now in turmoil. . . a turmoil made all the greater by the swaths of destruction that Markham tried to avert in the Pacific Northwest.

Teamed with an unlikely partner, Markham seeks to overturn the corrupt remains of an order no longer able to police its own practitioners. Yet, he can't escape the feeling that he's still just a pawn in a larger game. **APB \$19.95**

Jack Vance

This Is Me, Jack Vance!: Or, More Properly, This Is "I"

Living in interesting times: Jack Vance has long been one of the most influential, admired and imitated writers in science fiction and fantasy literature, the award-winning author of such widely acclaimed works as *The Dying Earth*, the *Lyonese* trilogy, the adventures of Cugel the Clever, the *Demon Princes* series, and many other tales set among the stars, in exotic fantasy realms or on our own Earth. For much of his career, Vance has also been one of the field's most private writers, an author who preferred to let his work speak for him. Now, at last, to coincide with the release of the tribute anthology *Songs of the Dying Earth*, Jack gives us this intimate and fascinating glimpse into his rich and eventful life, and a valuable insight into how he went about practicing his craft. For fans of the Grand Master's work, these memoirs are something to be treasured. **HC \$78**

Carrie Vaughn

Kitty's House of Horrors (Kitty 07)

REALITY BITES: Talk radio host and werewolf Kitty Norville has agreed to appear on TV's first all-supernatural reality show. She's expecting cheesy competitions and manufactured drama starring shapeshifters, vampires, and psychics. But what begins as a publicity stunt will turn into a fight for her life. The cast members, including Kitty, arrive at the remote mountain lodge where the show is set. As soon as filming starts, violence erupts and Kitty suspects that the show is a cover for a nefarious plot. Then the cameras stop rolling, cast members start dying, and Kitty realizes she and her monster housemates are ironically the ultimate prize in a very different game. Stranded with no power, no phones, and no way to know who can be trusted, she must find a way to defeat the evil closing in . . . before it kills them all. **APB \$19.95**

Joss Ware

Beyond the Night

A man with no future . . .

When Dr. Elliott Drake wakes from a mysterious fifty-year sleep, the world as he knew it is gone. Cities are now desolate, and civilization is controlled by deadly immortals. Stranger still is Elliott's extraordinary new "gift"—he has the power to heal, but it comes with fatal consequences.

A woman with a past . . .

Jade barely escaped the immortals and is now hell-bent on revenge. She trusts no one . . . until Elliott. His piercing gaze and tempting touch shatter her defenses, but the handsome doctor seems to have dangerous secrets of his own. Is it safe to trust him with her heart?

If they are to survive in this dark new world, Jade and Elliott must work together to fight the forces that take them beyond danger.

Beyond desire. **PB \$19.95**

Stephen Woodworth

In Golden Blood (Violet Series 03)

Natalie Lindstrom has a gift: the power to speak to the dead, to solve crimes by interviewing murder victims. But now Natalie wants to escape, from the voices that fill her head, and from the organisation that has used her as a crime-solving tool - and who now wants to recruit her daughter. So Natalie takes a job as far from crime and punishment as she can get: with an archaeologist in the mountains of Peru. Her job: to find a trove of priceless artifacts - by channelling those who lived and died at an ancient Incan site. But in the towering Andes, Natalie enters a 500-year-old storm of betrayal, murder, greed, and rage - and she cannot silence the voices of the dead. The slaughtered reach out to her. The slaughterers boast of their crimes. Alone, cut off from her family, Natalie faces a chilling realisation: every truth she uncovers is leading her one step closer to a terror beyond imagining. **APB \$19.99**

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

Burning Shadows

In *Burning Shadows*, Yarbro looks at the legendary Huns from the perspective of the people who faced the brunt of their attacks. The vampire Saint-Germain seeks sanctuary at an isolated monastery, unwilling to abandon the hundreds of terrified villagers he has led in flight from the Huns. A few Roman soldiers and some village Watchmen are the monastery's defence force - and they are undermined by the religious fervour of some of the monks, who argue that since everyone's fate is in God's hands, it is foolish to defend themselves.

In the hothouse atmosphere of the high-walled monastery, Saint-Germain must take special care when slaking his vampire thirst, for discovery of his True Nature will result in his True Death. **HC \$50**

Timothy Zahn

Odd Girl Out (Quadrail 03)

In this noir thriller set on the interstellar Quadrail, former government agent Frank Compton can't catch a break. After a successful mission against the Modhri, the coral polyp-based group mind that is attempting to take over the galaxy, Frank arrives at his New York apartment. A young woman is waiting for him, pointing a gun at his face. She tells him that someone on New Tigris is holding her ten-year-old sister. Compton takes her gun and orders her out, only to be rousted out of bed and accused of her brutal murder. After Frank's ally Bruce McMicking posts his bail, Frank travels to New Tigris with his assistant, Bayta, and locates the sister, who is part of a key resistance group that is fighting the Modhri throughout the galaxy. Compton must get the girl to a hidden refuge planet via the Quadrail to ensure the continued efforts of the resistance. But can he do it before the Modhri gets to her first? Compelling characters, hard-boiled sleuthing, and non-stop action make this a hard SF thriller that will grab the reader and not let go until the last page. **PB \$19.95**

The Domino Pattern (Quadrail 04)

Frank Compton used to be an agent for the security forces of Earth, but that was a piece of cake compared to what he's had to deal with working for the aliens who run the Quadrail, an interstellar transportation system connecting a dozen civilizations across the galaxy.

He's been trying to end the domination of an alien lifeform called the Modhri. This enormously powerful creature wants to rule the galaxy by controlling the thoughts of all its citizens. It does so by having parts of itself "infect" others on contact, and act as agents for it without them being aware they're being manipulated. When Frank and his assistant Bayta journey to investigate a connection between the Modhri and the Filialians, they come up against a conspiracy on the Quadrail.

Passengers are being murdered...but something besides murder haunts the Quadrail. A plot is brewing that even the Modhri fears. And once again, Frank and Bayta may be the only ones who can stop it. **HC \$51.95**

Timothy Zahn

The Cobra Trilogy (Cobra 01, 02, 03)

The colony worlds Adirondack and Silvern fell to the Troft forces almost without a struggle. Outnumbered and on the defensive, Earth made a desperate decision. It would attack the aliens not from space, but on the ground—with forces the Trofts did not even suspect. Thus were created the Cobras, a guerilla force whose weapons were surgically implanted, invisible to the unsuspecting eye, yet undeniably deadly. But power brings temptation . . . and not all the Cobras could be trusted to fight for Earth alone. Jonny Moreau would learn the uses—and abuses—of his special abilities, and what it truly meant to be a Cobra. This is an omnibus of *Cobra*, *Cobra Strike* and *Cobra Bargain*. **BPB \$24.95**

Anthologies

Jim Butcher, Simon R Green, Kat Richardson & Thomas E Sniegowski

Mean Streets

Here are four novellas featuring Harry Dresden, John Taylor, Harper Blaine, and Remy Chandler...paranormal private investigators who walk the streets no one else can walk and take the jobs no one else will take...

Of course, if a case involves werewolves, zombies, demons, or other "unusual" circumstances, it may cost a bit extra. **APB \$19.95**

Lisa Cach, Angie Fox, Katie MacAlister & Marianne Mancusi

My Zombie Valentine

This deliciously wicked collection of zombie romances, filled with men who love to share a nice meal, includes Katie MacAlister's "Bring Out Your Dead," Angie Fox's "Gentleman Prefer Voodoo," Marianne Mancusi's "Zombiewood Confidential," and Lisa Cach's "Every Part of You."

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Karen Chance, Yasmine Galenorn, Marjorie M Liu & Eileen Wilks

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Four of today's hottest urban fantasy writers together for the first time!

From today's most provocative authors come four tales of urban fantasy and paranormal romance exploring body art that is more than it seems—in a world of magic and mayhem that always leaves its mark. This captivating tattoo theme surrounds each author's popular characters and worlds: Karen Chance's war mage Lia de Croissets, Marjorie M. Liu's demon-hunter Maxine Kiss, Yasmine Galenorn's Otherworld Intelligence Agency operative Camille D'Artigo, and Eileen Wilk's Lupi world. **APB \$19.95**

Barbara Hambly, Charlaire Harris & Maggie Shayne

Night's Edge

Dancers In The Dark by Charlaire Harris

Dancer Layla Rue Le May's childhood prepared her to handle just about anything, including her aloof partner, Sean McClendon, a three-hundred year-old redheaded vampire. Even so, when she somehow acquires a stalker, Layla Rue is surprised to find that Sean is the only one she can trust...

Her Best Enemy by Maggie Shayne

Kiley Brigham refuses to believe there's a ghost in her house, but when an unseen hand leaves a bloody message on her bathroom mirror, she's forced to turn to local psychic Jack McCain. As the two work to uncover a long-buried secret, Kiley finds that she's haunted not by spirits, but by thoughts of Jack...

Someone Else's Shadow by Barbara Hambly

Maddie Laveau worries about her young roommate, Tessa, when she stays late to practice ballet in the old Glendower Building... and when Tessa goes missing, Maddie enlists mysterious tenant Phil Anderson to help. But is Phil the white knight she needs, or the predator she fears? **BPB \$22.99**

Susan Krinard, Maggie Shayne & Gena Showalter

Heart of Darkness

From the masters of paranormal romance, three brand-new tales of seduction...

The Darkest Angel by Gena Showalter

A Lords of the Underworld tale

An iron-willed demon assassin, the angel Lysander has never known lust—until he meets Bianka. 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. **APB \$19.95**

George R R Martin *Editor*

Suicide Kings (Wild Cards)

A latest entry in the popular new-generation Wild Cards series finds the Suicide Kings inciting chaos throughout America and Africa in their continuing struggle to reclaim their humanity in a world of fearful adversaries. **HC \$52.95**

Larry Niven *Editor*

The Best of All Possible Wars (Man-Kzin)

The catlike Kzin race, bred to be conquerors, believes that the salad-eating ape-humans of planet Earth will be pushovers, until they realize their opponents are pacifists only because they are so good at warfare. **PB \$19.95**

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Diary of a Stinky Dead Kid (Tales From the Crypt 08)

The Ghoulunatics – The Vault-Keeper, the Old Witch, and everyone's favourite, The Crypt-Keeper, are back to offer their twisted takes on Diary of a Wimpy Kid, the Twilight series, and Guitar Hero!

The cover-featured Stinky Dead Kid stars in two tales – one that explains exactly how he became a Stinky Dead Kid, and another in which he battles Guitar Demon, a popular musical toy that's become possessed by an evil entity.

There's also the trenchant tale of teen love involving a girl and a vampire, Dielite, and the riotous return of the ever-doomed Thomas Donnelly in his most bizarre tale yet! **BPB \$12.99**

Tony Abbott *Australian Author*

The Ghost Road (Haunting of Derek Stone 04)

Derek can't claim to be a normal fourteen-year-old anymore. Not after what he discovered at the Red House. His role in the war against the dead is more pivotal-and more terrifying-than he could have imagined. And so it all comes down to this. The Rift between the worlds of the living and the dead has to be closed ... forever. It seems like an impossible task. And it rests squarely on the shoulders of a slightly overweight, not especially brave kid named Derek Stone. If Derek is ever going to become a hero, now's the time. **PB \$10.99**

Jon Berkeley

Lightning Key

Now that Miles Wednesday has discovered his link to a magical Tiger's Egg, he's suddenly at the wheel of a great voyage. Determined to recover the stolen stone and free the trapped soul within, Miles sets off with Little, a Song Angel, and the wisecracking blind explorer Baltinglass of Araby. Their destination points far across sea and desert to the home of Miles's aunt Nura, who may be their only hope in releasing the Egg's true power. But along the way, their travels are riddled with thrills and near catastrophes - from soaring across the sky in an airborne schooner to run-ins with the twisted circus ringmaster, the Great Cortado, and his bumbling sidekick, Doctor Tau-Tau. Most threatening of all is a dark Sleep Angel who's descended from the Realm to seize the Egg and forfeit Miles's life. Will Miles crack the secrets of the Egg and stand up to the Realm in the face of grave danger? And will he ever be able to bring back his father? **HC \$24.99**

Holly Black

Valiant

When seventeen-year-old Valerie Russell discovers her boyfriend is secretly screwing her mother, her life falls apart. Betrayed and angry, she flees to New York City, where she takes up with a feral trio who have made their home in a network of abandoned subway tunnels. She finds their friendship eerily beguiling, as they drag her deeper into their damaged world. Impulsive Lolli talks of monsters in the subway and shoots up a shimmery amber-coloured powder that makes the shadows around her dance. Severe Luis claims he can make deals with creatures no one else can see. And then there is Dave, Luis's brother, who makes the mistake of letting Val tag along as he makes a delivery to a woman who turns out to have goat hooves instead of feet. For other exiles inhabit the hidden corners of the city -- isolated fey who have offended their Courts and been sentenced to live out their banishment surrounded by the stench of iron and steel. Ravus the troll is one such, and when Lolli unwisely steals from him, Val becomes bound to his service in recompense. But as he begins to unbend to her, she realises that beneath his embittered exterior there beats a lonely and vulnerable heart. And when an old enemy threatens him, and with him their fragile and blossoming relationship, Val's fierce certainty propels her beyond fear and into the dark depths of the Night Court -- where no price is too high for her to save him. **BPB \$22.99**

Greg Farshty

Realm of Fear (Bionicle 07)

Toa Mahri Matora has been forced to sacrifice himself in order to save the great spirit Mata Nui, and the remaining Toa are in discord as a result. Mata Nui remains asleep, the world in disarray, and the Toa are left stuck in a swamp, planning their next move against the Makuta and trying to discover a way to awaken the great spirit Mata Nui.

