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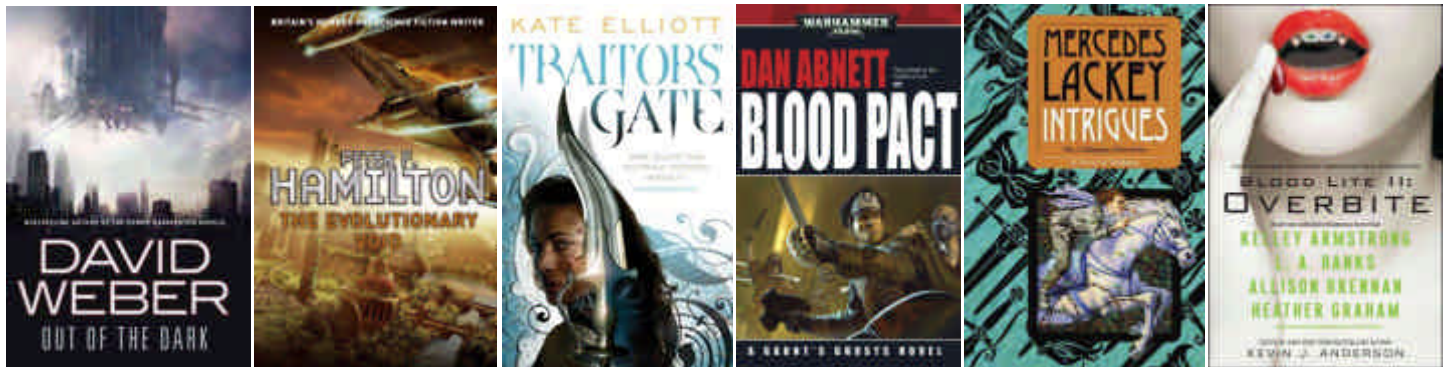
October 2010

## Featured Books



**Iain M Banks**  
**Ilona Andrews**  
**Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson**  
**Scott Westerfeld**  
**Eric Flint**  
**Sean Willams**  
**David Weber**  
**Peter F Hamilton**  
**Kate Elliott**  
**Dan Abnett**  
**Mercedes Lackey**  
**Kevin Anderson** editor

*Surface Detail* a new *Culture* novel in trade and hardcover.  
*Bayou Moon* in paperback.  
*The Gathering Storm* *Wheel of Time* 12 in paperback.  
*Behemoth* *Leviathan 2* in trade paperback.  
*1635: The Eastern Front* in hardcover.  
*Star Wars The Force Unleashed II* in hardcover.  
*Out of the Dark* a stand alone novel in hardcover.  
*The Evolutionary Void* in trade and hardcover.  
*Traitors' Gate* in paperback.  
*Warhammer 40 000 Blood Pact* in paperback.  
*Intrigues Valdemar Collegium Chronicles 2* in hardcover.  
*Blood Lite II* a humorous horror anthology.



## News

**Terry Pratchett** will be attending Nullus Anxietas, a Discworld convention to be held in Penrith April 2011.

**Jennifer Rardin** died unexpectedly 20<sup>th</sup> September, aged 45. Her Jax Parks series is very popular here being urban fantasy / vampire / crime / suspense. <http://www.jenniferrardin.net/>

**Harlan Ellison** announced in an interview that he will attend no more conventions as he is dying. <http://www.thedailypage.com/isthmus/article.php?article=30610>

**Free movie tickets.** We have been promised some 2 for 1 passes to see the new 3D horror movie Saw VII to give away. Ask us in the shop (they may be 2 for 1 passes).

**Urban Fantasy Book Club** started well last month discussing paranormal romance. This will continue with wine and cheese on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening of each month. Next meeting 6:30pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

## Recent Author Visits

**Trent Jamieson** visited Infinitas 28<sup>th</sup> September at lunchtime to promote his new urban fantasy series set in Brisbane (book one is *Death Most Definite*). Several fans came in to meet him and he signed many books - ask us for a signed copy. Trent talked of the Death Works novels, and a steampunk one he's writing but not yet published. Death Works is currently a trilogy (which is done, and has an *ending*). However, he did say there may be more stories to tell in the same world setting. He was somewhat coy about his future works as he is yet to sign publishing contracts for them.



## Best Sellers for September 2010

### General Release

<i>I Shall Wear Midnight</i>	Terry Pratchett
<i>Wireless</i>	Charles Stross
<i>Ghost of a Chance</i>	Simon R Green
<i>The Sword of the Lady</i>	S M Stirling
<i>The Atrocity Archives</i>	Charles Stross
<i>Death Most Definite</i>	Trent Jamieson *
<i>The Fuller Memorandum</i>	Charles Stross
<i>The Black Lung Captain</i>	Chris Wooding
<i>The Way of Kings</i>	Brandon Sanderson
<i>1635: The Dreeson Incident</i>	Eric Flint & Virginia Easley DeMarce

\*Australian Author

### Media and Games Related Titles

<i>Hunt for Voldorius</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Nemesis</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Fear the Alien</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Blood Pact</i>	Warhammer 40,000
<i>Four Dragons</i>	Stargate SG-1
<i>D&amp;D Roleplaying Starter Set</i>	Dungeons & Dragons
<i>Power Behind the Throne</i>	Stargate SG-1
<i>Zombieslayer</i>	Warhammer
<i>The Ghost King</i>	Forgotten Realms
<i>Valhalla</i>	Stargate SG-1

## External Events

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

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

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

[http://www.cultureshockevents.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=140&Itemid=300088](http://www.cultureshockevents.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=140&Itemid=300088)

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

### Christmas wish lists

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

## 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.

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### *Burnt Snow* by Van Badham, reviewed by Adina West

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780330425728>

*Burnt Snow* puts a modern paranormal twist on the old tale of forbidden love, introducing us to Sophie Morgan, a year 11 student starting at a new school in a fictional town on the NSW South Coast. It's not long before Sophie notices bad boy loner Brody Meine, and though she's warned to stay away from him by both her superstitious 'hippy' mother and Ashley, the school Goth, Sophie can't keep her distance. When she and Brody touch, the sparks quite literally start to fly. The romantic elements of *Burnt Snow* are compellingly told and beautifully evocative; readers will really believe in Brody and Sophie and their dilemma.

This is Van Badham's first novel, but before she became a novelist she was already an award-winning playwright, and this pays dividends in her assurance with both characters and dialogue in *Burnt Snow*. The characters come to life and leap off the page as you read, and - for those of us who have put their highschool years behind them - you will feel you're back in those familiar corridors with Sophie!

This is an addictive read; at 700 pages *Burnt Snow* is a long book, but there are no slow sections or dull moments, so it certainly doesn't read like one. The complex and endlessly imaginative plot is filled with witchcraft, magic, and herbal lore, and you never know what the next turn of the page will bring. *Burnt Snow* ends with an emotional roller coaster of a finale that leaves the reader wanting more.

*Burnt Snow* is targeted at the YA market, and deals well with issues facing this age group like drugs and teenage sexuality, but the basic story appeals to all ages - I'm a good few years past the 'young adult' age group and I certainly enjoyed it!

Adina West [www.adinawest.blogspot.com](http://www.adinawest.blogspot.com)



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### *D&D Dungeon Tiles Master Set - The Dungeon* reviewed by Nathan

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780786955558>

Firstly, a word of warning: the new 'Dungeon Tiles Master Set: The Dungeon' box does not contain new tiles. The tile illustrations are from several different tilesets, including 'Streets of Shadow', 'Halls of the Giant Kings' and 'Arcane Towers', as well as a few that appear to be from the first couple of tilesets that went out-of-print very quickly, before Wizards started the regular releases. Each sheet is a mix-and-match of tiles from different sets, not simply reprints of the original sheets. They're all sufficiently 'interesting' enough visually that most people would be happy having extras if they have them already, and they're all useful tiles that can expand a dungeon nicely, with a mix of dungeon terrain and 'specialty' rooms and features.

All of the tiles are the usual high-quality heavy cardstock, with the selected illustrations fitting the overall 'Dungeon' theme, and are easy to punch out and use. The box comes with ten sheets of tiles, with enough space to carry twenty sheets-worth. The sturdy physical box alone makes an extremely useful and stylish case for the tiles for any GM; the outside of the box is printed with inch-square flagstones on top and bottom, and stone brickwork and columns on the sides. It's actually the right height and design to match the 3D stone stairs in the 'Harrowing Halls' set, allowing it to be used as part of the terrain when not transporting tiles! Definitely worth purchasing, even for the GM who already owns most or all of the tilesets.



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## **Henry VIII: Wolfman** by A E Moorat, reviewed by Jonathan Dean

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781444705201>

Henry the 8th - larger than life, strong, passionate, bloodthirsty, and one of the major figures in history. After the treaty signed at the Field of Gold, ostensibly for peace between England & France, in reality a cover for a peace treaty between England & the forces of Hell, Henry is married to Catherine, and has a young son on the way. All is well with the world, and God has smiled on him. But in the countryside, the wolven are starting to revolt, led by Malchek, who sends assassins to kill Henry's new son. In the attack, Henry is bitten, and starts to change, feeling the feral joy & passion of his animal side coming to the fore. And that cute young Anne Boleyn is starting to look good.....to both the werewolf & the man. Intrigue, betrayal, assassinations, treachery and gore - the author has managed to depict the times and their incredible cruelty & brutality with a clear eye, not to mention an appreciation of the mentality of the period.



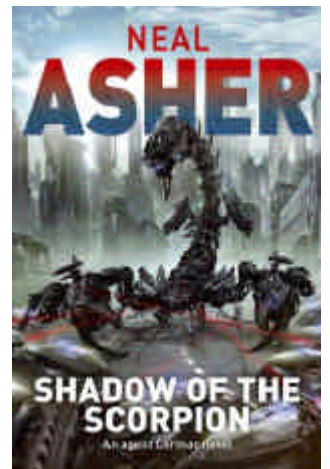
Reminiscent of Queen Victoria, Demon Hunter, Moorat has managed to stretch a fascinating skin of story over the bones of historical events, particularly in the depictions of the combat scenes, and the indifference to life characteristic of the time. He has taken the chronologies of the period, and managed to create a fascinating speculative story, which when looked at from a twisted perspective, makes a lot of sense. The characters are based on real people, and what is said & recorded of the time, although he has modified the time span between events at times, to tighten up the story. Admittedly, the people & practices of the time could be revoltingly brutal & violent to someone of today, but the author hasn't shrunk from depicting the events as they did or could have occurred. Please note that this is not a book for the weak of stomach, as it is up there with Easton-Ellis' Psycho in terms of descriptions of attacks & the physical damages that occur. A fascinating book that throws all the normal assumptions about the period out the window, and gives a very good idea about the people & character of the time.

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## **Shadow of the Scorpion** by Neal Asher, reviewed by Len Newland

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780330478779>

What makes AI robot stories interesting is the question of how close to human those robots need to be and what problems might arise therefrom. The scorpion of this title, named Amistad, is a large arthropoid robot of a class of heavily armed and armoured war machines with the interstellar travel capability of a space ship but hurriedly designed and consequently equipped with off-the-shelf “brains” of human-emulating humanoid robots, the frustrations of this combination making the entire class notoriously unstable and untrustworthy. The novel's early sex scene, which tended to vulgarity, seemed a marketing throw-in, but it turned out to be related to the later sex scene that related in turn to the social problems of the humanoid robots, which linked ultimately to Amistad and robots generally. “I am insane,” declares Amistad, and it's the nature of its insanity that is the point of this book. The novel is less a story than a word portrait that reminds me of novels by Kurt Vonnegut Jr. I liked it.



The title is apt: Amistad fades in and out of the narrative, and it's the shadow so cast that affects Character One, named Ian Cormac. The novel appears to be part of a series featuring this Agent Cormac, and a broader series featuring The Polity for whom he works and its oversize crab-like enemy, the Prador. Here Cormac is becoming an agent, so I assume this novel is a prequel, but it's fully stand alone. Although the book is about the robot issue, Cormac's official activity is against the human Separatists, who envisage a future without the absolute rule of AI's over humans that characterises The Polity. Nice ideal, but The Separatists are depicted as controlled by self-interested gangsters, making The Polity look better than it probably is, considering features like Amistad's situation and the attitude that all Separatists are to be shot on sight unless they can be usefully tortured to death.

Cover art depicting a pertinent scene within the novel is a plus, although the cover blurb isn't quite right. Praise also to the author for sticking to Cormac's point of view throughout – this is a book, not a want-to-be movie script, and I appreciate that. The writing is good, although slightly clichéd. My main reservation is over Amistad's coming to planet Hagren to effect a hand-of-God rescue. That leaves the novel four stars out of five, and I think I'll be rereading it. It would be one of the better novels I've read this year.



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### New Release Information

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.

Prices include GST and are correct at time of printing but may change without notice.

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

### Information on the Infinitas Groups

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

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

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct was spent reporting on AussieCon4.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Zombies

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Stories that initially excite then disappoint

**Urban Fantasy Book Club:** Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. A title is selected to start the discussion  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010:

*Circle of Fire* by Keri Arthur

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010:

*Staked* by Jeremy F Lewis

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010:

*Spirit Gate* by Kate Elliott (Fantasy)

*Wireless* by Charles Stross (SF)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010:

*Walking The Tree* by Kaaron Warren (Fantasy)

*Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency*

by Douglas Adams (SF)

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

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/WritersGroup.php>

### Monsterpocalypse Gamers:

Monsterpocalypse is a tabletop miniature game for 2 players who each deploy their figurine army of giant monsters rampaging through a cityscape. It is very silly and often humans only rank as collateral damage. Games start 6pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> edition D&D, one or two encounters only. Every second Saturday morning starting at 9:30am.

**Pathfinder:** Casual games occasional Saturdays, ask for dates.

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

**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](http://forums.infinitas.com.au)

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## *Be Mine Forever*

Love Can Change You...For Eternity...

Tom Kyd has smoldering eyes, a sculpted body, and supernatural staying power—even for a vampire. He also thinks he knows best about everything—including how to figure out who Angela Ryan was before he and his clan rescued her from a mysterious attack that stole her memory. But whoever she is, Tom wants her...

Six months ago Angela never would have imagined her life would turn into an episode of *Dark Shadows*—or that she'd be saved by the kind of man she's always fantasized about. Tom may be a vampire, and a know-it-all, but when his kisses are so sinful, so intoxicating, and so damn good, Angela is tempted to say yes to whatever he wants... **PB \$12.95**

## *Croboats*

Amigurumi--Japanese for cute, little stuffed dolls. (See cute book cover if you're having trouble with the translation.) It's the latest and hottest craft craze among young and trendy crafters.

*Croboats* features a 20-strong army of charming, cuddly amigurumi designs such as BigBot, BabyBot (don't let his age fool you), Geisha, DogBot, CatBot, and Thinker.

The pattern for each design is simple enough for crochet novices, yet can be adapted to keep the experts interested and amused. **PB \$29.95**

## *Zombie Felties*

There's a new craze in town, and it's not a pretty one. It's taking over previously wholesome quilters, soft-toy makers and amigurumi enthusiasts, so you'd better pay attention. *Zombie Felties!* **PB \$19.95**

## **Rachel Aaron**

### *Spirit Thief (Legend of Eli Monpress 01)*

Eli Monpress is talented. He's charming. And he's a thief. But not just any thief. He's the greatest thief of the age - and he's also a wizard. And with the help of his partners - a swordsman with the most powerful magic sword in the world but no magical ability of his own, and a demonseed who can step through shadows and punch through walls - he's going to put his plan into effect. The first step is to increase the size of the bounty on his head, so he'll need to steal some big things. But he'll start small for now. He'll just steal something that no one will miss - at least for a while. Like a king.

**BPB \$19.99**

## **Marta Acosta**

### *Haunted Honeymoon at Casa Dracula (Casa Dracula)*

THERE'S MORE THAN HER HEART AT STAKE. . . .As the only human to survive vampire infection, Milagro de Los Santos has become quite a celebrity among the blood-drinking elite. Too bad the perks of her condition—increased strength, super-fast healing—don't pay her condo fees. There are other complications too. She's feeling guilty about her fling with enigmatic Vampire Council member Ian Ducharme, and pining for her ex-fiancé, Dr. Oswald Grant . . . the fabulous man whose kiss changed her life. It's when Milagro—irked by Ian's attentions to his neighbor—travels to London and enjoys a sexy flirtation of her own, that the blood really hits the fan. Suddenly, those around her are dying gruesome deaths and Milagro's being interrogated. Who would kill to set her up as a murder suspect? Milagro just wants to turn back the clock and have another chance to make things right, but no sooner has she escaped to Oswald's ranch than an accident obliterates her memory. Will the murderer come after her now? And will amnesia spark a romantic do-over with Oswald—or will she make all the same mistakes before she ever gets to say "I do"? **TP \$30.95**

## **Tessa Adams**

### *Dark Embers (A Dragon's Heat 01)*

Prince Dylan MacLeod is one of the last pure-blood dragon shape-shifters and ruler of a dying race, the Dragonstar clan. It falls to him to protect his people and their ancient magic. But he has one important duty: to provide an heir...

Like all dragons, Dylan, who has a dark, rampant sexual appetite, can only procreate with his destined mate—for whom he's searched for the last five hundred years. But his quest is delayed when a disease sweeps through the Dragonstars, and Dylan must venture to the human world to find a cure. He tracks down bio-chemist Phoebe Quillum, never imagining the beautiful scientist would be the mate he's been seeking. But even with the fate of the clan on their shoulders, Phoebe and Dylan are overcome by their sexual desire.

Their passion turns to something truer, but when Phoebe is kidnapped by Dylan's oldest enemy, he must risk everything for his love and his clan...

**BPB \$19.95**

## **Zoe Adams**

### *All That We Remember*

When a young woman loses her memory after a traumatic car accident, she decides to recuperate in her palatial family home -- a gorgeous mansion set high on the cliffs -- which is about to be sold. Seizing this as her last opportunity to enjoy summer there, and hoping it will stimulate her memory, which is alarmingly blank for large sections of her childhood, she moves in. But instead of the peace she is seeking, she begins to relive someone else's memories of the house, and her every movement stirs another presence. As the tension builds, her trust in both old and new relationships is tested, and tragic secrets begin to surface. A haunting image of a white wisp-like veil winds through her dreams and into unfolding events -- and the unveiling of the final secret leaves her changed forever. **PB \$24.99**

## **Brian Aldiss**

### *Helliconia (Science Fiction Masterworks)*

Helliconia is a planet that, due to the massively eccentric orbit of its own sun around another star, experiences seasons that lasts eons. Whole civilisations grow in the Spring, flourish in the Summer and then die in the brutal winters. The human-like inhabitants have been profoundly changed by their experience of this harsh cycle. In orbit above the planet a terran mission struggles to observe and understand the effects on society of such a massive climatic impact. Massive, thoroughly researched, minutely organised, full of action, pulp references and deep drama this is a classic trilogy. **TP \$39.99**

## **Ilona Andrews**

### *Bayou Moon (The Edge 02)*

Cerise Mar and her clan are cash poor but land rich, claiming a large swathe of the Mire, the Edge swamplands. When her parents vanish, her clan's long-time rivals are suspect. But all is not as it seems.

Two nations of the Weird are waging a cold war fought by feint and espionage, and their conflict is about to spill over into the Edge—and Cerise's life.

**APB \$19.95**

## V C Andrews

### *Daughter of Darkness*

Seventeen-year-old Lorelei Patio, the adopted daughter of an insatiable vampire, falls in love with schoolmate Buddy and desperately tries to keep her love life and home life separate so that Buddy doesn't fall victim to her father's undying appetites. **PB \$19.95 HC \$51.95**

## Piers Anthony

### *Jumper Cable (Xanth 33)*

In the thirty-third thrilling escapade in Piers Anthony's rousing Xanth fantasy series, an adventurous arachnid named Jumper must assume human form to save the enchanted realm from a cosmic peril.

A cataclysmic battle between two all-powerful Demons has severed a mystical connection that joins Xanth to our own world. The key to restoring it is hidden within a cryptic prophecy that Jumper discovers when he is suddenly transformed from spider to man. As he sets out to discern the prophecy's meaning, he gathers about him a half dozen alluring damsels who do their best to help him solve the riddle while vying for his attentions. But a seductive siren and her demonic consort have determined to use their wiles to lure Jumper and his lovely companions away from their urgent mission. In a madcap adventure that is alternately harrowing and hilarious, they soon discover that danger, deception, and even true love may be found where they least expect it.

In *Jumper Cable*, master storyteller Piers Anthony spins a wild and witty web of wonder that is sure to captivate fans of fantastic adventure everywhere! **APB \$17.95**

### *Knot Gneiss (Xanth 34)*

Wenda Woodwife has a knotty problem--her mood swings have sent her beloved husband, Prince Charming, off on Adventure. She seeks the cure from the Good Magician Humphrey, only to discover that he has a knotty problem of his own and that only Wenda Woodwife can help him.

She'll need Companions. Luckily, in Xanth magical companions are never far away, and all roads lead to Adventure.

This 34th installment in the saga of the magical land of Xanth proves the enduring appeal of Piers Anthony's peerless creation. **HC \$52.95**

## Christopher Anvil

### *Illusion of Power*

The full-length novel, *The Day the Machines Stopped*—and what happens, not just to civilization, but to humanity and its chances of survival when all the machines stop working at once?

A man is captured by aliens who are investigating the Earth as a possible target for colonization. The aliens have science and technology far in advance of humans—but, unfortunately for them, they have never developed the human art of bluffing.

For the first time in book form, Anvil's stories of Richard Verner, who is called in to solve apparently insoluble problems, such as explaining why experimental missiles keep failing for no apparent reason, or locating a kidnapped judge, or even solving an inexplicable murder that's interrupting his vacation.

And much more, in a generous volume of sardonically humorous science fiction. **PB \$24.95**

## Neal Asher

### *Technician (Polity)*

The Theocracy has been dead for twenty years, and the Polity rules on Masada. But the Tidy Squad consists of rebels who cannot accept the new order. Their hate for surviving theocrats is undiminished, and the iconic Jeremiah Tombs is at the top of their hitlist. Escaping his sanatorium Tombs is pushed into painful confrontation with reality he has avoided since the rebellion. His insanity has been left uncured, because the near mythical hoodler called the Technician, that attacked him all those years ago, did something to his mind even the AIs fail to understand. Tombs might possess information about the suicide of an entire alien race. **HC \$54.99 TP \$34.99**

### *Orbus (Polity Spatterjay 03)*

'Orbus' traces the journey of an Old Captain, Orbus - a sadist in charge of a crew of masochists - to a planetary wasteland called "The Graveyard", lying between the Polity and the Prador Kingdom. An ancient war drone by the name of Sniper has stowed away aboard his spaceship, and the purpose of the journey is not entirely what the captain expected. Also heading in the same direction is the Prador king and the Prador Vrell. Vrell, having been mutated by the Spatterjay virus into something powerful and dangerous, has seized control of a Prador dreadnought, killing much of its crew, and is intent on heading back to the Prador Third Kingdom to exact vengeance on the King of the Prador. All three ships are heading towards a climatic confrontation to The Graveyard **BPB \$22.99**

## Amanda Ashley

### *Everlasting Desire*

While searching for the vampire who is draining humans on his turf, putting all of their kind at risk, Rhys Costain, the Master of the West Coast vampires, finds the only woman who can quench his dark thirst--boutique owner Megan DeLacey. **APB \$17.95**

## Robert Asprin

### *Myth-Interpretations (Myth)*

Presenting a collection of short novels and stories set in the many worlds of Robert Asprin. One of his most popular creations was the "Myth" series, chronicling the misadventures of Skeeve and Aahz, a magician who has lost his power and his hapless human apprentice as they travel through strange and varied worlds in pursuit of wealth and glory, but mostly getting into one Myth-ical mess after another. Collected in this volume for the first time are all the Myth stories of less-than-novel length, and even avid fans of the series will find new and enjoyable reading here.

Also included are other short works by Asprin, including his award-winning novelette "Cold Cash War," and several unpublished stories discovered after the writer's death. Asprin's many fans, as well as all readers who enjoy humorous fantasy and science fiction, will find a treasure trove of enjoyable reading. **TP \$28.95**

## Mary Balogh et al

### *Bespelling Jane*

Four best-selling romance authors, cleverly imagining a world in which Jane Austen believes in reincarnation and vampires, present a collection of stories that includes Mary Balogh's "Almost Persuaded," in which Robert and Jane will do anything to stay together both in this life and the next.

**TP \$29.95**

## **L A Banks**

### *Left For Undead (Crimson Moon 06)*

Secret government operative Sasha Trudeau earned a long vacation with her lover and fellow Shadow Wolf, Hunter, after the brutal wolf-like attacks that left New Orleans in an uproar. But when her team calls with news of vampire slayings, Sasha knows it's only a matter of time before another war breaks out among the supernatural denizens of the world ...

The vampires are nobody's ally, but the cold-hearted deaths of their own kind make them even more bloodthirsty than usual. But who is the culprit? With the Seelie and Unseelie courts claiming innocence and aligning together, Sasha's team is at a loss. Until they discover that they're facing ancient creatures from the depths of hell itself, bent on unleashing pure fury ... **APB \$19.95**

## **Iain M Banks**

### *Surface Detail (Culture)*

It begins in the realm of the Real, where matter still matters. It begins with a murder. And it will not end until the Culture has gone to war with death itself. Lededje Y'breq is one of the Intagliated, her marked body bearing witness to a family shame, her life belonging to a man whose lust for power is without limit. Prepared to risk everything for her freedom, her release, when it comes, is at a price, and to put things right she will need the help of the Culture.

Benevolent, enlightened and almost infinitely resourceful though it may be, the Culture can only do so much for any individual. With the assistance of one of its most powerful - and arguably deranged - warships, Lededje finds herself heading into a combat zone not even sure which side the Culture is really on. A war - brutal, far-reaching - is already raging within the digital realms that store the souls of the dead, and it's about to erupt into reality.

It started in the realm of the Real and that is where it will end. It will touch countless lives and affect entire civilizations, but at the centre of it all is a young woman whose need for revenge masks another motive altogether. **TP \$35 HC \$52.95 CD \$39.99**

## **James Barclay**

### *Elves: Once Walked With Gods (Elves 01)*

The elves have fled to Calius, seeking to escape the overwhelming power of the demonic Garonin. A desperate last stand in their own dimension saved the race, at the cost of 100,000 elves lost to the Garonin. The elf who led that fight, Takaar, is blamed for the losses and has gone into hiding. Now the weakened elf race is tearing itself apart in civil war, human mercenaries have arrived in Calius and are ripping the continent apart. Only one elf can unite the elves. And only one elf believes in him. A young warrior named Auum sets out to bring back the shamed hero and save the elven race.

James Barclay's ELVES trilogy will tell the whole story of his immortal elven race and will appeal to all fans of Tolkien and fantasy - this is a uniquely entertaining take on a fantasy staple perfect to bring new readers to Barclay. **TP \$32.99**

## **J K Beck**

### *When Pleasure Rules (Shadow Keepers 02)*

Seven innocents have been brutally murdered in Los Angeles, yet the Shadow Alliance has no suspects and no leads. As the body count mounts, the age-old feud between vampires and werewolves threatens to explode.

Lissa Monroe—a strong-willed, ravishing succubus who entices men to surrender their souls—agrees to go undercover for the Alliance. Her mission: infiltrate the mind of werewolf leader Vincent Rand, a ferociously alluring enemy who exerts a powerful hold over her. As the City of Angels teeters on the brink of apocalypse, these two adversaries must join together in order to survive an even more lethal enemy hidden in plain sight. **PB \$19.95**

## **James Beckingham Australian Author**

### *Aspen Portal*

They stared out at the massive web of fire and plasma that hung between them and the sanctuary of hyperspace. The barrier shone like a sun and burned just as brightly.

“Are you sure you're strong enough?” Alyssa asked.

“I guess we'll find out,” Rayne shrugged. “Which will you choose, Captain – certain death, or almost certain death?”

Alyssa knew she should have turned down the contract as soon as they offered it, but it sounded so simple. Find The Aspen Portal for the Order of Water, make some money and maybe even right a few injustices along the way.

But nothing is ever that simple.

As soon as she signs the contract, Alyssa finds herself unwittingly caught in the middle of a galactic war between the Order of Fire and the Order of Water that has raged for almost a decade. **PB \$29.95**

## **Alden Bell**

### *Reapers are the Angels*

Older than her years and completely alone, Temple is just trying to live one day at a time in a post-apocalyptic world, where the undead roam endlessly, and the remnants of mankind who have survived, at times, seem to retain little humanity themselves. Her journey takes her to far-flung places, to people struggling to maintain some semblance of civilization - and to those who have created a new world order for themselves. When she comes across the helpless Maury, she attempts to set one thing right, if she can just get him back to his family in Texas then maybe it will bring redemption for some of the terrible things she's done in her past. Temple has had to fight to survive, and, along the road, made enemies. Now one vengeful man is determined that, in a world gone mad, killing her is the one thing that makes sense. **HC \$49.99**

## **Robert Jackson Bennett**

### *The Company Man*

After 11 union men are found dead in a trolley car in 1919, a man named Hayes must discover the truth behind the murders--and behind the McNaughton Corporation and the Evesden, the company town it built--before he meets a grim end. **HC \$39.95**

## **Heidi Betts**

### *The Bite Before Christmas*

In this collection of holiday romances featuring Angelina Bertolli, vampire matchmaker extraordinaire, three lucky vamps, including Angelina, find their Christmas wishes coming true as they finally find the perfect person to spend eternity with. **TP \$28.95**



## **A N Boswell**

### *The Vanilla Assassin*

Germany, 1629. The Empire has been ripped open by war and plague. Ravaging armies turn the land to mud. Three great religions fight each other without mercy and a rare and feared race of people known as Doppelgangers – trained by the Jesuits to be the ultimate spies and assassins – walk the streets.

Gustave inherited the curse of the Doppelganger from his mother – a witch who was burned at the stake. Under the iron rule of his father, Gustave roams from town to town, no real friends or home, living the life of a spy.

His latest contract will push him to the edge, testing the love of his father while threatening to plunge Germany deeper into war. **PB \$24.99**

## **Patricia Briggs**

### *Masques (Sianim 02)*

After an upbringing of proper behavior and oppressive expectations, Aralorn fled her noble birthright for a life of adventure as a mercenary spy. Her latest mission involves spying on the increasingly powerful sorcerer Geoffrey ae'Magi. But in a war against an enemy armed with the powers of illusion, how do you know who the true enemy is-or where he will strike next? **APB \$19.95**

## **Suzanne Brockmann**

### *Time Enough For Love*

One woman whose one chance at true love could not only shape her destiny but alter the course of history itself. Level-headed Maggie Winthrop never expected her love life to turn into science fiction. Then a Navy SEAL-trained scientist named Chuck Della Croce turns up one day in her backyard--naked and with an impossible-to-believe explanation: He has come back from the future in a time machine of his own creation in order to stop terrorist killers from laying waste to America. Maggie sympathizes with the rugged, handsome stranger--but can she trust him? Chuck can't complete this mission of mercy alone. He needs Maggie to use all the wiles a beautiful woman has at her disposal to convince his younger self not to create the technology responsible for the tragedy. But when Maggie falls for both versions of the same irresistible man, she confronts a wrenching choice no woman should ever have to face: abandon a love she's waited for all her life or stay with Chuck and watch the future she longs to build with him go up in flames. **PB \$15.95**

## **Meljean Brook**

### *The Iron Duke (Iron Seas 01)*

After the Iron Duke freed England from Horde control, he instantly became a national hero. Now Rhys Trahaearn has built a merchant empire on the power-and fear-of his name. And when a dead body is dropped from an airship onto his doorstep, bringing Detective Inspector Mina Wentworth into his dangerous world, he intends to make her his next possession.

But when Mina uncovers the victim's identity, she stumbles upon a conspiracy that threatens the lives of everyone in England. To save them, Mina and Rhys must race across zombie-infested wastelands and treacherous oceans-and Mina discovers the danger is not only to her countrymen, as she finds herself tempted to give up everything to the Iron Duke. **TP \$29.95**

## **Eric Brown**

### *Engineman*

Once they pushed big ships through the cobalt glory of the Nada-Continuum. But faster than light isn't fast enough anymore. The interfaces of the Keilor-Vincicoff Organisation bring planets light years distant a simple step away. Then a man with half a face offers ex-engineman Ralph Mirren the chance to escape his ruined life and push a ship to an undisclosed destination. The Nada-Continuum holds the key to Ralph's future. What he cannot anticipate is its universal importance-nor the mystery awaiting him on the distant colony world. **APB \$19.95**

## **Cinda Williams Chima**

### *The Demon King (Seven Realms 01)*

When Han Alistair and his Clan friend Dancer encounter three underage wizards setting fire to the sacred mountain of Hanalea, he has no idea that this event will precipitate a cascade of disasters that will threaten everything he cares about. Han takes an amulet from one of the wizards, only later learning that it once belonged to the Demon King, the wizard who nearly destroyed the world a millennium ago.

Meanwhile, Princess Raisa ana'Marianna, the heir to the Gray Wolf throne of the Fells, has just spent three years of relative freedom with her father's family at Demonai Camp. Sent back to the city, court life in Fellsmarsh pinches like a pair of too-small shoes. While the power of the Wizard Council is growing, the people of the Fells are starving and close to rebellion. Now more than ever, there's a need for a strong queen. But Raisa's mother Queen Marianna is weak and distracted by the handsome Gavan Bayar, High Wizard of the Fells.

Raisa aspires to be like Hanalea - the legendary warrior queen who killed the Demon King and saved the world. With the help of her friend, the cadet Amon Byrne, Raisa navigates the treacherous Gray Wolf Court, hoping she can unravel the conspiracy coalescing around her before it's too late. **BPB \$24.99**

## **Cassandra Clare**

### *Clockwork Angel (01)*

Magic is dangerous but love is more dangerous still.

The Infernal Devices trilogy, a prequel to bestselling The Mortal Instruments trilogy, follows 16-year-old orphan Tessa Fell, whose quiet life is thrown into turmoil when her older brother Nathaniel suddenly vanishes, leaving her alone. Tessa's search for him leads her to England during the reign of Queen Victoria, into London's dangerous underworld, where warlocks throw masked balls for half-demon Downworlders and vampires and supernatural folk stalk the gaslit streets. When the friendless and hunted Tessa discovers that she herself is a Downworlder, she must learn to trust her natural enemies, the demon-killing Shadowhunters, if she ever wants to learn to control her powers and find her brother. Drawn ever deeper into their world, she finds herself fascinated by – and torn between – two best friends; beautiful Will, a Shadowhunter hiding a deadly secret, and the devoted Jem, whose addiction to a demon drug is slowly destroying him. Tessa quickly realises that love may be the most dangerous magic of all and must draw on all her strength to save her brother and keep herself alive in this deadly new world. **PB \$24.95**

## **Kresley Cole**

### *Demon From the Dark (Immortals After Dark)*

A scorching tale of a demon outcast poisoned with vampire blood and the vulnerable young witch he vows to protect-even from himself.

Malkom Slaine: tormented by his sordid past and racked by vampiric hungers, he's pushed to the brink by the green-eyed beauty under his guard.

Carrow Graie: hiding her own sorrows, she lives only for the next party or prank. Until she meets a tortured warrior worth saving.

In order for Malkom and Carrow to survive, he must unleash both the demon and vampire inside him. When Malkom becomes the nightmare his own people feared, will he lose the woman he craves body and soul? **BPB \$22.99**

## **Sophie Collins**

### *How to Love a Werewolf*

Whether he's been your best friend for years or you've suddenly sprung a crazily close bond with the new kid on the block, a werewolf is a girl's best friend. But what if he wants more? Don't let confusing feelings mess up your friendships, or crazy crushes stand in the way of true love. Whether you've got a vampire love to die for, or fancy running with wolves for a change, we show you how to track down your werewolf, get in with his pack and untangle even the trickiest of love triangles. Packed with charts, quizzes, and the savviest advice around, this little guide can sort a supernaturally complicated love life, and help you figure out your feelings once and for all (without leaving him in the doghouse). **HC \$19.99**

## **Bill Congreve Australian Author**

### *Souls Along The Meridian*

From the author of *Epiphanies of Blood* and ex-Infinitas bookshop staffer comes a new book.

A long-overdue collection from a writer generally known for publishing the best work of his peers but whose own stories are powerful, insightful and at the top of the game.

Brutally satirical, humanely sorrowful or replete with blood, gristle and darkness, Bill Congreve's tales explore the depths of the human and inhuman soul and linger in the heart and mind long after reading them." Robert Hood

*Souls Along the Meridian* is the latest collection of short fiction from award winning Australian dark fiction author Bill Congreve.

Each story bears Congreve's hallmark style – dark, prosaic and thought-provoking. From contemporary ghost stories to apocalyptic futures, from a deserted amusement park in an isolated town to the claustrophobic depths of the London Underground to the heat-drenched brutality of the Australian outback. These are tales of things we all hope and fear might just exist, somewhere, far from the safety of our lives.

*Souls Along the Meridian* is a book of dark futures and dreams. As the title story shows us, it is also a book about staying true to oneself in the face of whatever the world might throw at us.

Prepare to be provoked and entertained. **BPB \$19.95**

## **Larry Correia**

### *Monster Hunter Vendetta (Monster Hunter 02)*

Accountant turned professional monster hunter, Owen Zastava Pitt, managed to stop the nefarious Old One's invasion plans last year, but as a result made an enemy out of one of the most powerful beings in the universe. Now an evil death cult known as the Church of the Temporary Mortal Condition wants to capture Owen in order to gain the favor of the great Old Ones.

The Condition is led by a fanatical necromancer known as the Shadow Man. The government wants to capture the Shadow Man and has assigned the enigmatic Agent Franks to be Owen's full time bodyguard, which is a polite way of saying that Owen is monster bait.