The Mask of Light, meanwhile, has taken on a life of its own as its true power has not yet been discovered. The mask becomes an entity all its own, and instead of creating new guardians decides to guard itself, transforming into the powerful Toa Ignika! Now, the Toa must team up with the Toa Ignika to awaken Mata Nui, and face dangers beyond anything they've seen before. **BPB \$14.99**

Neil Gaiman

Odd and the Frost Giants

In this inventive, short, yet perfectly formed novel inspired by traditional Norse mythology, Neil Gaiman takes readers on a wild and magical trip to the land of giants and gods and back.

In a village in ancient Norway lives a boy named Odd, and he's had some very bad luck: His father perished in a Viking expedition; a tree fell on and shattered his leg; the endless freezing winter is making villagers dangerously grumpy.

Out in the forest Odd encounters a bear, a fox, and an eagle—three creatures with a strange story to tell.

Now Odd is forced on a stranger journey than he had imagined—a journey to save Asgard, city of the gods, from the Frost Giants who have invaded it.

It's going to take a very special kind of twelve-year-old boy to outwit the Frost Giants, restore peace to the city of gods, and end the long winter.

Someone cheerful and infuriating and clever . . .

Someone just like Odd. **HC \$30.95**

Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl

Beautiful Creatures

Is falling in love the beginning . . . or the end? Beautiful Creatures, a beautiful new young adult book by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl.

In Ethan Wate's hometown there lies the darkest of secrets . . .

There is a girl. Slowly, she pulled the hood from her head. Green eyes, black hair. Lena Duchannes.

There is a curse. On the Sixteenth Moon, the Sixteenth Year, the Book will take what it's been promised. And no one can stop it.

In the end, there is a grave.

Lena and Ethan become bound together by a deep, powerful love. But Lena is cursed and on her sixteenth birthday, her fate will be decided. Ethan never even saw it coming. **BPB \$19.95**

Alyxandra Harvey

My Love Lies Bleeding

"They're close," she murmured. "Watching."

"Run?" I suggested. "Like right now?"

She shook her head. "If we act like prey, they'll act like predators."

Solange has always known she is a vampire. And as the only female vampire ever born, not initiated, she is surrounded by danger on all sides - from other vampire tribes who want to take her blood into their lineage, and from the bounty hunters who are set on destroying her and her family. When she is kidnapped, it's up to her elder brother, Nicholas, and her human best friend, Lucy, to save her. But can Lucy save herself from Nicholas, who tempts her with every look? What will be her own fate if she surrenders her heart to a vampire? **PB \$14.99**

Douglas Hill

Vengeance (Demon Stalkers 03)

The concluding part of Douglas Hill's terrifying fantasy horror adventure.

After a violent confrontation with Fray and Kannis, two of the Cartel's more senior mages, Nick and Julia, lie wounded, assumed dead, while Paddy, April and Sam have been captured by demon forces.

But Nick and Julia aren't dead. With the help of the learned Alderon and the creepy Bertrand Nowell they race against time to find their friends before the Cartel destroy their minds and keep them enslaved, doing their evil bidding, forever. Armed only with his trusty knife and his incredible quick-wittedness, this is Nick's toughest challenge yet - to enter the heart of the Cartel's domain and destroy it or... die trying... **BPB \$14.99**

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Diana Wynne Jones

Enchanted Glass

When Andrew Hopes 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 hes 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! **HC \$36.99**

Marilyn Kaye

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow (Gifted 03)

Meadowbrook Middle School is an ordinary school with ordinary students - queen bees, jocks, nerds, brains, all the usual suspects. With nine exceptions.

These students look like the others, but each of them has a special supernatural attribute that marks them out. You could call it a skill, a talent or a disadvantage, but each of these students is unique - they're gifted.

Shy, dreamy Emily's premonitions aren't always quite right, and the gifted class usually don't take her seriously. But as Emily's visions get clearer, her classmates are forced to listen to her - before it's too late... **BPB \$16.99**

Kazu Kibuishi

The Stonekeeper's Curse (Amulet 02)

In this thrilling sequel to Amulet #1: The Stonekeeper, Emily and her brother Navin head for Kanalis, a beautiful and mysterious city of waterfalls, where they hope to find the antidote for the poison that felled their mother. That cure lies in the eggs of a giant serpent atop Demon's Head Mountain, but the kids' archenemy, Trellis, is headed for the peak, too. A battle that will engulf all of Kanalis is looming. It's up to Em to triumph over evil while controlling the amulet's power . . . without losing herself! **PB \$16.99**

Celine Kiernan

The Crowded Shadows (Moorehawke Trilogy 02)

New friends. Old enemies. Who can you trust?

Set in a fantastical medieval Europe, this is the second book in a compelling trilogy of court intrigue, adventure and romance. Now, Wynter Moorehawke finds herself alone for the first time in her life, caught up in confusing formalities and politics very different to life back at court.

It seems that every tyrant or bully who has ever threatened the kingdom is sending delegates to meet with the Rebel Prince, and Wynter is increasingly nervous of Alberon's intentions.

Razi and her beloved Christopher soon make an appearance, but where friends go old enemies soon follow, and Wynter finds herself confronted with the infamous Loups-Garous. It is to Christopher's adopted people, the nomadic Merron, who she must now turn for sanctuary. But the Merron have sided with Shirken, the woman who has made it her life's work to wipe their race from the face of the earth.

What is behind the conspiracy, and is Alberon at the centre of it all? **PB \$19.99**

Kathryn Lasky

Hannah (Daughters of the Sea 01)

The Daughters of the Sea quartet tells the story of three mermaid sisters who are separated at birth by a storm and go on to lead three very different lives. Book 1 is about Hannah, who spent her early days in an orphanage and is now a scullery maid in the house of rich and powerful family. She is irresistibly drawn to the sea and through a series of accidents and encounters discovers her true identity. Hannah realises that she must keep the truth a secret but she also knows that soon she will have to make the choice-to be a creature of the land or the sea. **HC \$27.99**

Gabrielle Lord Australian Author

February (Conspiracy 365 02)

Cal's old life ended as soon as the deadly 365-day countdown began. So far he's been attacked by sharks, blamed for a vicious assault on his family, kidnapped by two criminal gangs, and left to drown in a fast-filling oil tank . . . He's a hunted fugitive who'll do anything to survive. But is Cal desperate enough to befriend a traitor with killer connections? Or risk returning to the scene of his attempted murder? Should he meet with a mysterious informant, when it could be a set-up? Callum Ormond has been warned. He has 334 days. The countdown continues... **PB \$14.99**

Dean Lorey*Monster War (Nightmare Academy 03)*

The Fifth has made it to earth, but its not as bad as everyone expected. Its worse. As CNN broadcasts 24-hour carnage and colossal monsters destroy the worlds cities, the fate of the world and all its people rests on one persons shoulders. One quite SMALL persons shoulders. But the Fifth is Mother to all monsters - and now shes got Pinch on her side, one of the strongest double threats who ever lived. Charlie and his friends have the fight of a lifetime on their hands...

Top of page **TP \$19.99**

D J MacHale*Pilgrim of Rayne (Pendragon 08)*

When Bobby Pendragon first arrives on the tropical world of Ibara, he finds paradise. There is beauty all around and the people of Ibara are blissfully happy. It's not long before Bobby discovers, however, that they are also blissfully...oblivious.

The leaders of Ibara are keeping a devastating secret from their people, one that gives Saint Dane all the opportunity he needs to launch his final assault on Halla. While Bobby struggles to learn the truth in time to thwart Saint Dane, Courtney Chetwynde desperately searches for Mark Diamond. On the heels of a shocking tragedy, Mark has disappeared. Worse, he seems to be under Saint Dane's influence. It's up to Courtney to find Mark and stop him from making a grave mistake that could change the future of all existence. **BPB \$14.99**

Robin McKinley*The Blue Sword (Damar)*

Harry Crewe, an orphan girl bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Daria, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers. A Newbery Honor book. **BPB \$17.95**

The Hero and the Crown (Damar)

With the aid of the wizard Luthe and the Blue Sword, Aerin wins the birthright due to her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North. A Newbery Medal book. **BPB \$17.95**

Spindle's End

Princess Rosie is whisked away into hiding by her forest friends as a baby in order to protect her from the evil fairy Pernicia's curse, but Pernicia's powers are strong, and Rosie's fairy and animal friends must do everything they can to save her. **BPB \$19.95**

Chloe Neill*Firespell (Dark Elite 01)*

A new series about a boarding school filled with something worse than homework.

Lily's parents have sent her to a fancy boarding school in Chicago filled with the ultra-rich. If that wasn't bad enough, she's hearing and seeing bizarre things on St. Sophie's creepy campus. Her roommate, Scout, keeps her sane, but keeps disappearing at night. When one day Lily finds Scout running from real-life monsters, she learns the hard way that Scout is involved in a splinter group of rebel teens.

They protect Chicago from demons, vamps, and dark magic users. It's too bad Lily doesn't have powers of her own to help. At least, none that she's discovered yet... **APB \$17.95**

Alyson Noel*Shadowland (Immortals 03)*

At the start of this breathtaking novel, Damen and Ever travel to Summerland in search of an antidote to reverse a powerful poison. But instead of the cure they seek, they find something far more sinister: the truth about their existence and the fate lying in wait of an immortal's soul.

Now, with Damen fighting to save them from the Shadowland, Ever turns to magick, hoping to break Damen's curse. Along the way Ever encounters the mysterious Jude, who shared a complicated past with her in a previous life. She always thought Damen was her soulmate and her one true love... but now their love is about to be tested like never before. **HC \$32.99**

Guillaume Prevest*The Circle of Gold (Book of Time 03)*

Sam rescued his father from Dracula's castle, but that doesn't mean their troubles are over. Now Allan Faulkner lies in a coma in the Sainte-Mary hospital, tossing about and muttering aloud about saving Sam's late mother. Sam has no choice but to go back in Time to see her. His inability to control his destination, however, means he journeys to ancient China, Renaissance Rome, and even 2025-where he sees his own grave! Can Sam prevent this grisly ending and save his mother once and for all? **HC \$29.99**

J B Redmond & S R Vaught*Assassin's Apprentice (Oathbreaker 01)*

In Eyrie - a world of two moons, shapeshifters, and powerful magic - Aron of Brailing knows he owes loyalty to his guild, obedience to the code of the land, and his life to his closest companions, but it is his own family he holds closest to his heart.

Kidnapped and forced to become an assassin, Aron must learn to control and harness his own fearsome talents even as he grieves for the family he knows is lost forever. But when he is tempted to put everything aside everything he has learned in order to avenge his family's killers, will Aron make unforgivable mistakes?

Assassin's Apprentice unveils an intriguing cast of characters whose sense of honour, strength, and history binds them together, and whose incredible talents of mind and body set them apart. **TP \$19.95**

Celia Rees*Blood Sinister*

Ellen hasn't seen Andy for years-and the transformation is incredible. He's tall, with high cheekbones and tousled hair. If Ellen was normal, she'd have a massive crush on him. But Ellen is dying. Her illness is a mystery. It's as if all the strength is slowly being sucked from her. What dark force is reaching out to claim her, draining her lifeblood away? **PB \$17.99**

Rick Riordan*Percy Jackson and the Demigod Files (Percy Jackson)*

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Bad boy Erik spares Camille's life, but the two are soon being chased by gun-toting Alien Investigation and Removal agents. Camille's more confused than ever because Erik's finally showing real interest in her, but the agents are accusing him of dealing Onadyn -- a drug that ruins human lives. Suddenly, with the heat of his kiss lingering on her lips, Camille has to decide whose side she's on...and whether she's willing to put her life on the line to save Erik's. **TP \$21.95**

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Library of the Dead

A murderer is on the loose on the streets of New York City: nicknamed the Doomsday Killer, he's claimed six victims in just two weeks, and the city is terrified. Even worse, the police are mystified: the victims have nothing in common, defying all profiling, and all that connects them is that each received a sick postcard in the mail before they died - a postcard that announced their date of death. In desperation, the FBI assigns the case to maverick agent Will Piper, once the most accomplished serial killing expert in the bureau's history, now on a dissolute spiral to retirement.

Battling his own demons, Will is soon drawn back into a world he both loves and hates, determined to catch the killer whatever it takes. But his search takes him in a direction he could never have predicted, uncovering a secret that has been closely guarded for centuries. A secret that once lay buried in an underground library beneath an 8th Century monastery, but which has now been unearthed - with deadly consequences. A select few defend the secret of the library with their lives - and as Will closes in on the truth, they are determined to stop him, at any cost... **PB \$21.95**

Patricia Cornwell*Scarpetta (Scarpetta)*

Leaving behind her forensic pathology practice in South Carolina, Kay Scarpetta takes up an assignment in New York City, where the NYPD has asked her to examine an injured patient in a psychiatric ward. The handcuffed and chained patient, Oscar Bane, has specifically asked for her, and when she literally has her gloved hands on him, he begins to talk - and the story he has to tell turns out to be one of the most bizarre she has ever heard. He says his injuries were sustained in the course of a murder ... that he did not commit. Is Bane a criminally insane stalker who has fixed on Scarpetta? Or is his paranoid tale true, and it is he who is being spied on, followed and stalked by the actual killer? The only thing Scarpetta knows for certain is that a woman has been tortured and murdered - and that more violent deaths will follow... **APB \$19.99**

Peter Corris Australian Author*Torn Apart*

Hardy has never been much of a family man, so when he meets his second cousin Patrick Malloy it's like being hit with a left hook to the solar plexus - Malloy is his double. Cliff and his cousin become friends and travel to attend a gathering of the Irish Travell - the gypsy-like folk from whom they are descended. On their return, Malloy is brutally murdered - but was the shotgun blast intended for him or for Hardy? Hardy is de-licensed, semi-retired ... but this investigation is personal.

The plot becomes still more personal when Malloy's ex-wife, Sheila, comes onto the scene. Hardy has his own enemies and Malloy's to consider as he searches for the killer. Clues point in many directions - to Sheila's motives, to Malloy's suspect business dealings, to his time as a mercenary in Angola.

The search takes Hardy north to a para-military training camp and south to a meeting of Traveller descendants in Kangaroo Valley. Other players have other interests and their playing style is ruthless. **TP \$29.99**

Clive Cussler*Atlantis Found (Dirk Pitt)*

An Antarctic whaler stumbles upon an aged wreck, its frozen crew guarding crates of bizarre antiquities – and a black skull carved from solid obsidian...

A team of experts gazes in awe at a wall covered in ancient inscriptions, moments before a dynamite blast seals them deep beneath the rocky ground of Colorado...

A US research ship is attacked by an impossibility – a vessel from a war that ended over half a century ago...

Dirk Pitt, Director of Special Projects for the US National Underwater and Marine Agency, knows that the incidents are connected – but how? As his investigation deepens an astonishing truth becomes clear and a terrible danger revealed. From the impossibly distant past has come a warning. And from an enemy thought long defeated comes a threat to the future of all mankind. Now the clock is ticking. And only one man stands in the way of global Armageddon... **PB \$19.95**

Valhalla Rising (Dirk Pitt)

When the luxury cruise-liner Emerald Dolphin – powered by a revolutionary new propulsion system – becomes a raging inferno and sinks mysteriously, it is lucky that NUMA special projects director Dirk Pitt is on hand to rescue the passengers and investigate the tragedy.

Sifting through the undersea wreckage for signs of foul play, Pitt is unaware of powerful, dark forces playing their hand against him. Forced to fight for his life – and those of friends and colleagues – against ever more ruthless enemies from a shadowy organization, Pitt finds himself caught between the secrets of the past and the intrigues of the future. A future that will hold the world to ransom . . .

Filled with breathtaking suspense and dazzling action, Valhalla Rising sees Clive Cussler at the height of his storytelling powers. **PB \$19.95**

Clive Cussler & Paul Kemprecos*Fire Ice (Numa Files)*

On the shores of the Black Sea, Kurt Austin and the NUMA team discover an abandoned submarine base commandeered by a mining tycoon who claims Romanov ancestry. Backed by his incredible wealth, the tycoon has proclaimed himself Czar of Russia. He is determined to overthrow the already shaky Russian government – and he has a terrifying surprise in store for the Americans that will ensure they don't interfere. But standing in the way are Kurt Austin and the NUMA team . . .

Packed with the hair-raising action and dazzling imagination that are his hallmarks, Fire Ice is a stunning new thriller from a writer at the top of his game. **PB \$19.95**

Clive Cussler & Paul Kemprecos

Polar Shift (Numa Files)

Polar Shift: It is the name for a phenomenon that may have occurred many times in the past. At its weakest, it disorients birds and animals and damages electrical equipment. At its worst, it causes massive eruptions, earthquakes and climatic changes. At its very worst, it would mean the obliteration of all living matter . . .

Sixty years ago, an eccentric Hungarian genius discovered how to artificially trigger such a shift, but then his work disappeared, or so it was thought. Now, the charismatic leader of an anti-globalization group plans to use it to give the world's industrialized nations a small jolt, before reversing the shift back again. The only problem is, it can't be reversed. Once it starts, there is nothing anyone can do.

Austin, Zavala and the rest of the NUMA Special Assignments Team have certainly faced dire situations before, but never have they encountered anything like this.

This time even they may be too late. **PB \$19.95**

Clive Cussler & Paul Kemprecos

White Death (Numa Files)

When a confrontation between a radical environmental group and a Danish cruiser off the Faroe Islands sinks a ship, trapping her crew beneath the waves, Kurt Austin of NUMA is immediately called to the rescue. Investigating the collision, Austin uncovers a trail of sabotage that leads to a sinister multinational corporation seeking control of the waves. When he is almost killed for his trouble, Austin knows that this is one organization that will let nothing stand in its way. But with an environmental disaster unfolding, the clock is ticking for Austin and the NUMA team . . . Filled with heart-stopping adventure and endless imagination, White Death is an exceptional thriller from a writer at the height of his powers. **PB \$19.95**

Clive Cussler & Craig Dirgo

Sacred Stone (Oregon Files)

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Clive Cussler & Jack Du Brul

Plague Ship (Oregon Files)

The crew has just completed a top-secret mission against Iran in the Persian Gulf, when they come across a cruise ship adrift in the sea. Hundreds of bodies litter its deck, and as Cabrillo tries to determine what happened, explosions rack the length of the ship. Barely able to escape with his own life and that of the liner's sole survivor, Cabrillo finds himself plunged into a mystery as intricate - and as perilous - as any he has ever known, and pitted against a cult with monstrously lethal plans for the human race . . . plans he may already be too late to stop **PB \$19.95**

Skeleton Coast (Oregon Files)

1896: Four Englishmen flee for their lives across the merciless Kalahari Desert, carrying a stolen fortune in raw diamonds, and hunted by a fierce African tribe. The thieves manage to reach the waiting HMS Rove - only to die with their pursuers in a vicious storm that buries them all under tons of sand . . .

The present day: Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the covert combat ship Oregon have barely escaped a mission on the Congo River when they intercept a mayday from a defenceless boat under fire off the African coast. Cabrillo takes action, saving the beautiful Sloane Macintyre - who's looking for a long-submerged ship that may hold a fortune in diamonds. But what surprises Cabrillo is her story about a crazy fisherman who claims to have been attacked in the same area on the open sea by giant metal snakes.

What begins as a snake hunt leads Cabrillo on to the trail of a far more lethal quarry - a deranged militant and his followers who plan to unleash the devastating power of nature itself against all who oppose them. **PB \$19.95**

Barbara D'Amato, Jeanne M Dams & Mark Richard Zubro

Foolproof

The morning of 9/11 Brenda Grant and Daniel Henderson met for coffee before going to their software firm in the World Trade Center. That casual act saved them from the Twin Towers' collapse, even as their friends and Brenda's fiancé were killed and their company obliterated.

Founding their own software security firm, they never forgot that morning of horror. Grant and Henderson then establish a clandestine division inside their company committed to covertly tracking down global terrorists. In a search involving Washington DC, Egypt, Italy and Turkey, they expose a plot to hijack a US presidential election, rig voting machines, and topple democracies worldwide.

Foolproof is a global thriller in the tradition of Tess Gerritson, Catherine Coulter, and Linda Howard. **HC \$51.95**

Jeffrey Deaver et al

Watchlist

Watchlist is a unique collaboration by twenty-one of the world's greatest thriller writers including Lee Child, Joseph Finder, David Hewson, S.J. Rozan, Lisa Scottoline, and Jeffrey Deaver, who conceived the characters and set the plot in motion; In turn, the other authors each wrote a chapter and Deaver then completed what he started, bringing each novel to its startling conclusion.

The Chopin Manuscript

Former war crimes investigator Harold Middleton possesses a previously unknown score by Frédéric Chopin. But he is unaware that, locked within its handwritten notes, lies a secret that now threatens the lives of thousands of Americans.

The Copper Bracelet

Harold Middleton returns in this explosive sequel to The Chopin Manuscript as he's drawn into an international terror plot that threatens to send India and Pakistan into full-scale nuclear war. **HC \$52.95**

Richard Doetsch

The 13th Hour

A tale told in reverse finds an innocent man sitting in jail after being accused of his wife's murder and given an opportunity by a gray-haired stranger to go back in time on an hour-by-hour basis to discover what happened, an opportunity that poses a painful dilemma. By the best-selling author of The Thieves of Heaven. **HC \$52.95**

Janet Evanovich

Plum Spooky (Stephanie Plum Between the Numbers)

Turn on all the lights and check under your bed. Things are about to get spooky in Trenton, New Jersey.

According to legend, the Jersey Devil prowls the Pine Barrens and soars above the treetops in the dark of night. As eerie as this might seem, there are things in the Barrens that are even more frightening and dangerous. And there are monkeys. Lots of monkeys.

Wulf Grimoire is a world wanderer and an opportunist who can kill without remorse and disappear like smoke. He's chosen Martin Munch, boy genius, as his new business partner, and he's chosen the Barrens as his new playground.

Munch received his doctorate degree in quantum physics when he was twenty-two. He's now twenty-four, and while his brain is large, his body hasn't made it out of the boys' department at Macy's. Anyone who says good things come in small packages hasn't met Munch. Wulf Grimoire is looking for world domination. Martin Munch would be happy if he could just get a woman naked and tied to a tree.

Bounty hunter Stephanie Plum has Munch on her most-wanted list for failure to appear in court. Plum is the all-American girl stuck in an uncomfortable job, succeeding on luck and tenacity. Usually she gets her man. This time she gets a monkey. She also gets a big guy named Diesel.

Diesel pops in and out of Plum's life like birthday cake – delicious to look at and taste, not especially healthy as a steady diet, gone by the end of the week if not sooner. He's an über bounty hunter with special skills when it comes to tracking men and pleasing women. He's after Grimoire, and now he's also after Munch. And if truth were told, he wouldn't mind setting Stephanie Plum in his crosshairs.

Diesel and Plum hunt down Munch and Grimoire, following them into the Barrens, surviving cranberry bogs, the Jersey Devil, a hair-raising experience, sand in their underwear, and, of course . . . monkeys. **PB \$19.95**

Linda Fairstein

Lethal Legacy

When Assistant District Attorney Alexandra Cooper is summoned to Tina Barr's apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side, she finds a neighbour convinced that the young woman has been assaulted. But the terrified victim, a conservator of rare books and maps, denies that and refuses to cooperate with Alex and the police investigators. Tina disappears, and then another woman is found murdered in the same apartment, with an extremely valuable book at her side. The book has probably been stolen, but from whom and how? Pursuing the murderer Alex is drawn into the strange and privileged world of rich and secretive book collectors, where avarice and greed is as strong an inheritance as wealth. **PB \$19.99**

John Flanagan Australian Author

Storm Peak (Jesse Parker Mystery 01)

Jesse Parker, ex-Denver police detective, has returned to his hometown of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to spend the winter working the ski patrol and taking it easy. But he is reluctantly dragged back into a world of violence and murder when a serial killer begins a killing spree in the sleepy ski town.

The town's popular sheriff, Lee Torrens, asks Jesse to help her out with the investigation as the killer continues to stalk the town, leaving little clue as to his motive. Are the murders random acts of a psychopath, or a cold, calculated escalation of terror?