With supernatural assassins targeting his family, a spy in their midst, and horrific beasties lurking around every corner, Owen and the staff of Monster Hunter International don't need to go hunting, because this time the monsters are hunting them. Fortunately, this bait is armed and very dangerous . . . **APB \$19.95**

## **Carolyn Crane**

### *Double Cross (The Disillusionists 02)*

Some secrets come back to haunt. Others come to kill. Justine Jones lived her life as a fearful hypochondriac until she was lured into the web of a mysterious mastermind named Packard, who gifts her with extraordinary mental powers—dooming her to fight Midcity's shadowy war on paranormal crime in order to find the peace she so desperately craves.

But now serial killers with unheard-of skills are terrorizing the most powerful beings in Midcity, including mastermind Packard and his oldest friend and worst enemy, Midcity's new mayor, who has the ability to bend matter itself to his will.

As the body count grows, Justine faces a crisis of conscience as she tests the limits of her new powers and faces an impossible choice between two flawed but brilliant men—one on a journey of redemption, the other descending into a pit of moral depravity. **APB \$19.95**

## **Julie E Czerneda**

### *Rift in the Sky (Stratification 03)*

Despite good intentions, the Om-ray of Cersi can't resist moving through space using the M-hir dimension. To prevent the disruption of the Agreement and the destruction that it would unleash, the M-hiray, as they now call themselves, agree to leave Cersi forever to establish their own haven within the Trade Pact worlds-only to learn that not everybody wants peace. **PB \$14.95**

## **Camille DeAngelis**

### *Petty Magic*

Evelyn Harbinger sees nothing wrong with a one-night stand. At 149 years old, Eve may look like she bakes oatmeal cookies in the afternoon and dozes in her rocking chair in the evening, but once the gray hair and wrinkles are traded for jet-black tresses and porcelain skin, she can still turn heads as the beautiful girl she once was. Can't fault a girl for having a little fun, can you?

This is all fine and well until Eve meets Justin, who reminds her so much of a former lover that one night is no longer enough. Eve's coven has always turned a blind eye to her nighttime mischief, but this time they think she's gone too far—and they certainly don't hesitate to tell her so. Dodging the warnings of family and friends, Eve must also defend her sister, Helena, when another beldame accuses Helena of killing her own husband sixty years before.

As the evidence against Helena begins to pile up, Eve distracts herself by spending more and more nights—and days—romancing Justin as her former self. There are so many peculiar ways in which Justin is like Jonah, her partner behind enemy lines in World War II and the one true love of her life. Experts in espionage, Jonah and Eve advanced the allied cause at great personal sacrifice. Now Eve suspects that her Jonah has returned to her, and despite the disapproval of her coven and the knowledge that love with a mortal man can only end in sorrow, she can't give him up. But can she prove it's really him?

In this captivating tale of adventure and timeless romance, novelist Camille DeAngelis blends World War II heroics with witchcraft and wit, conjuring a fabulously rich world where beldames and mortal men dare to fall in love. **HC \$49.95**

## **Guillermo Del Toro & Chuck Hogan**

### *The Fall (Strain 02)*

The vampiric virus unleashed in *The Strain* has taken over New York City. It is spreading and soon will envelop the globe. Amid the chaos, Eph Goodweather—head of the Centers for Disease Control's team—leads a band out to stop these bloodthirsty monsters. But it may be too late.

Ignited by the Master's horrific plan, a war erupts between Old and New World vampires, each vying for control. At the center of the conflict lies a book, an ancient text that contains the vampires' entire history . . . and their darkest secrets. Whoever finds the book can control the outcome of the war and, ultimately, the fate of us all. And it is between these warring forces that humans—powerless and vulnerable—find themselves no longer the consumers but the consumed. Though Eph understands the vampiric plague better than anyone, even he cannot protect those he loves. His ex-wife, Kelly, has been transformed into a bloodcrazed creature of the night, and now she stalks the city looking for her chance to reclaim her Dear One: Zack, Eph's young son.

With the future of humankind in the balance, Eph and his team, guided by the brilliant former professor and Holocaust survivor Abraham Setrakian and exterminator Vasilii Fet and joined by a crew of ragtag gangsters, must combat a terror whose ultimate plan is more terrible than anyone has imagined—a fate worse than annihilation. **TP \$32.99 HC \$54.95**

## **Merrie Destefano**

### *Afterlife (Resurrection Chronicles 01)*

Welcome to your next chance.

Chaz Dominguez is a professional Babysitter in New Orleans, helping to integrate the recently deceased into their new and improved lives. Though Fresh Start has always been the only game in town, resurrection isn't all it's cracked up to be. Nine lives are all a person can get—and a powerful group of desperate, high-level Nine-Timers will stop at nothing to possess the keys to true immortality.

Now the only hope for Chaz and his family—and the human race—lies in the secrets locked away in the mind of Angelique, the beautiful, mysterious Newbie he must protect . . . **APB \$19.95**

## **William C Dietz**

### *Bones of Empire (Jack Cato 02)*

In a far-distant future, the Uman Empire has conquered and colonized worlds. Once thought invincible, its reign is now fragile as alien subjects and enemies conspire against it.

On holiday in the capital city, cop Jack Cato gets a glimpse of the Emperor—and realizes what he's looking at is a supposedly dead shape-shifter. His mortal enemy is still alive and once again on the run. And the fate of the Empire—and Cato's own honor—are at stake...

Second in the duology. **HC \$51.95**

## **Stephen Donaldson**

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

The long-awaited sequel to *The Runes of the Earth* and *Fatal Revenant* returns readers to the Land—and unravels some of the mysteries haunting Covenant and Linden Avery.

Thomas Covenant is alive again, restored to his mortal body by the unimaginable combined force of his own white gold ring, Linden Avery's Staff of Law, and the ancient dagger called High Loric's krill. His resurrection is Linden's defiant act of love, despite warnings from mortals and immortals that unleashing this much power would destroy the world. She brought his spirit back from its prison in the Arch of Time, and revived his slain body, so that Covenant lies whole on the cool grass, and the world seems at peace. But the truth is inescapable: The thunderclap of power has awakened the Worm of the World's End, and all of them, and the Land itself, are forfeit to its devouring. If they have any chance to save the Land, it will come from unlikely sources— including the mysterious boy Jeremiah, Linden's adopted son, whose secrets are only beginning to come to light. **HC \$60**

## **Emily Drake**

### *Magickers Chronicles Volume 2 (Magickers 03, 04)*

The final battle between the Magickers, who believe in using magic for good, and the Dark Hand, who want to use magic only for their own ends, has begun. Now it's up to Jason Adrian and the other children with "talent" to defeat the forces of darkness. **APB \$20.95**

## **Stephanie Draven**

### *Poisoned Kisses*

Daughter of the war god Ares, Kyra had been born into darkness—a darkness she'd vowed to annihilate. Just as she'd destroy the notorious Greek arms dealer Marco Kaisiris for feeding the bloodlust she despised. She'd use her nymph's carnal powers to seduce him, then slay him. But Kyra wasn't prepared for Marco's secret weapon.

For millennia Kyra had avoided mortal men, but she couldn't resist Marco's magnetism, his raw sexuality. Time and again his sculpted body took her to heights to which only the gods soared. That he was a shape-shifting hydra she could forgive, but not his one fatal flaw—his poisoned blood could kill her. Kyra had fallen for the only being who could destroy her.... Yet how could she spend eternity without him? **APB \$14.95**

## **David Anthony Durham**

### *The Other Lands (War With the Mein 02)*

The apocalyptic struggle against the Mein has ended. A victorious Corinn Akaran reigns over the Acacian Empire of the Known World. Bolstered by her mastery of the sorcerous powers contained in the Book of Elenet, she rules with an iron hand. And rebuilding a war-weary empire is not easy. Disturbing news reaches her court from the mysterious Other Lands and Corinn dispatches her brother, Dariel, as her emissary across the uncharted seas of the Grey Slopes. From the moment he sets foot on that distant continent, this former brigand is caught up in a web of ancient rivalries, resentments, intrigue and burgeoning treachery. His arrival ignites a firestorm that once more threatens the Known World with invasion one that will surely dwarf anything his homeland had yet faced. It seems the wheel turns again, and a new cycle of world-shattering and shaping events is about to begin ... **BPB \$24.95**

## **Kate Elliott**

### *Traitors' Gate (Crossroads 03)*

Reeve Joss is struggling to defend a country ravaged by the assaults of twin armies. His men now patrol a land of burning villages and homeless refugees as Joss tries to separate traitor from friend. The Reeve's thoughts are also plagued by the intriguing Zubaidit, pleasure-giver, spy and temple-trained assassin. But Zubaidit is focused on a dangerous mission, her target being warped Guardian Lord Radas. His death would leave the invading militia in chaos, but the old tales tell truly of the Guardians' immortality - and of the powers they now wield to twist the hearts of men. Joss's nights are also troubled, disturbed by dreams of Marit. His lost love has returned from death to become a feared Guardian herself, but Marit rejected the corrupt temptations they offered. She now seeks others of her kind, praying some are yet uncontaminated by the blight on the land - and have the will to fight it. **BPB \$22.99**

## **Steven Erikson**

### *Tales of Bauchelain and Korbal Broach (Malazan)*

Set in the awe-inspiring world of the Malazan Empire, here are three tales of the enigmatic and eccentric necromancers Bauchelain and Korbal Broach collected in one volume.

**BLOOD FOLLOWS** - In the port city of Lamentable Moll, a diabolical killer stalks the streets and panic grips the citizens like a fever. As Emancipor Reese's legendary ill luck would have it, his previous employer is the unknown killer's latest victim. But two strangers have come to town, and they have posted in Fishmonger's Round a note, reeking of death-warded magic, requesting the services of a manservant.

**THE LEES OF LAUGHTER'S END** - After their blissful sojourn in Lamentable Moll, the sorcerers Bauchelain and Korbal Broach - along with their manservant, Emancipor Reese - set out on the open seas aboard the sturdy ship Suncurl. Alas, there's more baggage in the hold than meets the beady eyes of the crew, and unseemly terrors awaken. For Bauchelain and Korbal Broach, and Emancipor Reese, it is just one more night on the high seas, on a journey without end.

**THE HEALTHY DEAD** - The city of Quaint's zeal for goodness can be catastrophic, and no one knows this better than Bauchelain and Korbal Broach, two stalwart champions of all things bad. The homicidal necromancers - and their substance-addled manservant, Emancipor Reese - find themselves ensnared in a scheme to bring goodness into utter ruination. Sometimes you must bring down civilization...in the name of civilization.

**TP \$32.95**

## **Karen Essex**

### *Dracula in Love*

In this wonderfully transporting novel, award-winning author Karen Essex turns a timeless classic inside out, spinning a haunting, erotic, and suspenseful story of eternal love and possession.

From the shadowy banks of the river Thames to the wild and windswept Yorkshire coast, Dracula's eternal muse, Mina Murray, vividly recounts the intimate details of what really transpired between her and the Count—the joys and terrors of a passionate affair that has linked them through the centuries, and her rebellion against her own frightening preternatural powers.

Mina's version of this gothic vampire tale is a visceral journey into Victorian England's dimly lit bedrooms, mist-filled cemeteries, and asylum chambers, revealing the dark secrets and mysteries locked within. Time falls away as she is swept into a mythical journey far beyond mortal comprehension, where she must finally make the decision she has been avoiding for almost a millennium.

Bram Stoker's classic novel offered one side of the story, in which Mina had no past and bore no responsibility for the unfolding events. Now, for the first time, the truth of Mina's personal voyage, and of vampirism itself, is revealed. What this flesh and blood woman has to say is more sensual, more devious, and more enthralling than the Victorians could have expressed or perhaps even have imagined. **PB \$52.95**

## **Jennifer Estep**

### *Venom (Elemental Assassin 03)*

My name is Gin, and I kill people.

They call me the Spider. I'm the most feared assassin in the South -- when I'm not busy at the Pork Pit cooking up the best barbecue in Ashland. As a Stone elemental, I can hear everything from the whispers of the gravel beneath my feet to the vibrations of the soaring Appalachian Mountains above me. My Ice magic also comes in handy for making the occasional knife. But I don't use my powers on the job unless I absolutely have to. Call it professional pride.

Now that a ruthless Air elemental has double-crossed me and killed my handler, I'm out for revenge. And I'll exterminate anyone who gets in my way -- good or bad. I may look hot, but I'm still one of the bad guys. Which is why I'm in trouble, since irresistibly rugged Detective Donovan Caine has agreed to help me. The last thing this coldhearted killer needs when I'm battling a magic more powerful than my own is a sexy distraction...especially when Donovan wants me dead just as much as the enemy. **APB \$19.95**

## **Al Ewing**

### *Gods of Manhattan (Pax Britannia)*

The forces of good and evil engage in a bloody battle of steel will and science gone wild in the contest for a futuristic, steam-powered New York City, where psychedelic beat poets rumble with punk futurists and mad science colludes with the monstrous plans of the Meccha-Fuhrer. **TP \$21.95**

## **Christine Feehan**

### *The Scarletti Curse (Carpathian)*

Every bride who has entered the Scarletti family castle is doomed to leave in a casket, until Nicoletta changed her fate by looking into the eyes of Don Scarletti--giving her body to him and praying that the powerful and tormented don will be her heart's destiny.

**THE BEAST:** Strange, twisted carvings and hideous gargoyles adorn the palazzo of the great Scarletti family. But a still more fearful secret lurks within its storm-tossed turrets. For every bride who enters its forbidding walls is doomed to leave in a casket.

**THE BRIDE:** Mystical and unfettered, Nicoletta has no terror of ancient curses and no fear of marriage . . . until she looks into the dark mesmerising eyes of Don Scarletti. She had sworn no man would command her, had thought her gift of healing set her apart, but his is the right to choose a bride from among his people. And he has chosen her.

**THE BARGAIN:** Compelled by duty, drawn by desire, she gives her body into his keeping, and prays the powerful, tormented don will be her heart's destiny, and not her soul's demise. **APB \$19.99**

## **J N Fenn**

### *Guardians of Paradise*

Most people believe the Sidhe are long dead, exterminated centuries ago when the males of the race rose up and fought alongside the humans subjugated and enslaved by the female Sidhe. But Jarek Reen knows better: he's discovered, the painful way, that the Sidhe are alive and well and still screwing over humanity. They've already killed his sister, so he's not surprised when he discovers an old friend and her partner are next on the Sidhe's hitlist. He helps not only to foil the assassination attempt, but also to muddy the scene of the crime, leaving the Angels Nual and Taro sanMalia presumed dead - and free to join his crusade to expose the insidious influence of the Sidhe and their evil plans to enslave the human race again. **HC \$59.99**

## **Eric Flint**

### *1635: The Eastern Front (Ring of Fire)*

The Thirty Years War continues to ravage 17th century Europe, but a new force is gathering power and influence: the United States of Europe, a new nation led by Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, and the West Virginians from the 20th century led by Mike Stearns who were hurled centuries into the past by a mysterious cosmic accident. While the old entrenched rulers and manipulators continue to plot against this new upstart nation, everyday life goes on in Grantville, even under the shadow of war, as this lost outpost of American freedom and justice must play David against a 17th century Goliath of oppressive feudalism. **HC \$52.95**

## **Maureen Foley & Mary Ann Winkowski**

### *The Ice Cradle (Ghost Files 02)*

Sleepy Block Island seems just the place for ghost whisperer Anza O'Malley to find some much-needed peace and quiet. But with troubled spirits dead set on making their voices heard, rest is in short supply!

February 1907, Block Island. Residents of this tiny Rhode Island community awaken to a scene of tragedy: During a midnight blizzard, a New York-bound steamer carrying 157 passengers has been destroyed at sea. Volunteers rush to the beach to organize a search-and-rescue effort—but for most of the passengers, hope is already lost.

A century later, residents of the island are busy preparing for the summer season and debating the merits of a proposed wind farm near the beach. No one expects that those long-forgotten passengers may have something to say about the project, but the restless spirits are furious that their final resting place may be disturbed—and turn to Anza to help them protect it. If spirit-world preservationists aren't enough, Anza also has to face the uncomfortable possibility that her five-year-old son, Henry, has inherited her gift. And then there's that handsome fisherman whose charms are proving difficult to ignore. What began as a simple island sojourn turns into a week of chills, thrills, and ghostly intrigue in this gripping second novel in the Ghost Files series. **TP \$28.95**

## **Celia (C S) Friedman**

### *Wings of Wrath (Magister 02)*

In a world where the price of magic is life itself, a group of seemingly immortal sorcerers appear to have cheated the system. And now Kamala has breached their secrets, she seeks to join their ranks as the first female Magister. But they would rather see her dead, forcing her to flee to the frozen north. There Kamala will find an evil far greater than a sorcerer's enmity, and will hear a dire prediction of a future war. In a past age, an ancient bloodline was cultivated to stand in the path of darkness. Now its warriors must unearth the truth at the heart of the legends, and stand firm against an enemy that brought mankind to the very edge of destruction. And Kamala must join their battle. **BPB \$22.99**

## **Gary Gibson**

### *Empire of Light (Nova War)*

The Nova War has begun to spread as the Emissaries wage a fierce and reckless campaign, encroaching on the area of space occupied by humanity and forcing the Shoal into a desperate retreat. While Dakota goes in search of the entity responsible for creating the Maker caches, Corso, left in charge finds his authority crumbling in the face of assassination attempts and politically-motivated sabotage. If any hope exists at all, it lies with Ty Whitecloud, the only man alive with the skill to decipher the messages left behind by an ancient race of star travellers. Unfortunately he is locked in a prison cell aboard a dying coeship adrift in space, awaiting execution for war crimes. But if humanity has any hope of survival, Corso is going to have to find some way to keep him alive - and that's only if Dakota doesn't kill him first. **TP \$32.99**

## **Laura Anne Gilman**

### *Flash and Fire (Vineart War 01)*

Jerzy--a young slave who has just begun an apprenticeship to become a Vineart, a mage who can create spell-making wines--must work with his master to stop a plot to complete the work of the dreaded Sin-Washer and rid the world of the last few Vinearts. **A+ PB \$21.95**

### *The Weight of Stone (Vineart War 02)*

In a world where magic is derived from the process of wine-making, vineart student Jerzy and his companions must find the source of a magic taint plaguing the Lands Vin and, after tragedy strikes, must also seek vengeance for a horrible wrong. **HC \$51.95**

## **Felix Gilman**

### *The Half-Made World*

A fantastical reimagining of the American West which draws its influence from steampunk, the American western tradition, and magical realism. The world is only half made. What exists has been carved out amidst a war between two rival factions: the Line, paving the world with industry and claiming its residents as slaves; and the Gun, a cult of terror and violence that cripples the population with fear. The only hope at stopping them has seemingly disappeared—the Red Republic that once battled the Gun and the Line, and almost won. Now they're just a myth, a bedtime story parents tell their children, of hope.

To the west lies a vast, uncharted world, inhabited only by the legends of the immortal and powerful Hill People, who live at one with the earth and its elements. Liv Alverhusen, a doctor of the new science of psychology, travels to the edge of the made world to a spiritually protected mental institution in order to study the minds of those broken by the Gun and the Line. In its rooms lies an old general of the Red Republic, a man whose shattered mind just may hold the secret to stopping the Gun and the Line. And either side will do anything to understand how. **HC \$52.95**

## **Christopher Golden**

### *Angel Souls and Devil Hearts (Shadow Saga 02)*

The Shadows have been exposed as living amongst us and the ancient vampiric race now finds itself threatened by the most powerful demon of all: human prejudice. In a world where the good are no longer distinguishable from the bad and where Shadows are indeed the saints, a holy war is about to begin, pitting humans and vampires together against the dark forces of Hell. And as they fight for their survival in the face of a betrayal by one of their own, the Shadows begin to discover at last the astonishing, long-hidden truth of what they are. What they will learn about their mysterious origins is more extraordinary -- and more explosive -- than they could possibly have imagined. **BPB \$22.99**

## **Daniel Lynn Golemon**

### *Leviathan (Event Group)*

The ships of the world are under attack, attacks so sudden and vicious that many ships are lost without a single distress call. The navies of the world start a frenzied search, but even these ships disappear without a trace. Enter the Event Group, the most secret organisation in US history. Armed with proof that history is repeating itself, the Group finds themselves in the grasp of an insane genius straight out of the pages of Jules Verne. **PB \$16.99**

## **Heather Graham**

### *The Keepers*

At the core of New Orleans lie the otherworldly vampires and shape-shifters that hide in plain sight among mankind. As one of the Keepers, an elite group possessing superior skill and strength, Fiona MacDonald's duty is to maintain peace in a place where one vampire's bite could ignite war. When Detective Jagger DeFarge, a vampire, is called in at the discovery of a body drained of blood, both the detective and Fiona must join uneasy forces. Jagger will stop at nothing to find the murderer— including working with the sensual and suspicious Fiona. As more die, it becomes clear that this isn't the work of an ordinary vampire. No one is safe. So when the killer's attention turns to Fiona, will Jagger risk destroying his own species to protect the woman he so passionately desires?

The Keepers: Three extraordinary sisters, balancing the duties of their birthrights and the yearnings of their hearts... **APB \$14.95**

**Simon R Green***The Spy Who Haunted Me (Secret Histories 03)*

The legendary Independent Agent is dying...so who will inherit his hoard of secret information and fabulous secrets? For most of the last century, he was the greatest spy in the world, but now The Independent Agent is retiring, he has decided on one last great game - the six greatest spies in the world today must work together - and compete against each other - to solve the six greatest mysteries in the world. Whoever wins the game will also win The Agent's priceless treasure-trove of information. Eddie Dhood, aka Shaman Bond, has been invited to join the great game and of course he can't say no, especially when he learns what the mysteries are - everything from the Tunguska Incident to the Philadelphia Experiment, to whatever the hell it was really happened at Roswell. But that means he needs to survive working alongside old friends and old enemies...especially when the spies start dying, one by one... **BPB \$22.99**

**Michael Gregorio***Unholy Awakening*

A female corpse is found in the town of Lotingen. The girl's neck has been ripped open, all the blood drained from the body. Hanno Stiffeniis hastens to investigate a case more terrifying than murder. Would any human being kill in such a gruesome fashion?

Emma Rimmele has come to Lotingen to bury her mother. A beautiful woman travelling with a coffin in her baggage, Emma attracts gossip like a magnet. When a corpse is discovered near the house where she is living, speculation about the mysterious stranger reaches fever pitch. When two more ravaged bodies are found, fingers point accusingly in her direction. One word is heard on every tongue. Vampire ...

News arrives from a nearby town. A French officer's throat has been ripped out. Another French soldier has bled to death. The horror of Lotingen is happening elsewhere. Colonel Lavedrine, a criminologist in the Grand Armee, is ordered to collaborate with Magistrate Hanno Stiffeniis. Two years earlier, they had worked together to solve a murder despite fierce clashes of character and opinion. Once again, each man is drawn into the forbidden world of dark graveyard paths and reading in pursuit of a curse which has plagued Prussia for centuries. **TP \$32.99**

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

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

Now, in "The Evolutionary Void", Hamilton concludes the highly acclaimed "Commonwealth" saga that has unfolded in "The Dreaming Void" and "The Temporal Void". **TP \$34.99**

**Vonna Harper***Falcon's Captive*

## Savage

High above the desert valley, the Falcon Jola circles over the band of warriors below—men who have invaded her land and killed her mate, leaving her alone and longing for the piercing pleasure she once found in her lover's arms. She will resist these outsiders at all costs...

Sexual  
But in a moment of human weakness she is caught. Naked and alone, she fights her captor and vows never to submit. Yet as she lies beneath his rock hard length, her traitorous body responds to his touch...

## Surrender

Each rough caress creates a smoldering heat inside, a throbbing pressure that demands release. Lost in a haze of sexual pleasure, she is a slave to her desire—and can only beg for more... **TP \$19.95**

**Carolyn Hart***Ghost in Trouble (Bailey Ruth 03)*

When Bailey Ruth Raeburn passed over into the great beyond, she was delighted to discover her sleuthing days would last an eternity. Joining Heaven's Department of Good Intentions, she uses her unique advantages as a ghost—sometimes you see her, sometimes you don't—to help those in need and ensure the wicked get their just deserts.

However, on this latest mission, Bailey Ruth finds it more difficult than ever to keep up with her boss Wiggins's rules for good spirit department. Not only is the woman she is supposed to save determined to thwart Bailey Ruth's good intentions at every turn, she just so happens to be one of Bailey Ruth's oldest enemies. Not that that should matter to one of Heaven's best and brightest emissaries, but still, there is only so much a person can put up with—living or dead.

But solving Bailey Ruth's toughest case yet means managing a recalcitrant charge, a fraudulent medium, a mother's heartbreak, old passions and new, and a telltale rawhide dog bone. Heaven help her! **HC \$40.95**

**Erica Hayes Australian Author***Poison Kissed (Shadowfae 03)*

Mina is a banshee whose greatest power lies in her siren song. She's beholden to her boss Joey, a snake-shifter who once saved her life and now employs her as a gang enforcer. She refuses to upset the fragile balance between them by admitting that she longs for him, that his embrace is the only thing she craves more than revenge for her mother's death...

When Mina learns that Joey may have been involved in her mother's murder, fury threatens to spill out of her note by vicious note. She and Joey have always trusted each other to stay alive, but now she's not sure what to believe. The evidence stacked against him—or the one man who haunts her dreams and burns her blood... **APB \$19.95**

**Lian Hearn Australian Author***Blossoms and Shadows*

This is the story of the birth of modern Japan, told by Tsuru, a young woman who breaks every stereotype of the Japanese lady. We meet her on the day of her sister's wedding, and soon realise that she will not accept the same domestic role that her sister is about to take on. Instead, Tsuru is ready to embrace the new world, defend her beliefs, look for love, and follow her career as a doctor working alongside her husband on the battlefields. In the mid 1860s Japan was in the grip of a revolution almost as tumultuous as the French Revolution 100 years earlier, yet we in the West know very little about it.

This book lets readers feel they are there among the revolutionaries, guided by the engaging character of Tsuru. By the end of the first chapter readers will feel they know her, and want to fight with her as she battles against the conventions of the day and falls into a forbidden love. **TP \$34.99**

## **Tanya Huff**

### *The Enchantment Emporium (01)*

The Gale family can change the world with the charms they cast, and they like to keep this in the family. Alysha Gale is tired of having all her aunts try to run her life, both personally and magically. So when the letter from her Gran arrives willing her a "junk" shop in Calgary, Alysha jumps at the chance. It isn't until she gets there that she realizes her customers are fey. And no one told her there's trouble brewing in Calgary-trouble so big that even calling in the family may not save the day... **APB \$19.95**

## **Matthew Hughes**

### *Majestrum: A Tale of Henghis Hapthorn*

When Hapthorn is hired by Lord Afre to investigate the motives of his daughter's new companion, a young man of indeterminate circumstances, he takes the job expecting it to allow him the opportunity to explore and understand his changing universe. Little does Henghis Hapthorn realize, but the path of discovery will lead to deeper questions, a mysterious assignment from the Archon himself, and the ancient and powerful secret name... **Majestrum! PB \$29.95**

## **Sue Ann Jaffarian**

### *Murder in Vein (Fang-In-Cheek Mysteries 01)*

The sight of the blood covered fangs exploded from her deep memory like a ball through a plate glass window. The man had bitten Bobby, torn into him like a barbecued rib on the Fourth of July. Women are going missing in Los Angeles. Two have been found mutilated and dead. And Madison Rose would have been the next victim if it hadn't been for Doug and Dodi Dedham. They saved her life that terrible night. And that's how she discovered what the harmless-looking, gray-haired couple really were—vampires. Incredulous, terrified, and reluctantly fascinated, Madison gradually learns about the vampire way of life—and how the killer is putting their peaceful community at risk by posing as one of them. Despite the obvious danger, Madison helps the Dedhams and LAPD Detective Notchey piece together the clues to catch the killer. And there's a high price to pay if she dares to reveal their existence—her life. **TP \$30.95**

## **Catherine Jinks Australian Author**

### *The Abused Werewolf Rescue Group*

I still hadn't fully absorbed the terrible possibility that I might actually be a werewolf. A werewolf. I kept stumbling over that word; it made no sense to me. How could I be a werewolf? Werewolves didn't exist. When Tobias Richard Vandeveldt wakes up in hospital with no memory of the night before, his horrified mother tells him that he was found unconscious. At Featherdale Wildlife Park. In a dingo pen. He assumes that his two rambunctious best friends are somehow responsible, until he discovers that they're just as freaked out as he is. Then the mysterious Reuben turns up, claiming that Toby has a rare and dangerous 'condition'. Next thing he knows, Toby finds himself involved with a strange bunch of sickly insomniacs who seem convinced that he needs their help. It's not until he's kidnapped and imprisoned that he starts to believe them - and to understand what being a paranormal monster really means. **TP \$22.99**

## **Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson**

### *Gathering Storm (Wheel of Time 12)*

Tarmon Gai'don, the Last Battle, looms. And mankind is not ready. Rand al'Thor struggles to unite a fractured network of kingdoms and alliances in preparation for the Last Battle, as his allies watch in terror the shadow that seems to be growing within the heart of the Dragon Reborn himself. Egwene al'Vere is a captive of the White Tower and subject to the whims of their tyrannical leader. She works to hold together the disparate factions of Aes Sedai, as the days tick toward the Seanchan attack she knows is imminent. Her fight will prove the mettle of the Aes Sedai, and her conflict will decide the future of the White Tower ? and possibly the world itself. The Wheel of Time turns, and Ages come and pass. What was, what will be, and what is, may yet fall under the Shadow . . . **APB \$23.99**

## **Brenda Joyce**

### *Dark Lover*

Ian Maclean's arrogance hides a terrible secret — for decades he was held prisoner by demons. Not a day goes by that he isn't tormented by his darkest fears of powerlessness. Now he is about to sell to the highest bidder a page he's stolen from the Book of Power — if one woman doesn't stop him.

Slayer Samantha Rose's latest mission is to recover the stolen page — and get payback from the only man who's ever rejected her. What she didn't count on was the raging attraction between them — or her growing realization of what Maclean has survived.

As the powers of the evil from his past gather, Sam will do anything to help him — even if it means following him into time and facing his worst nightmares with him... **BPB \$22.99**

## **Richard Kadrey**

### *Kill the Dead (Sandman Slim 02)*

Supernatural fantasy's best antihero returns, in the high-octane follow-up to Richard Kadrey's acclaimed Sandman Slim. James Stark, a.k.a. Sandman Slim, crawled out of Hell, took bloody revenge for his girlfriend's murder, and saved the world along the way. After that, what do you do for an encore? You take a lousy job tracking down monsters for money. It's a depressing gig, but it pays for your beer and cigarettes. But in L.A., things can always get worse. Like when Lucifer comes to town to supervise his movie biography and drafts Stark as his bodyguard. Sandman Slim has to swim with the human and inhuman sharks of L.A.'s underground power elite. That's before the murders start. And before he runs into the Czech porn star who isn't quite what she seems. Even before all those murdered people start coming back from the dead and join a zombie army that will change our world and Stark's forever. Death bites. Life is worse. All things considered, Hell's not looking so bad. **HC \$47.95**

### **Sherrilyn Kenyon**

#### *Dark Hunters 3 (Dark Hunter 3 Graphic novel)*

In the war against vampires, mankind has only one hope: The Dark-Hunters. Ancient warriors who died of brutal betrayal, the Dark-Hunters have sworn themselves into the service of the goddess Artemis to protect us.

It's a pact with pretty good perks. Immortality, power, psychic abilities, wealth and a cool wardrobe. But it comes with a few drawbacks: fatal sun poisoning and a new, irreparable dental problem. But aside from the fangs and nocturnal lifestyle, it's not so bad.

Talon, an ancient Celtic warrior, has been cursed by the god Camulus for killing his son. Camulus cursed Talon, decreeing death for everyone he loved. Now a Dark-Hunter in modern-day New Orleans, Talon meets Sunshine, who is key to ending his curse once and for all. Not to mention helping him to save New Orleans from an ancient god bent on total destruction... **TP \$21.95**

### **Caitlin Kittredge**

#### *Second Skin (Nocturne City 03)*

When werewolves from Nocturne City's oldest packs start showing up shot through the head execution-style, police officer Luna Wilder must find out what's killing them and why, before she becomes the next victim. Luna traces the killings to a band of shapeshifters made of smoke and shadow who drink the blood of their victims for strength. Believed to exist only in legend, their race is all too real - and now their leader, Lucas Kennuka, is out to wrest Luna's heart from her beloved Dmitri. To make matters worse, Dmitri is suffering from a mysterious illness brought on by a demon bite and his condition grows more grave with each passing day. Now Luna must rely on Lucas to defeat an invisible enemy - a serial were-killer bringing death and destruction to all who stand in its path... **BPB \$22.99**

### **Mindy Klasky**

#### *To Wish or Not to Wish*

When she gets her hands on a lantern complete with a real, live genie, Erin Hollister, who dreams of making it big on Broadway, cannot decide what to wish for, but must make a decision fast in order to keep the magic alive forever. **TP \$28.95**

### **James Knapp**

#### *The Silent Army (02)*

Would you allow the military to reanimate your corpse, knowing it would commit atrocities, if it meant avoiding service in a brutal war during your lifetime?

What if your level of citizenship depended on your answer? To gain a chance at a better life, or feed your family, which would you choose then? Or would you choose neither, and accept a life of hardship and poverty?

What if you came face to face with your own death, and realized too late you had made the wrong decision?

Nico Wachalowski has awakened to realize an old friend has been controlling his thoughts and actions, and that this has been true since they served together in the war. Free of his influence but unable to know what memories may have been manipulated, Nico continues to share a tense alliance with him until a covert operation goes horribly wrong, and a weapon capable of destroying half the city ends up in the hands of Samuel Fawkes. Having gone underground following his discovery two years prior, Fawkes has used his time to amass a private army of revivors, and his forces are nearly in place. Armed with the weapons he has stolen, he is poised for a strike on the city that could kill tens of thousands. Pulled at from both sides, Nico must determine where Fawkes' army is located, where they will strike from, and how to prevent the attack before time runs out.

Faye Dasalia has gained the truth, but at the cost of her life. Faced with the fact that the final years of her life were a lie, and no longer hampered by human emotions, she has found a new purpose in Samuel Fawkes. To upset the current balance and prevent others from sharing her fate, however, Faye must commit acts that her living self could never have imagined even while on a collision course with the man she once loved.

Calliope Flax has returned from the battlefield a first-tier citizen, but quickly learns that without established wealth and connections the coveted status isn't everything it's marketed as. When she reconnects with Nico, she finds the events of two years back haven't ended, and that she can no longer ignore them. As she struggles to find her new place in society and prove her worth to Nico, she is pulled back into a struggle that threatens to cost her more than just her life.

Zoe Ott is trying to come to terms with sobriety when a personal tragedy turns her life completely upside-down. A mysterious new friend appears to try and help her understand and control her abilities, but the gifts that she comes bearing could come at a heavy price. She learns her visions are shared by thousands, and that the picture which has begun to emerge may be worse than she even imagined. As she becomes aware of how powerful she has the potential to be Zoe is called upon to choose a side, even if it means leaving everything she ever knew, including Nico, behind.

**APB \$19.95**

### **Dean Koontz**

#### *Odd is on Our Side (Odd Thomas)*

When things get scary, it's nice to know that Odd is on our side.

The one and only Odd Thomas is back—in his second eye and enthralling graphic-novel adventure from #1 New York Times bestselling suspense master Dean Koontz.

It's Halloween in Pico Mundo, California, and there's a whiff of something wicked in the autumn air. While the town prepares for its annual festivities, young fry cook Odd Thomas can't shake the feeling that make-believe goblins and ghouls aren't the only things on the prowl. And he should know, since he can see what others cannot: the spirits of the restless dead. But even his frequent visitor, the specter of Elvis Presley, can't seem to point Odd in the right direction.

With the help of his gun-toting girlfriend, Stormy, Odd is out to uncover the terrible truth. Is something sinister afoot in the remote barn guarded by devilish masked men? Has All Hallows Eve mischief taken a malevolent turn? Or is the pleading ghost of a trick-or-treater a frightening omen of doom? **TP \$22.95**

#### *Breathless*

In the Colorado mountains something miraculous comes into the life of Grady Adams, a strong, gentle man whose past experiences have alienated him from the modern world and driven him to live in the wilds. When he sees it, he knows that one of Nature's great mysteries has been revealed to him.

He takes his friend Cammy Rivers to bear witness to the phenomenal presence. As a scientist, she is stunned and awed. She emails photos to colleagues in far places to try and find a name for the wonderful beings. Before they know what is happening, Homeland Security has quarantined the wilderness around them and sent in assorted scientists to track down and 'neutralize' the threat to the known world.

Grady and Cammy aren't sticking around to be mere witnesses to this atrocity - determined to prevent it, they go on the run, and a pursuit of hair-raising suspense is under way, with no happy ending in prospect...

Breathless is a unique and riveting thriller from the master of suspense. **PB \$19.99**



**Susan Krinard***To Tame a Wolf*

Her innocence destroyed, young widow Tally Bernard swore that she would never trust a man again. But when her brother disappears, she has little choice but to make a pact with the devil.

Though he wants nothing more than to live a quiet life on a ranch of his own, Simeon Kavanaugh can't escape the legacy of his werewolf father. The animal instincts that keep him from being fully human also make him a brilliant tracker, forced to survive on the desperation of people in need.

The attraction between these two wounded souls is immediate, primal — and dangerous. If Simeon has any hope of saving Tally, he must do what he has always resisted and merge both man and beast within him. But if she cannot accept what he becomes, his choice may cost Simeon the only thing worth having — Tally's love... **BPB \$22.99**

**Mercedes Lackey***Gwenhwyfar (Arthur's Queen)*

Gwenhwyfar moves in a world where gods walk among their pagan worshipers, where nebulous visions warn of future perils, and where there are two paths for a woman: the path of the Blessing or the rarer path of the Warrior. Gwenhwyfar chooses the latter, giving up the power that she is born into. Yet the daughter of a King is never truly free to follow her own calling. Acting as the "son" her father never had, when called upon to serve another purpose by the Ladies of the Well, she bows to circumstances to become Arthur's queen-only to find herself facing temptation and treachery, intrigue, love and redemption. **APB \$19.95**

*Intrigues (Valdemar Collegium Chronicles 02)*

Magpie is a thirteen-year-old orphan chosen by one of the magical Companion horses of Valdemar and taken to the capital city, Haven, to be trained as a Herald. Like all Heralds, Magpie learns that he has a hidden Gift—the Gift of telepathy.

But life at the court is not without obstacles. When Mags is "recognized" by foreign secret operatives whose purpose is unknown, Mags himself comes under suspicion. Who are Magpie's parents—who is he, really? Can Mags solve the riddle of his parentage and his connection with the mysterious spies—and prove his loyalty—before the king and court banish him as a traitor? **HC \$52.95**

*Trio of Sorcery*

Mercedes Lackey presents three exciting short urban fantasy novels featuring three resourceful heroines and three different takes on the modern world and on magics both modern and ancient.

Arcanum 101: Diana Tregarde, practicing witch, romance novelist, Guardian of the Earth. Studying at Harvard, Diana is approached by Joe O'Brian, a young cop who has already seen more than one unusual thing during his budding career. The distraught mother of a kidnap victim is taking advice from a "psychic" and interfering in the police investigation. Will Diana prove that the psychic is a fake? Unfortunately, the psychic is not a fake, but a very wicked witch—and the child's kidnapper.

Drums: Jennifer Taldeer, shaman, private investigator, member of the Osage tribe. Most of Jennie's work is regular PI stuff, but Nathan Begay brings her a problem she's never seen before. His girlfriend, Caroline, is Chickasaw to his Navaho, but that's not the problem. Somehow, Caroline has attracted the attention of an angry Osage ghost. Thwarted in love while alive, the ghost has chosen Caroline to be his bride in death.

Ghost in the Machine: Ellen McBride: computer programmer extraordinaire, techno-shaman. The programmers and players of a new MMORPG find that the game's "boss," a wendigo, is "killing" everyone—even the programmers' characters with their god-like powers. A brilliant debugger, Ellen discovers that the massive computing power of the game's servers have created a breach between the supernatural world and our own. This wendigo isn't a bit of code, it's the real thing . . . and it's on the brink of breaking out of the computers and into the real world. **HC \$51.95**

**Edward Lee***Lucifer's Lottery*

Just before he is about to enter the seminary, Hudson wins Lucifer's lottery—an all-expenses-paid tour of Hell, led by the damned soul of H.P. Lovecraft—and as he witnesses unimaginable horrors and carnal pleasures, he must choose between salvation and becoming a prince in Hell.

**PB \$19.95**

**Lora Leigh***Styx's Storm (Breeds 09)*

To save young Storme Montague from the claws of Breed slave traders, Wolf Breed Styx is forced to claim her himself—on the condition that Storme will no longer be a virgin by night's end. And though Storme's defenses are up, Styx will free her—in ways she never expects. **APB \$19.95**

**Jeremy F Lewis***Revamped (Void City 02)*

Eric, a centuries-old vampire, will stop at nothing to rescue the soul of Marilyn, the love of his mortal life, forcing him to enter vampire High Society where he must discover the truth about the origins of his own powers—and discover who is after his soul, too. **APB \$19.95**

**John A Lindqvist***Harbour*

On a winter trip home to the island of Domarö, Anders and Cecilia take their six-year-old daughter Maja across the ice to visit the lighthouse at Gävasten. And Maja disappears. Leaving not even a footprint in the snow.

Two years later, alone and more or less permanently drunk, Anders returns to Domarö to confront his despair. He slowly realises that Maja's disappearance is not the first inexplicable tragedy to strike the islanders. Nor is everyone telling him all they know; even his own mother, it seems, is keeping secrets.

And what is it about the sea? There's something very bad happening on Domarö. Something that involves the sea itself.

As he did with *Let the Right One In* and *Handling the Undead*, John Ajvide Lindqvist serves up a masterful cocktail of suspense laced with bizarre humour and a narrative that barely pauses for breath. *Harbour* is also a heartbreaking study of loss and guilt and a novel whose epic climax pits the infinite force of nature against the implacable love of a father for his child. **TP \$32.95**

**Tom Lloyd***Ragged Man (Twilight Reign 04)*

Continuing the powerful epic that started with *THE STORMCALLER*; the Lord Isak is dead, his armies and entire tribe in disarray. It falls to King Emin to continue the war alone, and the Menin are only too happy to meet his challenge. In Byora, Ruhen is developing his 'Saviour' persona. The Harlequins start preaching in his name and many of the pilgrims who flock to him are recruited to be 'Children', disciples who spread Ruhen's message. All over the Land people are starting to see Ruhen as the answer to their troubles. A showdown is coming: battle lines are finally drawn and the atrocities quickly mount. The spectre of the Great War looms, but in this age the Gods cannot and will not come to King Emin's aid. With the peoples of the Land turning against Emin and his few remaining allies, their only chance for survival lies in the hands of a dead man. **TP \$32.99**

**Helen Lowe***The Heir of Night (Wall of Night 01)*

If Night falls, all fall . . .

In the far north of the world of Haarth lies the bitter mountain range known as the Wall of Night. Garrisoned by the Nine Houses of the Derai, the Wall is the final bastion between the peoples of Haarth and the Swarm of Dark—which the Derai have been fighting across worlds and time.

Malian, Heir to the House of Night, knows the history of her people: the unending war with the Darkswarm; the legendary heroes, blazing with long-lost power; the internal strife that has fractured the Derai's former strength. But now the Darkswarm is rising again, and Malian's destiny as Heir of Night is bound inextricably to both ancient legend and any future the Derai—or Haarth—may have. **APB \$19.95 TP \$29.99**

**Stuart MacBride***Halfhead*

There are worse things than the death penalty ...

They call them halfheads: convicted criminals, surgically mutilated and lobotomized by the State, then sent out to do menial jobs in the community so everyone will know what happens when you break the law. There are no appeals, no reprieves, and no one ever comes back. Until now.

Dr Fiona Westfield, one of the most prolific serial killers Glasgow has ever seen, is waking up. Surrounded by blood and death and darkness.

William Hunter has risen through the ranks since putting Westfield away; now he's Assistant Network Director, in charge of police actions. But a routine murder investigation is about to embroil him in an appalling conspiracy.

The vast conurb blocks on Glasgow's deprived south side are ready to explode. Eleven years ago the VR riots killed millions - now someone wants to start them all over again. And Will is being dragged back into a past he desperately wants to forget ... **BPB \$24.99**

**Kinley MacGregor***Darkness Within (Lords of Avalon 03)*

When his sister is kidnapped by Morgan le Fay, Hel Hound pack leader Kaziel reluctantly agrees to steal the Shield of Dagda to secure her return and travels to New Orleans, where he clashes with the shield's alluring merlin, Avery MacArthur. By the best-selling author of Knight of Darkness.

**PB \$19.95**

**Gregory Maguire***Lost*

Winifred Rudge, a writer struggling to get beyond the runaway success of her mass-market astrology book, travels to London to start her new novel about the ghost of Jack the Ripper. Upon her arrival, she finds that her step-cousin and old friend John Comestor has disappeared, and a ghostly presence seems to have taken over his home. Is the spirit Winnie's great-great-grandfather, who, family legend claims, was Charles Dickens's childhood inspiration for Ebenezer Scrooge? Could it be the ghostly remains of Jack the Ripper? Or a phantasm derived from a more arcane and insidious origin? Winnie begins to investigate and finds herself the unwilling audience for a drama of specters and shades - some from her family's peculiar history and some from her own unvanquished past. **BPB \$22.99**

**Ronald Malfi***Floating Staircase*

Travis and Jodie soon discover that their idyllic new house has a violent and tragic past when they both begin having nightmares and seeing what they believe to be the ghost of a small boy. **PB \$19.95**

**Paul McAuley***Gardens of the Sun*

The Quiet War is over. The city states of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn have fallen to the Three Powers Alliance of Greater Brazil, the European Union and the Pacific Community. A century of enlightenment, rational utopianism and exploration of new ways of being human has fallen dark. Outers are herded into prison camps and forced to collaborate in the systematic plundering of their great archives of scientific and technical knowledge, while Earth's forces loot their cities, settlements and ships, and plan a final solution to the 'Outer problem'. But Earth's victory is fragile, and riven by vicious internal politics. While seeking out and trying to anatomise the strange gardens abandoned in place by Avernus, the Outers' greatest genius, the gene wizard Sri Hong-Owen is embroiled in the plots and counterplots of the family that employs her. The diplomat Loc Ifrahim soon discovers that profiting from victory isn't as easy as he thought. **BPB \$22.99**

**Anne McCaffrey***Freedom's Ransom (Catteni 04)*

The inhabitants of the penal planet Botany had fought a grim and dangerous war to free themselves from their Eosi overlords. Now the Eosi were gone, and both Botany and Earth were free again - free, but in serious trouble as the theft of all their communications satellites by the Catteni (working for their Eosi masters) had left them isolated and in a desperate situation. Hoping that everything stolen from them would be returned, they found that Catteni greed had triumphed. The merchants of Barevi refused to give up the stolen goods unless a substantial ransom was paid. Earth was in a particularly bad way: disease, vandalism, starvation and the breakdown of their mechanical world had left its people fighting for survival. They desperately needed the goods the Barevi were hoarding. And so Zainal, Kris, and a courageous team from Botany set off to try and outwit the thieving merchants. It was an expedition that led to a horrifying replay of an old nightmare for Kris - and only Zainal could save her and the future of both Earth and Botany. **APB \$23.95**

**Ian McDonald***The Dervish House*

In the CHAGA novels Ian McDonald brought an Africa in the grip of a bizarre alien invasion to life, in RIVER OF GODS he painted a rich portrait of India in 2047, in BRASYL he looked at different Brazils, past present and future. Ian McDonald has found renown at the cutting edge of a movement to take SF away from its British and American white roots and out into the rich cultures of the world. THE DERVISH HOUSE continues that journey and centres on Istanbul in 2025. Turkey is part of Europe but sited on the edge, it is an Islamic country that looks to the West. THE DERVISH HOUSE is the story of the families that live in and around its titular house, it is at once a rich mosaic of Islamic life in the new century and a telling novel of future possibilities. **TP \$35**

**Juliet McKenna***Swordman's Oath*

Swordmaster. . .

Ryshad was a warrior, a sworn man pledged to defend the Empire and his lord with his sword and his life. Livak was a thief, a woman as dangerous and cunning as she was beautiful. Brought together by fate--and the wily wizard Shiv--these unlikely allies once traveled to the frozen lands of the North to find answers to an ancient mystery. Instead, though, they discovered death and worse at the hands of the Elietimm, a band of evil sorcerers who nearly destroyed them.

Or Slave?

Now, the Elietimm have infiltrated the Empire using their strange and deadly power. It is up to a reunited Ryshad and Livak, joined by Shiv, to discover the secret knowledge that can save the Empire--a mission that will lead them far from the lands they know. It is Ryshad, though, who will journey farthest, to a distant country where nothing is what it seems, not even the magical sword that has long protected him. And if that sword should turn against him now... **PB \$19.95**

**A J Menden***Sorceress, Interrupted*

After helping the Elite Hands of Justice defeat an evil villain, Fantazia, a reclusive sorceress, discovers that love is the most powerful magic of all when she meets Cyrus, a mysterious new ally. **PB \$19.95**

**Genevieve Miller***Vampire Knits: Projects to Keep you Knitting from Twilight to Dawn*

Vampire Knits is the first collection of knitting projects for dreamy, mysterious vampires, and the fans who love them. These appealing and easy-to-knit projects range from cool sweaters to cozy neck protectors, fanged bat toys to a hunter tool belt Buffy would covet. Gloves inspired by Twilight's Bella Swann, blood-red jewelry, and a beautiful diary cover are just a few of the timeless items crafty vampire fans have been clamoring for. The projects are fun to make and evoke the spirit of beloved undead characters. **TP \$39.95**

**L E Modesitt Jr***Imager's Challenge (Imager Portfolio 02)*

Still recovering from injuries received in foiling the murderous plot of a Ferran envoy, Rhenn begins new duties as imager liaison to the Civic Patrol of L'Excelsis. While dealing with his new duties, which include patrolling some of the most dangerous streets in the city, Rhenn receives formal notice that a vengeful High Holder, the father of a man Rhenn partly blinded in self-defense, has declared his intention to destroy Rhenn and his family.

Rhenn's only allies against this vendetta are the family of the woman he loves, successful merchants with underworld connections. Rhenn must stand against gang lords, naval marines, Tiempran terrorist priests, the most powerful High Holder in all of Solidar, and ultimately his own Collegium—and prevail without further endangering those he loves. **APB \$19.95**

**Janet Mullany***Jane and the Damned*

Jane Austen... Novelist . . . gentlewoman . . . Damned, Fanged, and Dangerous to know.

Aspiring writer Jane Austen knows that respectable young ladies like herself are supposed to shun the Damned—the beautiful, fashionable, exquisitely seductive vampires who are all the rage in Georgian England in 1797. So when an innocent (she believes) flirtation results in her being turned—by an absolute cad of a bloodsucker—she acquiesces to her family's wishes and departs for Bath to take the waters, the only known cure.

But what she encounters there is completely unexpected: perilous jealousies and further betrayals, a new friendship and a possible love. Yet all that must be put aside when the warring French invade unsuspecting Bath—and the streets run red with good English blood. Suddenly only the staunchly British Damned can defend the nation they love . . . with Jane Austen leading the charge at the battle's forefront. **TP \$28.95**

**Steve Niles***World of Hurt***HC \$39.99****Susan Heyboer O'Keefe***Frankenstein's Monster (Frankenstein 02)*

A sequel to Mary Shelley's classic finds Frankenstein's monster in the bitter landscape of the North Pole, where he works to discover his humanity while avoiding ship captain Robert Walton, who has vowed to destroy Victor Frankenstein's creation.

What becomes of a monster without its maker? At the end of Mary Shelley's classic novel, the creator dies but his creation still lives, cursed to a life of isolation and hatred.

Frankenstein's Monster continues the creature's story as he's compelled to discover his humanity, to escape the ship captain who vowed to the dying Frankenstein to hunt him down—and to resist the woman who would destroy them all.

This is a tale of passion, revenge, violence, and madness—and the desperate search for meaning in an often meaningless world. **TP \$29.95**

**Pierre Pevél***The Cardinal's Blades (01)*

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 dragonets 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 legendary company of swashbucklers and rogues, to once again risk their lives, fortunes and reputations. **BPB \$22.99**

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

Cardinal Richelieu, the most powerful and most feared man in France, is on his guard. He knows France is under threat and that a secret society known as the Black Claw is conspiring against him from the heart of the greatest courts in Europe. They will strike from the shadows and when they do, the blow will be both terrible and deadly. To counter the threat, Richelieu has put his most trusted men into play: the Cardinal's Blades, led by Captain la Fargue. Six men and a woman, all of exceptional abilities and all ready to risk their lives on his command. They have saved France before and the Cardinal is relying on them to do it again. So when la Fargue hears from a beautiful, infamous, deadly Italian spy claiming to have valuable information, he has to listen because La Donna can name their enemy... **HC \$59.99**

### **Christopher Pike**

*Last Vampire: Red Dice / Phantom (Last Vampire 03, 04)*

Alisa Perne is the last vampire. Beautiful and brilliant, for five thousand years she has hunted alone, living among humans, living off humans. But somebody knows her secret - and they want her dead...

Surviving through countless centuries, Alisa is beautiful, strong and ... deadly. The US government is in pursuit of Alisa and her partner, intent on obtaining their vampire DNA. Alisa has no choice but to go on the run. She cannot allow her blood to seep into the public domain. It is way too deadly ... too dangerous. Then Alisa makes a discovery that both delights and terrifies her. If all plays out as she hopes she will finally know happiness, if not she faces untold tragedy and danger. And all the time a powerful force is watching over Alisa. Someone who knows all that ever was, and all that will be ... **BPB \$18.99**

### **Kalayna Price**

*Grave Witch (Alex Craft 01)*

Not even death can save her now.

As a grave witch, Alex Craft can speak to the dead-she's even on good terms with Death himself. As a consultant for the police, she's seen a lot of dark magic, but nothing has prepared her for her latest case. When she's raising a "shade" involved in a high profile murder, it attacks her, and then someone makes an attempt on her life. Someone really doesn't want her to know what the dead have to say, and she'll have to work with mysterious homicide detective Falin Andrews to figure out why... **APB \$17.95**

### **Cherie Priest**

*Dreadnought (Clockwork Century 02)*

Nurse Mercy Lynch is elbows deep in bloody laundry at a war hospital in Richmond, Virginia, when Clara Barton comes bearing bad news: Mercy's husband has died in a POW camp. On top of that, a telegram from the west coast declares that her estranged father is gravely injured, and he wishes to see her. Mercy sets out toward the Mississippi River. Once there, she'll catch a train over the Rockies and—if the telegram can be believed—be greeted in Washington Territory by the sheriff, who will take her to see her father in Seattle.

Reaching the Mississippi is a harrowing adventure by dirigible and rail through war-torn border states. When Mercy finally arrives in St. Louis, the only Tacoma-bound train is pulled by a terrifying Union-operated steam engine called the Dreadnought. Reluctantly, Mercy buys a ticket and climbs aboard.

What ought to be a quiet trip turns deadly when the train is beset by bushwhackers, then vigorously attacked by a band of Rebel soldiers. The train is moving away from battle lines into the vast, unincorporated west, so Mercy can't imagine why they're so interested. Perhaps the mysterious cargo secreted in the second and last train cars has something to do with it?

Mercy is just a frustrated nurse who wants to see her father before he dies. But she'll have to survive both Union intrigue and Confederate opposition if she wants to make it off the Dreadnought alive. **TP \$30.95**

### **Hannu Rajaniemi**

*Quantum Thief*

Jean le Flambeur is a post-human criminal, mind burglar, confidence artist and trickster. His origins are shrouded in mystery, but his exploits are known throughout the Heterarchy - from breaking into the vast Zeusbrains of the Inner System to steal their thoughts, to stealing rare Earth antiques from the aristocrats of the Moving Cities of Mars. Except that Jean made one mistake. Now he is condemned to play endless variations of a game-theoretic riddle in the vast virtual jail of the Axelrod Archons - the Dilemma Prison - against countless copies of himself. Jean's routine of death, defection and cooperation is upset by the arrival of Mieli and her spidership, Perhonen. She offers him a chance to win back his freedom and the powers of his old self - in exchange for finishing the one heist he never quite managed... **HC \$59.99**

### **Robert Rankin**

*Japanese Devil Fish Girl and Other Unnatural Attractions*

It's 1895; nearly a decade since Mars invaded Earth, chronicled by H.G Wells in THE WAR OF THE WORLDS. Wrecked Martian spaceships, back-engineered by Charles Babbage and Nikola Tesla, have carried the Queen's Own Electric Fusiliers to the red planet and Mars is now part of the ever-expanding British Empire. The less-than-scrupulous sideshow proprietor likes Off-worlders' cash, so he needs a sensational new attraction. Word has reached him of the Japanese Devil Fish Girl; nothing quite like her has ever existed before. But Professor Coffin's quest to possess the ultimate showman's exhibit is about to cause considerable friction amongst the folk of other planets. Sufficient, in fact, to spark off Worlds War Two. **HC \$55**

*Retromancer*

There is big and evil magic abroad upon the face of the Earth. History has been changed. The Germans have won WWII. America is a nuclear wasteland. And worst of all, the breakfast menu at The Wife's Legs Cafe in Brentford is serving Bratwurst rather than the proper big boys' British banger. Something is Not Right. And when the world's all wrong and it needs setting right, who're you gonna call? Hugo Rune, that's who. A man who offers the world his genius and asks only, in return, that the world cover his expenses. And so, with the aid of his faithful acolyte and companion Rizla, the guru's guru, also known as the hokus bloke, the Lad Himself and the Retromancer, sets out to rewrite history the way it should be. Together they return to war-torn London, to solve the twelve cosmic conundra based on Hugo Rune's personal tarot deck, each one leading them closer to a final terrifying confrontation. **BPB \$22.99**

### **Kat Richardson**

*Labyrinth (Greywalker 05)*

Just back from London, Harper picked up some new skills while she was away. But instead of taking the time to hone them, she'd rather focus on what's important. Like finding the two-bit perp who 'killed' her. She's convinced he's a valuable clue in the puzzle of her past and her missing father, as well as a key to figuring out who's trying to manipulate her powers and why. There's just one problem. Turns out the man who 'killed' her was murdered himself while she was away. Lucky for Harper, she has an airtight alibi, but that doesn't mean the police are going to play nice. With Seattle's recent surge in violence - thanks to the vampires - she's already under suspicion. Which means Harper has to watch her step. Because finding the ghost of her 'killer' - and rescuing her father - will mean entering into the Grey. And with her growing powers pulling her more deeply into that paranormal world, Harper's afraid she may not be able to come back out... **BPB \$22.99**

**Kim Stanley Robinson***Sixty Days and Counting*

Frank Vanderwal, in the office of Presidential science advisor, finds something reassuring about the world being so messed up. It makes his own life look like part of a trend. He's been homeless for a year, the ex-husband of the love of his life did permanent injury to his nose - probably his brain - with a punch, and the love of his life has had to go into hiding from the secret service, which has Frank under surveillance, too ... but meanwhile there's the world to save. Frank's a scientist. He has to save the world so that science can proceed, obviously. This has become known as the Frank Principle.

China is close to meltdown, the security agencies are in overdrive, carbon figures are close to cooking the world ... and the team has sixty days to establish a new reality. **APB \$19.99**

**Michelle Rowen***Fanged and Fabulous (Immortality Bites 02)*

'My name is Sarah Dearly, and I've got major problems. Last month, I was turned into a vampire by the world's worst blind date. Then I may have, totally by accident, started a war between the mostly peaceful bloodsuckers and a bunch of sociopathic vamp hunters who have nicknamed me the Slayer of Slayers.' 'Now I'm being used as bait to draw out the hunters' bad-ass leader, while my gorgeous 600-year-old boyfriend Thierry seems to be blowing me off, and my sizzle-hot, fanged friend Quinn is trying to turn my self-defence lessons into make-out sessions. So you know what? I'm done. I've had it. There comes a time when a vamp has to just suck it up and go after what she wants. And as soon as I figure out what that is, that's exactly what I'll do...' **PB \$22.99**

**Michelle Rowen***Something Wicked (Living in Eden 02)*

iving in Eden isn't exactly heaven on earth...

Darrak, the demon inside of Eden Riley, is able to take physical shape during the day. And Eden wouldn't mind getting her hands on him-if it wasn't a threat to her immortal soul. But while trying to rid themselves of the curse that binds them, they could get the distance they need...or each have their own private hell to pay. **APB \$19.95**

**Cassie Ryan***Seducing the Succubus (Sisters of Darkness 01)*

First in a sexy new series featuring four succubus sisters fighting demons and desires.

Jezebeth is living out the centuries as any succubus must-seducing men to survive and corrupting souls to make her quota with her queen, Lilith. But, when she's attacked by a bounty hunter demon, it's a handsome human who saves her.

Noah Halston is a horror writer who owes his life to Lilith. Now he must pay up by eluding the fearsome beasts of hell while escorting a very attractive and tempting succubus safely to Lilith's lair-or else he will forfeit his soul to an eternity of torture.

Trouble is, if he spends too much time with the all too tempting Jezebeth, he may just lose his heart-or, even worse, his life. **TP \$30.95**

**Fred Saberhagen***Of Berserkers, Swords and Vampires: A Saberhagen Retrospective*

Best-selling author Fred Saberhagen created three popular series: his Berserker stories and novels telling of the endless war of humans and their alien allies against the Berserkers, gigantic robot battleships programmed by an unknown extinct race to destroy all life in the galaxy; his high fantasy Lost Swords series; and his Dracula series, the first novels to tell a story from the vampire's point of view. In a book that will be irresistible for the thousands of Saberhagen fans, all three series are represented here, as well as gems from his other series, including his first-published story and his last-written story, marking the endpoints of a remarkable writer's remarkable career that spanned more than four decades. As Joan Spicci Saberhagen writes in her foreword, 'Even Fred's most ardent fans will have a fresh look at his talents. Whatever the setting, Fred's stories provide fast moving action and a thought-provoking theme' **APB \$19.95**

**Rob Scott***15 Miles*

Samuel 'Sailor' Doyle has transferred from Vice to Homicide in the Virginia State Police. He has a mistress, an alcohol problem, a prescription drug dependency and a burgeoning self-loathing that alienates him from wife and family. Assigned to a double homicide, Doyle unearths secrets from the past and what looks like a revenge plot...from beyond the grave. 15 MILES is the perfect blend of crime and horror with subtle supernatural undercurrents that are so sparse and understated that the book is made all the more frightening as a result. Rob Scott is a great addition to the Gollancz list and will sit very comfortably alongside Joe Hill. **TP \$32.99**

**Darren Shan***City of Snakes (City 03)*

For ten years Capac Raimi has ruled the City as The Cardinal. Created by the first Cardinal to rule after him and continue his legacy, Capac cannot be killed. But that doesn't stop his enemies trying. And he has a lot of enemies.

In the past Capac has always been content to wait his adversaries out, safe in the knowledge that he can't lose playing a long game. But things are changing. Rival gangs are gaining power in the City. And figures from Capac's past are reappearing -- people only he remembers; other creations of the First Cardinal who disappeared with that man ten years ago.

It can only mean one thing. The mysterious Incan priests, the ancient powers behind the City, have never been happy about ceding control to Capac. Now they have a plan to take the City back. And this time Capac really could have a fight to the death on his hands ... **BPB \$24.99**

**Maggie Shayne***The Promised*

Born In Twilight: He found her in an abandoned building, half-starved, her face chalk white yet strikingly beautiful. Those violet eyes drew him closer, even though Jameson Bryant knew what she was. Even though she warned him away. But it was too late. With one parting of her lips, the hungry creature of the night took him... Nine months later, their tiny dark angel was born...in twilight.

Twilight Hunger: When struggling screenwriter Morgan DeSilva uncovers some ancient leather diaries, she is swept into the seductive world of a long-dead madman, Dante, who had believed himself a vampire. Now, though Dante's story has made her rich and famous, Morgan is wasting away. At night she dreams of him, an erotic fantasy so real she can see the marks on her neck, feel her life's blood draining from her.

Almost as if he was real...

He comes to her at night. Watching her. Wanting her. She is one of The Chosen. He knows that his kiss can save her from destiny's curse, and from the enemies who stalk them both. But to save her, he must trust her. **TP \$29.99**

## **David Sherman & Dan Cragg**

### *Double Jeopardy (Starfist 14)*

The thrilling pace of the Starfist space epic quickens as the explosive series rockets to dazzling new heights, packed with the hell-for-leather action only two battle-hardened and decorated combat vets like David Sherman and Dan Cragg can provide.

The Confederation has finally disclosed the existence of Skinks, fierce aliens bent on wiping out humankind, and announced its plan to find and destroy their home world. While the rest of the universe grapples with the news, the Skink-savvy Marines of the Confederation's Thirty-fourth Fleet Initial Strike Team (FIST) have their own take on the situation.

Though they're no longer in danger of being exiled to a ghastly netherworld for spilling the beans about the deadly aliens, the men still can't transfer out of the unit where they've been confined since they first laid eyes on the Skinks. The reason is obvious: Who else but the legendary Thirty-fourth FIST has the skills and experience to spearhead the invasion of the Skinks' home world?

Morale isn't improved by a report of Skinks on the uncolonized world of Ishtar near a mercenary force engaged in slave-driven mining operations there—which means that FIST must turn around and head right back into the jaws of hell with no downtime. But none of that matters to Lieutenant Charlie Bass and the third platoon of Company L. They're Marines, they're the best, and they've got a job to do.

The Marines will find a planet ripped apart by all-out war, with enemies on all sides. The only certainty is that the fighting will rage red-hot and relentless, and Charlie Bass and his men will be right in the thick of the action. **APB \$19.95**

## **Sharon Shinn**

### *Troubled Waters*

Zoe Ardelay receives astonishing and unwelcome news: she has been chosen to become the king's fifth wife. Forced to go to the royal city, she manages to slip away and hide on the shores of the mighty river.

It's there that Zoe realizes she is a coru prime ruled by the elemental sign of water. She must return to the palace, not as an unwilling bride for the king, but a woman with power in her own right. But as Zoe unlocks more of the mysteries of her blood—and the secrets of the royal family—she must decide how to use her great power to rise above the deceptions and intrigue of the royal court. **HC \$51.95**

## **Eve Silver**

### *Sins of the Flesh (Otherkin 03)*

Soul reaper Malthus Krayl is distracted from his search to find the one responsible for his brother's murder by Calliope Kane, a Daughter of Aset, who, despite her hatred of soul reapers, needs his help in exposing a traitor among her kind. **PB \$19.95**

## **Sarah Silverwood**

### *The Double-Edged Sword (Nowhere Chronicles 01)*

Finmere Tingewick Smith was abandoned on the steps of the Old Bailey. Under the guardianship of the austere Judge Harlequin Brown and the elderly gentlemen of Orrery House, Fin has grown up under a very strange set of rules. He spends alternate years at two very different schools and now he's tired of the constant lies to even his best friends, to hide the insanity of his double life. But on his sixteenth birthday, everything changes. The Judge is killed, stabbed in the chest with a double-edged sword that's disturbingly familiar and from that moment on, Fin is catapulted into an extraordinary adventure. Through the Doorway in Fin's London, a hole in the boundaries of Existence, lies another London - and now both are in grave danger, for the Knights of Nowhere have kidnapped the Storyholder, the keeper of the Five Eternal Stories which weave the worlds together. Because of the Knights' actions, a black storm is coming, bringing madness with it. **HC \$49.99**

## **Sherwood Smith**

### *Coronets and Steel (01)*

California girl Kim Murray is unsatisfied with grad school and restless in life. Modern men disappoint her, and she studies ballet and fencing because they remind her of older, more romantic times.

She lives with her parents and her beloved but secretive aristocratic grandmother, who speaks only French and refuses to share stories about the mysterious family she left behind in Europe, inspiring Kim to travel there and find her roots.

Kim soon finds herself swept up in an adventure of fantastic deceptions and passionate intrigue—and a shocking realization about her own bloodline that leaves her reeling. **HC \$51.95**

## **Jeff Somers**

### *Terminal State (Avery Cates 04)*

Avery Cates is in better shape than ever with the top-class augments the army's fitted him with. Pity he's no more than a puppet then, because they've also got a remote that can fry his brain at any second. And now a corrupt colonel is selling his controls to the highest bidder. Avery has visions of escape and bloody revenge - until he realises just who's bought him. Because the highest bidder is Canny Orel himself, Avery's oldest enemy. And as the System slides into chaos, Canny wants Cates to do one last job. Avery just needs one chance to get back at the old gunner - but this time, it's Canny who's holding all the cards. **APB \$19.99**

## **Jon Sprunk**

### *Shadow's Son (01)*

Caim makes - or perhaps more accurately, takes - his living on the edge of a blade. Murder is a risky business, but so far he reckons he's on the right side of it. Or he was...because when a short-notice contract job goes south, Caim finds himself thrust into the middle of a sinister plot in which he seems to be one of the primary marks. Pitted against crooked lawmen, rival killers and the darkest kinds of sorcery, it's going to take more than luck if he's to get through this alive. He may lack scruples, but he's still got his knives and his instincts to rely on - and a developed sense of revenge, or should that be justice? - to fall back on. But when his path leads him from the hazardous back streets of Othir and into the highest halls of power, will instincts and weapons alone really be enough? **TP \$32.99**

## **Kent Stetson**

### *The World Above the Sky*

After she lands in the year 1398 on what is today Canada, the living embodiment of the Holy Grail, known as Eugainia St. Claire Delacroix, who can trace her lineage back to the dawn of time, is rescued by the chief of the Mik'maq, whose blood is potent with magic and the mysteries of the Earth, but can these two divine beings forge a better world together? **TP \$40.95**

## Theodore Sturgeon

### *Case and the Dreamer (Complete Stories 13)*

This long-awaited final volume of a Hugo and Nebula Award-winning science-fiction author's complete works collects his stories from 1972 to 1983.

James Blish called him the "finest conscious artist science fiction ever produced." Kurt Vonnegut based the famous character Kilgore Trout on him. And such luminaries as Harlan Ellison, Stephen King, and Octavia Butler have hailed him as a mentor. Theodore Sturgeon was both a popular favorite and a writer's writer, carving out a singular place in the literary landscape based on his masterful wordplay, conceptual daring, and narrative drive. Sturgeon's sardonic sensibility and his skill at interweaving important social issues such as sex—including gay themes—and war into his stories are evident in all of his work, regardless of genre.

Case and the Dreamer displays Sturgeon's gifts at their peak. They include "The Country of Afterward," a sexually explicit story Sturgeon had been unable to write earlier in his career, and the title story, about an encounter with a transpatial being that is also a meditation on love. Several previously unpublished stories are included, as well as his final one, "Grizzly," a poignant take on the lung disease that killed him two years later. Noted critic and anthologist Paul Williams contextualizes Sturgeon as both man and artist in an illuminating afterword, and the book includes an index to the stories in all thirteen volumes. **HC \$70**

## Adrian Tchaikovsky

### *The Scarab Path (Shadows of the Apt 05)*

The war with the Wasp Empire has ended in a bitter stalemate, and Collegium has nothing to show for it but wounded veterans. Cheerwell Maker finds herself crippled in ways no doctor can mend, haunted by ghosts of the past that she cannot appease, seeking for meaning in a city that no longer seems like home. The Empress Seda is regaining control over those imperial cities who refused to bow the knee to her, but she draws her power from something more sinister than mere armies and war machines. Only her consort, the former spymaster Thalric, knows the truth, and now the assassins are coming and he finds his life and his loyalties under threat yet again. Out past the desert of the Nem the ancient city of Khanaphes awaits them both, with a terrible secret entombed beneath its stones. **PB \$21.99**

## Rachel Vincent

### *Alpha (Shifters 06)*

When werecat Faythe Sanders, along with Marc and Jace, is accused of murder and treason, she takes justice into her own hands as she attempts to avenge her brother's death and find the real traitor in the new Council, while protecting her Pride. **APB \$19.95**

## Shiloh Walker

### *The Missing*

Cullen Morgan has never forgiven Taige Branch for not using her psychic gift to prevent a tragic event. But when his little girl is kidnapped, Taige is his only hope in finding her—and a chance to rekindle the love that still burns between them... **PB \$12.95**

## J R Ward

### *Crave (Fallen Angels 02)*

The battle between good and evil has left the future of humanity in the hands of a reluctant saviour and his band of fallen angels. Seven deadly sins that must be righted. Seven souls that must be saved. Fallen Angel Jim Heron has completed his first task: helping Vin Di Pietro to redeem his soul. Now he must identify and battle a demon that can take any form. Worse still, his old boss Matthias wants him to assassinate Isaac, a member of The Firm who's gone AWOL - and Jim's pretty sure he's supposed to save him. But before Jim can get to Isaac to warn him, Isaac's picked up by the police for illegal street fighting. It's soon clear that he is falling for his gorgeous public defender - will their love redeem his soul? Or has the demon Devina, who's determined to see Jim fail, set an elaborate trap? **APB \$19.99**

## J R Ward

### *Crave (Fallen Angels 02)*

Seven deadly sins. Seven souls that must be saved. One more no-holds-barred battle between a fallen angel with a hardened heart and a demon with everything to lose.

Isaac Rothe is a black ops soldier with a dark past and a grim future. The target of an assassin, he finds himself behind bars, his fate in the hands of his gorgeous public defender Grier Child. His hot attraction to her can only lead to trouble—and that's before Jim Heron tells him his soul is in danger. Caught up in a wicked game with the demon who shadows Jim, Isaac must decide whether the soldier in him can believe that true love is the ultimate weapon against evil. **PB \$19.95**

## David Weber

### *Out of the Dark*

Earth is conquered. The Shongairi have arrived in force, and humanity's cities lie in radioactive ruins. In mere minutes, over half the human race has died.

Now Master Sergeant Stephen Buchevsky, who thought he was being rotated home from his latest tour in Afghanistan, finds himself instead prowling the back country of the Balkans, dodging alien patrols and trying to organize the scattered survivors without getting killed.

His chances look bleak. The aliens have definitely underestimated human tenacity—but no amount of heroism can endlessly hold off overwhelming force.

Then, emerging from the mountains and forests of Eastern Europe, new allies present themselves to the ragtag human resistance. Predators, creatures of the night, human in form but inhumanly strong. Long Enemies of humanity...until now. Because now is the time to defend Earth.

An expansion of the short story in "Warriors" anthology (Dozois/Martin eds). **HC \$52.95 CD- Unabridged \$110**

## David Wellington

### *Overwinter (Werewolf Tales 02)*

The days grow colder. The nights grow longer. And every time the moon rises, the wolf inside her grows a little stronger.

Cheyenne Clark—a woman whose hatred for werewolves has turned her into the very beast she most despises—prowls the Arctic Circle on the trail of an ancient secret, hunting for the one thing that could remove the lycanthropic curse and make her human again.

Yet standing between Chey and her goal are a werewolf hunter armed with a diabolically brilliant weapon, a centuries-old werewolf with her own mysterious agenda...and Chey's own complicated feelings for the man who doomed her to this existence but on whom her life now depends.