As the two friends work together, the embers of an old union reignite, but the growing notoriety of the Silver Bullet Killer brings complications that will shake the foundations of the small town. No-one is safe.

John A Flanagan is the author of the internationally best-selling Ranger's Apprentice series. Storm Peak is the first book featuring Jesse Parker, starting a series of adult novels. **APB \$21.95**

Avalanche Pass (Jesse Parker Mystery 02)

When guests at a ski lodge in Utah are taken hostage by a group of mercenaries, Jesse Parker, who has left Steamboat Springs to try to salvage his career after a horrific skiing accident, discovers he's in the right place at the right time.

With a high-profile senator one of the hostages, the White House and FBI are notified and Special Agent Denton Colby is sent to Utah to negotiate the ransom with the assassins. But the head of the hostage-takers is playing a dangerous game. As his demands become more erratic, and half the hostages are killed, Colby suspects that money may not be the only thing they're after.

Jesse has remained undetected by the captors and, with the help of a female ex-Marine, is able to formulate a plan that might just stop these murderous terrorists in their tracks . . . **TP \$32.95**

Gregory Funaro

The Sculptor

FBI Special Agent Sam Markham, with the help of an art historian, goes up against a ruthless serial killer known as The Sculptor who artfully molds his victims into replicas of Michelangelo's most celebrated creations. **PB \$17.95**

Frances Fyfield

Cold to The Touch

Short of work, rejected by the man she craves, spurned by her mother, Jess Hurly is a wreck when Sarah Fortune comes across her in the semi-darkness of a cold London morning. Sarah - lawyer, professional mistress and stalwart friend - recognises her despair and her vulnerability, and knows all too well what damage those emotions can wreak. Jess believes her life can be put right if she could only go home to the village where she grew up, but she is unsure whether she would be welcomed or be rejected again. Sarah ventures to the small community tucked between the Downs and the sea, not only to test the waters for her friend, but to satisfy her own curiosity and unravel the true reason why Jess was forced to leave. She finds a place of insularity and tolerance, both wary and welcoming of her arrival, but Sarah quickly discerns that the dominance of the Hurly family commands silence from those reliant on them. Then Jess falls silent, her number unavailable, her presence missing, and Sarah's increasingly desperate search for her takes her into places that are even colder than the grave. **TP \$32.99**

Mark Gatiss

Black Butterfly

LUCIFER BOX. He's tall, he's dark and, like the shark, he looks for trouble.

Or so he wishes. For, with Queen Elizabeth newly established on her throne, the now elderly secret agent is reaching the end of his scandalous career. Despite his fast-approaching retirement, queer events leave Box unable to resist investigating one last case...

Why have pillars of the Establishment started dying in bizarrely reckless accidents?

Who are the deadly pay-masters of enigmatic assassin Kingdom Kum?

And who or what is the mysterious Black Butterfly?

From the seedy streets of Soho to the souks of Istanbul and the sun-drenched shores of Jamaica, Box must use his artistic licence to kill and eventually confront an enemy with its roots in his own notorious past. Can Lucifer Box save the day before the dying of the light? **APB \$19.99**

Elizabeth George *Editor**Two of the Deadliest*

Anger, jealousy, gluttony, sloth, lust, greed and pride. The Seven Deadly sins. Doesn't every major crime have one of these deadly sins at its root? This volume selects two of them, lust and greed, as the inspiration for a selection of brand new stories, chosen and edited by internationally bestselling author Elizabeth George. All of the contributors have taken a different look at what constitutes lust and greed and at where submitting to the calls of these sins can lead a person. You'll find good guys, bad guys and in-between guys. You'll find mystery, mistakes, misunderstandings, and murder, generated from the minds of a group of terrific women writers. **PB \$24.99**

Tess Gerritsen*Never Say Die / Call After Midnight / Under the Knife / In Their Footsteps***APB Boxed Set \$29.99****Alan Glynn***Winterland*

The worlds of business, politics and crime collide in contemporary Dublin 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 hears 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 ... **TP \$32.99**

Robert Goddard*Found Wanting*

The car jolts to a halt at the pavement's edge, the driver waving through the windscreen to attract Richard's attention. He starts with astonishment. The driver is Gemma, his ex-wife.

He has not seen or spoken to her for several years. They have, she memorably assured him the last time they met, nothing to say to each other. But something has changed her mind - something urgent...

Immediately Richard is catapulted into a breathless race against time that takes him from London, across northern Europe and into the heart of a mystery that reaches back into history - the fate of Anastasia, youngest daughter of Tsar Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs. From that moment, Richard's life will be changed for ever in ways he could never have imagined... **APB \$24.95**

Robert Goddard*Long Time Coming*

Eldritch Swan is a dead man. Or at least that is what his nephew Stephen has always been told. Until one day Eldritch walks back into his life after 36 years in an Irish prison. He won't reveal any of the details of his incarceration, insisting only that he is innocent of any crime.

His return should be of interest to no-one. But the visit of a solicitor with a mysterious request will take Eldritch and his sceptical nephew from sleepy seaside Paignton to London, where an exhibition of Picasso paintings from the prestigious Brownlow collection proves to be the starting point on a journey that will transport them back to the Second World War and the mystery behind Eldritch's imprisonment.

In 1940, he was personal assistant to a wealthy diamond dealer in Antwerp, whose collection of modern art was the envy of many. The subsequent disappearance of those paintings began a trail of murder and intrigue which was to have a catastrophic effect on Eldritch's life. But untangling the web of murky secrets, family ties and old betrayals that conceals the truth will prove to be a dangerous pursuit for Eldritch and Stephen. Before long, a mysterious enemy is doing everything possible to stop the truth emerging - at whatever cost... **TP \$32.95**

C S Graham*The Solomon Effect*

A German U-Boat lost in the final days of the Second World War rested silent and dead in the deep waters off the Russian coast for more than half a century-carrying a cargo too terrifying to contemplate. Now it has been found and its terrible treasure liberated . . . by those who would set the world on fire. A remote viewer working in top secret for the U.S. government, Tobie Guinness can "see" events occurring on the other side of the globe. But she and her loose cannon partner, CIA agent Jax Alexander-who questions the validity of Tobie's "gift"--have arrived too late to prevent a bloodbath . . . and perhaps the Apocalypse as well. Now every second brings the unthinkable a step closer-and places Tobie and Jax in the gunights of powerful enemies in frighteningly high places-as they race to connect the dots between an impending catastrophe and a nightmare cultivated decades earlier by Nazi scientists on American soil. **APB \$16.99**

Sarah Graves*Crawlspace (Home Repair is Homicide)*

Six years after the alleged death of murderer Randy Dodd, true-crime writer Jake Tiptree and her assistant journey to the city of Eastport to investigate suspicions that Dodd faked his death, an effort that is challenged by sinister threats and the abduction of Jake's son. By the author of *A Face in the Window*. **HC \$51.95**

Alex Gray*Glasgow Kiss*

Eric Chalmers is one of the most popular teachers at Muirpark Secondary School in Glasgow. Gentle and kind, he is the person the students come to when they want to confide in someone. So when precocious teenager Julie Donaldson accuses Chalmers of rape, the school goes into shock. How could a deeply religious family man like Chalmers do anything like that? With some students and teachers supporting Julie, and others standing by Chalmers, life at Muirpark is far from harmonious. And then things get much worse - Julie Donaldson goes missing, and the police are called in. For DCI William Lorimer, this is the second missing persons case in a week. He's been having sleepless nights about a toddler who has been missing for several days - with each day, the likelihood of her being found alive diminishes. Julie's disappearance adds a further burden to Lorimer's already overstretched workload. With hope fading, it becomes a breakneck race against time to find both missing girls. **PB \$22.99**

Never Somewhere Else

When three young women are discovered strangled and mutilated in a Glasgow park, it is up to DCI Lorimer to find their killer. Frustrated by a lack of progress in the investigation, Lorimer is forced to enlist the services of Dr Solomon and Brightman, psychologist and criminal profiler. Together they form an uneasy alliance. But when a homeless man is brought in for questioning the investigation takes a bizarre turn. Soon Lorimer has to scratch the surface of the polished Glasgow art world and reveal the dark layers hidden beneath... **PB \$22.99**

Andrew M Greeley*Irish Tweed (Nuala Anne McGrail 11)*

Countless readers have been delighted by Father Andrew M. Greeley's bestselling tales of Nuala Anne McGrail, a fey, Irish-speaking woman blessed with the gift of second sight, and her husband and accomplice, Dermot Michael Coyne.

In *Irish Tweed*, Nuala Anne and her daughter have taken up karate to fight off schoolyard bullies who are harassing the family, while their incredibly shy nanny, Julie, is courted by a new fellow. Dermot pores over a memoir of a famine refugee whose family died of a mysterious fever, looking for clues into the illness' real cause.

Father Greeley's many fans look forward to each installment, and *Irish Tweed* is another captivating tale in a series by one of America's best loved storytellers. **PB \$17.95**

W E B Griffin*Black Ops (Presidential Agent 05)*

In the wake of a series of murders involving covert intelligence informers, Delta Force Lieutenant Colonel Charley Castillo wonders about vague similarities between the killings and a recent case involving a pair of CIA traitors, a situation that is further complicated by an arms dealer's prediction that the deaths are linked to Kremlin activities. **PB \$21.95**

Laura Griffin*Untraceable (Tracers 01)*

ALEX LOVELL MAKES PEOPLE DISAPPEAR.
TURNS OUT, SHE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE.

Private investigator Alexandra Lovell uses computer skills and cunning to help clients drop off the radar and begin new lives in safety. Melanie Bess, desperate to escape her abusive cop husband, was one of those clients. But when Melanie vanishes for real, Alex fears the worst, and sets out to discover what happened. Using every resource she can get her hands on -- including an elite team of forensic scientists known as the Tracers, and a jaded, sexy Austin PD detective -- Alex embarks on a mission to uncover the truth. As far as homicide cop Nathan Deveraux is concerned, no body means no case. But as much as he wants to believe that Alex's hunch about Melanie's murder is wrong, his instincts -- and their visceral attraction -- won't let him walk away. As a grim picture of what really happened begins to emerge, Nathan realizes this investigation runs deeper than they could ever have guessed. And each step nearer the truth puts Alex in danger of being the next to disappear.... **PB \$14.99**

Elly Griffiths*The Crossing Places (Ruth Galloway)*

When she's not digging up bones or other ancient objects, quirky, tart-tongued archaeologist Ruth Galloway lives happily alone in a remote area called Saltmarsh near Norfolk, land that was sacred to its Iron Age inhabitants - not quite earth, not quite sea.

When a child's bones are found on a desolate beach nearby, Detective Chief Inspector Harry Nelson calls Galloway for help. Nelson thinks he has found the remains of Lucy Downey, a little girl who went missing ten years ago. Since her disappearance he has been receiving bizarre letters about her, letters with references to ritual and sacrifice. The bones actually turn out to be two thousand years old, but Ruth is soon drawn into the Lucy Downey case and into the mind of the letter writer, who seems to have both archaeological knowledge and eerie psychic powers. Then another child goes missing and the hunt is on to find her. As the letter writer moves closer and the windswept Norfolk landscape exerts its power, Ruth finds herself in completely new territory -- and in serious danger.

THE CROSSING PLACES marks the beginning of a captivating new crime series featuring an irresistible heroine. **HC \$51.95**

Derek Haas*Hunt for the Bear*

Columbus is a hitman for hire, an assassin at the top of his game, immune to the pressures of his chosen life, and his services available to anyone who can afford his considerable fee - and can find him. But somehow his performance is starting to slip. Distracted, perhaps tiring of the game, he makes one mistake too many - and suddenly Columbus himself is a target. **TP \$32.99**

Steve Hamilton*The Lock Artist*

"I was the Miracle Boy, once upon a time. Later on, the Milford Mute. The Golden Boy. The Young Ghost. The Kid. The Boxman. The Lock Artist. That was all me. But you can call me Mike."

Marked by tragedy, traumatized at the age of eight, Michael, now eighteen, is no ordinary young man. Besides not uttering a single word in ten years, he discovers the one thing he can somehow do better than anyone else. Whether it's a locked door without a key, a padlock with no combination, or even an eight-hundred pound safe ... he can open them all. It's an unforgivable talent. A talent that will make young Michael a hot commodity with the wrong people and, whether he likes it or not, push him ever close to a life of crime. Until he finally sees his chance to escape, and with one desperate gamble risks everything to come back home to the only person he ever loved, and to unlock the secret that has kept him silent for so long.

Steve Hamilton steps away from his Edgar Award-winning Alex McKnight series to introduce a unique new character, unlike anyone you've ever seen in the world of crime fiction. **HC \$51.95**

Mo Hayder*Skin*

When the decomposed body of a young woman is found near railway tracks just outside Bristol one morning, all indications are that she's committed suicide. That's how the police want it too; all neatly squared and tidied away. But DI Jack Caffery is not so sure. He is on the trail of someone predatory, someone who hides in the shadows and can slip into houses unseen. And for the first time in a very long time, he feels scared.

Police Diver Flea Marley is working alongside Caffery. With the traumas of her past safely behind her, she's beginning to wonder whether their relationship could go beyond the professional. But then she finds something that changes everything. Not only is it far too close to home for comfort - it's so horrifying that she knows that nothing will ever be the same again.

And this time, no one - not even Caffery - can help her..... **BPB \$24.95**

Mandasue Heller*Snatched*

It begins on a winter afternoon, when schoolgirl Nicky Day runs from a gang of bullies. Then her little brother starts the fire. But the nightmare that is engulfing Sue and Terry Day is only beginning . . . A single mother who left a six-year-old on his own while she went clubbing on a Friday night. An absent father with a hot teenaged girlfriend who didn't seem to care who was minding his former family. The police, the neighbours, the friends, the lovers turn accusing eyes on them both. Suspicious voices ask whether Nicky has run away; whether the fire is really an accident. And meanwhile, time is running out for Nicky. **PB \$19.99**

Jack Higgins*The Wolf at the Door*

Putin and the Russians have suffered too many killings of their own people in the past. Now they want the whole of the Prime Ministers private army wiped out, including Blake Johnson and Charles Ferguson. Somebody is after them: Blake, Harry Miller, his sister, Monica, Harry Salter and Billy. The only people spared are Roper and Dillon. After surviving a car bomb, Ferguson heads a desperate search to uncover the perpetrator. Not wanting any overt connections with their country, the Russians need the right kind of assassin, better than Carlos the Jackal. When such a man is discovered in a Lubiana prison, he is willing to take on the job as a price for his freedom... An unlikely man, brilliant and terrifying, ingenious and deadly, he is the wolf at the door. **TP \$32.99**

Tami Hoag*Deeper Than the Dead*

A California town is rocked to its core when two boys and a girl stumble upon a murder victim, drawing Special Agent Tony Mendez into a search for a psychopathic serial killer called "The See No Evil Killer," but as his probe continues, he realizes that the killer may be the father of one of the boys and enlists the aid of their teacher, Anne Navarre, to uncover the truth. **HC \$54.95**

David Hosp*Among Thieves***AMONG THIEVES**

In 1990, \$300 million worth of paintings were stolen from Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in what remains one of the greatest unsolved art thefts of the twentieth century. Now, nearly twenty years later, the case threatens to break wide open. Members of Boston's criminal underground are turning up dead. But these are no ordinary murders. The M.O. of the attacks suggests the involvement of someone trained by the IRA. But when Scott Finn learns that one of his clients, Devon Malley, was part of the heist, he's quickly drawn into the crossfire, and into the renewed hunt for the missing artwork-a hunt that may cost Finn and his colleagues their lives. **HC \$51.95**

Linda Howard & Sarah Beth Durst*Ice*

Gabriel McQueen has only just arrived home on holiday leave from the service when his county-sheriff father sends him back out again with new marching orders. A brewing ice storm, and a distant neighbour who's fallen out of contact, have the local lawman concerned. So he enlists Gabriel to make the long haul to the middle of nowhere, and make sure Lolly Helton is safe and sound. It's a trip the younger McQueen would rather not make given the bitter winter weather - and the icy conditions that have always existed between him and Lolly. But there's no talking back when your dad is the town's top cop. And there's no turning back when night falls just as Gabriel arrives - and discovers that the weather outside isn't the only thing that's frightful. Spotting strangers in Lolly's home - one of them carrying a weapon - is all it takes to kick Gabriel into combat mode. And his stealth training is all he needs to extract Lolly from the house without alerting her captors. But when the escape is discovered, the heat - and the hunt - are on. **TP \$32.99**

Stephen Hunter*I, Sniper (Bob Lee Swagger 10)*

Bob Lee Swagger fights to clear the name of a fellow soldier-in-arms and faces off against one of his most ruthless adversaries yet, a sniper whose keen intellect and pinpoint accuracy rivals his own, in a new thriller by the best-selling author of Point of Impact and Night of Thunder. **HC \$52.95**

Charlie Huston*The Mystic Art of Erasing All Signs of Death*

Working on a crime-scene clean-up crew, disaffected slacker Web Goodhue meets the daughter of a Malibu suicide victim who enlists his help in getting her brother out of trouble, a task that soon finds him in over his head, the target of gun-toting L.A. cowboys who are out for blood. **TP \$30.95**

Julie Hyzy*Eggsecutive Orders (White House Chef Mysteries 03)*

Chef Olivia Paras has too many eggs in one basket-and is feeling like a basket-case...

When NSA big shot Carl Minkus dies right after eating the dinner Olivia Paras's staff had prepared, all forks point to them. Now the Secret Service is picking apart the kitchen-and scrutinizing the staff's every move. The timing couldn't be worse with the White House Lawn Easter Egg Roll to prep for without access to a kitchen. Olivia must find the real culprit-before she cracks under pressure. **PB \$19.95**

Bill James Australian Author*In the Absence of Iles*

Despite the absence of Chief Constable Desmond Iles from a police undercover conference, Esther Davidson brings down the largest gang operating in her sector, resulting in a court case, during which the role of undercover agents in the bust is brought into sharp focus. By the author of Wolves of Memory. **HC \$49.95**

J A Jance*Damage Control*

Sheriff Joanna Brady may be a working mother with a newborn child, drowning in paperwork and in need of a good nights sleep.... but nothing stops her when there are crimes to solve. The discovery of bags containing the gruesome remains of two people leads back to a care facility with a dubious past and, perhaps, an even worse present. Meanwhile, an old Buick has plunged off the side of the mountain in the Coronado National Forest with its two passengers in tow. A note from the twisted wreck states that the pair took their own lives but the autopsy suggests otherwise. When two young women show up to feud over the inheritance, Joanna knows this is no ordinary suicide pact. She'll go all out to find the truth -no matter where it leads. **APB \$19.99**

Stuart A Kaminsky*A Whisper to the Living*

A Whisper to the Living continues the adventures (some would say trials and tribulations) of Inspector Porfiry Petrovich Rostnikov, an honest policeman in a very dishonest post-Soviet Union. Rostnikov is one of the most engaging and relevant characters in crime fiction, a sharp and caring policeman as well as the perfect tour guide to a changing Russia.

Rostnikov and his team are searching for a serial killer who has claimed at least 40 victims. And then there is the problem of protecting a visiting British journalist who is working on a story about a Moscow prostitution ring...and in doing so Rostnikov and his team uncover a chain of murders that lead to a source too high to be held accountable if the police want to keep their jobs

Or their lives. **HC \$49.95**

Toni L Kelner

Who Killed the Pinup Queen? (Where Are they Now 02)

Entertainment reporter Tilda Harper has to pin down a pinup queen's killer.

Freelance reporter Tilda Harper is working on two articles simultaneously—one about a former pinup model and one about an old Western show. But when she discovers the pinup queen brutally murdered, she finds that the two stories may have some disturbing connections. **PB \$17.95**

Mary Kennedy

Dead Air (Talk Radio Mysteries 01)

The first in an original new series.

When a psychologist hits Florida's airwaves, there's no telling who she's reaching... and there's no telling who wants to reach back.

Maggie left her clinical practice in Manhattan and moved to sunny Cypress Grove, Florida, where she became host of WYME's "On the Couch with Maggie Walsh." From co-dependent wives to fetish fiends, all the local crazies love her show.

Then threats start pouring in against one of the station's special guests—self-styled new age prophet Guru Sanjay Gingii. When one of the threats becomes a deadly reality, Maggie's new roommate, Lark, is surprisingly the prime suspect. Now, Maggie has to prove Lark innocent while dealing with a killer who needs more than just therapy... **PB \$17.95**

Rebecca Kent

Murder Has No Class (Bellehaven House Mysteries 03)

A headmistress gets a primer in murder in the third Bellehaven House mystery.

Lord Stalham has claimed innocence in the murder of his father, even after they've hanged him. Now Stalham's ghost is haunting Meredith Llewellyn. The headmistress needs her sleep, so she sets out for the truth—and discovers a high-society scandal. **PB \$17.95**

Patrick Lee

The Breach

Thirty years ago, in a facility buried beneath a vast Wyoming emptiness, an experiment gone awry accidentally opened a door.

It is the world's best-kept secret—and its most terrifying.

Trying to regain his life in the Alaskan wilds, ex-con/ex-cop Travis Chase stumbles upon an impossible scene: a crashed 747 passenger jet filled with the murdered dead, including the wife of the President of the United States. Though a nightmare of monumental proportions, it pales before the terror to come, as Chase is dragged into a battle for the future that revolves around an amazing artifact.

Allied with a beautiful covert operative whose life he saved, Chase must now play the role he's been destined for—a pawn of incomprehensible forces or humankind's final hope—as the race toward Apocalypse begins in earnest.

Because something is loose in the world.

And doomsday is not only possible . . . it is inevitable. **PB \$19.95**

John Lescroart

Treasure Hunt

Released from desk work when a high-profile San Francisco activist is murdered, Hunt Club private investigator Mickey Dade discovers that the victim was involved in suspicious deals that also implicate the beautiful Alicia Thorpe. By the best-selling author of *A Plague of Secrets*. **HC \$54.95**

Jonathan Lethem

Chronic City

Chase Insteadman, a handsome, inoffensive fixture on Manhattan's social scene, lives off residuals earned as a child star on a beloved sitcom called *Martyr + Pesty*. Chase owes his current social cachet to an ongoing tragedy much covered in the tabloids: His teenage sweetheart and fiancée, Janice Trumbull, is trapped by a layer of low-orbit mines on the International Space Station, from which she sends him rapturous and heartbreaking love letters. Like Janice, Chase is adrift, she in Earth's stratosphere, he in a vague routine punctuated by Upper East Side dinner parties.

Into Chase's cloistered city enters Perkus Tooth, a wall-eyed free-range pop critic whose soaring conspiratorial riffs are fueled by high-grade marijuana, mammoth cheeseburgers, and a desperate ache for meaning. Perkus's countercultural savvy and voracious paranoia draw Chase into another Manhattan, where questions of what is real, what is fake, and who is complicit take on a life-shattering urgency. Along with Oona Laszlo, a self-loathing ghostwriter, and Richard Abneg, a hero of the Tompkins Square Park riot now working as a fixer for the billionaire mayor, Chase and Perkus attempt to unearth the answers to several mysteries that seem to offer that rarest of artifacts on an island where everything can be bought: Truth. Like Manhattan itself, Jonathan Lethem's masterpiece is beautiful and tawdry, tragic and forgiving, devastating and antic, a stand-in for the whole world and a place utterly unique. **TP \$32.99**

John Macken

Breaking Point

There is a killer loose on the London Underground. He kills without leaving any forensic trace, and seemingly without motive. Genecrime, the UK's elite forensic unit, are stretched to the limits trying to find one usable clue.

And there is another problem facing Genecrime. Before he was sacked as head of the unit, Reuben Maitland developed a system to predict latent homicidal behaviour from people's DNA. Now rogue elements in the police, believing that prevention is better than cure, are using Reuben's research to hunt down and incite latent psychopaths beyond their breaking point.

Reuben must track down whoever is misusing his technology and stop them before more lives are destroyed. But what he cannot know is that his investigation will lead him directly into the path of the Underground killer. **APB \$21.95**

Richard Marcinko & Jim DeFelice

Dictator's Ransom

Is Kim Jong-Il really a fanatical fan of Dick Marcinko, the Rogue Warrior? Has the terrifying tyrant actually read every one of Marcinko's many New York Times bestsellers? One thing is certain: the Rogue Warrior wants nothing to do with the brutal despot. When, in *Dictator's Ransom*, the loathsome dwarf – as George W Bush derided him – invites Marcinko to the Hermit Kingdom, the Rogue Warrior instantly declines... prompting the CIA to RSVP on his behalf. Marcinko is to track down four covert nuclear warheads secreted in the Supreme Leader's palace.

More than just a thriller, *Dictator's Ransom* is a novel of electrifying energy and wicked wit. **APB \$16.99**

Seize the Day (Rogue Warrior)

When Marcinko's "friend", the head of the CIA, asks him to spend a little quality time in Cuba, the Rogue Warrior finds there's no way to say no. Once there, Marcinko and company discover that Fidel Castro is on his deathbed.

Which wouldn't be so bad, except that he's planned a catastrophic surprise for the United States as his going away present. The Rogue Warrior must find out the nature of that little surprise and thwart it before Castro kicks the bucket. **HC \$45**

P D Martin *Australian Author*

The Killing Hands (Sophie Anderson 04)

FBI profiler Sophie Anderson is an expert at dealing with gruesome murder cases and psychotic serial killers. Her latest case, however, is like nothing she's ever seen before – the victim has had his throat ripped out, and nobody knows how or why.