Worse, with every hour that passes, the wolf inside Chey becomes more powerful. It won't be long before the woman disappears completely, and only the beast is left. **TP \$28.95**

## David Wellington

### *Cursed*

Revenge in the face of bloodlust is seldom sweet... There's one sound a woman doesn't want to hear when she's lost and alone in the Arctic wilderness: a howl. For Cheyenne Clark, there's a bad moon on the rise. When a strange wolf's teeth slash her ankle to the bone, her old life ends, and she becomes the very monster that has haunted her nightmares for years. Worse, the only one who can understand what Chey has become is the man - and wolf - who's doomed her to this fate. He also wants her dead. Yet, as the line between human and beast blurs, so too does the distinction between hunter and hunted...for Chey is more than just the victim she appears to be. But once she's within killing range, she may find that - even for a werewolf - it's not always easy to go for the jugular. **BPB \$22.99**

### *Ravaged*

Be careful what you search for. You just might find it . . . When a strange wolf's teeth slashed Cheyenne Clark's ankle to the bone, her old life ended, and she became the very monster that haunted her nightmares for years. Worse, the only one who can understand what Chey has become is Powell, the man - or wolf - who's doomed her to this fate. They vow to find the release to the curse, yet as the line between human and beast blurs, so too does the distinction between hunter and hunted. Because someone is on the trail of Powell and Chey, determined to get revenge - someone as deadly and as fierce as they are . . . **BPB \$22.99**

## Scott Westerfeld *Australian Author*

### *Leviathan (Leviathan 01)*

It is the cusp of World War 1, and all the European powers are arming up. The Austro-Hungarians and Germans have their Clankers, steam-driven iron machines loaded with guns and ammunition. The British Darwinists employ fabricated animals as their weaponry. **BPB \$14.95**

### *Behemoth (Leviathan 02)*

Behemoth follows the adventures of His Majesty's Airship Leviathan to Istanbul, capital of the Ottoman Empire and home to countless secret societies and revolutionaries. Deryn and Alek find themselves at odds with their mentors and with each other, as their duties collide with the politics of war and peace. Will the Ottomans join the Clanker allies in the Great War? Or will Dr Barlow's diplomatic mission succeed? Will Deryn's secret be revealed? **HC \$29.95**

## Connie Willis

### *All Clear (Oxford 04)*

In Blackout, award-winning author Connie Willis returned to the time-traveling future of 2060—the setting for several of her most celebrated works—and sent three Oxford historians to World War II England: Michael Davies, intent on observing heroism during the Miracle of Dunkirk; Merope Ward, studying children evacuated from London; and Polly Churchill, posing as a shopgirl in the middle of the Blitz. But when the three become unexpectedly trapped in 1940, they struggle not only to find their way home but to survive as Hitler's bombers attempt to pummel London into submission.

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

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

Told with compassion, humor, and an artistry both uplifting and devastating, All Clear is more than just the triumphant culmination of the adventure that began with Blackout. It's Connie Willis's most humane, heartfelt novel yet—a clear-eyed celebration of faith, love, and the quiet, ordinary acts of heroism and sacrifice too often overlooked by history. **HC \$52.95**

## F Paul Wilson

### *Fatal Error (Repairman Jack)*

The End of the World is at hand!

Munir Habib's life has become a nightmare. His tormentor has warned Munir not to report the kidnapping of his family, or else they will pay a terrible price. A friend realizes something is terribly wrong and tells Munir he doesn't have to go to the cops. There's a guy who fixes situations like this—Repairman Jack. Jack is backed into helping Munir despite his ongoing involvement in the cosmic shadow war between the Ally and the Otherness. Or perhaps because of it. He's chafing at being forced into the defensive role of protecting the Lady, the physical embodiment of the consciousness of the planet Earth.

Meanwhile, the Septimus Order and the Kickers are seemingly working in concert on a plot to extinguish the Lady and open the way for the Otherness to take over our reality. To top it all off, Dawn Pickering finally goes into labor and delivers a baby she only glimpses as it's whisked away, and is terrified by what she sees. Later she's told the baby died, but she doesn't believe it. Neither does Weezy. Neither does Jack. All these interlocking plots mean doom for humanity. But Jack never gives up or gives in. **HC \$52.95**

## Gene Wolfe

### *Pirate Freedom*

As a young parish priest, Father Christopher has heard many confessions, but his own tale is more astounding than any revelation he has ever encountered in the confessional...for Chris was once a pirate captain, hundreds of years before his birth.

Fresh from the monastery, the former novice finds himself inexplicably transported back to the golden age of piracy, where an unexpected new life awaits him. At first, he resists joining the notorious Brethren of the Coast, but he soon embraces the life of a buccaneer, even as he succumbs to the seductive charms of a beautiful and enigmatic senorita. As the captain of his own swift ship, which may or may not be cursed, he plunders the West Indies in search of Spanish gold. From Tortuga to Port Royal, from the stormy waters of the Caribbean to steamy tropical jungles, Captain Chris finds danger, passion, adventure, and treachery as he hoists the black flag and sets sail for the Spanish Main. But where he will finally come to port only God knows ... **TP \$24.99**

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We have filled our throw table with books that we have discounted to clear. Now is a good time to visit and rummage through for some bargains.



# Anthologies

## **Steven Amsterdam** *Australian Author*

### *Things We Didn't See Coming*

What if the Y2K predictions had been accurate? What if a pandemic could not be brought under control? What if the rain would not stop?

In Steven Amsterdam's debut book *Things We Didn't See Coming*, nine linked stories are snapshots into an unnamed character's journey through a world in decline. Beginning with 'What we know now', a story set at the turn of the millennium, Amsterdam recalls the recent paranoia surrounding Y2K through the eyes of a 10-year-old boy.

With each story that follows, the character jumps forward in time to a future transformed by unspecified disasters. Shifts in his behaviour reflect his adaptation to the chaotic surroundings.

In 'The theft that got me here' his grandmother is miraculously returned to health, thanks to some special pills, after a long period of immobility and muteness. Persuaded by her spritely words, the opportunistic delinquent helps his grandparents breach the urban/country barricade for what is to be their last adventure.

In 'Dry land' he works for land management, clearing people from sodden landscapes to higher ground.

In 'Cake walk' he and Margo – his mysterious, streetwise girlfriend – hide out to avoid contracting an unnamed illness that has already infected the majority of the population. **PB \$24.95**

## **Kevin J Anderson** *Editor*

### *Blood Lite II*

From the Horror Writers Association comes a brand-new collection of darkly humorous tales! The Big Questions of Life (and Death)

Can a killer's basement blood-feast be a tax write-off? Not if Vlad the IRS agent nails him first in Heather Graham's "Death and Taxes."

What does a pack of hungry she-wolves do to solve their man troubles? "Dog Tired (of the Drama!)" by L. A. Banks.

How far will an elite call girl go to beat a murder rap? Stuck with a dead client in a luxury L.A. hotel room, she might strike a costly bargain with a woman of unearthly powers in Allison Brennan's "Her Lucky Day."

Who actually writes those tabloid stories about Bigfoot? Meet a journalist of the unexplained (she's 50 percent demon) and her boyfriend (he's 100 percent thief), as they heat up a museum exhibition that's also a soul-snatching battleground in "Lucifer's Daughter" by Kelley Armstrong.

Plus tales from:

Kevin J. Anderson	Derek Clendening	John R. Little	Mike Resnick	Jeff Strand
Janis Ian	Don D'Amassa	Sharyn McCrumb	Lezli Robyn	Jordan Summers
Sam W. Anderson	Brian J. Hatcher	Scott Nicholson	Jeff Ryan	Joel A. Sutherland
Mike Baron	Nina Kiriki Hoffman	Mark Onspaugh	D. L. Snell	Steve Rasnic Tem
Edward Bryant	Nancy Kirkpatrick	Aaron Polson	Lucien Soulban	Christopher Welch
Amy Sterling Casil	J. A. Konrath	Daniel Pyle	Eric James Stone	<b>TP \$32.95</b>

## **Bill Congreve** *Australian Author Editor*

### *Year's Best Australian Science & Fantasy Fifth Annual Volume*

Welcome to worlds that never were and never will be - the new edition of this annual collection from Australia's speculative fiction scene.

From a Canterbury tale of 21st century Britain to a searing caricature of John Howard's white picket fence; from a parable of life in a city skyscraper to a futuristic Western set in an impossible desert, from an adult fairy tale of plague-ridden Europe to the future; from an Earth surviving under alien rule, to the end of the Earth; welcome to worlds that never were and yet might be.

Provoking and inventive, the Year's Best Australian Science Fiction & Fantasy, Fifth Annual Volume includes talented newcomers as well as established professionals at the peak of their form.. **BPB \$24.95**

## **Esther Friesner** *Editor*

### *Fangs for the Mammaries*

Having inflicted the smug homes of suburbia with witches and werewolves. Esther Friesner now unleashes the undead to tap a vein of blood and humor, and drain the suburbs dry of both.

Vampires and the suburbs are a match made in heaven, or maybe Levittown. Remember Dracula? He didn't run into any real problems until he took his act on the road and traveled to the Big City. But in the suburbs, everyone is polite and respectful of their neighbors' right to privacy. And if your neighbors happen to have kids selling gift-wrap, magazine subscriptions, cookies, or other school fundraising ploys, and little Emily or Jason happen to come peddling their wares after sundown . . . Who says you have to stay in the city if you want good take-out meals delivered right to your door? There's no one quite like a vampire for saying, 'All of you kids get off of my lawn!' and putting some teeth into it.

The stories in these pages—by Sarah A. Hoyt, K.D. Wentworth, Dave Freer and more, including Esther Friesner herself—will convince the reader that vampires and suburbs go together like wine and cheese, gin and tonic, desperation and housewives, marriage and pre-nups. Enter freely and of your own will . . . **APB \$19.95**

## **Sherrilyn Kenyon, Dianna Love, Laura Griffin & Cindy Gerard**

### *Deadly Promises*

A collection of three romantic suspense stories centers around sexy alpha heroes of the Bureau of American Defense, Black Ops, Inc., and the U.S. Navy SEALs, and includes contributions by Cindy Gerard and Laura Griffin. **APB \$19.95**

## **Mercedes Lackey, Michelle Sagara & Cameron Haley**

### *Harvest Moon*

Filled with magic, adventure, myth and legend, this anthology presents novellas from Mercedes Lackey's Five Hundred Kingdoms series, Michelle Sagara's The Chronicles of Elantra series, and Cameron Haley's Underworld Chronicles. **TP \$30.95**

## **Lori Perkins et al**

### *Hungry for Your Love*

Romance ain't dead...it's undead. In this thrilling zombie anthology, horror fans will finally get their fill of zombie-on-zombie action, zombie-human love, and zombie smut. Because why should vampires have all the fun? This collection of never-before-published tales includes:

Revanants Anonymous by Francesca Lia Block: two zombies meet at a meeting and when sparks fly they wonder how "dead" they really are

I Heart Brains by Jaime Saare: a widow and a dead man get a second chance at love

Captive Hearts by Brian Keene: zombie plagues can't stop a woman from caring for the man she loves

Everyone I Love is Dead by Elizabeth Coldwell: What happens when your true love comes back from the dead--after you've already moved on with a new man? --and many more! **TP \$30.95**

# Young Adult

## *Rupert Bear Annual 2011 (Rupert Bear)*

"The 2011 Rupert Annual" is the 75th annual in Rupert's long history and pays tribute to the development of Rupert since the first appearance of the little bear in November 1920. The 2011 annual features stories from four leading Rupert artists: Mary Tourtel (Rupert's creator), Alfred Bestall, John Harrold and Stuart Trotter, as well as a variety of puzzles and activities for fans of Rupert from the ages of five to ninety-five to enjoy. **HC \$24.95**

## **Susannah Appelbaum**

### *The Tasters Guild (Poisons of Caux 02)*

A macabre and funny fantasy trilogy After the perilous adventure of *The Hollow Bettle* (Book I), the dark reign of the Nightshades is over at last, and a new day has arrived in Caux, a land long ruled by poison and deceit. The ancient Prophecy—the coming of a Noble Child to cure the one, true King—has finally begun. But fear still grips the people of Caux, for they live in the shadow of the powerful, poisonous Tasters' Guild. Sequestered high within its corrupt walls sits Vidal Verjouce, the Guild's diabolical Director, his dark magic more potent than ever. Eleven-year-old Ivy, famed healer and Noble Child, and her friend and taster Rowan must venture inside the Guild itself if they are to find the door to their sister world, Pimcaux—and fulfill the Prophecy. But a deadly weed—once thought extinct—threatens their journey: scourge bracken, a plant dedicated to domination and destruction, also known, ominously, as Kingmaker. Who else has detected it? And will Ivy's remarkable gift—her dominion over plants and nature—be enough to thwart it? Susannah Appelbaum's imagination soars with poison inks, flower codes, catacombs, secret crypts, and sinister twists in this middle volume of the macabre and magical *Poisons of Caux* fantasy trilogy. **HC \$34.95**

### *Poisons of Caux*

There's little joy left in the kingdom of Caux: the evil King Nightshade rules with terrible tyranny and the law of the land is poison or be poisoned. Worse, eleven-year-old Ivy's uncle, a famous healer, has disappeared, and Ivy sets out to find him, joined by a young taster named Rowan. But these are corrupt times, and the children—enemies of the realm—are not alone. What exactly do Ivy and Rowan's pursuers want? Is it Ivy's prized red bettle, which, unlike any other gemstone in Caux, appears—impossibly—to be hollow? Is it the elixir she concocted—the one with the mysterious healing powers? Or could it be Ivy herself? Told with wry humor, *The Hollow Bettle* is the first installment in the *Poisons of Caux* trilogy, an astonishing tale of herbs and magic, tasters and poisoners. **BPB \$12.95**

## **H Badger**

### *Space Scout Jet Pack (Space Scout 01, 02, 03, 04)*

**PB \$29.99**

## **Cathy Brett**

### *Scarlett Dedd*

You're dead Scarlett... Previously a poor taste jibe from school frenemies, now a statement of fact. Scarlett is absolutely mortified (in more ways than one) to discover that she's accidentally killed herself while trying to get out of a school trip. Even worse, she's taken her entire family with her. Life as a ghost is pretty dull - if only some of her friends were dead too... **BPB \$16.99**

## **Heather Brewer**

### *Twelfth Grade Kills (Chronicles of Vladimir Tod)*

As a teenage vampire, Vlad has spent the last four years trying to handle the pressures of school while sidestepping a slayer out for his blood. Now he's a senior, and in this final, action-packed book in the series, Vlad must confront the secrets of the past, unravel the mystery of who he really is, make decisions about his future, and face his greatest enemy. It's a senior year that totally bites. **\$19.95**

## **Meg Cabot**

### *Love You To Death / High Stakes (Mediator)*

Meet Susannah Simon: she's a typical teenage girl, who just happens to be a ghost-hunter... oh, and she's also dead-over-heels for Jesse - the sexiest spook ever! But can this girl get her ghost? In 'Love You to Death' Suze arrives in California and has barely unpacked when her mediator skills are put to the test. A vicious spirit in her new school is hell-bent on making her life a complete nightmare, but Suze is more than ready to kick some serious ghost butt if she has to. In 'High Stakes' Suze's new life is looking up - cool friends, pool parties and getting to know Jesse (swoon), but then a desperate spirit asks for her help. Suddenly she's on the trail of a creepy local businessman, who just might be a vampire. **BPB \$16.99**

## **Rachel Caine**

### *Glass Houses / Dead Girl's Dance (Morganville Vampires 01, 02)*

Morganville is a small college town in the heart of Texas—not a place that exactly screams "hotbed of creatures of the night". But college freshman Claire Danvers is about to discover why, in Morganville, you should never, ever stay out after dark...

#### *Glass Houses*

College freshman Claire Danvers moves off campus and into an old house in the small town of Morganville. Her new roommates have her back when the town's deepest secrets come crawling out, hungry for fresh blood...

#### *The Dead Girls' Dance*

Claire may have a great roommate and a new boyfriend, but when she's invited to the Dead Girls' Dance all hell breaks loose—literally. Because this time, the living and the dead are ready to tear up the night... **PB \$21.95**

## **Rachel Caine**

### *Midnight Alley / Feast of Fools (Morganville Vampires 03, 04)*

Midnight Alley: Claire Danvers has pledged herself to Amelie, the most powerful vampire in town. But her protection doesn't offer much comfort when people start turning up dead and an ancient bloodsucker extends a chilling invitation for private lessons in his secluded home, giving a terrifying new meaning to "night school"...

Feast of Fools: The tenuous good-neighbor policy between the vampires and humans of Morganville is turned on its head with the arrival of bad-to-the-bone Mr. Bishop. What the ancient old-school vampire wants from the town is unthinkable—sinister. It's only at a formal ball that Claire realized the elaborately evil trap Bishop has set for the warm-blooded souls of Morganville. **PB \$21.95**

## **Lewis Carroll**

### *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through The Looking Glass (Alice)*

One boring summer afternoon, Alice, a bright and inquisitive child, follows a white rabbit down a rabbit-hole. At the bottom she finds herself in a bizarre world full of strange creatures, and attends a very odd tea party and croquet match. Lewis Carroll's beloved and witty story was made into an animated film by Disney in 1951. It is also the inspiration for Tim Burton's 2010 film where an adult Alice returns to the peculiar world she discovered as a child. The film features Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Anne Hathaway among a cast of British stars **BPB \$14.95**

### **Philip Caveney**

#### *Maze of Death (Alec Devlin 03)*

After his adventures in Egypt and Mexico, Alec decides that a summer spent on the island of Crete will be a far safer option, however unbeknownst to him several young travellers have recently disappeared from the island . . . A chance encounter with mysterious multi-millionaire Tobias Wolfe leads to an invitation to visit his private paradise, Candia and when Wolfe's daughter, Ariadne, slips Alec a note pleading for help, Alec can't refuse. Trapped in Candia, Alec discovers that Wolfe's obsession with ancient Greek myths goes far deeper than anyone could have imagined - plunged into a living nightmare Alec must use all of his ingenuity to survive. **BPB \$17.95**

### **Elizabeth Chandler**

#### *Legacy of Lies / Don't Tell (Dark Secrets 01)*

When Megan arrives at her grandmother's house she immediately feels that there is something curiously familiar about the place. She's been there in her dreams, or rather her nightmares, but still cannot place what exactly it is that gives her the creeps. All Megan wants to do is get through the visit without any drama, but as the house starts to reveal its secrets and the past comes to light, Megan finds herself caught up in a twisted love triangle with potentially fatal consequences.

Lauren knows that by returning to the town where her mother "accidentally" drowned seven years ago, she'll be reliving one of her most haunting memories. When she arrives, she is propelled into a series of mysterious events that mimic the days leading up to her mother's death. Could it be that her mother's drowning wasn't an accident after all? And as the past unravels around her Lauren begins to wonder whether she might be next.

**BPB \$16.99**

### **Stephen Cole**

#### *Claws of Christmas (Astrosaurus 11)*

Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur - he's an astrosaur! On the incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil and eats a lot of grass!

The astrosaurus are on their way home for Christmas when they encounter millions of Christmas presents flying through space. Teggs and his crew are ordered to take the presents back to Santa Claus and his elfosaauruses . Little do they know, that all is not merry this Christmas on the North Pole star . . . Can they track down whoever's determined to spoil Christmas? **BPB \$14.95**

### **Suzanne Collins**

#### *The Hunger Games (Hunger Games 01)*

Reality TV meets Lord of the Flies. Every year, twelve boys and twelve girls are chosen to take part in the Hunger Games. Watched by the entire nation, this is action-packed reality TV at its most exciting and most dangerous. Katniss Everdeen has grown up struggling to save the people close to her. Now she faces the biggest challenge of all the fight for her life. Winning will make you famous. Losing means certain death. **HC \$29.99**

#### *Catching Fire (Hunger Games 02)*

Against all odds Katniss Everdeen has won the annual Hunger Games with fellow District 12 tribute Peeta Mellark. But it was a victory won by defiance of the Capitol and its harsh rules. Katniss and Peeta should be happy. After all, they have secured, for themselves and their families, a life of safety and plenty. They will live in fancy houses in Victory Village, their families will never be hungry again, and the cruel games are behind them. But there are rumours of rebellion among the other districts, and to Katniss's horror, Katniss and Peeta are the faces of that rebellion. The Capitol is angry. The Capitol wants revenge. The Capitol will not be fooled again. Suzanne Collins continues the amazing story of Katniss Everdeen in this second novel of the phenomenal Hunger Games trilogy. **HC \$29.99**

#### *Mockingjay (Hunger Games 03)*

Against all odds, Katniss Everdeen has twice survived the Hunger Games. But now that she's made it out of the bloody arena alive, she's still not safe. The Capitol is angry. The Capitol wants revenge . . . Who do they think should pay for the unrest? Katniss Everdeen. **BPB \$18.99 HC \$29.99**

### **F J Collins**

#### *Labyrinthus (Oracles of Leoht 01)*

Three children and their 'new age-hippie' mother move into the Superintendent's residence of a cemetery. They discover something hidden in a sacred place that will teach them life has far greater meaning than they believed. As they awaken to new possibilities and begin to understand that they each have a unique gift, they will have to face their deepest darkest fears in order to use that gift and battle a dark enemy. If they succeed they will become what they were born to be, Oracles of Leoht. If they have never believed in miracles they are about to change their minds.

**PB \$24.99**

### **F J Collins**

#### *The Gargoyle Prison and the World of Eahtotha (Oracles of Leoht 02)*

When the Penny family discovered Labyrinthus, they were led into a magical adventure. But now the children and their mother find the dangers to our world are even more frightening. They will have to battle more than ghosties... for dread savages from the Théostre, the realm of darkness are coming. The time has come for the Pennys to learn of the impact which their gifts will have on our Earth, and indeed other worlds, as told in a mystical prophecy on the world of Eahtotha.

The Gargoyle Prison & The World of Eahtotha is a fantastical spooky adventure story that looks deep into the human spirit, and the very thing that binds us all together, love. **PB \$24.99**

### **Suzanne Collins**

#### *Gregor and the Curse of the Warmblood (Underland Chronicles 03)*

Book Two left off with Gregor reading the Prophecy of Blood: a prophecy that calls for Gregor and Boots to return to the Underland to help ward off a plague. But this time, Gregor's mother refuses to let Gregor return to the Underland . . . until the rat Ripred assures the family that Gregor and Boots are needed only for a short meeting, which the crawlers will attend only if their 'princess' Boots is present. Gregor's mum finally relents, but on the condition that she goes with them so they aren't out of her sight. **BPB \$14.99**

### **D M Cornish Australian Author**

#### *Factotum (Monster Blood Tattoo 03)*

Rosamnd has exchanged Winstermill and the dangerous life of a lamplighter for Brandenbrass and an even more dangerous life as factotum to the aristocratic monsterslayer, Europe. Fear and self-doubt must wait, however, as he plunges headlong into the fulgar's day-to-day life of political manoeuvring, high-society parties and well-paid monsterhunting. But whispers and rumours about her new factotum place Europe herself in danger, and now Rosamnd and the Branden Rose will face the ultimate battle against their enemies, the black-hearted schemers who would destroy them both. **HC \$29.99**

### **Andrea Cremer**

#### *Nightshade*

She can control her pack, but not her heart ...I wanted him to kiss me?wished he could smell the desire that I knew was pouring off me. You can't, Calla. This boy isn't the one for you.' Calla Tor has always known her destiny: graduation, marriage and then a life leading her pack. But when she defies her masters' laws to save a human boy, she must choose. Is one boy worth losing everything? **BPB \$24.99**

### **Stephen Deas**

#### *Theif-Taker's Apprentice*

Berren has lived in the city all his life. He has made his way as a thief, paying a little of what he earns to the Fagin like master of their band. But there is a twist to this tale of a thief. One day Berren goes to watch an execution of three thieves. He watches as the thief-taker takes his reward and decides to try and steal the prize. He fails. The young thief is taken. But the thief-taker spots something in Berren. And the boy reminds him of someone as well. Berren becomes his apprentice. And is introduced to a world of shadows, deceit and corruption behind the streets he thought he knew. **PB \$22.99**

### **Joseph Delaney**

#### *The Witches (Spook)*

A collection of 5 blood-chilling witch stories from the world of the Spook's Apprentice

This is a fabulous collection of stories based on many of the witches from Joseph Delaney's Spooks books now in paperback.

Ever wondered why the Spook doesn't trust girls who wear pointy shoes?

Or why Grimalkin became the Assassin for the Malkin Witch clan?

Find out all this and more in this a dark and eerie collection.

You don't have to know the Spook's books to enjoy the stories. They're all standalone and absolutely haunting. A perfect introduction to the world of The Spook's Apprentice. But for any fans of the series out there, this collection will be a must-have. **PB \$17.95**

### **Shannon Delany**

#### *13 to Life*

Jessica's life seemed difficult enough since the sudden loss of her mother, but meeting Pietr Rusakova turns her world upside down again. The newest member of Junction High, Pietr is a first generation Russian-American, a fact that by itself makes him different enough to get lots of attention in the small town. But Pietr is far more than good looks and an interesting accent, Pietr has secrets to hide-secrets including dramatic changes he's undergoing that will surely end his life early. Secrets dating back to the Cold War get the better of Jessica's curiosity, leading her into an exciting and dangerous world where her understanding of reality and what makes a man or a monster will be challenged. **BPB \$16.99**

### **Lisa Desrochers**

#### *Personal Demons*

Frannie Cavanaugh is a good Catholic girl with a bit of a wicked streak. She has spent years keeping everyone at a distance-even her closest friends-and it seems like her senior year is going to be more of the same...until Luc Cain enrolls in her class. No one knows where he came from, but Frannie can't seem to stay away from him. What she doesn't know is that Luc is on a mission. He's been sent from Hell itself to claim Frannie's soul. It should be easy-all he has to do is get her to sin, and Luc is as tempting as they come. Frannie doesn't stand a chance. But he has to work fast, because if the infernals are after her, the celestials can't be far behind. And sure enough, it's not long before the angel Gabriel shows up, willing to do anything to keep Luc from getting what he came for. But if Luc fails, there will be Hell to pay...for all of them. **BPB \$18.99**

### **Chris D'Lacey**

#### *Dark Fire (Fire 05)*

Last Dragon Chronicles 5

With the Earth on the brink of recolonisation by dragons, David Rain is sent on an important mission: to seek out and destroy a trace of dark fire, the deadliest force in the universe. But with success could come a terrible price, the sacrifice of a beloved clay dragon. How much does the life of one small dragon count, when the alternative is the birth of a darkling...? **BPB \$17.99**

### **Thomas Fahy**

#### *Sleepless*

Emma Montgomery hasn't been sleeping well. She has gruesome nightmares, and when she wakes up, she isn't where she was when she fell asleep. And she's not the only one. Many of the students at Saint Opportuna High are having nightmares and sleepwalking too. When teenagers start turning up dead, Emma and her friends start to wonder if they might have had anything to do with the deaths. They need to stick together to keep themselves awake...and to figure out what's causing them to kill in their sleep. **PB \$12.99**

### **Becca Fitzpatrick**

#### *Hush, Hush (01)*

Nora's never been particularly attracted to the boys at her school. Not until Patch came along. With his easy smile and eyes that seem to see inside her, she is drawn to him against her better judgement. But after a series of terrifying encounters, Nora's not sure who to trust. Patch seems to be everywhere she is and knows more about her than her closest friends. And when she tries to seek some answers, she finds herself near a truth that is way more unsettling than anything Patch makes her feel. For Nora is right in the middle of a centuries-old battle between the immortal and those that have fallen - and sooner or later, she's going to have to pick sides... **PB \$16.99**

### **Michael Ford**

#### *The Poisoned House*

Fifteen-year-old Abigail is a maidservant in Greave Hall, an elegant London household governed by the tyrannical housekeeper, Mrs Cotton. Whilst the widowed master slips slowly into madness, Mrs Cotton gradually usurps the position of gentlewoman of the house. She wears his dead wife's jewellery and clothes, entertains guests as though the house is her own and reserves her most despotic treatment for Abi.

In the dead of night, Abi makes a desperate bid for freedom, but is soon captured and returned to Greave Hall. As Mrs Cotton's malice intensifies, a ghostly presence distracts Abi with clues to a deadly secret. And Abi now realises that she can trust no one in the house. **BPB \$15.99**

### **Michael Thomas Ford**

Z: Josh is by far the best zombie Torcher around. At least, he is in his virtual-reality zombie-hunting game. Zombies haven't existed in the real world in more than fifteen years, and the battle to defeat the devastating zombie epidemic is now the stuff of history lessons. Or so it seems. When Josh accepts a coveted invitation to join an underground gaming league in the dark, forgotten tunnels of the city, he soon realises that hunting zombies is not all fun and games. Real blood is spilling, members of the team are disappearing and the zombies in the game are acting strange. And then there's the matter of a mysterious drug called Z... This darkly thrilling teen novel will have you holding your breath as you turn every page. **PB \$19.95**

## **Cornelia Funke**

### *Reckless (01)*

For the first time in his life, Jacob Reckless is afraid. For years he's stolen across to another world, a dark enchanted place he's loved for its treasure, secrets and dangers. Until now. Will, his younger brother, has followed him with terrible consequences: the boy will turn to beast; the girl he loves will break her heart and chaos will rule forever, unless Jacob can spin a fairytale to save them . . . **HC \$29.99**

## **Roderick Gordon**

### *Closer (Tunnels 04)*

At the very centre of the Earth, in a world that no-one knows exists, Will believes he's safe. But his enemy, the Styx, are close behind. They'll follow him to the ends of the world-any world. And after taking revenge, there's Dominion: their original plan to destroy all humans . . . Back on top-soil, unexpected allies prepare to fight back. But as they unearth the secrets of the Styx, are they closer to the truth or death? **PB \$19.99**

## **Michael Grant**

### *Hunger (01)*

**TP \$24.95**

### *Lies (02)*

**TP \$24.95**

### *Gone (03)*

Suddenly there are no adults, no answers. What would you do? In the blink of an eye, the world changes. The adults vanish without a trace, and those left must do all they can to survive.

But everyone's idea of survival is different. Some look after themselves, some look after others, and some will do anything for power... Even kill.

For Sam and Astrid, it is a race against time as they try to solve the questions that now dominate their lives... What is the mysterious wall that has encircled the town of Perdido Beach and trapped everyone within? Why have some kids developed strange powers? And can they defeat Caine and his gang of bullies before they turn fifteen and disappear too?

It isn't until the world collapses around you that you find out what kind of person you really are.

A chilling portrayal of a world with no rules. **TP \$24.95**

### *Call, The (Magnificent 12 01)*

Twelve-year-old Mack McAvoy is not particularly outstanding. He is not a great student, he's glib and sarcastic, he has a list of phobias as long as your arm, and he's far from popular. In fact, he's more of a bully magnet. That is, until Mack is visited by a golem. The golem looks exactly like Mack, except the golem likes to sleep on the ceiling. And he's got some bad news: he has been sent to fill in for the real Mack in Sedona, Arizona, while the real Mack sets out to save the world from the evil Pale Queen. To do so, Mack must assemble an elite team of twelve powerful children from all around the world, including Jarrah from Australia and Stefan from Mack's very own hometown-Stefan, who used to use Mack as a punching bag. Together the three of them must travel to Australia's Uluru desert to face off against Risky. Risky is a beautiful redhead girl who is just a tween herself, but don't let her age fool you: Risky is pure evil. She gets it from her mother.

Who is her mother exactly? None other than the Pale Queen, who has been a force of evil to be reckoned with since before medieval times. Mack's story is interspersed with that of Grimpluk, a pre-medieval teen who is enlisted into the Magnifica, a team assembled during his time to battle the Pale Queen and her henchmen. The Magnifica triumphed over the Pale Queen in Grimpluk's time, and Mack, Jarrah, and Stefan triumph over Risky in their time-or so they think...

Packed with action and infused with humor and magic, The Magnificent 12: The Call ends with a delicious cliffhanger that will have readers craving the next book. Age 10+ **BPB \$14.99**

## **Margaret Peterson Haddix**

### *Into the Gauntlet (39 Clues 10)*

The explosive finale! Throughout the hunt for the 39 Clues, Amy and Dan Cahill have uncovered history's greatest mysteries and their family's deadliest secrets. But are they ready to face the truth about the Cahills and the key to their unmatched power? After a whirlwind race that's taken them across five continents, Amy and Dan face the most difficult challenge yet-a task no Cahill dared to imagine. When faced with a choice that could change the future of the world, can two kids succeed where 500 years worth of famous ancestors failed? **HC \$17.99**

## **Matt Haig**

### *The Runaway Troll*

Samuel's not allowed to enter Shadow Forest. But what's to stop the forest from coming to him? There's one thing every troll child dreads more than anything - and that's being sent to the Betterer. The Betterer is the most evil troll in Shadow Forest who loves to punish his fellow trolls for their grubby and stupid habits in lots of horrible ways. When one troll boy escapes the forest to be with his favourite human, Samuel Blink, the Betterer is not very happy. Until he realizes that the most useful thing to have in his Bettering Tower would be a real life human child. So he places his Bettering Branch and Gripgrass Juice in his pockets and sets out on a quest into the human world beyond the forest to kidnap Samuel and the troll friend he's been hiding in his wardrobe . . . **BPB \$17.95**

## **Lisi Harrison**

### *Monster High*

The monster community has kept a low profile at the local high school, but when two new girls enrol, the town will never be the same. Created just fifteen days ago, Frankie Stein is psyched to trade her father's formaldehyde-smelling basement lab for parties and prom. But with a student body totally freaked out by rumors of monsters stalking the halls, Frankie learns that high school can be rough for a chic freak like her.

She thinks she finds a friend in fellow new student Melody Carver-but can a 'normie' be trusted with her big secret? **PB \$16.99**

## **Charlie Higson**

### *The Dead (02)*

A terrible disease is striking everyone over the age of fourteen. Death walks the streets. Nowhere is safe.

Maxie, Blue and the rest of the Holloway crew aren't the only kids trying to escape the ferocious adults who prey on them. **PB \$19.95**

## **Ian Irvine Australian Author**

### *The Grasping Goblin (Grim and Grimmer 02)*

The Nightmare Queen has hidden the Book of Grimmer. Without it, Grimmer will fall and its people will become slaves. To find the book, Ike and Mellie need a goblin spell from the forbidden land of Gobbeloon. But Ike makes a disastrous blunder. If he had kept his mouth shut, he would not have been turned into a night-gaunt, the creature he feared more than anything in the world. Nor would he have attacked his best friend. And he definitely would not have died . . . In Gobbeloon, Ike and Mellie are thrown into the goblin king's dungeon. To get the spell, Ike must give up his enchanted pen, which he needs to clear his dead parents' names, or fight off the Nightmare Queen's army all by himself. How can he hope to defeat the queen, outwit the wily, treacherous goblins and escape with both the counter-spell and the pen? **BPB \$16.99**

**Lauren Kate***Torment (Fallen 02)*

Hell on earth.

That's what it's like for Luce to be apart from her fallen angel boyfriend, Daniel.

It took them an eternity to find one another, but now he has told her he must go away. Just long enough to hunt down the Outcasts—immortals who want to kill Luce. Daniel hides Luce at Shoreline, a school on the rocky California coast with unusually gifted students: Nephilim, the offspring of fallen angels and humans.

At Shoreline, Luce learns what the Shadows are, and how she can use them as windows to her previous lives. Yet the more Luce learns, the more she suspects that Daniel hasn't told her everything. He's hiding something—something dangerous.

What if Daniel's version of the past isn't actually true? What if Luce is really meant to be with someone else?

The second novel in the addictive FALLEN series . . . where love never dies. **HC \$36.95 TP \$29.95****Faye Kellerman***Prism*

A time-shattering supernatural thriller

Aida Hutchenson, Zeke Anderson, and Joy Tallon: three teens with nothing in common, thrown together by an explosive accident that turns their class trip into a desert nightmare. And the next morning . . . a return to their ordinary lives with everything just as it was before. Or is it? Increasingly unnerved by the distorted world around her, Kaida must band together with Zeke and Joy in hopes of making it back to the reality she remembers . . . and surviving the one she's fallen into. **BPB \$14.99****P B Kerr***The Eye of the Forest (Children of the Lamp 05)*An ancient Incan prophecy leads the Gaunt twins deep into the heart of the Amazon, in search of a cursed portal that has remained hidden for centuries. Along the way, they come across their old friend Dybbuk, but it's not a happy reunion. Dybbuk has lost all his djinn powers and is desperate to get them back—even if it means destroying the world. Can John and Philippa stop him before it's too late? **PB \$18.99****Rupert Kingfisher***Madame Papmlemousse and the Time-Travelling Cafe (02)*

In Paris there is a cafe, elegantly furnished with polished wooden tables and an awning of striped gold and green, whose walls are filled with drinks such as Green Fairy Liqueur, Mermaid Madeira and Red Devil Lemonade. And sitting on the bar is a large, silver, steam-powered espresso coffee machine. The cafe is owned by Monsieur Moutarde, and Monsieur Moutarde has made the most extraordinary discovery. With the help of his friend, Madame Pamplemousse, he has created a time travel machine (for that is what the espresso coffee machine is). Very special, highly flavoured, intense ingredients are fed into the machine where they are subatomically blended with quantum froth and space-time foam. The resulting liquid looks like a small black coffee - but in fact transports the drinker through time and space.

But this is a dangerous invention. For who knows what would happen if it fell into the wrong hands? Before long Monsieur Moutarde, Madame Pamplemousse, her cat, Camembert, and her friend, Madeleine, are on the run through time and space to capture a TRex's freshly caught drool and rare sphinx's tears, the vital ingredients for a tonic that will both save them and revive the ailing spirit of Paris. **BPB \$12.99****Kathryn Lasky***The Capture (Film Tie-in) (Guardians of Ga'Hoole 01)*After Soren, a young owl, is pushed from his family's nest by his older brother, he's plucked from the forest floor by agents from a mysterious school, the St Aegolius Academy for Orphaned Owls. When Soren arrives at St Aggie's, he suspects there is more to the school than meets the eye. He and his new friend, the clever and scrappy Gylfie, find out that St Aggie's is actually a training camp where the school's leader can groom young owls to help achieve her goal—to rule the entire owl kingdom. **PB \$14.99***Guardian of Ga'Hoole Collection (Guardians of Ga'hoole 01, 02, 03)*Guardians of Ga'Hoole is a classic hero mythology about the fight between good and evil. This series is filled with adventure, suspense and heart. When Soren, a young owl, mysteriously falls from his nest one evening, he's plucked up and taken to the sinister St Aegolius Academy for Orphaned Owls. Once there, he must use his wits and bravery to escape his captors. The first three books in the Ga'Hoole series follow Soren, Gylfie, Twilight and Digger, four orphaned owls that must fight their way through many dangers to take refuge with a group of brave owls thought only to be a legend—the Guardians of Ga'Hoole! **PB \$29.99***The Journey (Guardians of Ga'Hoole 02)*In the second book in the Guardians of Ga'hoole series, Soren, Gylfie, Twilight and Digger travel to the Great Ga'Hoole Tree, a mythical place where an order of owls rises each night to perform noble deeds. Soren and his group are seeking help to fight the evil they discovered in the owl world (in Guardians #1). After a harrowing journey, they arrive at the Great Ga'Hoole Tree and learn they will need to stay to receive training from the Ga'Hoolian elders. During his time at the Great Ga'Hoole Tree, Soren finds (and then loses) a great mentor and he is reunited with his beloved sister. **PB \$14.99***The Rescue (Guardians of Ga'Hoole 03)*Now that Soren has been reunited with his sister, Eglantine, he must face his next challenge: making sense of the mysterious disappearance of his mentor, Ezylyrb. When Soren discovers that Ezylyrb is in danger, he and his friends Gylfie, Twilight and Digger devise a plan to save the beloved teacher. In this process, Soren must fight a ferocious foe who wears a terrifying metal beak, sharpened for battle. It's not until the confrontation is over that Soren discovers the true identity of his opponent. The metal-beaked warrior is Soren's evil brother, Kludd. **PB \$14.99****Rebecca Lisle***Crystal*

Crystal is unusual; she has silvery blonde hair and blue eyes. There isn't anyone like her in the Town except for her mum and everyone says her mum is either crazy - or a witch. Crystal knows that the Town leader has something to do with her mother's madness but how can she prove it? And how can she stop him when the Town Guard tramps the streets day and night, there's a curfew, and a strange creature in their house spies on them and records their every move?

When Crystal thinks she glimpses someone looking up at her from the depths of Lop Lake, she is amazed but strangely hopeful. Could this be the help she's been waiting for? **BPB \$17.95**

**Gabrielle Lord** *Australian Author**Conspiracy 365: First Collection (Conspiracy 365 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06)*

On New Year's Eve Cal is chased down the street by a staggering, sick man with a deadly warning . . . They killed your father. They'll kill you. You must survive the next 365 days! Hurling into a life on the run, with a price on his head, the 15-year-old fugitive is isolated and alone. Hunted by the law and ruthless criminals, Cal must somehow uncover the truth about his father's mysterious death and a history-changing secret. Who can he turn to, who can he trust, when the whole world seems to want him dead? Callum

Ormond has been warned. He has 365 days. The countdown has begun . . . **BPB \$49.99**

*September (Conspiracy 365 09)*

Convinced Oriana was behind his little sister's kidnapping, Cal teams up with Boges to pull off a plan to extract vital information out of her. Together they plant a listening bug in Oriana's house by firing it through her window with an air rifle! But will spying on his would-be killer reveal the location of the precious Jewel and Riddle, or will it put Cal in the line of fire? With his enemies growing in number as fast as the days are counting down, Cal will risk almost anything to stay alive and reclaim his normal life. The clock is ticking. Any second could be his last. Callum

Ormond has been warned. He has 122 days. The countdown continues . . . **BPB \$14.99**

*October (Conspiracy 365 10)*

A gun shot rings out as Cal hides from his stalkers-two old bounty hunters and their savage dog, Sniffer. The hostile desert seems determined to become Cal's final resting place. Had Kelvin spared his life for nothing? Back in the city, an impossible job looms. To break into Oriana's safe at Zrich Bank, Cal needs Boges to make a perfect copy of her fingerprint . . . and they need her PIN. But will stealing from Oriana force her to into a lethal alliance with Sligo? If so, Cal's enemies could instantly double in power, destroying his chances of survival. The clock is ticking. Any second could be his last. Callum

Ormond has been warned. He has 92 days. The countdown continues . . . **BPB \$14.99**

**Gemma Malley***Legacy (03)*

When a Pincent Pharma lorry is ambushed by the Underground, its contents come as a huge surprise - not drugs, but corpses in a horrible state. It appears Longevity isn't working and the drugs promising eternal youth are failing to live up to their promises. A virus is sweeping the country, killing in its wake, and Longevity is powerless to fight it. When Richard Pincent of Pincent Pharma suggest that the Underground has released the virus, something has to be done to put the story straight and once and for all alert everyone to the truth. **HC \$24.99**

**Sophie McKenzie***The Rescue (Medusa Project 03)*

Fourteen years ago, four babies were implanted with the Medusa gene - a gene for psychic abilities. Now teenagers, Nico, Ketty, Ed and Dylan have been brought together by government agents to create a secret crime-fighting force: The Medusa Project. Since their existence became known to members of the criminal underworld, they have been hidden away in a secluded training camp in Spain, where their identities are being kept secret. Life in camp is hard enough, but then things take a turn for the worse. Ed is blackmailed into using his mind-reading powers - and in doing so he threatens to endanger the whole Medusa Project... **BPB \$17.99**

**Flynn Meaney***Bloodthirsty*

Fifteen-year-old Finbar Frame seriously missed out in the gene-pool stakes as his twin brother Luke got the good looks, athletic ability and pigmentation. Finbar is tall, skinny, pale and pretty much allergic to the sun - and sadly, teenage girls don't appreciate Finbar's sensitive skin or his sensitive soul. But when a move to a new school converges with a cultural trend romanticising vampires, Finbar seizes the opportunity. He'll become a vampire! Or at least fake it ... to get a date. Wickedly smart and laugh-out-loud funny, Bloodthirsty heralds a brilliant career for this new young author. "A story so funny and clever I wish I had thought of it myself." Jake Wizner, author of Spanking Shakespeare and Castration Celebration . **BPB \$15.99**

**Matthew Morgan, Guy MacDonald & David Sinden***Battle of the Zombies (Beastly Business 05)*

In the RSPCB's most dangerous mission to date, Ulf the werewolf visits a haunted castle to investigate some very spooky goings-on. But little does he know that he's heading into a trap: the evil Baron Marackai is lying in wait with a beastly plan - and this time he's got help from the dead! Can Ulf unravel the ghostly mystery, or will he end up as zombie food? The future of the RSPCB depends on him... **BPB \$16.99**

**Chris Morphew***Mutation (Phoenix Files 03)*

**BPB \$16.95**

**Pearl North***Libyrrinth*

Haly is a Libyrrarian, one of a group of people dedicated to preserving and protecting the knowledge passed down from the Ancients and stored in the endless maze of books known as the Libyrrinth. But Haly has a secret: The books speak to her. When Haly is taken prisoner by the Eradicants, who believe the written word to be evil, she sees the world through their eyes and comes to understand that they are not the book-burning monsters that she has known her entire life. 12+ years **PB \$16.99**

**Mac Park** *Australian Author**Aquatan (Boy Vs Beast Battle of the Borders 01)*

When dead fish covered in glowing moss wash up on the beach, Kai knows it's time for battle. Was Kai right to choose the Torpedo Bowshot to battle the water beast? Will it work against toxic jellyfish? Will it be enough to take on a wave attack? **PB \$9.99**

*Terradon (Boy Vs Beast Battle of the Borders 02)*

When burning hot rock falls from the sky, Kai knows it's time for battle. Was Kai right to choose the X-Archer T10? Will it be enough to beat the Terrasaur rock-beast's hurl attack? **PB \$9.99**

*Infernix (Boy Vs Beast Battle of the Borders 03)*

When strange-coloured fireballs set a garbage bin on fire, Kai knows it's time for battle. Will his Pyro-Foamer hose down the Infamagon fire beast's fire-ball attack? **PB \$9.99**

*Battle World Tornados (Boy Vs Beast Battle of the Borders 04)*

Only a wall lies between the Beasts of Beastium and Earth-and Kai Masters, border guard. When a freaky red tornado hits, Kai knows it's time for battle. Kai chooses his Astro-Jet Striker to battle the wind beast. Can it win over a wind attack? **BPB \$9.99**

### **Mac Park Australian Author**

#### *Battle of the Borders (Boy Vs Beast Battle of the Borders 05)*

When there is a lightning storm but no rain, Kai knows it is time for battle. Will Kai and his Jet Charger be able to stop the storm beast? Kai will need to power up. **PB \$9.99**

#### *Sludgia (Boy Vs Beast Battle of the Borders 06)*

When mud starts to fall from the sky, Kai knows it is time for battle. Kai and his Sludge Bot will have to work hard to stop the mud beast. Things are going to get dirty. **PB \$9.99**

#### *Isolus (Boy Vs Beast Battle of the Borders 07)*

When it starts to snow in the middle of summer, Kai knows it is time for battle. Will Kai and his sub-mobile stop the ice beast? Things will need to heat up. **PB \$9.99**

#### *Volcan (Boy Vs Beast Battle of the Borders 08)*

When ash starts to fall from the sky, Kai knows it is time for battle. Will his skills and his Jet Drill be enough to stop the volcano beast? Kai will have to dig deep. **PB \$9.99**

### **James Patterson**

#### *Maximum Ride 3 (Maximum Ride)*

Fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride, better known as Max, knows what it's like to soar above the world. She and all the members of the 'Flock' - Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel - are just like ordinary kids - only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come true to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time - like when Angel, the youngest member of the 'Flock', is kidnapped and taken back to the 'School' where she and the others were genetically engineered by sinister scientists. Her friends brave a journey to blazing hot Death Valley, California, to save Angel, but soon enough, they find themselves in yet another nightmare - this one involving fighting off the half-human, half-wolf 'Erasers' in New York City. Whether in the treetops of Central Park or in the bowels of the Manhattan subway system, Max and her adopted family take the ride of their lives. Along the way Max discovers from her old friend and father-figure Jeb - now her betrayed and greatest enemy - that her purpose is save the world - but can she? **TP \$19.95**

#### *The New Order (Witch and Wizard 01)*

The world is changing--the government has seized control of every aspect of society, and now kids are disappearing. For fifteen-year-old Wisty and her older brother Whit, life turns upside-down when they are hauled out of bed one night, separated from their parents, and thrown into a secret compound for no reason they can comprehend. The new government is clearly trying to suppress Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Being a Normal Teenager. Imprisoned together and condemned to death, Wisty and Whit begin exhibiting strange abilities and powers they never dreamed of. Maybe there is a reason they were singled out. Can this newly discovered witch and a wizard master their skills in time to save themselves, their parents--and maybe the world? **BPB \$17.95**

#### *Witch & Wizard: The Gift (Witch and Wizard 02)*

Whit and Wisty Allgood are leading the Resistance against the despotic New Order. Hailed as 'Liberators', they are prophesised to overthrow the ruling regime. As such, Whit and Wisty have achieved notoriety and are very much top of the New Order's 'most wanted' list. But, as time passes, they are becoming more skilful at harnessing their magical capabilities and their powers are growing stronger every day. The One Who Is The One, leader of the New Order, has escalated the intensity of his bid to eliminate the Allgoods and will allow nothing to stand in his way. But, there is something he needs from them first - their 'Gift'. If he manages to take it from them, it could bolster his already immense magical powers to a level unimaginable. And this could make The One Who Is The One, and the New Order, unstoppable... **TP \$27.95**

### **Shane Peacock**

#### *Eye of the Crow (Boy Sherlock Holmes 01)*

Sherlock Holmes, just thirteen, is a misfit. His highborn mother is the daughter of an aristocratic family, his father a poor Jew. Their marriage flouts tradition and makes them social pariahs in the London of the 1860s; and their son, Sherlock, bears the burden of their rebellion. Friendless, bullied at school, he belongs nowhere and has only his wits to help him make his way.

But what wits they are! His keen powers of observation are already apparent, though he is still a boy. He loves to amuse himself by constructing histories from the smallest detail for everyone he meets. Partly for fun, he focuses his attention on a sensational murder to see if he can solve it. But his game turns deadly serious when he finds himself the accused - and in London, they hang boys of thirteen. **PB \$17.99**

#### *Death in the Air (Boy Sherlock Holmes 02)*

After the harrowing experience of losing his mother while solving a brutal murder in London's East End, young Sherlock Holmes commits himself to fighting crime ... and is soon involved in another case. While visiting his father at the magnificent Crystal Palace, Sherlock stops to watch a remarkable and dangerous trapeze performance high above, framed by the stunning glass ceiling of the legendary building. Suddenly, the troupe's star is dropping, screaming and flailing, toward the floor. He lands with a sickening thud just a few feet away, and rolls up almost onto the boy's boots. Unconscious and bleeding profusely, his body is grotesquely twisted. In the mayhem that follows, Sherlock notices something that no one else sees — something is amiss with the trapeze bar! He knows that foul play is afoot. What he doesn't know is that his discovery will put him on a frightening, twisted trail that leads to an entire gang of notorious criminals. Wrapped in the fascinating world of Victorian entertainment, its dangerous performances, and London's dark underworld, *Death in the Air* raises *The Boy Sherlock Holmes* to a whole new level. **PB \$17.99**

#### *Vanishing Girl (Boy Sherlock Holmes 03)*

When a wealthy young girl vanishes as if by magic in Hyde Park, Sherlock is once again driven to prove himself. In a heart-stopping race against time, an innocent boy's survival depends on Sherlock's ability to solve the mysterious puzzle of the Vanishing Girl. As complex as the maze that protects the missing girl's hiding place, this case takes Sherlock racing to the countryside, the coast, and into the lair of a menagerie of exotic, dangerous creatures.

Haunted by memories of his shattered family, goaded by his enemies, driven to heal the fragile relationship between him and the beautiful Irene Doyle, Sherlock makes an almost fatal mistake. In the end, his brilliant powers of deduction and the steadfast eccentric Sigerson Bell save the day. Soon, very soon, the world will come to know him as the master detective of all time. **PB \$17.99**



**Dan Poblocki***The Stone Child*

Eddie Fennicks has always been a loner, content to lose himself in a mystery novel by his favorite author, Nathaniel Olmstead. That's why moving to the small town of Gatesweed becomes a dream come true when Eddie discovers that Olmstead lived there before mysteriously disappearing thirteen years ago. Even better, Eddie finds a handwritten, never-before-seen Nathaniel Olmstead book printed in code and befriends Harris, who's as much an Olmsteady as he is. But then the frightening creatures of Olmstead's books begin to show up in real life, and Eddie's dream turns into a nightmare. Eddie, Harris, and their new friend, Maggie, must break Olmstead's code, banish all gremlins and monster lake-dogs from the town of Gatesweed, and solve the mystery of the missing author, all before Eddie's mom finishes writing her own tale of terror and brings to life the scariest creature of all. **PB \$15.95**

**Terry Pratchett***A Hat Full of Sky (Discworld)*

A real witch never casually steps out of her body, leaving it empty. Eleven-year-old Tiffany does. And there's something just waiting for a handy body to take over. Something ancient and horrible, which can't die . . . Wise, witty and wonderful, A Hat Full of Sky is Terry Pratchett's second novel about Tiffany and the Wee Free Men - the rowdiest, toughest, smelliest bunch of fairies ever. They'll fight anything. And even they might not be enough to save Tiffany . . . **APB \$19.95**

*The Wee Free Men (Discworld)*

Nine-year-old Tiffany Aching thinks her Granny Aching - a wise shepherd - might have been a witch, but now Granny Aching is dead and it's up to Tiffany to work it all out when strange things begin happening: a fairy-tale monster in the stream, a headless horseman and, strangest of all, the tiny blue men in kilts, the Wee Free Men, who have come looking for the new 'hag'. These are the Nac Mac Feegles, the picties, who like nothing better than thievin', fightin' and drinkin'. Then Tiffany's young brother goes missing and Tiffany and the Wee Free Men must join forces to save him from the Queen of the Fairies - **APB \$19.95**

*Wintersmith (Discworld)*

Tiffany Aching put one foot wrong, made one little mistake . . . And now the spirit of winter is in love with her. He gives her roses and icebergs, says it with avalanches and showers her with snowflakes - which is tough when you're 13, but also just a little bit . . . cool. And just because the Wintersmith wants to marry you is no excuse for neglecting your chores. So Tiffany must look after Miss Treason, who's 113 and has far too many eyes, learn the secret of Boffo, catch Horace the cheese, stop the gods from seeing her in the bath - 'Crivens!' Oh, yes, and be helped by the Nac Mac Feegles - whether she wants it or not. But if Tiffany doesn't work it all out, there will never be another springtime . . . **APB \$19.95**

**Charlie Price***Hear the Dead Cry*

The cemetery I know best is Forest Grove. I spend most of my time there. That's where most of my friends are . . . The ones my age and the children, they almost all need someone to talk to. They weren't ready. They'll tell you that. Murray doesn't have many friends at school. A quiet loner with a troubled family life, he spends all his time down at Forest Grove cemetery, speaking to the dead and listening to their stories. When he hears a terrified new voice pleading for help, Murray is convinced it is Nikki, a popular young cheerleader who went missing over a month ago - but who will believe him? And where is the body? Together with Pearl, the daughter of the cemetery groundskeeper, Murray must struggle to uncover the truth in a town full of secrets. **BPB \$17.95**

**Emily Rodda Australian Author***The Battle for Rondo (Rondo 03)*

Peril awaits Leo and Mimi on their return to the fantastic world of Rondo. With the help of Rondo's seven best witches and wizards, their friends have made plans to combat the attacks of the Blue Queen. But it soon becomes clear that defence is no longer enough. The queen has a dragon on her side, and is plotting a terrible revenge on all those who have defied her. A daring plan, a reckless quest and a mysterious prophecy test the friends' wits and courage to the limit as they plunge into an adventure packed with suspense, shocks and danger and ending at last in the battle that will decide Rondo's future forever. **BPB \$22.99**

**Gillian Shields***Betrayal*

Evie Johnson returns to the Wyldcliffe Abbey School for Young Ladies for another term and more danger than she can imagine. Though she knows that difficulty and danger wait for her at the school, where the Dark Coven seek control of the Sacred Fire in the talisman handed down to Evie by her great-great-grandmother, Agnes, Evie has promised herself that she will not abandon her immortal love, Sebastian, or her sisters, Helen and Sarah. In the Dark Coven's hands, the talisman's power would make Sebastian one of the Immortal Lords, and the Coven, too, would be granted immortality. But that would come at a great cost - harm to Evie - and against Agnes' wisdom. Evie's beloved Sebastian sickens and fades while he refuses to hurt Evie. Sebastian wants her to let him go and her own friends Helen and Sarah want her to stay away, but she finds she can honor neither wish. She cannot betray her true love and she must do what she can to save Sebastian from becoming a slave of the Dark Masters, a fate much worse than death.

Living every day in fear that the Wyldcliffe coven will betray her in order to save Sebastian and secure their own immortality, Evie and her sisters, Helen, Sarah and Agnes, must master the power of the Talisman and find a way to bring peace to Sebastian **HC \$19.99**

**Gena Showalter***Unravelled (02)*

For once, sixteen-year-old Aden Stone has everything he's ever wanted: A Home; Friends; The girl of his dreams.

Too bad he's going to die...

Since coming to Crossroads, Oklahoma, former outcast Aden Stone has been living the good life. Never mind that one of his best friends is a werewolf, his girlfriend is a vampire princess who hungers for his blood, and he's supposed to be crowned Vampire King - while still human! Well, kind of...

With four - oops, three now - human souls living inside his head, Aden has always been -different- himself. These souls can time-travel, raise the dead, possess another's body and, his least favourite these days, tell the future.

The forecast for Aden? A knife through the heart.

But he isn't about to lie down and accept his destiny without a fight. Not when his new friends have his back, not when Victoria has risked her own future to be with him, and not when he has a reason to live for the first time in his life... **BPB \$19.99**

## **Brian Sibley**

### *Harry Potter Film Wizardry (Harry Potter)*

Immerse yourself in the world of the spectacular Harry Potter film series, and learn why Yule Ball ice sculptures never melt, where Galleons, Sickles, and Knuts are really "minted," how to get a Hippogriff to work with actors, the inspiration behind Hogwarts castle, and why Dementors move the way they do. Written and designed in collation with the cast and crew that brought J. K. Rowling's celebrated novels to the silver screen, Harry Potter: Film Wizardry delivers an enchanting interactive experience, transporting readers to the wizarding world by sharing film-making secrets, unpublished photography and artwork, and exclusive stories from the stars. Full of removable facsimile reproductions of props and paper ephemera from the movies, this collectible volume offers a privileged look at the Harry Potter films and the talented group of Muggles that has made true movie magic. **HC \$49.99**

## **L J Smith**

### *The Struggle (Vampire Diaries 02)*

In book two of the Vampire Diaries Elena Gilbert quickly realizes that the only thing more dangerous than being in love with a vampire is being desired by two. As Stefan struggles to suppress his instinctive thirst, Damon persists in his quest for Elena's heart. A dark turn of events forces Elena to risk her mortality to save one of her immortal suitors. Ages: 12+ **TP \$15.99**

### *The Fury (Vampire Diaries 03)*

In the electrifying continuation of the Vampire Diaries, Stefan and Damon are confronted by someone from their past, bent on exacting revenge. The best chance they have for overcoming this threat is by banding together, however they can't forget their rivalry for Elena's heart. Elena must deal with the consequences of her feelings for Stefan. This tale of a deadly love triangle will appeal to readers of Stephenie Meyer and Libba Bray and the gorgeous cover, with art from the new hit CW television show, will draw new fans to this bestselling series. Age 12+ **TP \$16.99**

### *Dark Reunion (Vampire Diaries 04)*

Elena has risen from the dead to create a powerful vampire trio with Stefan and Damon. Tormented by losing Elena, Stefan is determined to end his feud with his brother Damon once and for all - whatever the cost. And Damon at last possesses Elena, but his thirst for revenge against Stefan poisons his triumph. Yet all three must band together to face the ultimate evil. Age 12+ **TP \$16.99**

## **R L Stine**

### *Ghost Beach (Goosebumps Classics 15)*

Jerry can't wait to explore the dark, spooky old cave he found down by the beach. Then the other kids tell him a story. A story about a ghost who is three hundred years old. A ghost who comes out when the moon is full. A ghost . . . who lives deep inside the cave! Jerry knows it's just another silly made-up ghost story . . . isn't it?! **PB \$9.99**

### *Goosebumps Horrorland 1-12 plus Survival Guide Boxed Set (Goosebumps Horrorland)*

The first twelve books plus the HorrorLand Survival Guide in a spooky boxed set, just in time for Halloween! **BPB \$69.99**

### *Weirdo Halloween (Goosebumps Horrorland 16 Special Edition)*

Chris and his twin, Meg, have a problem. It started the night before Halloween when the twins found a gang of bullies hassling someone in costume. The twins rescued the kid-only to find that it was a bald, pink alien who promptly swore allegiance to them. 'Weirdo' is smelly and gross with a lot of disgusting habits, and the twins can't shake him. Little do they realise that their troubles are only beginning. Weirdo's invited hundreds of aliens to town on the 31st for a full-scale invasion-and to come live in the twins' house! Will the HorrorLand souvenir save them-or harm them?! **BPB \$9.99**

### *Bitten (Dangerous Girls / Taste of Night)*

You'll love them—to death.

Twin sisters Destiny and Livvy Weller return home from summer vacation with a dark secret . . . and an inhuman desire to drink blood. What have they become? Can they ever turn back? As their deadly secret becomes harder to keep, more questions arise and loyalties are tested. And as one sister descends into darkness, the other must find a way to save her—and herself. Who will live to see the glow of the next full moon? Which sister will survive?

In Dangerous Girls and Dangerous Girls #2: The Taste of Night, published together in Bitten, bestselling author R.L. Stine explores the dark creatures of the night. **TP \$19.99**

## **Jonathan Stroud**

### *The Ring of Solomon (Bartimaeus)*

Fans of Jonathan Stroud's Bartimaeus books will devour this book - a cracking adventure brimming with magic, intrigue and a treasure trove of characters that the reader can't help but fall for. We find everyone's favourite irascibly insolent djinni serving at the court of King Solomon in 950 BC Jerusalem, where he is causing his customary chaos and must help a girl assassin sent by the Queen of Sheba steal the all-powerful ring of Solomon. The comic relief is perfectly timed, the dialogue sharp and snappy and the fiendishly clever plot perfectly handled with Jonathan's trademark flair and command of language. Thrills, chills and a danger-spiked finale - this is one of the publishing events of the year. **HC \$45**

### *Amulet of Samarkand (Bartimaeus 01)*

When the 5,000-year-old djinni Bartimaeus is summoned by Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, he expects to have to do nothing more taxing than a little levitation or a few simple illusions. But Nathaniel is a precocious talent and has something rather more dangerous in mind: revenge. Against his will, Bartimaeus is packed off to steal the powerful Amulet of Samarkand from Simon Lovelace, a master magician of unrivalled ruthlessness and ambition. Before long, both djinni and apprentice are caught up in a terrifying flood of magical intrigue, murder and rebellion. Set in a modern-day London controlled by magicians, this hilarious, electrifying thriller will enthral readers of all ages. **BPB \$19.99**

### *The Golem's Eye (Bartimaeus 02)*

Two years have passed since the events of The Amulet of Samarkand and the young magician Nathaniel is rising fast through the government ranks. But his career is suddenly threatened by a series of terrifying crises. A dangerous golem makes random attacks on London and other raids, even more threatening, are perpetrated by the Resistance. Nathaniel and Bartimaeus travel to Prague, enemy city of ancient magic, but while they are there uproar breaks out at home and Nathaniel returns to find his reputation in tatters. Can he rescue it from his Machiavellian adversaries in the government bent on his destruction? A thrilling sequel in which the relationship between the young magician and the djinni remains as teasing and complex as ever. **BPB \$19.95**

## **Jonathan Stroud**

### *Ptolemy's Gate (Bartimaeus 03)*

Three years on from the events in *The Golem's Eye*, the magicians' rule in London is teetering on a knife-edge, with strikes, riots and general unrest. The Prime Minister is largely controlled by two advisers, one of whom is 17-year-old Nathaniel. Meanwhile, living under a false identity, Kitty has been researching djinn; she has come to believe that the only way to destroy the magicians is with an alliance of some kind between djinn and ordinary people. Kitty seeks out Bartimaeus and embarks on a terrifying journey into the djinn's chaotic domain - the Other Place - which no human being has ever survived. But even as she does so, Makepeace engineers a dramatic coup d'etat. The outcome is a shattering of the magicians' control and all magical laws are turned upside down. Can Bartimaeus, Nathaniel and Kitty settle old scores if they are to survive and prevent the earth's destruction? **BPB \$19.95**

### *Buried Fire*

When Michael staggers home red-eyed and confused from an afternoon alone on the hill, his family suspect sunstroke or even drugs. But the truth is more terrifying than that. By digging up a Celtic cross in the churchyard, church excavators have released the evil influences of an ancient worm, a dragon long buried under the neighbouring hill, and powerful forces are at large among the community. Sinister neighbours have already yielded to the enticements of this power and are determined to make Michael one of their own brethren. The fragile bonds that link Michael with his brother and sister are seemingly about to be destroyed in a fight for his soul. This is powerful storytelling. Placed firmly in a contemporary background, *Buried Fire* shows how the dark past can return and have a nightmare hold on people in the present. In a brilliant finale the dragon and its disciples confront the forces of good in a battle of epic proportions and the almost unbearable tension is sustained to the very last word. **PB \$12.95**

## **Lian Tanner**

### *Museum of Thieves (Keepers 01)*

In the city of Jewel, impatience is a sin and boldness is a crime and Goldie Roth is both impatient and bold. When she escapes the clutches of the Blessed Guardians to find haven at the Museum of Dunt, an unforgettable adventure begins that will unlock hidden mysteries, dark secrets and awaken dangerous enemies.

'You're in the Museum now - and ANYTHING can happen.'

The children of Jewel wear silver chains to keep them safe, and their lives are controlled by the dreaded Blessed Guardians. No child is allowed out on the street unchained until their Separation Day.

When Goldie's Separation Day is cancelled, she runs away and takes refuge in the mysterious Museum of Dunt, where she meets the boy Toadspit, and discovers that the museum holds many dangerous secrets. A monstrous brizzlehound stalks its corridors. Only a thief can find the way through its strange, shifting rooms - and Goldie has a talent for thieving.

Which is just as well, because the leader of the Blessed Guardians has his own plans for the museum, plans that threaten the lives of everyone Goldie loves. And it will take a very bold thief to stop him.

This is a thrilling tale of destiny, danger and enormous courage, and of a girl who has never been allowed to grow up - until now. **HC \$22.99**

## **Colin Thompson Australian Author**

### *Excalibur (Dragons 02)*

The Dark Ages are over and the wonderful Days of Yore have begun. Everyone is looking forward to a magnificent coronation of the new King Arthur, followed by huge amounts of legendary peace and happiness that will entirely cover the whole of Avalon and there will be purple tights for all. But there is a rebellion in the land. Brat, the old false king, and Bloat, a teenage dragon, have vowed to overthrow the lovely wonderful King Arthur and bring back the Dark Ages. But Morgan le Fey and Sir Lancelot and a thirsty vampire will save the day. Or will they? **BPB \$14.95**

## **Cate Tiernan**

### *Immortal Beloved (01)*

New name, new town, new life. Nastasya has done it too often to count. And there's no end in sight. Nothing ever really ends . . . when you're immortal. But now, after centuries of feeding from the lives of the innocents around her, of living with little care for others, Nastasya is ready to turn towards the light. After some of the events I've witnessed I felt like I was a shell with nothing alive left in me. I hadn't been going around killing people, but people were hurt the memories just kept trickling in like rivulets of fresh acid dripping into my brain until I wanted to scream. It was in my blood, I knew. A darkness. The darkness. I had inherited it, along with my immortality and my black eyes. Captivating, intense and with an incredible and original voice, *EVERLASTING LIFE* is a haunting story of friendship, love and secrets, tragedy and loss. Sometimes life is eternal...

**TP \$22.99**

## **J Torress**

### *Alison Dare, Heart of the Maiden (Alison Dare)*

Alison Dare: Indiana Jones meets Lara Croft in fabulous, graphic adventures. Alison Dare is not your typical twelve-year-old. She's the daughter of an archaeologist/adventurer and the masked hero known as the Blue Scarab. To top it off, she's also the niece of an international super-spy; it's no surprise that a craving for danger is in her blood! Unfortunately, her parents have locked her away at the prestigious St. Joan's Academy for Girls, hoping that this would lead to a more "normal" life for their daughter.

But despite all the strict rules at the school, Alison and her best pals - Wendy and Dot - somehow manage to find themselves involved in adventures that rival those of Alison's globetrotting, planet-saving relatives. Whether it's magic genies, super-powered bank robbers, or a dastardly baron bent on world domination, Alison Dare delivers the best thrills since Indiana Jones and more action than Lara Croft! **PB \$17.99**

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Children's - Grade 3-4, Age 8-9 **PB \$17.99**

**Max Turner***End of Days (Night Runner 02)*

Zachariah Thomson has spent the past year getting used to the idea that his best friend, Charlie, and the lovely Luna are now vampires, like him. As they learn to cope with the changes this brings, a mysterious creature appears. Likened to the Beast of the Apocalypse, it begins to dismantle the network of support around Zack, who discovers he is more than just an orphaned vampire - he is the subject of an ancient prophecy that relates to the End of Days. As friends and enemies, old and new, throw his world into chaos, he is forced to re-examine what it means to be good at a time when it seems that only the strong and ruthless can survive. **TP \$22.95**

**Jessica Verday***The Haunted*

After a summer spent reclaiming her sanity and trying to forget the boy she fell in love with by the bridge where her best friend drowned - the boy who must not exist, cannot exist, because she knows that he is dead - Abbey returns to Sleepy Hollow, determined to leave the ghosts of her past behind. She throws herself into schoolwork, perfume-making and her friendship with Ben, her cute and funny lab partner, who just might be able to help her get over Caspian once and for all.

But Abbey is never going to truly be able to move on from Caspian, and Caspian has no choice but to return to her side: for Caspian is a Shade and Abbey is his destiny. The two are tied not only to each other, but also to the town of Sleepy Hollow, and the famous legend that binds their fates - a legend whose true ending and dark truths they are only just beginning to guess... **BPB \$16.99**

**Kiersten White***Paranormalcy*

All Evie wants is to be normal ... instead, she's stuck at the center of a dark faerie prophecy promising death and destruction to the paranormal world. Evie's always thought of herself as a normal teenager, despite the fact that she works for the International Paranormal Containment Agency (IPCA), she can see through paranormals' glimmers, her best friend is a mermaid, and her ex-boyfriend is a lunatic and a faerie. In a world where paranormals are monitored and controlled, Evie has at least been able to take comfort in the fact that she's human... Until she finds out she's not. With everything she believes called into question, Evie's drawn to the newest IPCA prisoner, a shapeshifter named Lend. Unfortunately their friendship and flirting is complicated by the information he carries: a faerie prophecy of death and destruction that seems to revolve around Evie herself. So much for normal. Age 12+ **TP \$19.99**

**David Whitley***Children of the Lost*

Mark and Lily have been banished from Agora, the ancient city-state where everything is for sale - memories, emotions - even children. **BPB \$14.95**

**Brian Williams***Closer (Tunnels 04)*

At the very centre of the Earth, in a world that no-one knows exists, Will believes he's safe. But his enemy, the Styx, are close behind. They'll follow him to the ends of the world-any world. And after taking revenge, there's Dominion: their original plan to destroy all humans . . . Back on top-soil, unexpected allies prepare to fight back. But as they unearth the secrets of the Styx, are they closer to the truth or death? **PB \$19.99**

**Chris Wooding***Havoc (Malice 02)**There's No Going Back*

Seth finally managed to escape the terrifying comic-book world of Malice, but he left his best friend Kady there. Now he must go back and rescue her. But can he find a way back in? Kady has her own worries. She's trying to reach Havoc, a group of rebel kids plotting to destroy Tall Jake, the evil ruler of Malice. But somebody is watching the comic and can see what everyone is up to. Is there no way to escape? **PB \$19.99**

**Laurence Yep***City of Fire*

Sure to appeal to fans of Rick Riordan and Eoin Colfer, this action-packed tale takes readers on an unforgettable journey through an alternate version of our world in 1941 - a world filled with magical beings such as dragons in human form, tiny "lap griffins", reincarnations of legendary Chinese warriors, Japanese folk creatures, and goddesses in disguise.

When her older sister dies trying to prevent the theft of one of her people's great treasures, 12-year-old Sciryne sets out to avenge her and recover the precious item. Helping her are Bayang, a dragon disguised as a Pinkerton agent; Leech, a boy with powers he has not yet discovered; and Leech's loyal companion Koko, who has a secret of his own. All have a grudge against the thieves who stole the treasure: the evil dragon Badik and the mysterious Mr Roland.

Sciryne and her companions pursue the thieves to Houlani, a new Hawaiian island being created by magic. There, they befriend Pele, the volatile and mercurial goddess of volcanoes. But even with Pele on their side, they may not be able to stop Mr Roland from gaining what he seeks: the Five Lost Treasures of Emperor Yu. Together, the treasures will give him the power to alter the very fabric of the universe. **PB \$12.99**

## *Infinite Crisis*

Greg Cox

The must-have novel based on the comic event of 2006—the seven-issue story arc featuring Batman, Superman, and Wonder Woman published by DC Comics—which changed the face of the DC Universe. **\$12.95**

## *The Art of Hammer*

Hammer Films were almost as well known for the way in which they sold their films, as for the films themselves. "The Art of Hammer" is the first ever collection of the company's iconic movie posters, and is a celebration of movie art at its best. This large format, lavish hardback brings together hundreds of rare posters from around the world, and features Hammer's greatest films. **HC \$49.99**

## *DC Comics 75th Anniversary Covers*

Here are 100 of the most important, most incredible, and most bizarre comic-book covers from DC's incredible archives—all perforated and ready to display in your apartment, dorm room, or cubicle. From Action Comics #1 and Batman #1 to lesser-known heroes like Mister District Attorney, this oversized compilation features every major milestone in DC's extraordinary history: Wonder Woman, Swamp Thing, Watchmen, Fables, 100 Bullets, and much more.

On the reverse of each poster are images of related covers and entertaining commentary, often with remarks from the cover artists themselves. Complete with a foreword from longtime DC Comics veteran Paul Levitz, this amazing anthology is a must-have item for any comic-book fan.

**HC \$55**

## *Four Colour Fear: Forgotten Horror Comics of the 1950s*

Of the myriad genres comic books ventured into during its golden age, none was as controversial as or came at a greater cost than horror; the public outrage it incited almost destroyed the entire industry. Yet before the watchdog groups and Congress could intercede, horror books were flying off the newsstands. During its peak period (1951-54) over fifty titles appeared each month. Apparently there was something perversely irresistible about these graphic excursions into our dark side, and Four Color Fear collects the finest of these into a single robust and affordable volume.

EC is the comic book company most fans associate with horror; its complete line has been reprinted numerous times, and deservedly so. But to the average reader there remain unseen quite a batch of genuinely disturbing, compulsive, imaginative, at times even touching, horror stories presented from a variety of visions and perspectives, many of which at their best can stand toe to toe with EC.

All of the better horror companies are represented: Ajax-Farrell, Atlas, Avon, Charlton, Comic Media, Fawcett, Fiction House, Gilmore, Harvey, Quality, Standard, St. John, Story, Superior, Trojan, and Youthful. Artist perennials Jack Cole, Steve Ditko, George Evans, Frank Frazetta, Alex Toth, Al Williamson, Basil Wolverton, and Wallace Wood contribute both stories and covers, with many of the forty full-sized covers created by specialists Bernard Baily, L.B. Cole, William Eckgren, and Matt Fox.