Soon the victim is identified as Jun Saito, son of the first Korean Yakuza godfather, and Sophie and her team suspect they've stumbled upon a gangland hit. But Saito has been missing for 15 years, presumed dead, so what made him resurface, and who wanted to make sure he was dead this time?

When Sophie's research uncovers a number of murders with similarities to Saito's death and links to organised crime, she realises she has a serial killer on her hands: a contract killer who is using Kung Fu's Ten Killing Hands, and leaves almost no trace of his actions. And while the FBI have an undercover agent in the LA Yakuza, they still have no idea who ordered the hit, or that another has been arranged. One that will strike at the heart of the investigating team itself... **APB \$19.99**

Kiss of Death (Sophie Anderson 05)

"Soon I hear the footsteps again. Definitely more than one set. I push myself harder, run harder. I glance back, hoping they're further away than they sound. But they're closer. Suddenly I come to an abrupt stop, slamming into something. I fall backwards and look up. His face is in shadows, but I can see glistening white teeth as he smiles."

Australian FBI profiler Sophie Anderson is on a new case, and this one is strange, even for Sophie. The victim is found dead in a state park with two puncture wounds on her neck. There is no blood on the scene, but she looks to have been drained.

Is it a straightforward murder investigation, or the result of a ritual performed by LA's secretive population of "vampires"?

Meanwhile, Sophie's new squeeze is in town, and as usual she's hard at work. Will she be able to balance her obsession with the case with her fragile new relationship? And what does she really feel for Anton Ward, the brooding, darkly handsome leader of the bizarre sect who claim to be vampires?

Special Agent Sophie Anderson must put the pieces together, and her feelings aside. If she's wrong, the murderer may walk. If she's right it will be a race against time to find the killer before more innocent girls die. **TP \$32.99**

Carol McCleary

Alchemy of Murder

Paris 1889. The Alchemist is how I've come to think of him; he has a passion for the dark side of knowledge, mixing murder and madness with science. Nellie Bly reporter, feminist and amateur detective is in Paris on the trail of an enigmatic killer. The city is a dangerous place: an epidemic of Black Fever rages, anarchists plot to overthrow the government and a murderer preys on the prostitutes who haunt the streets of Montmartre. But it is also a city of culture, a magnet for artists and men of science and letters. Can the combined genius of Oscar Wilde, Jules Verne and Louis Pasteur help Nellie prove a match for Jack the Ripper? **PB \$22.99**

Leslie Meier

Valentine Murder (Lucy Stone Mystery)

Knee-deep in cupcakes with pastel frosting and candy hearts, Lucy Stone is shocked when new librarian Bitsy Howell is murdered and Detective Horowitz announces that the murderer is among them, so she casts aside her culinary concoctions to investigate and comes face to face with a killer.

PB \$17.95

Kaye Morgan

Ghost Sudoku (Sudoku Mysteries 05)

The next installment in the exciting Sudoku mystery series featuring puzzle master Liza Kelly...

Original Sudoku puzzles included

After spending her vacation hiding from the media, Liza returns to find that the town has put her in the running for mayor. She has a feeling that the neighboring county and its dirty political machine are involved. When she turns to an old classmate to find out, she discovers that he's been murdered. A closeted Sudoku fan, he's left behind puzzles that may have hidden clues to what finished him off and who is trying to run Liza into the ground. **PB \$17.95**

Perri O'Shaughnessy

Show No Fear (Nina Reilly)

In this eagerly anticipated, brand-new Nina Reilly thriller, Perri O'Shaughnessy takes listeners back to Nina's first murder investigation, to the case that ignites her passionate commitment to fighting for justice. Working as a paralegal and attending law school at night, Nina has her hands full. She's fighting for custody of her young son Bob and overseeing a medical malpractice lawsuit on behalf of her mother, Virginia Reilly, whose health is rapidly declining after she suffered complications from an acupuncture procedure. But Nina's personal stresses are ramped up when a local tragedy plunges Nina into a hunt for a killer -- a killer only she believes exists.

When a woman falls to her death off a bridge near Big Sur, Nina suspects there is more to the accident than the authorities are saying. Embarking on her solitary quest for the truth and stirring up trouble along the way, Nina catches the killer's attention -- and the only official help Nina gets is from homicide cop Paul van Wagoner. Now, moving dangerously close to the shattering truth, Nina finds the missing link in the shadowy case only when she recognizes a crucial, overlooked fact: sometimes people bury their secret desires, even from those who love them the most. **APB \$16.99**

Michael Palmer

The Second Opinion

Struck down by a hit-and-run driver, one of the world's most respected doctors lies comatose in the ICU unit of Boston's Beaumont Clinic. No one thinks he will survive. Two of his children believe treatment should be stopped. But his daughter Thea refuses to give up hope—and begins to suspect a cover-up. As a brilliant physician who left the hospital to work with the poor, Thea knows all too well the hidden agendas and personal conflicts that lurk beneath the surface of an elite medical center. When a late-night hospital intruder is identified as a professional killer, Thea is convinced her father's accident was no accident—and someone plans to finish the job...

Who would want to kill a man who saves lives—and why? The answers, Thea fears, are locked deep inside the mind of the only living witness—her father—a man who cannot move or speak. Until the flutter of a single eyelid provides him the means to communicate...and offers Thea a terrifying glimpse into an unfathomable conspiracy. **PB \$21.95**

T Jefferson Parker

Iron River (Charlie Hood)

Charlie Hood runs the California-Mexico border with the ATF, searching for the iron river--the massive and illegal flow of handguns and automatic weapons that fuels the bloody cartel wars south of the border--and soon finds a close personal connection that shakes him to his core. **HC \$54.95**

James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge

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.

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 work life - and love life - suddenly get even more complicated.

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 **TP \$32.95**

Eliot Pattison

Eye of the Raven

Duncan McCallum searches for the truth when his friend, the Native American shaman Conawago, is blamed for the murder of a Virginian officer who was found nailed to an Indian shrine tree in 1760s Philadelphia. **HC \$52.95**

Spencer Quinn

Thereby Hangs a Tail (Chet and Bernie)

A follow-up to Dog On It finds the human-and-canine investigative team endeavoring to rescue an abducted show dog, a case that is complicated by reporter Susie Sanchez's disappearance and Chet's separation from Bernie. **HC \$51.95**

William Rabkin

Call of the Mild (Psych 03)

Shawn Spencer has convinced everyone he's psychic. Now, he's either going to clean up-or be found out...

Shawn Spencer has always hated the wilderness-by which he means anything outside the delivery radius of his favorite pizza place. But Psych has been hired to solve a baffling case of industrial espionage, and the only way to catch the spy is to join their client's bonding retreat-a grueling seven day backpacking mountain trek. But when one of the campers turns up with a bullet in the head, Shawn and Gus soon realize that sheer cliffs, rampaging bears, and freeze-dried pineapple aren't the greatest threats they face. **PB \$17.95**

Sam Reaves

Mean Town Blues

A veteran of the war in Iraq, where he suffered extreme injury, and a refugee from a sad Kentucky family history, Tommy McClain places his faith in a beat-up blue Chevy and his future in the city of Chicago. He's got a friend there he can count on.

What he doesn't count on is Lisa DePietro. She's pretty, openhearted, with dark eyes you could drown in, and she's being stalked. In a bar, on the El, outside her house; by a big guy in a brown leather jacket. She's seen him in the shadows of his Lexus, and she's sure he's even been inside her apartment--someone's been rifling through her drawers.

Tommy figures he'll scare the creep off. Only he does more than that, and the shot from his automatic does more than settle a score. It sets off a gangland war that will catch Tommy in the crossfire between two mob bosses and their goons. Snared in the fray, Tommy has some advantages, like his infantry training and combat experience. He's going to need them. Because everyone in this mean town, it seems, wants to take Tommy's future away from him. **TP \$30.95**

Rick Robinson

The Maximum Contribution

Small town Kentucky councilman, Richard Thompson, has the chance of a lifetime when his political mentor, Congressman Garrett Jackson, dies in office and Thompson becomes the nominee for Jackson's seat in the House. With Washington's premiere campaign consultants at the helm, Thompson is riding a well-oiled political machine to Election Day success. His victory is in sight when he stumbles upon an issue that places him in the cross-hairs of power-hungry politicians, corrupt lobbyists, gun-running union officials and an on-going FBI sting operation. In the blink of an eye, the traditional ideals taught in the classrooms of America's heartland meet the dark underbelly of our nation's capital as Richard Thompson overcomes the temptations of money, political power and sexual gratification to win a seat in the United States Congress. What price will Thompson pay for his victory? Will he involve those closest to him, his campaign manager, his law partner, even his wife, to thwart the blackmail attempt of an alluring stripper who claims to have very compromising photos of herself and Thompson? She alone may hold the answer to why several people, who made the maximum contribution to Thompson's campaign, want more than political access. **HC \$51.95**

Sniper Bid

Congressman Richard Thompson takes Capitol Hill by storm in this political thriller, Sniper Bid. Catapulted into the spotlight by witnessing a death on the baseball field, Thompson takes on the 'ole boy club in this fast paced mystery of professional sports and political intrigue. **HC \$51.95**

James Rollins

Altar of Eden

Pregnant veterinarian Maura Kelly, along with U.S. Marshall Jack Menard and two neurobiologists, risks everything, including the life of her unborn child, to unravel the mystery of a smuggler's cache of mutated animals, a puzzle that involves fractal intelligence, stem-cell research, and a secret history of the Book of Genesis. By a best-selling author. **HC \$54.95**

David Rollins Australian Author

A Knife Edge

Pulled off of a secret research program for the U.S. Department of Defense, Major Vin Cooper is asked to look into the death of a military buddy killed while making a routine parachute jump, but when the cases collide, he finds himself on a new mission with the highest of stakes. **PB \$19.95**

Mark Sanderson

Snow Hill

"Friday, 18 December, 1936. I went to my funeral this morning..." So begins the diary of John Steadman, an ambitious young journalist in London. When he gets a tip-off about a murdered policeman, he thinks he's found his scoop. Trouble is, no-one else seems to know anything about it... or they're not telling. Then John finds someone willing to talk. At least, someone who was. Now they're hanging from a meat hook in a refrigerated locker and Johns on the verge of a front-page scandal that will make or break his career. But to get to the heart of this dark story, he must first go undercover. Six feet undercover, to be precise... Based on a shocking true story, Snow Hill vividly brings to life a London you never knew about - an underworld that doesn't officially exist and until now has never been revealed. **TP \$32.99**

Claire Seeber

Lullaby

A chilling debut from a bright new talent— a masterful psychological thriller to delight fans of Nicci French and Minette Walters
It's every mother's nightmare...One minute Jess Finnegan is strolling through the Tate Museum with her new husband Mickey and their 8-month old son. The next she is frantically searching for them—both have completely disappeared. As the police launch a massive manhunt, Jess discovers that the people closest to you are not always what they seem. **HC \$52.95**

Alexander McCall Smith

Morality for Beautiful Girls (Precious Ramotswe)

THE NO.1 LADIES' DETECTIVE AGENCY published in 1998, introduced the world to the one and only Precious Ramotswe, the engaging and sassy owner of Botswana's only detective agency. TEARS OF THE GIRAFFE took us further into this world, and now, continuing the adventures of Mma Ramotswe, comes MORALITY FOR BEAUTIFUL GIRLS, finding Precious expanding her business to take in the world of car repair and a beauty pageant. Alexander McCall Smith's sense of humour and gentle charm have created a substantial cult following. **PB \$22.99**

The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency (Precious Ramotswe 01)

Wayward daughters. Missing Husbands. Philandering partners. Curious comen. If you've got a problem, and no one else can help you, then pay a visit to Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's only - and finest - female private detective. Her methods may not be conventional, and her manner not exactly Miss Marple, but she's got warmth, wit and canny intuition on her side, not to mention Mr J. L. B. Matekoni, the charming proprietor of Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors. And Precious is going to need them all as she sets out on the trail of a missing child, a case that tumbles our heroine into a hotbed of strange situations and more than a little danger... **BPB \$22.99**

Tears of the Giraffe (Precious Ramotswe 02)

McCall Smith's second book, takes us further into this world as we follow Mama Ramotswe into more daring situations... Among her cases this time are wayward wives, unscrupulous maids, and the challenge to resolve a mother's pain for her son who is long lost on the African plains. Indeed, Mma Ramotswe's own impending marriage to the most gentlemanly of men, Mr J.L.B. Matekoni, the promotion of Mma's secretary to the dizzy heights of Assistant Detective, and the arrival of new members to the Matekoni family. **BPB \$22.99**

Jennifer Stanley

Stirring up Strife (Hope Street Church Mysteries 01)

WELCOME TO THE HOPE STREET CHURCH...where good folks study The Good Book, but everyone loves a good mystery!
Cooper Lee can repair a copy machine—but can she repair her life? That's one of the many Big Questions that lead this newly single Richmond girl to Sunrise Bible Study at the Hope Street Church. Cooper hasn't attended church in ages, but after getting dumped by her long-time boyfriend—and moving in with her family—she could use some new friends, and a new outlook on life. Happily, the members of the Bible group are anything but cookie-cutter, which suits Cooper just fine. There's a blind folk artist, a playboy meteorologist, an investment banker with a sweet tooth, an ambitious realtor, and a cute shy web designer who just might be “the one” for Cooper. But the member of Hope Street Church who invited Cooper to join this motley crew—an office worker who got her wedding ring stuck in a copier—is something else altogether: She's dead And her husband is suspected of murder!