Editors Benson and Sadowski have sifted through hundreds of rare books to cherry-pick the most compelling scripts and art, and they provide extensive background notes on the artists, writers, and companies involved in their creation. Digital restoration has been performed with subtlety and restraint, mainly to correct registration and printing errors, with every effort made to retain the flavor of the original comics, and to provide the reader the experience of finding in the attic a bound volume of the finest non-EC horror covers and stories of the pre-code era. **TP \$60**

## *Hammer Glamour*

Over fifty years ago, with the release of "The Curse of Frankenstein" and Christopher Lee's iconic performance in "Dracula", Hammer ushered in a whole new era of blood and barely-restrained cleavage in glorious colour, mixing sex and horror with a style and panache that made the small British company world famous. Bursting at the seams with rare and previously unpublished photographs from Hammer's archive and private collections worldwide, and featuring many new interviews, "Hammer Glamour" is a lavish, full colour celebration of Hammer's female stars, including Ingrid Pitt, Martine Beswick, Caroline Munro, Barbara Shelley, Joanna Lumley, Nastassja Kinski, and of course Raquel Welch (who can forget her fur bikini in "One Million Years B. C."?). **HC \$59.95**

## *Marvel Avengers: Ultimate Character Guide*

From the Incredible Hulk to the invincible Iron Man to the amazing Spiderman, all 200 characters who have made up the The Avengers, the world's mightiest Super Hero team are included in this ultimate character encyclopedia.

Discover all about the Avengers' action packed history since 1963. Find out about each member of the Avengers with detailed facts, stats, character histories, their allies and their enemies. Created in full collaboration with Marvel Comics and packed full with original comic book art this encyclopedia is essential reading for all super hero fans! **\$24.95**

## *Pixarpedia*

The best of Pixar...and beyond.

Pixar are the animation giants behind incredible movies including Toy Story, Monsters Inc, Finding Nemo, Wall.E and Up. Go behind-the-scenes and find out all there is to know about this extraordinary company.

Learn about the fascinating rise of Pixar, from their history and creative talent to the secrets behind their unique movie-making process. From Woody to Lightning McQueen, discover little-known facts and trivia about the characters from all their major and short films.

Plus, pick up inside knowledge from 'which fishy character pops up in Monsters Inc' to 'why the number A113 appears in all Pixar films'. Packed with timelines, fantastic -pictures and movie-stills, this is an essential guide to the ultimate movie-making machine. **HC \$69.95**

## Avatar

### *The Making of Avatar*

Lisa Fitzpatrick & Jody Duncan

To create his epic Avatar, James Cameron and his crew had to invent the tools needed to achieve a transforming vision. The story of their journey—from Avatar's conception to its realization on the screen—is an epic in itself.

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There are 249 black-bordered cards in Scars of Mirrodin (15 Mythic Rare, 53 rare, 60 uncommon, 101 common, 20 basic lands).

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## **Warmachine II**

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## Crime, Mystery & Suspense

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### Susan Wittig Albert

#### *The Tale of Oat Cake Crage (Cottage tales of Beatrix Potter)*

In the Lake District, noisy test flights of the new hydroplane are disrupting life in the village of Near Sawrey. Miss Beatrix Potter can barely hear herself think-which she needs to do for the new case she's just taken up. Her friend Grace Lythecoe has been receiving some anonymous letters, threatening her good name.

Now Beatrix must proceed quietly, so as not to arouse village gossip. And while her visit to Near Sawrey has proven to be anything but quiet, there is yet another piece of business for Beatrix to address: that of her own future. When she's offered a second chance at love, she decides that sometimes causing a disturbance can be well worth the trouble. **HC \$49.95**

### Laura Alden

#### *Murder at the PTA (Parent-Teacher Organization Mysteries 01)*

A brand-new series in which murder is anything but elementary. After Tarver Elementary School's unpopular principal is murdered, PTA secretary and mother of two Beth Kennedy puts aside bake sales and class trip fund-raisers to catch a killer. And when members of the PTA become suspects, she realizes solving this murder will not be as easy as ABC... **PB \$17.95**

### Michael Ayoob

#### *In Search of Mercy*

Dexter Bolzjak is an ex-hockey goalie who was abducted and tortured by perverted sports fans eight years ago. Now he's muddling along in a Pittsburgh warehouse when he meets an old, terminally ill drunk named Lou Kashon. Lou wants to see his lost love, the actress Mercy Carnahan, and offers Dexter a fortune to find her. Dexter embarks on the search, retracing Mercy's past online and on foot. Soon, Mercy begins to haunt Dexter, appearing in his dreams while flashbacks to his own traumatic experience plague his waking hours. Dexter persists and follows Mercy's trail to New York, where he finds a voyeuristic film of the actress recorded shortly before her disappearance. Once Dexter connects that film to its source, he finds himself trapped in the ultimate nightmare.

Michael Ayoob's first novel offers a captivating new PI and a provocative mystery. **HC \$51.95**

### Donald Bain

#### *The Queen's Jewels (Murder, She Wrote)*

Jessica Fletcher has always wanted to take a transatlantic voyage on the legendary Queen Mary II. Now, she's finally getting her chance. She's hoping to fly to London, spend a few quiet days visiting, and then depart on the high seas.

When she calls her old friend, Scotland Yard Inspector George Sutherland, to let him know she's on her way, he mentions the case of an enormously valuable diamond that was stolen from its wealthy owner, who was murdered during the heist.

Jessica is well aware of the story. But when she finally boards her dream ship, the deadly mystery appears to have followed her up the gangplank. Now, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, she must try to enjoy the sumptuous seaborne surroundings while she tries to find a priceless diamond-and the killer desperate enough to take a life for it. **HC \$47.95**

### Sandra Balzo

#### *A Cup of Jo (Maggy Thorsen)*

The new 'Maggy Thorsen' caffeine cozy - Maggy Thorsen's heart, uncharacteristically, is swelling with optimism. Sure, her original Wisconsin coffeehouse, Uncommon Grounds, was destroyed in a freak blizzard. But, with new business partner Sarah Kingston, she's found the perfect place to relocate to - a quaint railroad station that will soon be revitalized by a new commuter-rail connection. Sarah and Maggy hope that the station's 'Dedication Day' will provide great free publicity. But their dream turns into a nightmare when the event manager makes her grand appearance on the day. As a corpse . . . **HC \$56.95**

### Wayne Barcomb

#### *The Hunted*

The Hunted begins with a little girl witnessing a horrible crime. Due to the child's testimony, the murderer is convicted. Eighteen years later the killer is released on parole, and his mission is to track down the now-grown woman he feels betrayed him. A deranged dance of masked identities ensues, and it is up to newly single homicide detective Frank Russo to unravel the case.

A lightning-fast police procedural from an up-and-coming talent, The Hunted introduces a homicide detective who gets the shock of his life while tracking a most ingenious serial killer

From a writer whose previous works Robert B. Parker declared "compelling . . . swiftly told" and James W. Hall called "top-notch" comes this first electrifying thriller featuring New York City homicide detective Frank Russo.

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### Stephanie Barron

#### *Jane and the Madness of Lord Byron (Jane Austen Mystery)*

The restorative power of the ocean brings Jane Austen and her beloved brother Henry, to Brighton after Henry's wife is lost to a long illness. But the crowded, glittering resort is far from peaceful, especially when the lifeless body of a beautiful young society miss is discovered in the bedchamber of none other than George Gordon-otherwise known as Lord Byron. As a poet and a seducer of women, Byron has carved out a shocking reputation for himself-but no one would ever accuse him of being capable of murder. Now it falls to Jane to pursue this puzzling investigation and discover just how -mad, bad, and dangerous to know- Byron truly is. And she must do so without falling victim to the charming versifier's legendary charisma, lest she, too, become a cautionary example for the ages. **TP \$30.95**

**M C Beaton***Busy Body (Agatha Raisin)*

Agatha Raisin has always been ambivalent about holiday cheer, but her cozy little village of Carsely has long prided itself on its Christmas festivities. But this year Mr. John Sunday, a self-important officer with the Health and Safety Board, has ruled that the traditional tree on top of the church is a public menace; that lampposts are unsafe for hanging illuminations; that May Dimwoody's homemade toys are dangerous for children... Things have reached such a desperate pass that the Carsely Ladies' Society joins forces with the ladies in the neighboring village of Odley Cruesis to try to put a stop to Mr. Sunday's meddling—only to find that someone has literally put a stop to him with a kitchen knife. Agatha's detective agency is on the case, but when a man has made as many enemies as John Sunday, it's hard to know where to start... **HC \$51.95**

**Travis Berketa***Dark Heart*

Angels in the City. **PB \$19.99**

**Sean Black***Dead Lock (Ryan Lock)*

His mission should have been straightforward: to keep one man alive for one week. **ONE PRISONER** Super-intelligent and brutally violent, Frank 'Reaper' Hays is a leading member of America's most powerful white supremacists prison gang. **ONE BODYGUARD** Ex-military bodyguard Ryan Lock has been hired to protect him. His mission is to keep Reaper alive for a week until he can be brought to trial. **ONE WEEK TO STAY ALIVE** But Lock soon realises that he faces the toughest assignment of his career - just to survive ... **TP \$32.95**

**Rhys Bowen***Royal Blood (Royal Spyness)*

Penniless and thirty-fourth in line to the throne, Lady Georgiana Rannoch finds herself in a truly draining state of affairs. To escape her hateful brother, Georgie accepts an invitation from the Queen to represent the royals at a wedding in Transylvania. But at the macabre-looking castle, Georgie finds the bride with blood running down her chin, and a wedding guest is poisoned. Now it's up to Georgie to save the nuptial festivities before the couple's vows become: to love and to cherish, till undeath do them part... **HC \$51.95**

**Barbara Taylor Bradford***Breaking the Rules*

Following a terrifying encounter, a beautiful young woman flees her quiet English countryside in search of a new life. She adopts the initial M as her name and embarks on a journey that will lead her onto the catwalks of Paris to New York, where she meets and soon marries a handsome Hollywood actor. M believes she has truly put the demons of her earlier days behind her.

But life in the spotlight is about to take a dark turn. Someone from her past, a psychopath with deadly intent, has made a vow to shatter M's world forever... M also makes a vow: To do everything in her power to keep herself safe and protect her loved ones—even if that means **BREAKING THE RULES**. **PB \$19.95**

**Stephen J Cannell***The Prostitute's Ball (Shane Scully)*

Detective Shane Scully responds to a call in the Hollywood hills at a once-immaculate mansion, the scene of an infamous murder twenty-five years prior. He discovers the remnants of a lavish pool party. The revelers have fled, leaving three dead bodies in their wake, all shot with the same gun. One is an acclaimed film producer. The other two, a pair of gorgeous women.

With his new partner, Sumner "Hitch" Hitchens, Scully begins to investigate what looks to be an open-and-shut case: The women were hired prostitutes, and there's security video of an angry husband firing on all three. A simple case of brutal revenge. But nothing is ever as simple as it seems: There's a single spent bullet casing that doesn't match the rest.

From that single bullet emerges a story of love, murder, suicide, and one of the biggest financial frauds in L.A. history. Someone has gone to great lengths to cover up a decades-old crime, and as Scully and Hitch get closer to the answer, they find themselves in a killer's crosshairs. **HC \$52.95**

**Joanna Carl***The Chocolate Pirate Plot (Chocoholic 10)*

Tenth in the national bestselling Chocoholic mystery series...sweet!

Ever since Young Blackbeard became the biggest movie of the decade, everyone has caught pirate fever, including the residents of Warner Pier. TenHuis Chocolate is raking in the booty and selling out of chocolate treasure chests, pirate hats and ships.

When Lee McKinney Woodyard and her husband Joe take their boat out on Lake Michigan, they're stunned when a mischievous band of pirates hops on board. Lee's is the first boat boarded that summer, and the town couldn't be more amused by the mysterious buccaneers. But when a body washes up on shore, the pirates' antics stop being so entertaining.

Now Lee has to figure out the truth behind the Warner Pier Pirates, before someone else winds up walking the plank.... **HC \$45.95**

**Elizabeth Lynn Casey***Pinned For Murder (Southern Sewing Circle 03)*

The members of South Carolina's Sweet Briar Ladies Society sewing circle are as loyal and close-knit as the day is long. But when the richest and meanest woman in town turns up murdered, the new Yankee librarian Tori Sinclair finds that some threads can bind dangerously tight. **PB \$17.95**

**Richard Castle***Naked Heat (Nicki Heat)*

NYPD homicide detective Nikki Heat and hotshot reporter Jameson Rook follow the trail of a murder in Manhattan. **HC \$49.95**

**Camilla Ceder***Frozen Moments*

One cold morning in December, in a small rural town on the Swedish coast, Ake Melkersson is on his way to work when his car breaks down. Luckily he spots a garage nearby, but as he approaches he realises something is wrong. The owner of the garage lies dead, sprawled on the ground, his lower body crushed where a car has repeatedly driven over him.

The murder investigation is led by Inspector Christian Tell who is something of a lone wolf. But he has very few clues to go on and the deceased's wife is out of the country on holiday. Ten years earlier Maya Granith is living at a college for troubled teenagers after escaping her shattered home and her neurotic mother. But when an older student takes an overbearing interest in her things begin to go wrong. Back in the present, another murder occurs when a man is shot in the head; again his body has been driven over several times. Tell is becoming increasingly involved with a female reporter but as she witness on the first case, their relationship is complicated - especially when aspects of the case remind the reporter of someone she knew who went missing ten years earlier. **TP \$32.99**

## Joelle Charbonneau

### *Skating Around the Law*

Rebecca Robbins is a woman on a mission—to sell the roller rink she inherited in her rural hometown and get back to her life in Chicago. Fast. What she didn't count on was discovering a dead body head-first in a rink toilet. Now Rebecca is stuck in a small town where her former neighbors think she's a city slicker who doesn't belong, relying on a police department that's better at gardening than solving crimes. With the help of a handsome veterinarian, a former circus camel, and her scarily frisky grandfather, Rebecca must discover the identity of the murderer before she becomes the next victim. **HC \$51.95**

## Lee Child

### *61 Hours (Jack Reacher)*

Winter in South Dakota. Blowing snow, icy roads, a tired driver. A bus skids and crashes and is stranded in a gathering storm.

There's a small town twenty miles away, where a vulnerable witness is guarded around the clock. There's a strange stone building five miles further on, all alone on the prairie. There's a ruthless man who controls everything from the warmth of Mexico.

Jack Reacher hitched a ride in the back of the bus. A life without baggage has many advantages. And crucial disadvantages too, when it means facing the arctic cold without a coat. But he's equipped for the rest of his task. He doesn't want to put the world to rights. He just doesn't like people who put it to wrongs. **APB \$21.95**

### *Worth Dying For (Jack Reacher)*

61 Hours, featuring the much-loved maverick hero Jack Reacher, was published in March 2010. It ended on a cliff-hanger. What happened to Reacher? Will this new novel provide the answer? **TP \$32.95**

## Lee Child Editor

### *Best American Mystery Stories 2010*

The #1 best-selling author of *Nothing to Lose*, *Bad Luck and Trouble* and *The Hard Way* edits a latest collection of the genre's finest stories, including contributions by top authors. **TP \$30.95**

## Laura Childs

### *Fiber and Brimstone (Scrapbooking Mysteries 08)*

It's Halloween in New Orleans—and the festivities are going to be killer.

With the help of her best friend Ava, Carmela Bertrand is building a giant monster puppet for the Halloween Monsters & Mayhem parade. Things get terrifying earlier than expected when they overhear an argument between Jekyl Hardy and Brett Fowler— and just minutes later they find Fowler's dead body.

Carmela has known Jekyl for years and can't believe he'd ever resort to murder, despite the fact that Fowler owed him money. But when another victim is discovered—who also had an unfriendly relationship with Jekyl—Carmela is convinced someone is framing her friend and now must find a way to unmask the real killer. **HC \$51.95**

## Ann Cleeves

### *Blue Lightning (Shetland Island Quartet 04)*

Inspector Jimmy Perez takes his fiancé home to Fair Isle, the tiny island he comes from, to meet his parents. The island is a magnet for bird watchers, who congregate at the local inn and lighthouse. When a local married celebrity, who had an eye for the lads, is murdered, Perez discovers that the suspects are very close to him indeed. With a sensational ending destined to create much buzz in the mystery world, *Blue Lightning* will thrill suspense fans everywhere. **HC \$51.95**

## Margaret Coel

### *The Spider's Web (Wind River 14)*

Vicky Holden and Father John O'Malley find themselves on opposite sides on an investigation when Vicky believes that a woman accused of killing her husband is innocent. By the author of *Bloody Memory* and *The Silent Spirit*. **HC \$51.95**

## Ben Coes

### *Power Down*

A major North American hydroelectric dam is blown up and the largest off-shore oil field in this hemisphere is destroyed in a brutal, coordinated terrorist attack. But there was one factor that the terrorists didn't take into account when they struck the Capitana platform off the coast of Colombia—slaughtering much of the crew and blowing up the platform—and that was the Capitana crew chief Dewey Andreas. Dewey, former Army Ranger and Delta, survives the attack, rescuing as many of his men as possible. But the battle has just begun.

While the intelligence and law enforcement agencies scramble to untangle these events and find the people responsible, the mysterious figure of Alexander Fortuna—an agent embedded into the highest levels of American society and business—sets into play the second stage of these long-planned attacks. The only fly in the ointment is Dewey Andreas—who is using all his long-dormant skills to fight his way off the platform, then out of Colombia and back to the U.S., following the trail of terrorists and operatives sent to stop him. *Power Down* is a gripping, compelling debut thriller from a powerful new author, an amazing talent certain to join the ranks of the genre's finest writers. **HC \$51.95**

## Martina Cole

### *Broken*

DI Kate Burrows thought she'd never face a killer like the Grantley Ripper again. But she was wrong. One by one, children are being abandoned. Thankfully, they're rescued from harm. Then one victim is not so lucky, and Kate knows she's in a race against time to save lives. As a parent herself, Kate's finding the case tough and she needs the support of her lover, Patrick Kelly, more than ever.

But Patrick's got problems of his own... **BPB \$9.99**

## Kate Collins

### *Dirty Rotten Tendrils (Flower Shop 10)*

When "sue happy" singer Cody Verse's lawyer, Ken "the Lip" Lipinski, is found murdered, and her old boss Dave Hammond is accused of the crime, florist Abby Knight digs through the clues to weed out the real killer. **PB \$17.95**

## Sheila Connolly

### *Fundraising the Dead (Museum 01)*

At The Society for the Preservation of Pennsylvania Antiques, fundraiser Eleanor "Nell" Pratt solicits donations—and sometimes solves crimes. When a collection of George Washington's letters is lost on the same day that an archivist is found dead, it seems strange that the Society president isn't pushing for an investigation. Nell goes digging herself, and soon uncovers a long, rich history of crime. **PB \$17.95**

## **Julie Corbin**

### *Where the Truth Lies*

Claire's husband has been keeping secrets. About the whereabouts of the witness to the murder trial he's prosecuting. And about the letters he's been getting, threatening to kill their three-year old, unless he tells the blackmailer where the witness is hiding.

With their daughter's life at stake, it is left to Claire to untangle the web of lies and half-truths and find out just who might be responsible. And to stop them. Before it's too late. **TP \$32.99**

## **Gary Corby**

### *The Pericles Commission*

Nicolaos walks the mean streets of Classical Athens as an agent for the promising young politician Pericles. His mission is to find the assassin of the statesman Ephialtes, the man who brought democracy to Athens and whose murder has thrown the city into uproar. It's a job not made any easier by the depressingly increasing number of dead witnesses.

But murder and mayhem don't bother Nico; what's really on his mind is how to get closer (much closer) to Diotima, the intelligent and annoyingly virgin priestess of Artemis, and how to shake off his irritating twelve year-old brother Socrates.

The Pericles Commission is the first in an exciting new series by first-time novelist Gary Corby, who takes us to Ancient Greece at one of the most exciting times in history. In this wonderfully approachable, historically rich novel, Athens is brought vividly to life in a mystery engaging from the first page to last. **HC \$51.95**

## **Patricia Cornwell**

### *Postmortem (Scarpetta 01)*

A serial killer is on the loose in Richmond, Virginia. Three women have died, brutalised and strangled in their own bedroom. There is no pattern: the killer appears to strike at random - but always early on Saturday mornings.

So when Dr Kay Scarpetta, chief medical officer, is awakened at 2.33 am, she knows the news is bad: there is a fourth victim. And she fears now for those that will follow unless she can dig up new forensic evidence to aid the police. But not everyone is pleased to see a woman in this powerful job. Someone may even want to ruin her career and reputation ... **BPB \$19.99**

## **Tim Davys**

### *Amberville*

Eric Bear thinks he has escaped his violent past, but when crime boss Nicholas Dove threatens Eric's beloved wife Emma Rabbit, Eric has no choice but to do what he asks: find a way to remove Dove's name from the Death List. Problem is, no one knows if the Death List really exists. Nevertheless, Eric gathers his old team together - sadistic male prostitute Sam Gazelle, sweet but dangerous Tom-Tom Crow, and wily Snake Marek - and they set off to find the elusive list. What Eric learns will forever change the way he thinks about his life, his family, and his town. **BPB \$24.95**

## **Alan M Dershowitz**

### *The Trials of Zion*

A shocking act of terror brings the Middle East to the point of explosion. As the resulting political conflict threatens to erupt, a young Jewish-American lawyer joins the defense team of an arrested but possibly innocent Palestinian. Soon the lawyer's father, a famed criminal attorney, must win the Palestinian's case or risk losing his daughter forever. To do so, he must take into account the tormented history of the Holy Land from every possible angle. THE TRIALS OF ZION combines the tension of the greatest courtroom dramas with the action of a fast-moving thriller, all set against the colorful backdrop of one of the most complex cultural settings in the world. Filled with memorable characters, this novel offers readers not only compelling suspense, but a panoramic view of the history of a beloved and bitterly contested land, and a sharply controversial perspective on the sources of--and the possible solutions to--the world's longest and most crucial international crisis. **HC \$54.95**

## **Laura DiSilverio**

### *Swift Justice*

Charlotte "Charlie" Swift prefers working alone. That's why after eight years as an Air Force investigator she became a PI rather than a cop. She lives alone, she works alone, and aside for the occasional flirtation with sexy cop Connor Montgomery or her hunky neighbor Father Dan, she likes it that way. Then her silent partner flees the country, leaving his wife, Gigi, with nothing but the house, the Hummer, and a half interest in Swift Investigations. Charlie ends up with a heap of debt and Gigi, who has decided to be a not-so-silent partner. This change comes about while Charlie is trying to find the mother of a baby abandoned on a client's doorstep. While following leads, she sends Gigi out on crazy assignments, hoping that the pampered socialite will be driven to quit. However, when the baby's mother turns up dead, there's a murderer on the loose, and Charlie will need all the help she can get.

Swift Justice is a thoroughly enjoyable ride, and Charlie and Gigi make one hilarious odd couple. **HC \$51.95**

## **Margaret Duffy**

### *Corpse in Waiting (Patrick Gillard and Ingrid Langley)*

The brand-new Patrick Gillard and Ingrid Langley mystery - Ingrid Langley and her husband and colleague Patrick Gillard, late of M15 and now working for the Serious and Organized Crime Agency, decide to holiday in Bath. It may be close to home, but they both badly need a break. The holiday proceeds sedately enough, but trouble - their old friend - is never far away. Ingrid tries not to feel jealous when they bump into Patrick's old flame, the beautiful Alexandra Nightingale, and he agrees to help her house-hunt. But when Ingrid joins them on a viewing, she makes a very gruesome discovery indeed . . . **HC \$58.95**

## **Ake Edwardson**

### *The Shadow Woman (Chief Inspector Erik Winter 02)*

The second installment of the internationally best selling Erik Winter series

It's August and the annual Gothenburg Party is in full swing. But this year the bacchanalian blowout is simmering with ethnic discord spurred by nativist gangs. When a woman is found murdered in the park-her identity as inscrutable as the blood-red symbol on the tree above her body-Winter's search for her missing child leads him from sleek McMansions to the Gothenburg fringes, where "northern suburbs" is code for "outsider" and the past is inescapable-even for Sweden's youngest chief inspector. Psychologically gripping and socially astute, The Shadow Woman puts this master of Swedish noir on track to build an American audience on par with his international fame. **TP \$30.95**

## **J T Ellison**

### *The Immortals (Taylor Jackson 05)*

In order to stop a twisted killer, homicide detective Taylor Jackson must explore the culture of mysticism and witchcraft, which immerses her in a darkness that threatens to destroy both her world and her mind. **PB \$19.95**

**James Ellroy & Otto Penzler** *Editor**The Best American Noir of the Century*

In his introduction to the *The Best American Noir of the Century*, James Ellroy writes, "noir is the most scrutinized offshoot of the hard-boiled school of fiction. It's the long drop off the short pier and the wrong man and the wrong woman in perfect misalliance. It's the nightmare of flawed souls with big dreams and the precise how and why of the all-time sure thing that goes bad." Offering the best examples of literary sure things gone bad, this collection ensures that nowhere else can readers find a darker, more thorough distillation of American noir fiction.

James Ellroy and Otto Penzler, series editor of the annual *The Best American Mystery Stories*, mined one hundred years of writing—1910–2010—to find this treasure trove of thirty-nine stories. From noir's twenties-era infancy come gems like James M. Cain's "Pastorale," and its post-war heyday boasts giants like Mickey Spillane and Evan Hunter. Packing an undeniable punch, diverse contemporary incarnations include Elmore Leonard, Patricia Highsmith, Joyce Carol Oates, Dennis Lehane, and William Gay, with many page-turners appearing in the last decade. **HC \$60**

**Chris Ewan***The Good Thief's Guide to Vegas*

Charlie Howard - mystery writer and incorrigible thief - is in for a tough vacation in Las Vegas. Losing heavily at poker is one thing, but to find his literary agent, Victoria, being charmed by the Fifty-Fifty casino resort's star magician, Josh Masters, is another irritation entirely.

Still, Charlie's not one to hold a grudge, least of all when he could be holding Masters' wallet. With access to the magician's deluxe suite now tantalizingly at hand, a spot of burglary seems to be in order and Charlie's only too happy to oblige. Problem is, everything's bigger in Sin City - including the fall-out from petty crimes - and it isn't long before Charlie and Victoria find themselves threatened with a one-way trip into the Nevada desert unless they can conjure up a small fortune in twenty-four hours.

For Charlie, there's only one viable course of action: break into as many hotel rooms as he can, steal as much as possible, and just hope that Victoria can summon Lady Luck to the gaming table of her choice.

Mind you, it would all be a lot easier if Charlie hadn't stumbled upon a dead woman, and if Josh Masters hadn't vanished in the middle of his act...

**BPB \$19.99**

**Monica Ferris***Blackwork (Needlecraft Mysteries 13)*

This Halloween, Betsy Devonshire, owner of the Crewel World needlework shop and part-time sleuth, is haunted by murder. After one too many pints, a local blames bar owner and Wicca practitioner Leona Cunningham for a series of "accidents" that have happened throughout town. When he ends up dead without a mark on his body, Leona's the main suspect. But Betsy being on the case spells trouble for the killer. **PB \$19.95**

**Joanne Fluke***Plum Pudding Murder (Hannah Swenson Holiday Mystery with Recipes)*

When Larry Jaeger, the owner of the Crazy Elf Christmas Tree Lot, is murdered, bakery owner Hannah Swenson, during the busiest time of the year, must sift through a wealth of suspects before a murderous Scrooge strikes again. **PB \$19.95**

**Vince Flynn***American Assassin (Mitch Rapp)*

The latest Mitch Rapp thriller features a young Mitch Rapp excelling at Syracuse University, but secretly brooding over the deaths of his girlfriend and 34 other classmates on the bombed Pan Am Flight 103, until he recruited by the CIA, undergoes a grueling training and receives his first assignment—to kill the Turkish arms dealer who sold the bomb that killed his friends. **HC \$54.95**

**Elena Forbes***Evil in Return*

Bestselling novelist Joe Logan walks out into a hot summer's evening in central London. The next day his body is found dumped in a disused Victorian crypt at the Brompton Cemetery. **TP \$32.95**

**Karin Fossum***The Water's Edge*

Walking through the woods one warm September day, Reinhardt and Kristine Ris pass a man who is in a state of agitation. Unusually in a small town, he does not return Kristine's smile and drives off in a hurry. Near the end of their walk they make a terrible discovery: lying in a cluster of trees is the lifeless body of a young boy. It is a moment that will change their lives for ever. Inspector Sejer is called to the scene, but can find no immediate cause of death. As the weeks go by, the appeal for the man seen in the woods to come forward remains unanswered. A once peaceful community is deeply shaken and the children lose the sense of complete freedom they had enjoyed. Then a second boy goes missing.

Top of page **BPB \$24.95**

**Christopher Fowler***Bryant and May off the Rails (Peculiar Crimes Unit)*

The young man they seek is an enigma. His identity is false. His links to society are invisible. A search of his home yields no clues. The Peculiar Crimes Unit knows only this: Somehow Mr. Fox got out of a locked room and killed one of their best and brightest. Facing a shutdown, Bryant and May learn that their man, expertly disguised, has struck again in the world's oldest subway system. But as their search takes them into the vast labyrinth of tunnels that tie the city together, they discover a fresh mystery as bizarre as anything they have ever faced. . . .

As the city blithely goes about its way, as tales of ghost stations and Underground legends emerge, Bryant and May, men of opposite methods, are each getting closer to what lies hidden at the heart of London's celebrated Tube—and to the madness that is driving their man to murder. **HC \$52.95**

**Kathryn Fox***Death mask*

In the US, a number of sexual assaults are reported against players in the Jersey Bombers football team. This is the last straw for the management, who decide to bring in an expert to investigate the claims and help reverse the violent culture. They are pointed in the direction of a leading Australian forensic physician, the one person with the expertise for the job: Dr Anya Crichton. Assigned to help Anya with this mission is enigmatic private investigator Ethan 'Catcher' Rye. Together with Ethan, Anya must deftly balance her responsibilities to the Bombers' management with her increasing desire to see the perpetrators of these violent crimes brought to justice. But it is only when the violence hits too close to home, and Anya's mettle is truly tested, that she makes the breakthrough in this investigation with shocking results. **TP \$32.99**



**Brian Freeman***Bone House*

A teenager murdered. A teacher accused. A secret that won't stay buried. A year ago, accusations of an affair with a pupil cost Mark Bradley his teaching job. Now the student's sister has been found dead, and Mark faces a hostile town convinced of his guilt. Hilary Bradley is determined to protect her husband, but digging into the girl's secrets proves dangerous. Her only ally is a quirky Florida detective named Cab Bolton. As the facts emerge about the murdered girl's past, Cab's suspicion grows that others are involved in her death. But there are people willing to kill to keep the truth hidden - and to make sure Mark pays the ultimate price for a young girl's murder. Hilary and Cab are both outsiders in a place that doesn't trust strangers and they're running out of time to find out what's buried in the ashes of the past... **TP \$32.99**

**Ed Gorman***Stranglehold*

Forced to guard a compromising secret after reluctantly joining the campaign of Congresswoman Susan Cooper, Dev finds his efforts further challenged by the murder of a scandal-plagued political consultant. By the Shamus Award-winning author of the Sam McCain series. **HC \$51.95**

**Sue Grafton***U is For Undertow (Kinsey Millhone)*

In 1960s Santa Teresa, California, a child is kidnapped and never returned. When the case is reopened after 20 years, a man - Michael Sutton - contacts private detective Kinsey Millhone for help. He claims to have recalled a strange and disturbing memory which just might provide the key to the mystery. He may have stumbled across the kidnappers burying Mary Claire Fitzhugh's body... But Michael's account is indistinct - he was only six years old at the time of the kidnapping; and even members of his family try to discredit his evidence. But Kinsey is certain there is something vital within Michael's recollections. And even when what is eventually unearthed isn't what anyone expected, she can't quite let go of the case.

**APB \$19.99**

**Mark Greaney***On Target (Gray Man)*

Four years ago, assassin Court Gentry was betrayed by his handlers in the CIA. Now, an old comrade returns to haunt him-and to force him on a mission against his will.

With his ruthless employers on one side, his former friends on the other and a doomed mission ahead, Court Gentry would kill to get out of this one alive. **PB \$21.95**

**Barbara Hamilton***A Marked Man (Abigail Adams Mysteries 02)*

Abigail Adams, wife of attorney John Adams-who is deeply involved with the Sons of Liberty-is shocked when one of the Sons is accused of murder. Did the crime arise from the romantic competition for the daughter of a prominent Royalist-or was it politically motivated? Abigail and John believe the accused is innocent, though the evidence against him is strong.

While John works to clear his client's name, Abigail begins her own investigation, and soon learns several unpleasant facts about the dead man, things that greatly increase the number of possible suspects. But as she pursues the truth, the killer pursues her- threatening not only Abigail but her vulnerable family. **TP \$28.95**

**David Handler***The Shimmering Blond Sister (Berger and Mitry)*

Police officer Desiree Mitry is under a huge amount of pressure to catch the Dorset Flasher, who has been terrorizing the wealthy dowagers of the Dorset Historic District every weekend. She becomes convinced that her man is Augie Donatelli. After the two have engaged in heated public quarrels, Augie turns up dead. Now Des will need Mitch Berger's help proving she wasn't the killer. **HC \$51.95**

**Tom Harper***The Lazarus Vault*

Deep in the heart of London, the Monsalvat Bank is small, secretive and fabulously wealthy. When Ellie Stanton, an impoverished graduate student, is unexpectedly invited to join the firm, the privileged world they offer looks too good to turn down. But the bank is more than it seems. Soon Ellie realises that her life belongs to her employers - and they're watching her every move. For buried in their medieval vaults lies a closely-guarded treasure of immeasurable power - one inextricably bound up with Ellie's own history. Now Ellie is in a race against time, hunted by the bank and pursued by her past. Her only hope of escape is to unearth the secret hidden in the vault. But getting in is only the beginning... **TP \$32.95**

**Charlaine Harris***Real Murders (Aurora Teagarden 01)*

In a hardcover re-release of the first installment in the best-selling author's Aurora Teagarden series, Roe Teagarden joins forces with police detective Arthur Smith and mystery writer Robin Crusoe to investigate a series of killings in which the victims are slain in the fashion of famous historical murders. **HC \$51.95**

**Dana Haynes***Crashers*

When a passenger plane, a Vermeer One Eleven, slams into the ground outside Portland, Oregon, "The Crashers" quickly assemble to investigate the cause. Under the leadership of the IIC (Investigator in Charge), Leonard "Tommy" Tomzak - a pathologist who recently quit the NTSB - the team gets to work as fast as possible. Usually the team has months to determine the cause of a crash. But this time it's different. This time, the plane was brought down deliberately, without leaving a trace, and this was only a trial run. In L.A., Daria Gibron - a former Shin Bet agent, now under the protection of the FBI - spots a group of suspicious-looking men. Missing her former life of action, she attaches herself to them only to learn that, somehow, they were responsible for the plane crash and are preparing for another action. **TP \$32.99**

**William Heffernan***The Dead Detective (Harry Doyle 01)*

After being murdered as a child and brought back to life by two cops, Harry Doyle grew up to become a homicide detective who has the uncanny ability to hear the whispers of murder victims, and he must put his power to use to solve the murder of a beautiful woman who was also a notorious child molester. **HC \$51.95**

## **Mandasue Heller**

### *Driver*

When you play with fire, everyone gets burned . . . Joe Weeks is new to the Grange Estate. Tolerant, doesn't mind a bit of weed, doesn't try to pull other men s women. Live and let live is his motto . . . Eddie Quinn is the hardest man on the estate. Everyone knows that it's a bad idea to cross him, or his pit bull. But everyone also knows he's honest, as drug dealers go. Joe's pleased when Eddie offers him a job. But then he meets Katya. A prostitute. A slave. And desperate to escape from Eddie. **TP \$32.99**

## **David Hewson**

### *Blue Demon*

The eighth stunning novel in David Hewson's acclaimed crime series set in modern Rome. Twenty years ago, a mysterious group called the Butteri committed a series of bizarre crimes evoking the lost race of the Etruscans, and leaving in their wake several bodies, a cryptic message, and a kidnapped child. Now, the leaders of the G8 are descending on Rome for a summit at the Quirinale Palace. But when a politician is found ritually murdered, seemingly by a strange young man dressed as the Etruscan blue demon, detective Nic Costa suspects that the old case was never really solved. The Butteri have returned - and are planning to unleash devastating attacks on the city. Officially sidelined from the investigation but encouraged by the wily old Italian President, Dario Sordi, Costa and his team start to dig deeper into the past. **BPB \$22.99**

## **Tony Hillerman**

### *The Wailing Wind*

Officer Bernadette Manuelito found the dead man slumped over in the cab of a blue pickup abandoned in a dry gulch off a dirt road, with a rich ex-con's phone number in his pocket . . . and a tobacco tin nearby filled with tracer gold. It's her initial mishandling of the scene that spells trouble for her supervisor, Sergeant Jim Chee of the Navajo Tribal Police, but it's the echoes of a long-ago crime that call the legendary former Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn out of retirement. Years earlier, Leaphorn followed the trail of a beautiful, young, and missing wife to a dead end, and his failure has haunted him ever since. But ghosts never sleep in these high, lonely Southwestern hills. And the twisted threads of craven murders past and current may finally be coming together, thanks to secrets once moaned in torment on the desert wind. **PB \$21.95**

## **Matt Hilton**

### *Dead Man's Dust Special Edition (Joe Hunter 01)*

'Some may call me a vigilante. I think I've just got problems to fix.'

Right now, Hunter's big problem is a missing little brother, last seen fleeing the site of a gruesome killing. Hunter needs the help of an old army buddy, a whole lot of hardware and a trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, to fix this particular problem. A brutal encounter with some very nasty criminals leaves Hunter fighting for his life. And that's before he comes up against America's most feared serial killer, 'The Harvestman' and his grisly souvenirs of death.

But blood is thicker than water. And a lot of blood will be spilt . . . **APB \$5**

## **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 thriller by the best-selling author of Point of Impact. Reprint of this best-selling novel.

**PB \$21.95**

## **Alan Jacobson**

### *Velocity (Karen Veil)*

FBI profiler Karen Vail returns in *Velocity*, national bestselling author Alan Jacobson's most explosive thriller to date. Vail's boyfriend, Detective Robby Hernandez, has seemingly disappeared into the dense air of a Napa Valley evening. There are no clues to his whereabouts, other than a blood stain—and potential connections to a serial killer operating in the wine country.

Despite using all means at her disposal to find out what happened to Robby, Vail is thwarted—until her colleague, Detective Paul Bledsoe, hooks her up with Hector DeSantos, a covert Defense Department operative who has a knack for finding di0cult to locate information. But DeSantos is an unwilling partner, and other than offering superficial cooperation to pay back the debt he owes Bledsoe, he is reluctant to work his valuable informants for what he views as Vail's personal crusade to find her lover.

That is, until Vail pries loose long-buried secrets, lies, and deceptions on the part of her own task force members. It's information that even DeSantos can't ignore, a discovery of great magnitude that reveals larger forces at play—forces that propel Vail and DeSantos into a frantic search that takes them from the wineries of Napa Valley to the monuments of Washington, D.C., the wealthy beach enclaves of San Diego, and the bright excesses of Las Vegas. **HC \$52.95**

## **David James**

### *Three Bedrooms, Two Baths, One Very Dead Corpse*

Starting a new life in Palm Springs as a real estate agent, Amanda is excited about her first big listing until she finds the dead body of environmentalist Doc Winters in the living room and, launching her own investigation, soon becomes the killer's next target. **HC \$45.95**

## **Iris Johansen**

### *Eight Days to Live (Eve Duncan Forensics 10)*

It all begins with a painting called Guilt. Eve Duncan's daughter, Jane, has no idea why she painted the portrait of the chilling face that now hangs in a Paris gallery. But those who belong to a powerful cult—one that dates back to the time of Christ—know both the face and the significance behind it...

They believe that Jane must die—when the moment is right, and not an instant before she leads them to an ancient treasure whose value and power are beyond price. But for now, they target those close to Jane, killing without mercy or conscience.

From Paris to the Scottish isles to the Holy Land, Jane finds herself in a desperate race against time to unravel the mystery surrounding her painting...and save her own life. Even with Eve's help, can she possibly succeed before her time is up? **PB \$19.95**

**Iris Johansen***Chasing the Night*

A CIA agent's two-year-old child was stolen in the night as a brutal act of vengeance. Now, eight years later, this torment is something Catherine Ling awakens to every day. Her friends, family, and colleagues tell her to let go, move on, accept that her son is never coming back. But she can't. Catherine needs to find someone as driven and obsessed as she is to help her—and that person is Eve Duncan. She knows that Eve shares her nightmare, since closure is also something that eludes Eve after the disappearance of her daughter Bonnie. Now, Eve must take her talents as a forensic sculptor to another level, using age progression as a way to unite Catherine with her child. As Eve gets drawn deeper into Catherine's horror, she must face looming demons of her own.

Bonnie's killer is still out there. And a new killer is taunting Eve and Catherine at every turn. Is Catherine's son alive, or not? These two women endure the worst fear any mother can imagine in Iris Johansen's latest thrill ride, a gut-wrenching journey into the darkest places of the soul.

**HC \$56.95**

**Daniel Judson***Voyeur*

Award-winner Daniel Judson delivers a tale of a man on the run from his past life—until that life catches up

Remer was a Manhattan P.I. until one of his targets found a way to force him into retirement. He's been living an anonymous life for six years, running a liquor store in Southampton, staying in the shadows. But then a voice from his past needs help, and he agrees to work one last case—a missing person—in order to get away from the threat he's lived under once and for all. Trouble is, even if he finds Mia Ferrara, even if she's safe, that might not be possible.

Daniel Judson shows his talent for irresistible noir styling with a commercial twist in this searing thriller. **HC \$51.95**

**Jonathan Kellerman***Deception*

Her name is Elise Freeman, and her chilling cry for help to whoever may be listening comes too late to save her. On a DVD found near her lifeless body, the emotionally and physically battered woman chronicles a year-and-a-half-long ordeal of monstrous abuse at the hands of three sadistic tormentors. But even more shocking than the lurid details is the revelation that the offenders, like their victim, are teachers at one of LA's most prestigious prep schools. With Elise dead, homicide detective Milo Sturgis is assigned to probe the hallowed halls of Windsor Prep Academy. And if ever he could use Dr Alex Delaware's psychological prowess, it's now. From the start, this case promises to be an uphill climb for truth and a down-and-dirty fight for justice. Allegations of rape, assault, and possibly murder at this esteemed institution renowned for moulding Ivy Leaguers make for a social and political time bomb especially given that one of the students has connections high up in City Hall. Alex and Milo must penetrate the citadel of wealth and scholarship to expose the hidden anguish, dirty secrets, and deadly sins festering amongst LA's elite. But power and position are not easily surrendered, for that's when the best and the brightest turn brutal and ugly. Searching for predators among the privileged, Alex and Milo may well be walking into a highly polished death trap. **APB \$19.99**

**Bernard Knight***A Plague of Heretics*

With the city of Exeter ravaged by an outbreak of the 'yellow plague', Sir John de Wolfe, the county coroner, must divide his time between visiting his sick brother, William, who has been struck down by the disease, and dealing with a series of brutal murders which appears to be linked to a revival of heresy in the city.

When some of the cathedral canons begin a crusade against this danger to the Church, Sir John finds himself accused of being too sympathetic to the heretics, bringing him into conflict with the ecclesiastic authorities. As the situation worsens, the coroner must seek sanctuary in order to save his skin. Can he survive long enough to unmask the real killer? **APB \$19.99**

**Vicki Lane***The Day of Small Things*

A night of reckoning . . .

A dawn of danger . . .

In the misty folds of Appalachia, the girl they call Least grows up cursed by her mother's cruelty and blessed by her neglect. Deemed unfit to join the outside world, Least turns to the wisdom of the land, to voices she alone can hear, to legends left by native Indians, and to the arts of divination and healing. But the time comes when Least has to choose between a dotting suitor and her childhood magic, between his church and her spirits. Now, as her life enters its final chapter, her world has been invaded by a violent criminal with a chilling plan. To stop him from committing an unspeakable crime—and to free an innocent child—the woman who was once Least must break long-held promises, draw on long-buried powers, and face a darkness no one else can even see. **PB \$19.95**

**John Lathrop***End of Monsson*

Michael Smith, at the US embassy in Cambodia, has an urgent assignment: do what it takes to help a US oil company secure its contract with the Cambodian government before upcoming elections strengthen a Chinese competitor. His affair with Zainab, the British charge's wife, complicates events. Unaware of Smith's role, Zainab pushes hard for reform, convincing her candidate to tie oil concessions to clean government, and Chinese concessions to the release of a dissident monk.

The ruling party works for the monk's release, but insists that Zainab, a Buddhist herself, travels to the remote northern border for the handover. Smith considers a British diplomat's spouse to be a protected species in Cambodia. But does she really qualify? With tension, moral complexity and an authentic feel for modern Cambodia, *The End of the Monsoon* is a gripping story of love and the struggle for integrity. **TP \$32.99**

**John le Carre***Our Kind of Traitor*

Britain is in the depths of recession. A left-leaning young Oxford academic and his barrister girlfriend take an off-peak holiday on the Caribbean island of Antigua. By seeming chance they bump into a Russian millionaire called Dima who owns a peninsula and a diamond-encrusted gold watch. He also has a tattoo on his right thumb, and wants a game of tennis. **TP \$24.95**

**John le Carre***The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*

Alex Leamas is tired. It's the 1960s, he's been out in the cold for years, spying in Berlin for his British masters, and has seen too many good agents murdered for their troubles. Now Control wants to bring him in at last - but only after one final assignment. **BPB \$24.95**

**Allison Leotta***Law of Attraction*

As a newly minted Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C., Anna Curtis has already developed thick skin to deal with the brutality she encounters with her daily stack of domestic violence cases. Yet when Laprea Johnson walks into Anna's life—battered by her boyfriend on the morning after Valentine's Day—there's something about this particular case that Anna can't quite shake, something that reminds the prosecutor of her own troubled past. At the trial, Laprea makes a last-minute reversal, lying on the witness stand to free her boy-friend. Shortly after he is freed, Anna is horrified to hear that Laprea's body has been found in a trash heap. Hastily assigned to prosecute the murder case alongside intimidating chief homicide prosecutor Jack Bailey, Anna's heart sinks when she learns that her own boyfriend, public defender Nick Wagner, is representing the accused. Torn between bringing the killer to justice and saving her personal life, Anna makes a series of choices that jeopardizes her career, her relationships, and her very life as she uncovers the shocking truth behind the murder. Weaving expert knowledge with deft storytelling, federal sex-crimes prosecutor and Harvard Law School graduate Allison Leotta takes readers on a thrilling ride through D.C.'s criminal justice system. From the back rooms of the U.S. Attorney's Office and the flirtations and machinations of Washington's Ivy League lawyers to the struggles of its poorest citizens on the gritty streets of Anacostia, *Law of Attraction* is a gripping debut from an exciting new talent. **HC \$51.95**

**David Levien***Where the Dead Lay*

THE VICTIM was a fighter, but strength wasn't enough to save him from this gruesome end. THE MISSING are two well-paid private investigators who have disappeared on a confidential job. THE FAMILY is formidable, deadly and crazy, and will stop at nothing to make their mark. THE INVESTIGATOR is Frank Behr, haunted by an unspeakable loss, avenging his friend's death, and close to becoming . . . THE HUNTED . . . can Behr track down the killers before they find him? And will he survive? **BPB \$17.95**

**Katia Lief***You Are Next*

He took everything . . . then came back for more.

Former Detective Karin Schaeffer has nothing left to live for after serial killer Martin Price destroys all she holds dear. Known as "The Domino Killer" because he leaves dominoes as a clue to his next victim, Price doesn't stop until an entire family is destroyed. Even when he's locked away in prison, the shadow he casts over Karin's life keeps her in constant darkness.

Then a policeman brings news to her door: Price has escaped. Karin knows where he's headed because of the message he left behind last time, scrawled in blood, on her bathroom mirror—

You are next.

But Karin Schaeffer refuses to run and hide. She feels no fear and has nothing left to lose. And so she waits. She won't stand by and let Price harm any more of her family. And she won't rest until she's put him back behind bars forever . . . or until one of them is dead. **PB \$19.95**

**John Lutz***Mister X (Frank Quinn)*

When the twin sister of a murder victim demands that he find her sister's killer—a twisted psychopath who mutilates his victims and carves an X into their flesh—ex-homicide detective Frank Quinn finds this cold case heating up as a media frenzy occurs and the killings start again. **PB \$19.95**

**Diane Gilbert Madsen***Hunting for Hemingway (DD McGill Literal 02)*

Hemingway expert David Barnes claims to have recovered the infamous stories and poems that Hemingway's first wife lost while on a train to Switzerland in 1922. The womanizing academic plans to auction them off for millions, but controversy rages. Are they truly the lost Hemingway works or just forgeries? Amid the speculation, Barnes is found murdered. Insurance investigator DD McGill's quest to prove the manuscripts genuine puts her on the trail of the murderer. The hunter quickly becomes the hunted when someone tries to stop her—dead. **TP \$30.95**

**Archer Mayor***The Price of Malice (Joe Gunther)*

Joe Gunther's Vermont Bureau of Investigation team is plenty busy trying to solve the grisly murder of Wayne Castine, a suspected child predator who's got mob ties in the area. But Gunther has other pressing, more personal business to attend to: the old case of his girlfriend Lyn Silva's father and brother. Fishermen both, they were once believed to be lost at sea. Until today . . .

With the Castine investigation in full swing, now is hardly the time for Gunther to go AWOL and join Lyn in Maine. But as more evidence emerges, the less it seems that the Silvas were innocent victims. Turns out they had some involvement with a gang of vicious smugglers—men who will do whatever it takes to keep Lyn and Gunther from finding the truth . . . and who will kill to keep old secrets buried. **PB \$19.95**

**Val McDermid***Beneath the Bleeding*

The race is on to uncover the identity of a murderer with nothing to lose - and everything to kill for.

When Robbie Bishop, star midfielder for the Bradfield Vics, is poisoned by a rare and deadly toxin, profiler Dr Tony Hill and trusted colleague DCI Carol Jordan have their work cut out for them. Robbie was adored, so the public want answers - but the answers aren't coming, and trails are running cold.

Then a bomb explodes in the football stadium, causing massive casualties - and another man dies from poisoning. Is there a link between the cases? And what are the motives for these crimes? The clock is ticking for Tony and Carol - and the death toll keeps rising . . . **APB \$19.99**

*The Mermaids Singing*

You always remember the first time. Isn't that what they say about sex? How much more true it is of murder . . . Up till now, the only serial killers Tony Hill had encountered were safely behind bars. This one's different -- this one's on the loose. In the northern town of Bradfield four men have been found mutilated and tortured. Fear grips the city; no man feels safe. Clinical psychologist Tony Hill is brought in to profile the killer. A man with more than enough sexual problems of his own, Tony himself becomes the unsuspecting target in a battle of wits and wills where he has to use every ounce of his professional nerve to survive. A tense, brilliantly written psychological thriller, *THE MERMAIDS SINGING* explores the tormented mind of a serial killer unlike any the world of fiction has ever seen. **BPB \$24.99**

**Richard Montanari***The Devil's Garden*

Michael Roman is finally living the life he always dreamed of - he has a successful career, a beautiful wife and adorable twin daughters. But his idyllic life is about to come crashing down around him - because Michael is a man with a past. A rising star in the New York District Attorney's office and on the cusp of enormous success, Michael's perfect life begins to unravel when he finds himself the target of a depraved madman, a man who covets everything Michael has and will stop at nothing to take it all away. In a desperate fight to survive, Michael is forced to confront the dark secrets of his past in order to save his family. He must hunt down the psychopath who is targeting his family and, before it is too late, face the devil himself . . . **BPB \$24.95**

**Marcia Muller***Locked In (Sharon McCone)*

Shot in the head by an unknown assailant, San Francisco private eye Sharon McCone finds herself trapped by locked-in syndrome: almost total paralysis but an alert, conscious mind. As she lies in her hospital bed, furiously trying to break out of her body's prison, all the members of her agency fan out to find the reason she was attacked. Meanwhile, Sharon becomes an incapacitated detective, evaluating the clues from her staff's separate investigations and discovering unsettling truths that could put her life in jeopardy again. But as the case draws to a shocking conclusion, her husband, Hy, threatens to return to his own violent past--and exact fatal vengeance on Sharon's would-be killer. **PB \$19.95**

**Barbara Nadel***Death by Design*

Barbara Nadel's new Turkish crime novel sees Inspector Ikmen tackling a complex case of organised crime in London. When the Istanbul police raid a counterfeit goods factory in the run-down district of Tarlabasi, a young man with explosives strapped to his chest blows himself up in front of them. In the process, Istanbul's Inspector Cetin Ikmen is injured. Documents found in the factory lead the authorities in both Istanbul and London to believe that a terrorist attack, in part orchestrated from the Tarlabasi factory, is about to be enacted in the British capital. Ikmen goes undercover amongst the Turkish community of North London, although what he uncovers there is certainly not what his British colleagues were expecting... **APB \$19.99**

**Reggi Nadelson***Blood Count (Artie Cohen)*

Mid-December 2008. Barack Obama has just been elected; all New York is ecstatic, especially Harlem. On a freezing night a few weeks later, detective Artie Cohen gets a late call from his ex girlfriend, Lily Hanes, begging for his help. Lily has been living at the Louis Armstrong Apartments, one of Harlem's great buildings, while working on Obama's campaign; now her Russian neighbor, Marianna Simonova, has died, and Lily fears she's at fault and needs Artie's Russian connections. Over a weekend when the city is locked in by snow and cold, with the financial markets tanking, one after another people at the Armstrong die. Artie, out of his element, a white detective in a black world, is drawn inexorably into the realm of Sugar Hill and the Armstrong, where almost everybody except for the real estate developers seems locked in the past.

Working to solve the murders, Artie tries desperately to win Lily back. *Blood Count* is a murder mystery, a love story, and a tale about New York, race, real estate, money, and music, with an ending one could never predict. **HC \$52.95**

**Sena Jeter Naslund***Adam and Eve*

Hours before his untimely—and highly suspicious—death, world-renowned astrophysicist Thom Bergmann shares his discovery of extraterrestrial life with his wife, Lucy. Feeling that the warring world is not ready to learn of—or accept—proof of life elsewhere in the universe, Thom entrusts Lucy with his computer flash drive, which holds the keys to his secret work.

Devastated by Thom's death, Lucy keeps the secret, but Thom's friend, anthropologist Pierre Saad, contacts Lucy with an unusual and dangerous request about another sensitive matter. Pierre needs Lucy to help him smuggle a newly discovered artifact out of Egypt: an ancient codex concerning the human authorship of the Book of Genesis. Offering a reinterpretation of the creation story, the document is sure to threaten the foundation of the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim religions . . . and there are those who will stop at nothing to suppress it.

Midway through the daring journey, Lucy's small plane goes down on a slip of verdant land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in the Middle East. Burned in the crash landing, she is rescued by Adam, a delusional American soldier whose search for both spiritual and carnal knowledge has led to madness. Blessed with youth, beauty, and an unsettling innocence, Adam gently tends to Lucy's wounds, and in this quiet, solitary paradise, a bond between the unlikely pair grows. Ultimately, Lucy and Adam forsake their half-mythical Eden and make their way back toward civilization, where members of an ultraconservative religious cult are determined to deprive the world of the knowledge Lucy carries.

Set against the searing debate between evolutionists and creationists, *Adam & Eve* expands the definition of a "sacred book," and suggests that true madness lies in wars and violence fueled by all religious literalism and intolerance. A thriller, a romance, an adventure, and an idyll, *Adam & Eve* is a tour de force by a master contemporary storyteller. **HC \$54.95**

**Jo Nesbo***The Snowman*

The night the first snow falls a young boy wakes to find his mother gone. He walks through the silent house, but finds only wet footprints on the stairs. In the garden looms a solitary figure: a snowman bathed in cold moonlight, its black eyes glaring up at the bedroom windows. Round its neck is his mother's pink scarf. Inspector Harry Hole is convinced there is a link between the disappearance and a menacing letter he received some months earlier. As Harry and his team delve into unsolved case files, they discover that an alarming number of wives and mothers have gone missing over the years. When a second woman disappears Harry's suspicions are confirmed: he is a pawn in a deadly game. For the first time in his career Harry finds himself confronted with a serial killer operating on his turf, a killer who will drive him to the brink of insanity. **BPB \$24.95**

**Clare O'Donohue***The Double Cross (Someday Quilts)*

A knotty new Nell Fitzgerald mystery in the series that's beguiling cozy fans and quilters alike.

Nell Fitzgerald and the Someday Quilts ladies are asked to lead a quilting workshop at a new bed and breakfast in upstate New York. However, the retreat quickly takes an unexpected dark turn. When a body is found in the woods, and one of their own is the chief suspect, the ladies must rely on their craftiest thinking as they embark on their most personal case yet.

With smart, sassy Nell leading the charge to clear her friend's name and find the real murderer, *The Double Cross* is sure to confirm Clare O'Donohue as a master of the mystery genre. **TP \$28.95**

## Gerard O'Donovan

### *Priest*

HIS NAME IS THE PRIEST. HIS WEAPON IS A CRUCIFIX. HIS VICTIMS DON'T HAVE A PRAYER. A killer is stalking the dark streets of Dublin. Before each attack, he makes the sign of the cross; then he sends his victims to God.

After a diplomat's daughter is brutally assaulted and left for dead, her body branded with burns from a scalding-hot cross, the case falls to Detective Inspector Mike Mulcahy. Mulcahy is one tough cop, but this crime is beyond imagination -- and the Priest is a nemesis more evil and elusive than any Mulcahy has ever faced: an angel of death with a soul dark as hell. As a media frenzy erupts and the city reels in terror, Mulcahy and his new partner, Claire Brogan, must stop the Priest in his tracks before he can complete his divine mission of murder. Light your candles. Say your prayers. Confess your sins. The Priest is coming. **TP \$32.99**

## Tony O'Neill

### *Sick City*

Meet Jeffrey and Randal, two desperate junkies and your guides on this top-to-bottom fun-house tour of Hollywood's underbelly. From infamous crime scenes to celebrity treatment centers, Sick City is an outrageous page-turning adventure set in the sun-bleached wilds of LA. **PB \$24.99**

## Sara Paretsky

### *Body Work*

V.I. Warshawski's wayward niece Petra draws her to an edgy club and the Body Artist, who uses her own flesh as a canvas and invites the audience to do the same. Dark and disturbing, her performance awakens demons in two spectators: a young woman who paints her inner trauma on the Body Artist's back, and a Gulf War vet who seems to be experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder. When the young woman is shot and dies in V.I.'s arms, the vet's family employ V.I. to find the truth and prove their son's innocence. V.I.'s investigation uncovers the untold misery and evil in a snakepit of corruption. **TP \$32.99**

## Robert B Parker

### *Painted Ladies (Spenser)*

Called upon by The Hammond Museum and renowned art scholar Dr. Ashton Prince, Spenser accepts his latest case: to provide protection during a ransom exchange—money for a stolen painting.

The case becomes personal when Spenser fails to protect his client and the valuable painting remains stolen. Convinced that Ashton Prince played a bigger role than just ransom delivery boy, Spenser enters into a daring game of cat-and-mouse with the thieves. But this is a game he might not come out of alive...

Completed the year before he passed away, Painted Ladies is Spenser and Robert B. Parker at their electrifying best. **HC \$54.95**

## P J Parrish

### *Paint It Black*

Florida's scenic Sereno Key has been shaken to the core by a ritualistic serial killer who is targeting black men, leaving his victims faceless and marked with spray paint. Finished as a cop in Michigan, Louis Kincaid is persuaded to take the case as a PI and he joins forces with rookie FBI profiler, Emily Farantino.

But without a badge Louis is trying to work in limbo, not knowing where his limits end, and the suspect's rights begin. Hindered by a false confession, an incompetent county sheriff, and the killer's changing pattern, Louis is still struggling to deal with his demons from his previous case.

Before long it becomes clear that these gruesome murders are no ordinary hate crimes, and Louis finds himself the next victim of a predator more twisted than he ever imagined ... **BPB \$22.99**

## Louise Penny

### *Bury Your Dead (Chief Inspector Gamache)*

It is Winter Carnival in Quebec City, bitterly cold and surpassingly beautiful. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache has come not to join the revels but to recover from an investigation gone hauntingly wrong. But violent death is inescapable, even in the apparent sanctuary of the Literary and Historical Society—where an obsessive historian's quest for the remains of the founder of Quebec, Samuel de Champlain, ends in murder. Could a secret buried with Champlain for nearly 400 years be so dreadful that someone would kill to protect it?

Although he is supposed to be on leave, Gamache cannot walk away from a crime that threatens to ignite long-smoldering tensions between the English and the French. Meanwhile, he is receiving disquieting letters from the village of Three Pines, where beloved Bistro owner Olivier was recently convicted of murder. "It doesn't make sense," Olivier's partner writes every day. "He didn't do it, you know." As past and present collide in this astonishing novel, Gamache must relive the terrible event of his own past before he can bury his dead. **HC \$51.95**

## Otto Penzler *Editor*

### *Christmas at the Mysterious Bookshop*

Collects more than 15 specially commissioned suspense and mystery stories, all set during Christmastime, with some of the action taking place at the editor's real-life Mysterious Bookshop in New York City, with stories contributed by Marry Higgins Clark, Lawrence Sanders, Anne Perry, Ed McBain, Donald L. Westlake and many more.

Each year, for the past seventeen years, Otto Penzler, owner of the legendary Mysterious Bookshop in New York City, has commissioned an original story by a leading mystery writer. The requirements were that it be a mystery/ crime/suspense story, that it be set during the Christmas season, and that at least some of the action must take place in The Mysterious Bookshop. These stories were then produced as pamphlets, 1,000 copies, and given to customers of the bookstore as a Christmas present.

Now, all of these stories have been collected in one volume—Christmas at the Mysterious Bookshop. Some of the tales are humorous, others suspenseful, and still others mystifying. This charming one-of-a-kind collection is a perfect Christmas gift, appropriate for all ages and tastes.

Contributors include:

Charles Ardai	Thomas H. Cook	Michael Malone
Lisa Atkinson	Ron Goulart	Ed McBain
George Baxt	Jeremiah Healy	Anne Perry
Lawrence Sanders	Edward D. Hoch	S. J. Rozan
Mary Higgins Clark	Rupert Holmes	Jonathan Santlofer
	Andrew Klavan	Donald E. Westlake <b>HC \$51.95</b>

## Spencer Quinn

### *To Fetch a Thief*

When the elephant star of a traveling circus goes missing along with her trainer, canine detective Chet and his human partner, Bernie Little, follow the missing elephant's scent out into the desert, where some dangerous people would prefer that Chet and Bernie disappear. **HC \$51.95**

**Sarah Rayne***House of the Lost*

When novelist Theo Kendal inherits the remote fenland house in which his cousin Charmery was murdered, he believes it will bring him closer to the truth about her death. It will also be the ideal place to finish his new book.

But the bleak Fenn House is a lonely and sometimes uncomfortable place to spend the winter. And the strangest thing is that Theo's new novel seems to be writing itself -- and heading in an unplanned direction. Theo finds himself describing a young boy called Matthew who lives in constant fear of a visit from the cold-eyed men. Struggling to understand the dangerous secrets that surround him and his family, Matthew inhabits a terrifying world where people die in macabre circumstances, where they can be imprisoned without trial or reason, their identities wiped from the world forever. Then Theo discovers that Matthew and his family really existed, part of a dark and violent segment of recent history that threatens to reach across the years to tear his life apart. And somehow it all connects to the death of his cousin Charmery... **APB \$19.99**

**John Rector***Cold Kiss*

All Nate and Sara want is a new life in a new town, away from the crime and poverty of their past. So, after being approached at a roadside diner by a man offering \$500 for a ride to Omaha, they wonder if their luck might be changing.

At first it seems like easy money, but within a few hours the man is dead.

Now, forced off the road by a blizzard and trapped in a run-down motel on the side of a deserted highway, Nate and Sara begin to uncover the man's secrets. Who he was, how he died, and most importantly, why he was carrying two million dollars in his suitcase.

Before they know it, Nate and Sara are fighting for their lives, and in the end, each has to decide just how far they are willing to go to survive.

The Cold Kiss is an everyman psychological thriller that pits a young couple against moral corruption, greed, betrayal, and love. More simply, for two characters who may have used up all their chances, it's the classic final trip down the dark tunnel that might lead to heaven, but drags them through hell. **TP \$32.99**

**Emilie Richards***A Truth For a Truth (Minty is Murder 05)*

After a former minister dies suddenly upon his return to Emerald Springs, his memorial service is cut just as short. Aggie Sloan-Wilcox, wife of the current minister, knows why. The poor old guy was murdered. But who in this bucolic village could be capable of such a crime? **PB \$19.95**

**Todd Ritter***Death Notice*

Perry Hollow, Pennsylvania, has never had a murder. At least not as long as Kat Campbell has been sheriff. And the first is brutal. George Winnick, a farmer in his sixties, is found in a homemade coffin on the side of the highway with his lips sewn shut and his veins and arteries drained of blood and filled with embalming fluid. Chilling as that is, it becomes even more so when Kat finds that the Perry Hollow Gazette obituary writer, Henry Goll, received a death notice for Winnick before he was killed.

Soon after, the task force from the Pennsylvania Bureau of Investigation shows up and everything takes an irreversible turn for the worse. Nick Donnelly, head of the task force, has been chasing the "Betsy Ross Killer," so named because he's handy with a needle and thread, for more than a year. Winnick seems to be his fourth victim. Or is he?

Kat has never handled a murder case before, but she's not about to sit by while someone terrorizes her sleepy little town, including her son. But will her efforts be enough to stop a killer and will that be enough to quite Perry Hollow.

With a town in turmoil and residents fearing for their lives and suspicious of one another, Todd Ritter's Death Notice is a gripping debut from a terrific new talent in crime fiction. **HC \$51.95**

**David Rollins Australian Author***Ghost Watch*

Special Agent Vin Cooper is feeling reckless. He volunteers for the dumbest and most dangerous job going: personal security operations in Afghanistan protecting bent politicians. But when his principal is killed in a suicide bomb attack, Cooper is reassigned to a cushy job nursing a couple of needy African-American entertainers putting on a show for US military advisors at a secret base in Rwanda. Or so he thinks. Things go horribly wrong when their United Nations chopper is forced down in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the middle of an all-out firefight by opposing forces. The nightmare only intensifies when some of Cooper's people, including one of the entertainers, are captured... **TP \$25**

**Delia Rosen***A Brisket, A Casket (Deadly Deli Mysteries 01)*

Inheriting Murray's, her uncle's Jewish deli, Gwen Silver arrives in Nashville, Tennessee to keep his legacy alive, but instead is faced with a greedy real estate developer, a hunky police detective, and a murder on Kosher Karaoke Night. **PB \$17.95**

**S J Rozan***On the Line (Bill Smith / Lydia Chin)*

P.I. Bill Smith is sent on a high stakes chase when an electronically modified voice on his cell phone informs him that Lydia Chin, his occasional partner, has been kidnapped. Now if Bill wants to keep Lydia alive, he'll have to play an elaborate game of the kidnapper's devising. The first move sends him to an abandoned building where Bill finds the corpse of a small Chinese woman dressed like Lydia and the building being rapidly surrounded by police. Now Bill is on the run from the cops and in the worst trouble of his very troubled life. With the help of Lydia's hacker cousin Linus, and Linus's cohort Trella, Bill has to not only stay one step ahead of the cops, he has to uncover the secret behind the kidnapper's identity and the reason he's come after Bill, if he's to reach Lydia before it's too late. **HC \$51.95**

**Jed Rubinfeld***Death Instinct*

Ten years on from THE INTERPRETATION OF MURDER, Stratham Younger and James Littlemore embark on a thrilling new adventure in the aftermath of a terrorist attack in New York; it is a story that will lead Stratham to the heart of war-ravaged Europe, where he will once again encounter Sigmund Freud. 12.01pm, September 16, 1920. A quarter ton of explosives is detonated on New York's Wall Street, the deadliest attack in the United States' 150 year history. Stratham Younger, recently returned from the battlefields of Europe, witnesses the explosion alongside Captain James Littlemore of the NYPD and Colette Rousseaux, a brilliant and beautiful young disciple of Marie Curie. Littlemore's investigation will lead him into conflict with the FBI, and to the centre of a dangerous web of corruption that links Wall Street and Washington. Meanwhile Stratham and Colette embark on a perilous journey that will take them to Vienna, where Freud will shed light on his theory of the human desire for destruction, even self-destruction, which he terms 'the death instinct'. **TP \$32.99**

## **Greg Rucka**

### *Walking Dead*

In this explosive new thriller, Greg Rucka, the acclaimed author of *Shooting at Midnight* and *Patriot Acts*, sets bodyguard-turned-international-fugitive Atticus Kodiak on a one-man crusade where being willing to die for your ideals isn't enough. You have to be willing to do much worse....

I will take your place in times of danger.

As an ex-bodyguard, Atticus Kodiak knew the sentiment well. He'd once based his career on it. Now it could cost him more than just his livelihood—more than even his life. For as he wakes to the sound of gunfire, the nightmare is about to begin again.

Atticus knew very well that people came to a place like Kobuleti to hide. After all, that's why he and Alena Cizkova had come to the secluded Georgian town in the former U.S.S.R. But Atticus never asked his friend and neighbor Bakhar Lagidze why he was in Kobuleti or what he might be hiding from. Now it's too late. Bakhar and his family have been brutally murdered, and the thuggish local police chief has declared it a murder-suicide. Everyone—even Alena—seems satisfied to leave it at that.

Except for Atticus.

He knows what the police won't acknowledge: that one person survived the bloodbath in the Lagidze household—their fourteen-year-old daughter. And the nightmare she's about to experience will make her wish she'd died with the rest.

To rescue her Atticus must enter a web that takes him from Russia to Istanbul, that stretches from Dubai to Las Vegas. But what troubles Atticus the most is that Alena—once one of the world's most dangerous assassins and a woman who fears nothing—is clearly terrified of what he's uncovered. And as Atticus gets closer to learning why, the closer he gets to destroying the life they have made, and each other. **PB \$19.95**

## **Chris Ryan**

### *Kill Zone*

The guys in the Regiment know they face their fiercest enemies when they fight the Taliban. No-one is tougher, more deadly or more cunning. And if they enter the Taliban's kill zone, they know just what to expect...When three deadly Stinger missiles go missing in Helmand Province, the Regiment is tasked to retrieve the weapons at all costs. SAS legend Jack Harker has a mission to lead an eight-man mission into a suspected Taliban facility. He's suspicious about what the aims of the mission really are and it's about to go noisy. Meanwhile, in Belfast, Siobhan Byrne, a highly trained surveillance operative, is infiltrating the drug crew of a former IRA commander. But are her motives professional or personal? Even she doesn't know any more. Neither Jack nor Siobhan can guess just how closely linked their operations are about to become, or just what's at stake. But as the President of the United States makes plans to visit the UK, a devastating plot unfolds. **TP \$32.99**

## **John Sandford**

### *Rough Country (Virgil Flowers)*

Investigating the shooting murder of a kayaker at a women-only Minnesota resort, investigator Virgil Flowers finds more suspects than anticipated including the victim's fellow patrons and a talented local country singer, a case that is further complicated by the discovery of other murders.

**PB \$21.95**

## **Stephen Jay Schwartz**

### *Beat*

LAPD Robbery-Homicide Detective Hayden Glass has always had trouble controlling his urges. No longer trolling the streets looking for working girls, he has a new obsession--the Internet. Infatuated with a woman he finds on a website, Hayden Glass's sex addiction drags him to San Francisco and into a web of corruption and crime.

Glass's search for this woman leads him to a massive sex slave trade, run by the Russian mafia and protected by a group of powerful and corrupt San Francisco cops. Glass gets co-opted by the FBI to aid in their investigation...but his presence is doing much more harm than good. **HC \$51.95**

## **Zoe Sharp**

### *Hard Knocks (Charlie Fox 03)*

Hard Knocks finds Charlie Fox (Killer Instinct) in Germany, fighting for her life. Charlie really didn't care who shot dead her traitorous ex-army comrade Kirk Salter during a bodyguard training course in Germany. But when old flame Sean Meyer asks her to go undercover at an elite school and find out what happened to Kirk, she just can't bring herself to refuse. **TP \$30.95**

## **Alexander McCall Smith**

### *Charming Quirks of Others (Isabel Dalhousie)*

In this latest, felicitous addition to the Isabel Dalhousie series, our inquisitive heroine comes to see that there are very few of us who are not flawed, herself included. A couple who are old friends of Isabel's ask for her help in a rather tricky situation: A successor is being sought for the headmaster position at their alma mater. The board has four final candidates but has received an anonymous letter alleging that one of them has a very serious skeleton in the closet. Could Isabel discreetly look into it? And so she does. What she discovers about all the candidates is surprising, but what she discovers in herself turns out to be equally revealing—and she finds that she has also unwittingly upset Jamie, the father of her young son.

Isabel's investigation will have her exploring issues of charity, forgiveness, and humility as she moves nearer and nearer to some of the most hidden precincts of the heart. **HC \$51.95**

## **Sally Spencer**

### *The Wolf of Wall Street (Sam Blackston)*

August 1900. William Holt, a reclusive millionaire businessman, has been kidnapped from his grand Coney Island home after the brutal murder of his two bodyguards. Soon, a huge ransom is demanded, and the victim's two sons are given just days to find the money. Inspector Sam Blackstone, now seconded to the New York Police Department, and his partner, Alex Meade, are charged with solving the case, but they'll need to keep their wits about them if they are to solve it in time. **HC \$58.95**

## **Yoshida Suichi**

### *Villain*

Villain, the first novel by Shuichi Yoshida to be translated into English, is the story of a murder: a tale of desperation set in desolate seaside towns, online chat rooms and love hotels.

January 6, 2002. The body of Yoshino, a female insurance saleswoman, is found at Mitsue Pass, an eerie inland spot in the southernmost region of Japan, rumoured to be home to ghosts. A young construction worker, Yuichi, is soon arrested by the Nagasaki police on suspicion of strangling the victim. As Yuichi and his lover try to elude the police, the events that led up to the murder and its aftermath unfold. Moving back and forth in time, we learn the stories of the victim, the murderer, and their families – stories in which both Japan's past and future are written, revealing the inner lives of men and women who are not everything they appear to be.

Villain depicts loneliness and alienation in contemporary Japan more searingly than ever before. Part police procedural, part dirty realism, Shuichi Yoshida's drama pushes his characters to the razor's edge of despair. **TP \$32.95**



**Duane Swierczynski***Dark Origins (Level 26 01)*

Heading a sophisticated black ops branch, Steve Dark applies methods that require the suppression of his own personality and off-the-record statuses in order to bring justice to a horrific serial murderer who has tortured dozens of victims throughout the world. By the creator of CSI. Reprint. A New York Times extended-list best-seller. **PB \$21.95**

**Erich R Sysak***Stage IV*

Terminally ill Lawson Banks cashes in his life insurance and moves to Thailand to spend the final years of his life in paradise, but instead must figure out who is trying to kill him.

Viatication, or the trading of death futures, is a dirty business. Lawson Banks sells his life insurance benefit to the highest bidder and now an investor is waiting for him to die. But, thanks to the pleasures of Buddha Beach and a healing romance with a stunning, but misunderstood Thai woman, he lives longer than expected. Much longer.

The cast: a Hollywood pariah, a vicious American lawyer, a devoted bargirl named Benz, a slew of dead bodies. At the top of the character food chain is a crippled Thai Police Colonel trying to save a degenerating, criminal empire.

Through a medicated haze of rare drugs and gunshots, Lawson Banks must untangle his past and atone for his future. **BPB \$22.99**

**Peter Temple Australian Author***Broken Shore*

Before Rai Sarris, Cashin was different. He moved more quickly then, he was less thoughtful, less easily spooked. But there are consequences when you've come that close to dying. **BPB \$23.95**

**Antoinette van Heugten***Saving Max*

When her mentally disabled son Max is found covered in blood at the scene of a brutal murder and is accused of the crime, Danielle Parkman, defying court order, races against time to find the real killer and save her son from a fate worse than death. **TP \$30.95**

**Jan Costin Wagner***Silence*

One ordinary summer's day a young girl disappears while cycling to volleyball practice. Her abandoned bike is found in exactly the same place that another girl was assaulted and murdered thirty-three years previously. The perpetrator was never brought to justice so the authorities suspect the same killer has struck again.