The Sunrise gang jumps into action, vowing to solve this unholy mess—with God's guidance—and Cooper's snooping...

Includes heavenly recipes from Mrs. Lee's kitchen! **PB \$19.95**

Diane A S Stuckart

A Bolt From the Blue (Leonardo da Vinci Mystery)

As court engineer to the Duke of Milan, Leonardo da Vinci turns his superior mind to many pursuits- from outlandish contraptions to the odd murder...

With war looming ever closer, the iron-fisted Duke of Milan calls upon Master da Vinci to invent the deadliest weapon ever-a flying machine. So da Vinci calls in a craftsman who happens to be father to his star apprentice, Dino.

But da Vinci does not know that Dino is actually the craftsman's daughter, Delfina, who keeps her gender a secret to serve as apprentice. But as Delfina worries that her father will prove her undoing, someone murders another apprentice. Now, as her master works his brilliance, Delfina can only pray that no other apprentice- including herself-will fall victim **TP \$28.95**

Paul Sussman

The Hidden Oasis

Egypt 2153 BC Eighty priests set out under cover of darkness into the western desert, taking with them a mysterious object swathed in cloth. Four weeks later, having reached their destination, they calmly slit each other's throats...

Albania, 1986 A plane takes off from a remote airfield, bound for the Sudan. On board a cargo that will forever change the Middle East. Somewhere over the Sahara the plane disappears...

The western desert, the present day A group of Bedouin discover a mummified corpse half-buried in the dunes. With it are a roll of camera film and a miniature clay obelisk inscribed with a curious hieroglyphic sign...

Three unconnected events Or so it seems until Freya Hannen arrives in Egypt for the funeral of her sister, a desert explorer who has inexplicably taken her own life... **BPB \$24.95**

James Thompson

Snow Angels (Inspector Vaara 01)

The first thriller in a new series featuring Inspector Kari Vaara: the haunted, hardened detective who must delve into Finland's dark and violent underbelly.

Kaamos: Just before Christmas, the bleakest time of the year in Lapland. The unrelenting darkness and extreme cold above the Arctic Circle drive everyone just a little insane . . . perhaps enough to kill.

A beautiful Somali immigrant is found dead in a snowfield, her body gruesomely mutilated, a racial slur carved into her chest. Heading the murder investigation is Inspector Kari Vaara, the lead detective of the small-town police force. The vicious killing may have been a hate crime, a sex crime- or one and the same. Vaara knows he must keep this potentially explosive case out of the national headlines or else it will send shock waves across Finland, an insular nation afraid to face its own xenophobia.

The demands of the investigation begin to take their toll on Vaara and his marriage. His young American wife, Kate, newly pregnant with their first child, is struggling to adapt to both the unforgiving Arctic climate and the Finnish culture of silence and isolation. Meanwhile Vaara himself, haunted by his rough childhood and failed first marriage, discovers that the past keeps biting at his heels: He suspects that the rich man for whom his ex-wife left him years ago may be the killer.

Endless night can drive anyone to murder. **HC \$51.95**

Brad Thor*Last Patriot*

632 AD. Deep within the Umanah Valley of Mount Arafat, the prophet Mohammed shares with his closest companions a final and startling revelation. Within days, he is assassinated.

September, 1789. US minister to France, Thomas Jefferson, charged with forging a truce with the violent Muslim pirates of the Barbary Coast, makes a shocking discovery: one that could forever impact the world's relationship with Islam.

Present day. When a car bomb explodes outside a Parisian cafe, Scot Harvath is thrust back into the life he has tried so desperately to leave behind. Saving the intended victim of the attack, Harvath becomes party to an amazing and perilous race to uncover a secret so powerful that militant Islam could be defeated once and for all without firing another shot or dropping another bomb.

But, as desperate as the US government is to have the information brought to light, there are powerful forces just as determined that Mohammed's mysterious final revelation remain hidden forever. **APB \$19.99**

Charles Todd*The Red Door*

New York Times bestselling author Charles Todd brings back Scotland Yard detective Ian Rutledge in another riveting mystery set in post-World War I England Lancashire, England, June 1920. In a house with a red door lies the body of a woman who has been bludgeoned to death. Rumor has it that two years earlier, she'd painted that door to welcome her husband back from the Front. Only he never came home.

Meanwhile, in London, a man suffering from a mysterious illness first goes missing and then just as suddenly reappears. He is unable to explain his recovery. His family, supposedly searching for him, give conflicting accounts of where they were and why. What is the secret that nearly drove one man mad and turned his brothers and sister against one another with such unexpected savagery?

Inspector Ian Rutledge, drawn into both cases and facing a wall of silence, must solve two mysteries before he can bring a ruthless killer to justice: Who was the woman who lived and died behind the red door? Who was the man who never came home from the Great War, for the simple reason that he might never have gone? And what have they to do with a man who cannot break the seal of his own guilt without damning those he loves most? **HC \$51.95**

Stuart Woods*Kisser (Stone Barrington)*

Stone Barrington is back in New York, and after a rather harrowing sojourn in Key West, he's looking to stay closer to home and work on some simple divorce and custody cases for Woodman & Weld. But when he crosses paths with a fetching Broadway actress-and sometime lip model-Stone gets a little more deeply involved with business than he'd expected. When his new lady love turns out to be a lady with a shady past, Stone and downtown cop Dino Bacchetti realize that her beauty may have an unusually high price. . . . **HC \$52.95**

Qiu Xiaolong*Mao Case (Inspector Chen 07)*

Tucked away from the building sites of modern Shanghai are the beautiful mansions once owned by the smartest families in 1930s China. They have since been bought by rich businessmen and high-ranking members of the Communist Party. All except one. The owner is an old painter who holds a glittering party each night: swing jazz plays for his former neighbours, who dance, remember old times and forget for an evening the terrors that followed. But questions are being asked. How can he afford such a lifestyle? His paintings? Blackmail? A triad connection? Prostitution? Inspector Chen is asked to investigate discreetly what is going on behind the elegant facade. But, before he can get close to anyone, one of the girls is found murdered in the garden and another is terrified she will be next. Chen's quest for answers will take Chen to a strange businessman, triads, Chairman Mao himself and a terrible secret the Party will go to any length to conceal. **PB \$24.99**

Anne Zouroudi*Messenger of Athens (Greek Detective)*

When the battered body of a young woman is discovered on a remote Greek island, the local police are quick to dismiss her death as an accident. Then a stranger arrives, uninvited, from Athens, announcing his intention to investigate further. His methods are unorthodox, and he brings his own mystery into the web of dark secrets and lies. Who has sent him, on whose authority is he acting, and how does he know of dramas played out decades ago? **PB \$23.95**

The Taint of Midas (Greek Detective)

For over half a century the beautiful Temple of Apollo has been in the care of the old beekeeper Gabrilis. But when the value of the land soars he is forced to sign away his interests - and hours later he meets a violent, lonely death. When Hermes Diaktoros finds his friend's battered body by a dusty roadside, the police quickly make him the prime suspect. But with rapacious developers threatening Arcadia's most ancient sites, there are many who stand to gain from Gabrilis's death. Our investigator resolves to avenge his old friend and find the true culprit, but his methods are, as ever, unorthodox. **PB \$23.99**

Other Books

Books in this section are unlikely to be held as stock, but are available by request.

Astronomy 2010

What to expect to see in the Australian night sky during 2010. **TP \$25**

First Australians

First Australians, the companion book to the epic SBS TV series, is the dramatic story of the collision of two worlds that created contemporary Australia. Told from the perspective of Australia's first people, it vividly brings to life the events that unfolded when the oldest living culture in the world was overrun by the world's greatest empire.

Seven of Australia's leading historians reveal the true stories of individuals - both black and white - caught in an epic drama of friendship, revenge, loss and victory in Australia's most transformative period of history.

Their story begins in 1788 in Warrane, now known as Sydney, with the friendship between an Englishman, Governor Phillip, and the kidnapped warrior Bennelong. It ends in 1993 with Koiki Mabo's legal challenge to the foundation of Australia.

By illuminating a handful of extraordinary lives spanning two centuries, First Australians reveals, through their eyes, the events that shaped a new nation. **TP \$29.99**

Alex Archer

The Spirit Banner (Rogue Angel 22)

Genghis Khan carved out a legacy of bloodshed and conquered kingdoms that has lasted almost eight hundred years. But while his name and deeds live on in the annals of history, his tomb has never been located... until now.

Not everyone is convinced that the diary and the map, said to lead to the great warrior's final resting place, are authentic. Archaeologist Annja Creed is among these doubters. The reality is that the body was lost to history. But despite her skepticism, Annja suddenly finds herself pulled along an increasingly complex trail of clues, each more remote than the last.

And as she and her companions race to their final destination, one thing is clear—the only tomb she may find is her own.... **PB \$17.95**

Paul Christopher

The Templar Cross

Some secrets are too great to bear...

Retired Army Ranger Lt. Col. John Holliday has reluctantly settled into his teaching position at West Point when young Israeli archaeologist Rafi Wanounou comes to him with desperate news.

Holliday's niece-and Rafi's fiance-Peggy has been kidnapped. Holliday sets out with Rafi to find the only family he has left. But their search for Peggy will lead them to a trail of clues that spans across the globe, and into the heart of a conspiracy involving an ancient Egyptian legend and the darkest secrets of the Order of Templar Knights.

Secrets that, once known, cannot be survived... **PB \$21.95**

Jim Collins

How the Mighty Fall: And Why Some Companies Never Give in

Decline can be avoided.

Decline can be detected.

Decline can be reversed.

Amidst the desolate landscape of fallen great companies, Jim Collins began to wonder: How do the mighty fall? Can decline be detected early and avoided? How far can a company fall before the path toward doom becomes inevitable and unshakable? How can companies reverse course?

In *How the Mighty Fall*, Collins confronts these questions, offering leaders the well-founded hope that they can learn how to stave off decline and, if they find themselves falling, reverse their course. Collins' research project—more than four years in duration—uncovered five step-wise stages of decline:

Stage 1: Hubris Born of Success

Stage 2: Undisciplined Pursuit of More

Stage 3: Denial of Risk and Peril

Stage 4: Grasping for Salvation

Stage 5: Capitulation to Irrelevance or Death

By understanding these stages of decline, leaders can substantially reduce their chances of falling all the way to the bottom.

Great companies can stumble, badly, and recover.

Every institution, no matter how great, is vulnerable to decline. There is no law of nature that the most powerful will inevitably remain at the top. Anyone can fall and most eventually do. But, as Collins' research emphasizes, some companies do indeed recover—in some cases, coming back even stronger—even after having crashed into the depths of Stage 4.

Decline, it turns out, is largely self-inflicted, and the path to recovery lies largely within our own hands. We are not imprisoned by our circumstances, our history, or even our staggering defeats along the way. As long as we never get entirely knocked out of the game, hope always remains. The mighty can fall, but they can often rise again. **HC \$49.95**

Richard Feynman

Classic Feynman: All the Adventures of a Curious Character

Richard Feynman (1918-1988) thrived on outrageous adventures. In the phenomenal national bestsellers "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!" and "What Do You Care What Other People Think?" the Nobel Prize-winning physicist recounted in an inimitable voice his adventures trading ideas on atomic physics with Einstein and Bohr and ideas on gambling with Nick the Greek, painting a naked female treader, accompanying a ballet on his bongo drums, solving the mystery of the Challenger disaster, and much else of an eyebrow-raising, hugely entertaining, and astounding nature. One of the most influential and creative minds of recent history, Feynman also possessed an unparalleled ability as a storyteller, a delightful coincidence celebrated in this special omnibus edition of his classic stories. Now packaged with an hour-long audio CD of the 1978 "Los Alamos from Below" lecture, *Classic Feynman* offers readers a chance to finally hear a great tale in the orator's own voice.