The eeriness of the crime unsettles not only the police and public, but also someone who has been carrying a burden of guilt for many years...Detective Kimmo Joentaa calls upon the help of his older colleague Ketola, who worked on the original murder, in the hope that they can solve both cases. While they are following up leads, the ripples from the impact of the new disappearance spread and Kimmo discovers that the truth is not always what you expect. **TP \$32.95**

**Peggy Webb***Elvis and the Memphis Mambo Muders*

When her mama Ruby Nell enters a Memphis mambo contest, Callie Valentine Jones, Elvis, her basset hound who believes he is the King reincarnated, and her cousin Lovie must chaperone Ruby as she shakes, rattles and rolls her way to stardom until a killer waltzes into the picture, taking out the competition--one by one. **HC \$45.95**

**Jeri Westerson***Demon's Parchment (Cripin Guest)*

In fourteenth century London, Crispin Guest is a disgraced knight convicted of treason and stripped of his land, title and his honor. He has become known as the "Tracker"—a man who can find anything, can solve any puzzle and, with the help of his apprentice, Jack Tucker, an orphaned street urchin with a thief's touch—will do so for a price. But this time, even Crispin is wary of taking on his most recent client. Jacob of Provencal is a Jewish physician at the King's court, even though all Jews were expelled from England nearly a century before. Jacob wants Crispin to find stolen parchments that might be behind the recent, ongoing, gruesome murders of young boys, parchments that someone might have used to bring forth a demon which now stalks the streets and alleys of London. **HC \$52.95**

**Anthony E Zuiker***The Dark Origins (Level 26 01)*

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*Dark Prophecy (Level 26 02)*

The second book in the groundbreaking bestselling trilogy, from the creator of the CSI franchise.

Steve Dark was once a lost soul, torn between his family and his one-of-a-kind talent for hunting and catching serial killers—especially those so-called "level 26" killers whose depravity exceeds law enforcement's official scale of evil. In his reluctant pursuit of justice Dark once crossed the ultimate line, a line that might cause a lesser man to lose himself completely.

Not Dark. When the world took everything from him, when it destroyed the very thing Dark once lived for, it brought a moment of clarity that few before him have witnessed, and sparked a transformation that, several years later, is only just complete.

Dark is now a man on a mission. A mission that no longer requires law enforcement support. A mission unbound by authorities, moral or otherwise, and supported by a mysterious benefactor with unknown goals of her own. A mission that, at long last, allows him to embrace his destiny. Dark is finally ready—ready to take justice to the next level. **HC \$54.95**

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Fascinating comparisons of military hardware through history. Featuring accurate detailed illustrations and comprehensive text. **HC \$24.99**

### *Artillery*

Fascinating comparisons of military hardware through history. Featuring accurate detailed illustrations and comprehensive text. **HC \$24.99**

### *Every Day Easy: Cakes and Cupcakes*

Delicious, easy sweet treats for the everyday cook

From quick and easy flapjacks to stunning party centrepieces; sumptuous sweet treats that produce beautiful results every time. Featuring 90 simple and cheap recipes that use readily available ingredients and are quick to cook.

Packed with helpful step-by-step instructions that ensures what comes out of the oven always looks good and tastes great. Plus, tips on how to get great results when finishing and decorating.

With a mouth-watering photograph of each dish, these books are a must have collection **\$35**

### *More Cakes For Kids*

70 new cake recipes from the experts in children's cakes. The best day of the year for any child is their birthday. And nothing is so eagerly anticipated as their birthday cake. This book is full of spectacular yet simple cakes using luscious, gelato colours that are sure to delight your child on their most important day. Cakes include gorgeous girly cakes such as a fairy cake with a fairy and a rose trellis, a handbag and a castle with cone towers; and daring cakes for boys, from frangipani board shorts and a baby jumbo jet to a bright red fire engine. There is also a new take on number cakes and animal cakes. Also included are cupcakes, celebration cakes and cakes for the whole family. **TP \$29.95**

### *Small Arms*

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### *Tanks*

Fascinating comparisons of military hardware through history. Featuring accurate detailed illustrations and comprehensive text. **HC \$24.99**

### *The Wreck of the Batavia*

In 1629, the Batavia was wrecked on a coral archipelago fifty miles from the Australian continent. Most of the people on board survived, only to become victims of a visionary psychopath who, with the help of a dozen followers, organised a methodical massacre of the hapless community.

Following the wreck's discovery some forty years ago, Simon Leys travelled to the site. This is his riveting account of the shipwreck and its brutal aftermath. As well as a narrative of the disaster, it is also a subtle consideration of the nature of totalitarianism and our susceptibility to its ideologues. This book also includes Leys' elegiac essay, Prosper, recalling a summer when he joined the crew of a tuna-fishing boat from Brittany, one of the last boats still working under sail. The remarkable piece vividly evokes the traditions, hardships and dangers of the oldest and finest form of seamanship. **PB \$19.95**

### **Zoe Archer**

#### *Scoundrel (Blades of the Rose)*

After three years of straight-laced widowhood, London Harcourt jumps at the chance to join her father on a voyage to the Greek Isles where she succumbs to the amorous advances of adventurer--and notorious ladies man--Bennett Day. **PB \$17.95**

### **Alex Archer**

#### *Solomon's Jar (Rogue Angel 02)*

Rumours of the discovery of Solomon's Jar - in which the world's demons are bound - are followed with interest by Annja Creed. An archaeologist intrigued by the arcane, Annja pursues the truth about the vessel and its ancient origins.

Her search leads her to a confrontation with a London cult driven by visions of a new world order - and a religious zealot fueled by the insatiable desire for glory.

Across the sands of the Middle East to the jungles of Brazil, Annja embarks on a relentless chase to stop humanity's most unfathomable secrets from reshaping the modern world. **APB \$14.99**

### **Ben Bator & Lauren Leto**

#### *Texts From last Night*

Ever texted after one too many? Ever texted the wrong person by mistake? Ever fired off a message before double-checking your predictive spelling? You are not alone! Texts From Last Night is a celebration of the best, worst and weirdest texts that have ever been sent. Humiliating for the sender but hilarious for the rest of us, it includes gems such as: - I am coming home for anal- "a nap"- before i could say "i'm not that kind of girl," i was- I got us kicked out of the bar because the waitress found me in the kitchen making spaghettiFrom the website textsfromlastnight.com, which has 4 million daily users, these are genuine, text-sized windows onto hilarious cringeful real-life moments. Once you've read Texts From Last Night you might think twice before pressing send on that mistyped message to the wrong person in the middle of the night after one too many. Then again, you might not... **HC \$9.95**

### **Ian Buxton**

#### *101 Whiskies To Try Before You Die*

101 WHISKIES TO TRY BEFORE YOU DIE is a whisky guide with a difference. It is not an awards list. It is not a list of the 101 'best' whiskies in the world in the opinion of a self-appointed whisky guru. It is simply a guide to the 101 whiskies that enthusiasts must seek out and try in order to complete their whisky education. Avoiding the deliberately obscure, the ridiculously limited and the absurdly expensive, whisky expert Ian Buxton recommends an eclectic selection of old favourites, stellar newcomers and mystifyingly unknown drams that simply have to be drunk. The book decodes the marketing hype and gets straight to the point; whether from India, America, Sweden, Ireland, Japan or the hills, glens and islands of Scotland, here are the 101 whiskies that you really want. Try them before you die - Slainte! **HC \$39.99**

## **Christian Cameron**

### *Killer Of Men*

Arimnestos is a farm boy when war breaks out between the citizens of his native Plataea and their overbearing neighbours, Thebes. Standing in the battle line, he shares in a famous and unlikely victory. But after being knocked unconscious in the melee, he awakes not a hero, but a slave. Betrayed by his jealous and cowardly cousin, the freedom he fought for has now vanished and he becomes the property of a rich citizen of Ephesus. So begins an epic journey from slavery that takes the young Arimnestos through a world poised on the brink of an epic confrontation, as the emerging civilisation of the Greeks starts to flex its muscles against the established empire of the Persians. As he tries to make his fortune and revenge himself on the man who disinherited him, Arimnestos discovers that he has a talent that pays well in this new, violent world, for like his hero, Achilles, he is 'a killer of men.' **TP \$32.99**

## **Jeremy Clarkson**

### *How Hard Can It Be? (World According to Clarkson 4)*

Volume 4 in the bestselling World According to Clarkson series Jeremy Clarkson had a dream. A world where the nonsensical made sense, the idiotic was abolished and the sheer bloody brilliant was embraced. In *How Hard Can It Be?* our hero embarks on a quest to set the world to rights. Again. En-route he discovers how rhubarb will become the new crack, that a comb over will end anyone's quest for global domination and what unites a Filipino chambermaid in Abergavenny with Prince Andrew. For anyone who's ever woken up and thought the time has come to stop the nonsense and celebrate the sensational, read on. Because seriously, how hard can it be? **TP \$32.95**

## **Michael A Covington**

### *Digital SLR Astrophotography*

In the last few years, digital SLR cameras have taken the astrophotography world by storm. It is now easier to photograph the stars than ever before! They are compact and portable, flexible to adapt with different lenses and for telescope use, and above all DSLR cameras are easy and enjoyable to use. In this concise guide, experienced astrophotography expert Michael Covington outlines the simple, enduring basics that will enable you to get started, and help you get the most from your equipment. He covers a wide selection of equipment, simple and advanced projects, technical considerations and image processing techniques. Unlike other astrophotography books, this one focuses specifically on DSLR cameras, not astronomical CCDs, non-DSLR digital cameras, or film. This guide is ideal for astrophotographers who wish to develop their skills using DSLR cameras and as a friendly introduction to amateur astronomers or photographers curious about photographing the night sky. **PB \$75**

## **Gwyn Cready**

### *Aching for Always*

Ambitious and feisty Josephine "Joss" O'Malley has spent years fighting to keep her mother's map-making company alive. Just when she finds herself considering taking a risky next step with bad-boy entrepreneur Rogan Reynolds— whose generosity has helped keep the business afloat— Joss meets dark and mysterious Hugh Hawksmoor. Hugh's deft touch and old-world seduction stir Joss's desires like a storm at sea, and she has no clue that he has sailed three hundred years into the future to avenge the death of his brother at the hands of her father. Or that she holds the key to a map that will help him undo the destructive changes her father wrought in the past. When Hugh lures Joss into a treacherous journey through time, there's not a twenty-first-century trick that can save her. But when she applies her own instincts to a course she thought was set, she discovers that the high seas hold some scandalous surprises. **PB \$19.95**

## **Terry Crowdy**

### *Military Mayhem: 2,500 Years of Soldierly Sleaze and Scandal*

Bungled cover-ups, acts of blinding incompetence, miscarriages of justice, sexual escapades, and downright stupidity - scandals have helped to make the world's armed forces the much loved institutions they are today. Take an irreverent look at the public outcries that both governments and soldiers would rather we forgot. From Julius Caesar's sex life and the frolics of Charles d'Eon, the fearless dragoon and noted transvestite to the sinking of the Kursk, Terry Crowdy delves into the darker reaches of military personality defects, vice and slip-ups. Packed with more than 70 mishaps, step back in time and see how corruption, bigotry, lust, vanity, incompetence and the occasional bout of insanity have coloured military history across the centuries. **PB \$24.95**

## **Clive Cussler**

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An ancient treasure stolen by Xerxes the Great . . .

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The clues to its hidden location lost until now . . . **APB \$19.95**

## **Kelly DeVries**

### *Norwegian Invasion of England in 1066*

Three weeks before the battle of Hastings, Harold defeated an invading army of Norwegians at the battle of Stamford Bridge, a victory which was to cost him dear. The events surrounding the battle are discussed in detail.

William the Conqueror's invasion in 1066 was not the only attack on England that year. On September 25, 1066, less than three weeks before William defeated King Harold II Godwinson at the battle of Hastings, that same Harold had been victorious over his other opponent of 1066, King Haraldr Hardrádi of Norway at the battle of Stamford Bridge. It was an impressive victory, driving an invading army of Norwegians from the earldom of Northumbria; but it was to cost Harold dear. In telling the story of this neglected battle, Kelly DeVries traces the rise and fall of a family of English warlords, the Godwins, as well as that of the equally impressive Norwegian warlord Hardrádi. **TP \$69.95**

## **Sally Dingo**

### *Unsung Ordinary Men*

UNSUNG ORDINARY MEN by Sally Dingo is a very personal investigation into the ongoing effects of war - on the soldiers, their wives and children - when a soldier came home. UNSUNG ORDINARY MEN was inspired by Sally's own experiences when her father returned from World War II. Sally's father died when she was 12 years old. Through the pages of this book Sally Dingo will give a voice to the sorrow she and many others still feel, for they were not aware of what their fathers and brothers and husbands (as well as the brave women who were POW nurses) had to go through. She will also tell the story of those forgotten, quiet men. 'What I am trying to pen is, in the end - after all the heartache of the war - really a love letter to a generation. For they were incredible, and inspiring, and we the children did not understand for so long. And soon they will be gone, and we have not said thank you. They sacrificed - then watched as we took all the spoils, in the decades that followed.' Max Butler, Sally's father, was a member of the 2/40th, a battalion of men sacrificed; a battalion one historian called the 'Doomed Battalion'. They were volunteers from the bottom of the world, mostly Tasmanian, some Victorian, almost 900 men; sons, mostly all, of World War I veterans, sons who were never given a fighting chance when they were effectively abandoned on Timor, from the blocks of wood many were given to train with in Australia - courtesy of the unprepared authorities, on the assumption these weighed the same as mortar guns - to the few rifles and old, old Lewis guns; the insufficient submachine guns and precious little ammunition available to them in action; to the Australian military's underestimation of Japanese capabilities and might; to Churchill's determination to chew through the Australian troops, having decided that Australia's first duty lay in the defence, not of Australia, but of Burma - all for Britain. All this together with orders such as those coming from Major General Sydney Howell, 'to put up the best defence possible with the resources you have at your disposal'. These men turned and faced the onslaught. With absolute courage. Timor was the last of the islands to fall to the Japanese. The prisoners they became were spread throughout the Japanese prisoner-of-war camps scattered over the Pacific. Where their real nightmares began. And the fortunate ones came home, three and a half years later. When Max Butler returned to Australia - like most of the 20 000 Australian POWs of the Japanese - he would not, or could not, tell what happened. This will be his story and the story of his fellow soldiers. But it is also the story of wives, and families; Australians far and wide, who comforted, and nursed, and grieved. And resented. And were perplexed. Who yearned. And loved. And somehow - mostly - learned to understand. It is a story of men, unsung and ordinary. Yet they were not. Men to whom Churchill, from his lofty position as a Briton, would have applied his description of the lowest of the Empire's minions, 'down to the humblest farmer in the most distant province', the phrase he used in his maiden speech in the House of Commons. Men whom Australians know to be so much more than that. They are men who deserve our recognition. And our gratitude. Quietly. **TP \$35**

## **Pat Duggins**

### *Trailblazing Mars*

Astronauts travelling to Mars will have to grow their own food, find their own water, and solve their own problems and emergencies without hope of rescue or re-supply. Can the technological hurdles be cleared? Will the public accept the very real possibility of astronaut death? Is the science worth the cost? Award-winning journalist examines the extreme new challenges that will be faced by astronauts on the journey there and back. **HC \$51.95**

## **Bill Fawcett**

### *How to Lose WWII: Bad Mistakes of the Good War*

Never had there been a war on the scale of World War II - a global conflict so widespread and involving so many different military organizations from such a diverse pool of combatant countries that the consequences of every decision, both the brilliant and the bad, were multiplied one hundredfold. Bill Fawcett, popular chronicler of monumental military mistakes and truly boneheaded battlefield blunders now looks closely at the historic errors that ultimately determined the course of post-WWII history.

A cornucopia of catastrophic missteps, including:

- \* An unprepared Poland is caught napping as the Nazis storm in virtually unopposed
- \* Germany misses a golden opportunity to take Britain out of the war at Dunkirk
- \* Russia plays Goliath to Finland's David
- \* Four valuable months are wasted as Allied forces sit trapped on the beaches of Anzio
- \* Germany squanders its costly development of jet power
- \* The secret 1942 battle Marshal Zhukov lost, along with half a million soldiers
- \* Battles lost that should have been won, including Moscow, Stalingrad, and D-Day **TP \$24.99**

## **Ken Follett**

### *Fall of Giants*

It is 1911. The Coronation Day of King George V. The Williams, a Welsh coal-mining family, is linked by romance and enmity to the Fitzherberts, aristocratic coal-mine owners. Lady Maud Fitzherbert falls in love with Walter von Ulrich, a spy at the German Embassy in London. Their destiny is entangled with that of an ambitious young aide to U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and to two orphaned Russian brothers, whose plans to emigrate to America fall foul of war, conscription and revolution. In a plot of unfolding drama and intriguing complexity, 'Fall of Giants' moves seamlessly from Washington to St Petersburg, from the dirt and danger of a coal mine to the glittering chandeliers of a palace, from the corridors of power to the bedrooms of the mighty. **HC \$49.99**

## **C Forrest-Sharratt**

### *Beards A Spotters Guide*

William Shakespeare. Abraham Lincoln. Santa Claus. Behind (well, slightly in front of) every great man, lies a great beard. And now you too can join the ranks of the most illustrious beard-sporting gentlemen of history. Find out what each beard says about its wearer, which one will make women fall at your feet (and not run for the hills) and most importantly, which ones will get crumbs stuck in it. With marks on each one's ease of grooming, growing and its potential to grate, from the French Fork to the Fu Manchu, we have the lowdown on the right set of whiskers for every occasion. What's more, our custom-designed beard artworks mean you don't have to commit yourself to months of gruelling growth to find out how you'll look with the finished article just hold the book up to your face to amaze and astound your friends and family with your new found veneer of virility and intellectual prowess. Gone are the days when facial hair was maligned as untrustworthy and unsanitary. With this book, you can give your face a new lease of life and command the respect and admiration you've always deserved. **HC \$16.99**

## **Stephen Fry**

### *Fry Chronicles*

Thirteen years ago, Moab is my Washpot, Stephen Fry's autobiography of his early years, was published to rave reviews and was a huge bestseller. In those thirteen years since, Stephen Fry has moved into a completely new stratosphere, both as a public figure, and a private man. Now he is not just a multi-award-winning comedian and actor, but also an author, director and presenter. In January 2010, he was awarded the Special Recognition Award at the National Television Awards.

This dazzling memoir promises to be a courageously frank, honest and poignant read. It will detail some of the most turbulent and least well known years of his life with writing that will excite you, make you laugh uproariously, move you, inform you and, above all, surprise you. **HC \$39.95**

**Sam Galvin***Easy Magic Tricks To Amaze Your Friends*

Whether you are a budding magician wanting to discover the basics of modern magic or an experienced hobbyist wanting to develop further, this book will enable you to quickly and easily master extraordinary magic tricks and skills that will astound and enthrall your audience. Using everyday objects to perform mind-boggling illusions, you will be able to become a confident and competent magician. **PB \$29.99**

**Lois Greiman***An Accidental Seduction*

Agreeing to impersonate the newly wed Lady Clarette Tilmont, exotic beauty Savaana Hearnes gets more than she bargains for when she meets dashing Irishman Sean Gallagher who is guarding a secret as shocking as her own. **PB \$19.95**

**Matthew Hayden***Standing My Ground*

MATTHEW HAYDEN was one of the most commanding batsmen the game has ever seen - and one of its great enigmas. A devout Catholic, and a ruthless on-field sledger. A brutal enforcer, and a soft-hearted family man. Australian record-holder for highest score in Tests and One Day Internationals, who was at times troubled by self-doubt and doubters.

In *Standing My Ground* Hayden confronts these contradictions head-on. He talks frankly about the forces that shaped his journey from fringe international to a giant of the game. He dissects Australia's tactic of verbal warfare and his own role as a key aggressor, taking us on a privileged tour inside the sporting machine that dominated all comers in a golden age of Australian cricket.

This isn't a predictable ball-by-ball account of a stellar career. Instead, Hayden delivers a characteristically direct assessment of the matches and the people that mattered most. He pays homage to great role models like Allan Border and explains his deep connection to controversial Andrew Symonds, but also reveals colourful clashes along the way. He opens up on umpires, the media, superstitions, teammates and opponents with disarming honesty and humour.

The country boy from Kingaroy rose to greatness in the cricket world. Here is the superstar batsman, the surfer, fisherman and chef in a book as bold and powerful as the man himself. **HC \$49.95**

**Sandra Hill***Dark Viking*

After a sea operation gone wrong, Navy SEAL Rita Sawyer awakens to find herself still clad in her wetsuit and in a cage with a bunch of Vikings staring at her, including one very tempting warlord.

Steven of Norstead has been in a cold, dark mood for many weeks. But perhaps this unusual woman, with her sharp tongue and irksome ways, could be the one to light his fire. **PB \$19.95**

**Hannah Howell***Highland Warrior*

Fleeing an obsessed suitor, Fiona MacEnroy rides recklessly into Scotland's wildest hills and is captured by a horde of well-armed men. Instead of battling for her life, she finds herself swept away by a powerful stranger and carried off to a remote, forbidding keep. Oddly, here at Scarglas, a place shrouded in mystery and the black reputation of the rogue clan MacFingal, Fiona feels a strange, comforting sense of safety...and a consuming passion for its rugged laird. **PB \$12.95**

**Glyn Iliffe***The Armour of Achilles*

The siege of Troy is in its ninth year. The Greeks, with Achilles at their head, have inflicted numerous defeats on the Trojans, but Troy itself still stands. Odysseus, Eperitus and their men have become hardened soldiers. Tired and bitter about the war, Odysseus just wants to return home to his island Kingdom of Ithaca. But while Agammenon is still determined to revenge himself upon Troy for the theft of Helen by Paris, then Odysseus is held by the oath that he himself created. **TP \$32.99**

**Ian Jackman & Hugh Laurie***House: Official Guide to the Hit Medical Drama (House)*

The authorized guide to the television phenomenon House, M.D.

For the last six years House, M.D. has been one of the most popular and captivating shows on television. Following the stories of a misanthropic genius doctor named Gregory House and his team of specialists, each week the show confronts medical mysteries that have baffled the best minds in medicine. Centered around one of the most compelling characters on television—brilliantly portrayed by actor Hugh Laurie—the Emmy Award-winning TV drama has been keeping millions of viewers intrigued and enthralled since it began, always offering an entertaining mixture of drama and humor.

Based on unprecedented access to the show's cast members and creative staff, House, M.D. is the first fully authorized guide to the hit medical drama, offering a close-up view inside the world of House. From the show's genesis to today, this companion provides unique insight into the TV drama, as the actors, writers, and producers who've created these characters describe in their own words what the show means to them. This book also delves into fascinating discussions of the show's medical science and controversial ethical issues, as well as includes exclusive photographs from the set and an intimately detailed look at the making of an episode. Essential reading for any House fan, House, M.D. is the ultimate behind-the-scenes guide to TV's most captivating show. **TP \$27.99**

**Brenda Joyce***The Promise (de Warren Dynasty 05)*

When Captain Alexi de Warrenne saves her honor by marrying her, and then leaves the country, returning unexpectedly six years later, Elysse O'Neill is determined to consummate their marriage and take her rightful place by his side. **PB \$19.95**

**Ben Kane***The Road to Rome (Forgotten lands 03)*

Having survived the perils of a journey across half the world, Romulus and Tarquinius are press-ganged into the legions, which are under imminent threat of annihilation by the Egyptians. Meanwhile in Rome, Romulus's twin sister Fabiola lives in fear for her life, loved by Brutus, but wooed by Marcus Antonius, his deadly enemy. Soon after, Romulus fights at Zela, the vicious battle where Caesar famously said, 'Veni, vidi, vici'. Tarquinius, separated from Romulus in the chaos of war, hides in Alexandria, searching for guidance. But mortal danger awaits them both. From the battlefields of Asia Minor and North Africa, to the lawless streets of Rome and the gladiator arena, they face death daily, until on the Ides of March, the twins are reunited and must decide either to back or to betray Caesar on his day of destiny. **TP \$32.95**

**Paul Kelly** *Australian Author*

*How To Make Gravy*

This extraordinary book had its genesis in a series of concerts first staged in 2004. Over four nights Paul Kelly performed, in alphabetical order, one hundred of his songs from the previous three decades. In between songs he told stories about them, and from those little tales grew *How to Make Gravy* **HC \$49.95**

**Robert Kershaw**

*Sky Men*

Seventy years ago the British army's elite air assault force, the Parachute Regiment, was formed. Tough and well-trained, designed to fight hazardous operations behind enemy lines, with little or no backup. These are the Sky Men. Dropping into the middle of enemy territory, these British, American, German and Russian soldiers engage in gruelling combat in the most dangerous conflict zones around the world. Robert Kershaw, an ex-Parachute Regiment officer, reveals the history of these airborne forces, and their role during the most dramatic battles of the twentieth century. He finds out what makes them tick, what drives a Sky Man to take these extraordinary risks, and what marks these sky warriors out from ordinary soldiers. Based on exclusive interviews with soldiers from around the world, as well as letters and diaries, *Sky Men* is full of vivid personalities and nail-biting action. **TP \$35**

**Anthony Lambert**

*Lambert's Railway Miscellany*

The world of the railways weaves a spell over many people. In this engaging book railway expert Anthony Lambert presents some of the best stories. From the early days come tales of financial skulduggery and worries that sparks from locomotives might ignite sheep's fleeces. But as the railway transformed the modern world, attitudes changed, and railways were opened to great rejoicing and even religious blessing. The perennial appeal of the steam locomotive generated a pride amongst railwaymen and a fascination among the public. The romantic aspects of the railway were soon celebrated - and not just the unexpected engagement that came from a snowbound train in the Highlands or the sexual shenanigans of the Orient Express. Here are stories of railway travel, from the palatial carriages of tsars and maharajahs to the open trucks of the 'lower orders', mishaps and faux pas, and tales of how ticket inspectors used to have to hold on to the outside of carriages while clipping tickets. From tales of lonely stations and signal-boxes in Scotland, to the unlucky engineer eaten by a lion in a carriage in Kenya, Lambert casts his net across railways worldwide to gather the most entertaining material. There are stories here that would enliven even a cheerless commute on the 18.01, and remind you that our railways really were - and occasionally still are - full of derring-do, romance and character. **HC \$34.95**

**Sara Lewis**

*Halloween Fun and Food*

Packed with spooky step-by-step projects for all the family to make and enjoy, including scary masks and ghoulish decorations, this title contains everything you need to make Halloween parties a howling success. The guide provides fun ideas for dressing up, face painting and party games in addition to warming and delicious recipes for a chilly Halloween night suitable for both adults and children. **PB \$15**

**Niccola Machiavelli**

*The Prince*

After a lifetime of winning and losing at the game of politics, Florentine nobleman Machiavelli set down its ageless rules and moves in this highly readable treatise. Witty, informative, and devilishly shrewd, it has long been required reading for everyone interested in politics and power. **PB \$7.95**

**James May**

*Man Book: How to Land an A330 Airbus: And Other Vital Skills*

'I reckon there are about twenty things a chap doesn't realise he should be able to do. Not stuff you can download from the internet at the touch of the button, but really important things. So, in this book, each is dealt with fully, and it's a good read rather than just boring facts.

It's a series of chapters with some light gagery, but also solid information and plenty of nice pictures and diagrams. For example, in 'How to land an airliner' there is good background stuff about the likelihood of it ever falling to you (extremely unlikely), some stats on past dramas, plus good information on the controls, what they do and what they look like. There's a range of subjects from the genuinely relevant -- how to deliver twins, for example -- to the absurd, such as how to play Beethoven's 'Moonlight Sonata', so there's ample opportunity for me to rant, enthrall you with technical explanations and entrance you with interesting facts.' - James May **TP \$35**

**Fern Michaels**

*Sins of Omission*

During Hollywood's golden age, Reuben Tarz, a wounded young soldier, is taken in by Marchioness Michelene Fonsard, also known as Madame Mickey, who nurses him back to health, and as passion rages between them, Mickey's spoiled niece arrives and sets her sights on Reuben. **PB \$12.95**

**John Milton**

*Paradise Lost*

In *Paradise Lost* Milton produced a poem of epic scale, conjuring up a vast, awe-inspiring cosmos and ranging across huge tracts of space and time. And yet, in putting a charismatic Satan and naked Adam and Eve at the centre of this story, he also created an intensely human tragedy on the Fall of Man. Written when Milton was in his fifties -- blind, bitterly disappointed by the Restoration and briefly in danger of execution -- *Paradise Lost*'s apparent ambivalence towards authority has led to intense debate about whether it manages to 'justify the ways of God to men' or exposes the cruelty of Christianity.

John Leonard's revised edition of *Paradise Lost* contains full notes, which elucidate Milton's biblical, classical and historical allusions and discuss his vivid, highly original use of language and blank verse. **BPB \$12.95**

**Brenda Novak**

*Killer Heat (Department 6 03)*

Hired by the Yavapai County sheriff to assist in solving the murders of seven women in Skull Valley, Arizona, Jonah Young, a private security operative from Department 6, finds his assignment complicated by his new partner, Francesca Moretti, whom he betrayed 10 years ago. **PB \$19.95**

**Tom O'Lincoln**

*Myth of Liberation: Reconsidering Australia's Pacific War*

**TP \$32.95**

## **Jeremy Oliver**

### *Australian Wine Annual 2011*

The fourteenth edition of Jeremy Oliver's best-selling guide to Australian wine takes all the hard work out of selecting what to drink or cellar. It's a fully independent catalogue of the very best Australian wines at each price-point featuring more than 300 wineries and more than 13,000 wines, each of which he has tasted himself! Encyclopaedic, accessible and extremely easy to use, 'The Australian Wine Annual 2011' is the definitive guide to Australian wine for wine lovers the world over. **BPB \$29.99**

## **Don Pendleton**

### *Raw Fury (Executioner 383)*

When rebels take the students of a Malaysian private school hostage, Mack Bolan is sent in to free the hostages before a civil war is ignited, but his mission turns deadly as the rebels vow to kill anyone who stands in their way. **PB \$13.95**

### *Target Acquisition (Stony Man 109)*

While the ground teams work on separate missions across the globe, the Stony Man cyber team uncovers a potential international nightmare involving a megalomaniacal emir who, in his quest for vengeance, is willing to sacrifice countless innocent lives. **PB \$17.95**

### *Extraordinary Rendition (Super Bolan 137)*

Mack Bolan is having a hard time locating the ruthless Russian arms dealer he is supposed to take back to the US to stand trial because the Russian dealer has made friends in high places, making him virtually untouchable. **PB \$17.95**

## **Justin Pollard**

### *Boffinology*

The history of science is often seen as a story of advancement but nothing could be further from the truth. Science, it is true, has progressed, but rarely in the direction intended and seldom for the reasons given. This has a lot to do with the people responsible. From the strange to the eccentric, meet Thales, credited as 'the father of science', whose only real claim to fame is that he often fell into ditches, discover how Archimedes never said Eureka and hated baths anyway and how the most lucrative ancient Greek invention was not democracy but the slot machine.

Justin Pollard also fills us in on Issac Newton, who thought gravity was created by the Holy Spirit, how eleven people claimed to have invented the steam engine and why the first website was twelve foot across and made of wood. **TP \$32.99**

## **Philip Roth**

### *Nemesis*

In 'the stifling heat of equatorial Newark', a terrifying epidemic is raging, threatening the children of the New Jersey city with maiming, paralysis, life-long disability, even death. This is the startling and surprising theme of Roth's wrenching new book: a wartime polio epidemic in the summer of 1944 and the effect it has on a closely-knit, family-oriented Newark community and its children.

At the centre of *Nemesis* is a vigorous, dutiful, twenty-three-year old playground director, Bucky Cantor, a javelin thrower and a weightlifter, who is devoted to his charges and disappointed with himself because his weak eyes have excluded him from serving in the war alongside his contemporaries. Focusing on Cantor's dilemmas as polio begins to ravage his playground - and on the everyday realities he faces - Roth leads us through every inch of emotion such a pestilence can breed: the fear, the panic, the anger, the bewilderment, the suffering, and the pain.

Moving between the smouldering, malodorous streets of besieged Newark and Indian Hill, a pristine children's summer camp high in the Poconos - whose 'mountain air was purified of all contaminants' - Roth depicts a decent, energetic man with the best intentions struggling in his own private war against the epidemic. Roth is tenderly exact at every point about Cantor's passage into personal disaster and no less exact about the condition of childhood.

Through this story runs the dark question that haunts all four of Roth's late short novels, *Everyman*, *Indignation*, *The Humbling*, and now, *Nemesis*: what choices fatally shape a life? How powerless is each of us up against the force of circumstances? **HC \$35**

## **Tania Roxborough**

### *Bloodlines*

Fleance is the new king of Scotland, but he is the ruler of a divided nation. Rebels who dispute his claim to the throne are raiding villages throughout the country, spreading uncertainty and terror. **TP \$32.95**

## **Harvey Sachs**

### *The Ninth*

Beethoven and the World in 1824

A decade after the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars had given way to an era of retrenchment and repression, 1824 became a watershed year. The premiere of the Ninth Symphony, the death of Lord Byron - who had been aiding the Greeks in their struggle for independence, Delacroix's painting of the Turkish massacre of Greeks at Chios and Pushkin's anti-tyrannical play *Boris Godunov* all signalled that the desire for freedom was not dead. And all of these works and events were part of the flowering of the High Romantic period.

In *The Ninth*, eminent music historian and biographer Harvey Sachs employs memoir, anecdote and his vast knowledge of history to explain how the premiere of Beethoven's staggering last symphony was emblematic of its time - a work of art unlike any other - and a magisterial, humanistic statement that remains a challenge down to our own day and for future generations. **HC \$35**

## **David Sedaris**

### *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk*

This collection of sharply observed animal-themed tales is a delight, told with David Sedaris's trademark blend of hilarity and goodnaturedness.

Though the characters may not be human, the situations in these stories bear an uncanny resemblance to the insanity of our own everyday interactions. In *The Toad*, *the Turtle*, and *the Duck*, three strangers commiserate about animal bureaucracy while waiting in a complaint line. In *Hello Kitty*, a cynical feline struggles to sit through his prison-mandated AA meetings. In *The Squirrel and the Chipmunk*, a pair of star-crossed lovers is separated by prejudiced family members. **HC \$24.99**

### **Donald Sturrock**

#### *Storyteller: the Life of Roald Dahl*

Roald Dahl pushed children's literature into new and uncharted territory. More than fifteen years after his death, his popularity around the globe continues to grow, and worldwide sales of his books have now topped 100 million.

The man behind the stories, however, remains an enigma. Dahl was a single-minded adventurer, an eternal child, but his public persona was characterised by his blunt opinions on taboo subjects. Described as an anti-Semite, a racist and a misogynist, he felt ignored and undervalued by the literary establishments of London and New York.

To his readers, though, Dahl was always a hero, and since his death his reputation has been transformed. His wild imagination is now celebrated, along with his quirky humour and his linguistic elegance. Figures like Willy Wonka, the BFG and the Grand High Witch are nothing less than immortal literary creations, and in a recent poll he beat J. K. Rowling to win the title of Britain's favourite author.

In this masterly biography, Donald Sturrock draws on a huge range of source material that has become available since Dahl's death. The result is revealing, compelling and a pure joy to read. **TP \$35**

### **Janelle Taylor**

#### *Cherokee Storm*

When a Cherokee warrior named Storm Dancer comes to her rescue, Shannon O'Shea, lost in the wilderness, is drawn to this powerful brave who is more honorable and loyal than the white man she is being forced to marry. **PB \$12.95**

### **Pip Vaughan-Hughes**

#### *The Fools' Crusade*

King Louis of France is about to invade Egypt on his vainglorious Seventh Crusade. The Pope and the Emperor are at each other's throats. And where greed and ambition cross, blood soon follows. Caught in the middle of this is Petroc of Auneford, or Patch to his friends. After years aboard the Cormoran, a ship of relic-traders and adventurers, Patch has finally returned to living on dry land. Now a rich man, running a bank in Venice, life should be easy. But money and liberty are not the same thing - and all too soon, Patch is being called on by all sides to do their bidding in this deadly game of power.

As the rulers of Europe crush lives like beetles underfoot, Patch knows if he, his friends and his beloved Iselda are to stay alive, he must go to the blistering heart of the crusade, where zealot, infidel, mercenary and heretic fight to the death. He must outwit the cunning, outrun disease and death and find a way to true freedom. **HC \$59.99**

### **Marl Wagman-Geller**

#### *Eureka! The Surprising Stories Behind The Ideas That Shaped The World*

The fascinating inspirations behind common inventions and creations- from Barbie to Sweet and Low to Mt. Rushmore.

The slinky was born aboard a World War II ship.

The Barbie doll was inspired by a German sex toy.

Weight Watchers began with a Jewish housewife in Queens, New York.

Eureka! explores the fascinating stories behind these famous creations and many others-from blue jeans to the Taj Mahal to Mickey Mouse-detailing the relationships between inspirations and their inventors. Readers will delight in the intriguing-and sometimes surprising-origins behind the ideas that have shaped the world. **BPB \$19.95**

### **Richard Whelan**

#### *Robert Capa: The Definitive Collection*

This is the first book to reproduce the definitive set of 937 rarely seen and classic images by Robert Capa (1913-54), one of the most influential documentary photographers of the twentieth century. Capa, a founding member of Magnum photographic agency, had the mind of a passionate and committed journalist and the eye of an artist. His lifework, consisting of more than 70,000 negatives, constitutes an unparalleled documentation of a crucial 22-year period (1932-54), encompassing some of the most catastrophic and dramatic events of the last century. **PB \$59.95**

### **Emma Wildes**

#### *Seducing the Highlander*

From award-winning author Emma Wildes comes three all-new stories of romance, adventure, and unbridled passion in the mists and mountains of the Scottish Highlands... **B+ PB \$19.95**

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