Hardcover book and 1 hour audio CD. **HC \$60**

Matthew Flaming

The Kingdom of Idaho

After discovering an old photograph, an elderly antiques dealer living in present-day Los Angeles is forced to revisit the history he has struggled to deny. The photograph depicts a man and a woman. The man is Peter Force, a young frontier adventurer who comes to New York City in 1901 and quickly lands a job digging the first subway tunnels beneath the metropolis. The woman is Cheri- Anne Toledo, a beautiful mathematical prodigy whose memories appear to come from another world. They meet seemingly by chance, and initially Peter dismisses her as crazy. But as they are drawn into a tangle of overlapping intrigues, Peter must reexamine Cheri-Anne's fantastic story. Could it be that she is telling the truth and that she has stumbled onto the most dangerous secret imaginable: the key to traveling through time?

Set against the mazelike streets of New York at the dawn of the mechanical age, Peter and Cheri-Anne find themselves wrestling with the nature of history, technology, and the unfolding of time itself. **HC \$51.95**

P D James

Talking about Detective Fiction

From the birth of crime writing with Wilkie Collins and Dostoevsky, through Conan Doyle to the golden age of crime, with the rise of Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh and Margery Allingham, P.D. James brings a lifetime of reading and writing crime fiction to bear on this personal history of the genre.

There are chapters on great American crime writers - the likes of Patricia Highsmith, Raymond Carver, and Dashiell Hammett. James also discusses many of her favourite detectives, from Sherlock Holmes to Philip Marlowe. **TP \$26.99**

Tove Jansson

The True Deceiver

In the deep winter snows of a Swedish hamlet, a strange young woman fakes a break-in at the house of an elderly artist in order to persuade her that she needs companionship. What does she hope to gain by doing this? Who ultimately is deceiving whom? In this portrayal of two women grappling with truth and lies, nothing can be taken for granted. By the time the snow thaws, both their lives will have changed irrevocably. **PB \$23.99**

Captian W E Johns

Biggles Big Adventures (Biggles)

Includes:

Biggles in the Baltic

Biggles Sees It Through

Biggles Flies North

Biggles in the Jungle

Known to boys all over the world as Biggles, Squadron Leader James Bigglesworth is the archetypal British hero.

Bound together in one bumper volume, here is Biggles at his fighting best in four of his most daring adventures:

- * tackling a gang of slavers in the jungles of South America
- * foiling the plans of his Nazi enemy, von Stalheim, in the icy wastes of the Arctic
- * battling crooks in Canada to help an old friend
- * setting up an airbase at the very edge of the Nazi empire at the outbreak of war.

For men who were fans of these stirring tales in their youth, here is an opportunity to enjoy them again, and wonder at their enduring power to thrill. For a new generation of readers these four full length novels make the ideal introduction to the adventurous lives of Biggles and his famous crew: Flight Lieutenant the Hon. Algernon 'Algy' Lacy and Flying Officer 'Ginger' Hebblethwaite. **HC \$35**

Biggles' Dangerous Mission (Biggles)

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Biggles In Australia

Flying to Australia on the trail of his old enemy, Von Stalheim, in the 1950s, Biggles uncovers a web of murderous intrigue and his plane is attacked by a giant squid in this rip-roaring adventure.

Biggles: Secret Agent

During World War II Biggles is sent to Lucrania where Professor Max Beklinder has disappeared while working on secret research for Britain. Biggles' job is to find him and bring him home, but Von Stalheim has other ideas!

Biggles and the Secret Mission

Biggles is given a special commission in the RAF in the late 1930s in order to solve the mysterious disappearance of supply ships in the Indian Ocean. Fighting off pirate cutthroats and hostile natives, he eventually discovers a secret submarine base.

Biggles: Flying Detective

Immediately after World War II, Biggles, Algy, Ginger and Bertie are recruited by Scotland Yard to track down an airborne gang of jewel thieves. Their adventures take them from Germany to the deserts of North Africa.

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Biggles' Secret Assignment (Biggles)

Biggles' Second Case

Biggles Breaks the Silence

Biggles Gets His Men

Biggles Follows On

Biggles becomes involved in four undercover operations in this third bumper omnibus of his classic adventure stories that take him from the icy wastes of Antarctica to war-torn Korea:

- hunting a Second World War German submarine loaded with stolen gold
- battling with desperate villains over an ice-bound treasure ship
- rescuing kidnapped scientists from a remote region of China

- Tackling his arch enemy Erich Von Stalheim and teaming up with Gimlet King's special forces unit undercover in China. **HC \$35**

Elizabeth Kostova*The Swan Thieves*

Psychiatrist Andrew Marlowe has a perfectly ordered life - solitary, perhaps, but full of devotion to his profession and the painting hobby he loves. This order is destroyed when renowned painter Robert Oliver attacks a canvas in the National Gallery of Art and becomes his patient. Desperate to understand the secret that torments this genius, Marlowe embarks on a journey that leads him into the lives of the women closest to Oliver and a tragedy at the heart of French Impressionism. **TP \$32.99**

Fern Michaels*Razor Sharp (Sisterhood)***A FRIEND IN NEED . . . NEEDS THE SISTERHOOD**

When it comes to repaying a debt, the women of the Sisterhood—Myra, Annie, Kathryn, Alexis, Yoko, Nikki, and Isabelle—never forget. And now one of their allies needs help only they can give. A powerful attorney with a cut-throat reputation, Lizzie Fox has just taken on a high-profile new client—Lily Flowers, the Madam of a high-end bordello operating under the guise of a summer camp.

The chips—a.k.a. the prominent Washington politicians who frequent the bordello—are stacked against Lily and her girls. But one phone call to the Sisterhood might just swing the vote. And soon, even the highest courts in the land will prove no match for seven fearless friends determined to ensure that real justice is served, Sisterhood style. **PB \$14.95**

Don Pendleton*Diplomacy Detective (SuperBolan 131)*

Blood and death mark a political rally in Puerto Rico on the eve of an election, putting U.S. interests in jeopardy. Mack Bolan's mission: identify the unknown aggressors suspected of being a violent guerrilla unit demanding independence. But links to the presence of a Middle East terrorist cell compel Bolan to consider the worst-case scenario: enemies of the West want a free and independent Puerto Rico as a strategic stronghold for strikes against the United States. The brutal business of justice leads Bolan and a select team to a secret terrorist base on American soil, deep in the Georgia swamplands. Bolan's singular objective: the eradication of those committing acts of barbarism against the free world. **APB \$17.95**

System Corruption (Executioner 374)

Frank Carella is just doing his job when he makes a horrifying discovery—a major contractor has knowingly supplied substandard armor to the U.S. military. When Carella becomes a whistle-blower he unwittingly alerts the men behind a sinister and deadly cover-up. Mack Bolan is drawn into the hunt when Carella's life is suddenly under threat as the incriminating information he has gathered becomes the prize in a deadly chase. Bolan must navigate a network of sabotage and deception with a well-organized enemy closing ranks around him. As bodies start piling up, Bolan knows his only chance is to get to the finish line first. Fortunately, it's a game that the Executioner plays with deadly skill.... **PB \$13.95**

Anne Rice*Called Out of Darkness*

Internationally bestselling author, Anne Rice, has written 28 novels – magnificent tales of other worldly beings that explore the realms of good and evil, love and alienation: each a reflection of her own moral journey. Now, in her powerful memoir, she writes about her own life as a Catholic. Beginning with her New Orleans childhood, in a vividly experienced world of storytelling and ritual, Rice's faith was formed. As a teenager, struggling to reconcile her faith with her hunger for knowledge and understanding of the modern world, she turned her back to the religion of her childhood and lost her belief in God. Years later, after the tragic passing of her daughter, she wrote Interview with the Vampire, a lament for her lost faith. Rice describes a turning point in 1998, when, after nearly 4 decades as an atheist, she returned to the religion of her childhood. Hers is a faith that has survived even her husband's death and the divisive nature of contemporary religious debate. This is her spiritual confession. **BPB \$27.95**

Nora Roberts*Carolina Moon*

Returning to the hometown where her best friend Hope had been murdered as a girl, Tory Bodeen decides to face down her memories from that awful night and, in doing so, forges a relationship with Hope's older brother Cade Lavelle. **PB \$19.95**

Alice Sebold*The Lovely Bones (Film Tie In)*

"My name was Salmon, like the fish; first name, Susie. I was fourteen when I was murdered on December 6, 1973. My murderer was a man from our neighborhood. My mother liked his border flowers, and my father talked to him once about fertilizer."

This is Susie Salmon. Watching from heaven, Susie sees her happy suburban family devastated by her death, isolated even from one another as they each try to cope with their terrible loss alone. Over the years, her friends and siblings grow up, fall in love, do all the things she never had the chance to do herself. But life is not quite finished with Susie yet... **PB \$22.99**

Bertrice Small*The Border Lord and The Lady*

Lady Cicely Bowen, daughter of the Earl of Leighton, is sent away by her father when her jealous stepmother threatens her safety. Soon the exiled Cicely becomes best friends with Lady Joan Beaufort, the king's cousin-and when Joan is married to King James I of Scotland she chooses Cicely as one of the ladies accompany her north...

At the Scot's court Cicely finds herself pursued by two men-elegant Andrew Gordon, the laird of Fairlee, and Ian Douglas, the laird of Glengorm, a rough-spoken border lord. When Ian kidnaps Cicely just as Andrew is about to propose, the royal court is sent into an uproar. The queen is demanding the return of her friend and the Gordons are threatening to set the border on fire. But the border lord is difficult to tame-and the lady's heart is even harder to claim. **TP \$19.95**

John Stack*Captain of Rome*

Atticus and his companion legionary, Septimus, are confirmed in their roles in the expanded Roman Navy. Their opposition, the Carthaginians are on the warpath, determined not only to reconquer Sicily, but also to take the attack to Rome itself. Hampered by the presence of a well-connected but treacherous young senator, and by the machinations of Scipio in Rome, the two and their vessel are both involved in a series of horrific running battles and dangerous political infighting. The book culminates in the battle of Agrigentum, the largest sea battle of the ancient world. **TP \$32.99**

Terence Strong*Stalking Horse*

After six years in deep cover to penetrate the IRA, Max Avery was a man on the edge. A man starting to crack who wanted out. But London and Washington had other ideas. Iraq had invaded Kuwait and Saddam Hussein threatened a terror strike to win him the Gulf War before it began. They needed a stalking horse to get close to the enemy - and Avery was their man. Whether he liked it or not. Plunged into a nightmare mission with the SAS and the American Delta Force, Avery finds his wife, his future and his very life on the line. **APB \$19.99**

David Wong*John Dies at the End*

THE LOCATION: Undisclosed THE THREAT: Unconfirmed (but scary as hell) OUR ONLY HOPE: Two high school dropouts who really have better things to do with their time than prevent the apocalypse Its street name is Soy Sauce -- a drug that lets its users drift across time and dimensions. But sometimes, those who come back bring something with them. Suddenly, a silent otherworldly invasion is underway, and mankind needs a hero. What it gets instead is John and David, a pair of dropouts who can barely hold down jobs. Can these two stop the oncoming horror in time to save humanity? No. No, they cant ... **TP \$32.99**

Evan Wright*Generation Kill*

GENERATION KILL is about the young men sent to fight their nation's first open-ended war since Vietnam. Despite the flurry of media images to come of the recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, you have never really met any of these people, who serve as front-line troops. For whatever reason, the media simply doesn't get them. As we all know, news accounts of the last two wars focused almost exclusively on battlefield imagery of high-tech weapons wreaking astounding destruction, comply with analysis from retired army grandees and other experts, punctuated by the odd heart-warming patriotic sound-bite. The troops themselves play a role in the media's presentation of recent wars rather like extras in *The Triumph of the Will*. They are everywhere yet somehow invisible. When they speak you get the sense that what they are saying has been carefully scripted. Now GENERATION KILL tells the soldiers' story in their own words.

The narrative focuses on a platoon of 23 marines, many of them veterans of Afghanistan, whose elite reconnaissance unit spearheaded the blitzkrieg on Iraq. This is the story of young men that have been trained to become ruthless killers. It's about surviving death. It's about taking part in a war many questioned before it even began.

Evan Wright was the only reporter with First Recon, which operated well ahead of most other forces, usually behind enemy lines. They were among the first marines sent into the fight and one of the last units still engaged on the outskirts of Iraq, even after the city centre fell. GENERATION KILL is not just a combat chronicle but an inside look at how people fighting in war actually experience it. It is both an action narrative like *Black Hawk Down* and a detailed portrait of a generation at war along the lines of *Band of Brothers*. It is not a book you are going to forget in a hurry... **PB \$24.95**