



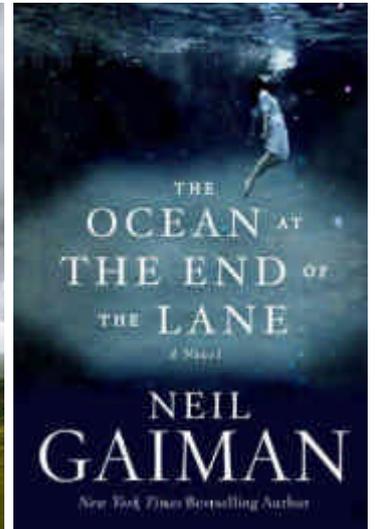
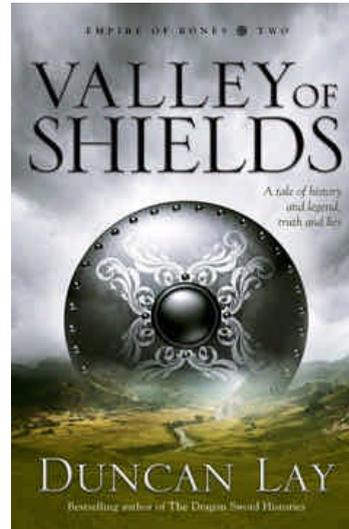
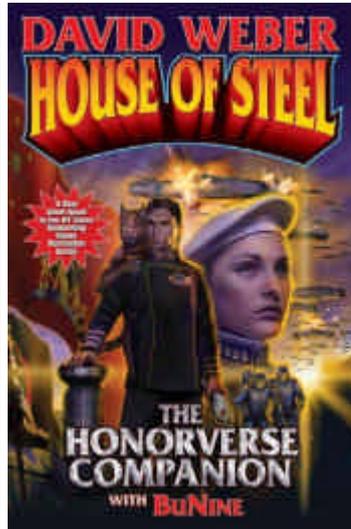
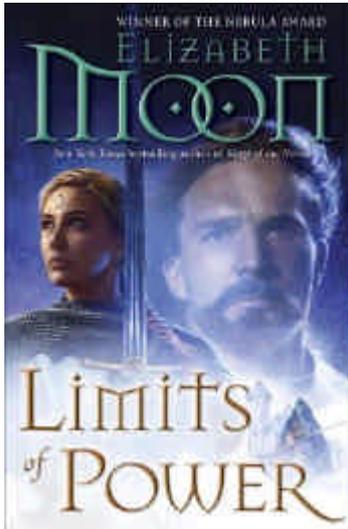
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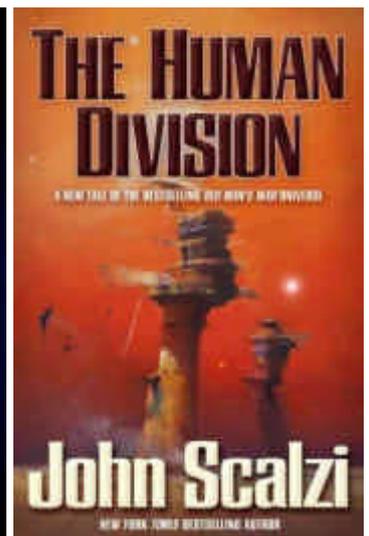
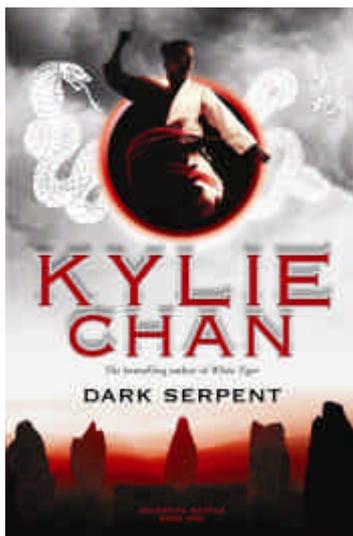
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Featured Books



Elizabeth Moon
 David Weber
 Duncan Lay
 Neil Gaiman
 Kylie Chan
 Terry Pratchett & Stephen Baxter
 Raymond E Feist
 John Scalzi

Limits of Power Paladin's Legacy 04 in hardcover.
House of Steel a *Honorverse* companion hardcover.
Valley of Shields *Empire of Bones* 2 in trade paperback.
The Ocean at the End of the Lane in hardcover.
Dark Serpent *Celestial Battle* 1 in trade paperback.
The Long War a SF novel in hardcover.
Magician's End a final *Riftwar* in hardcover.
The Human Division an *Old Man's War* novel in hardcover.



The bookshop has closed but Infinitas continues online

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

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

Author News

James Herbert, acclaimed British horror writer, died in March. He was 69 years old.

Infinitas Groups

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

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

Writers' Group: The Infinitas Writers' Group is to have a new website for internal communication, interim address is <http://indigopuma.com/forum/> but soon may be at <http://www.infinitaswriters.com/> They are trialling new meeting venues, the current venue is Vine Bar & Bistro, upstairs from the Madison Hotel at 52 Devonshire St, Surry Hills. Next meeting is noon on 15-06-2013.

External Events

ZineWest 2013 is seeking submissions to their writing (and now art) competition. The deadline for writing submissions is 25th May and for art 25th June. Zinewest is run annually by a local writers' group (NRG) who publish a book of the winning entries. For details visit: <http://zinewest.blogspot.com.au/>

Aurealis Awards 2012 will be announced at a ceremony on Saturday 18th May 2013 at The Independent Theatre in North Sydney. For details see: <http://www.aurealisawards.com/> Shortlisted authors in attendance will include multiple award-winner Margo Lanagan, also recently shortlisted for the Stella Prize. The Master of Ceremonies on the night will be Scott Westerfeld, author of eighteen novels, including several very popular YA series such as Leviathan, Ugliers and Midnighters.

In addition, this year the ceremony will include a special screening of a short film by well-known artist Nick Stathopoulos and director Ryan Cauchi, "It Grows". A work inspired by love of the creature feature genre and featuring miniatures and puppetry made with Nick's superb artistry and design work, the 7-minute live-action film took Nick and Ryan over a year to make. For bookings see: <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=42185>

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

Readers' Reviews

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

What The Dead Said by D. J. Daniels reviewed by Len Newland

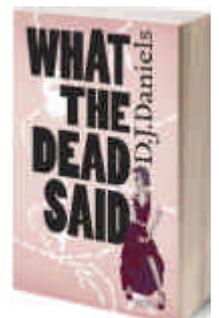
<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780980634198>

The setting year is 2021 (novel published 2012). Communication technology feels right for that date, but AI robot technology is much more advanced. This doesn't really matter because the novel is urban fantasy, with two common archetypes. Vampires have always known how not to be seen, and it's only since the ghosts arrived that some vampires have volunteered to help in a small way. Ghosts have suddenly appeared two years previously, and can be seen and heard by everyone except First Person Skel, so naturally he is a Detective in the new police Apparitions Unit investigating cases involving ghosts. The novel's title refers to formal statements made by ghosts to the police. Ghosts being unreliable, Skel's job isn't easy and thus far he's made no arrests.

In the early chapters, Skel looks into several cases prompted by what-the-dead-said witness statements. It's only when the same names keep popping up that we see the cases must be connected. As a mystery story, the early mystery is what the mystery is. Later, we see that Skel himself is a key element in the connection. In the end, Skel has to choose whether to be involved in the solution. All this makes the plot nicely convoluted and interesting.

The characters here are differentiated but avoid the overdone character dramatisation of so many novels, helping the reader to focus on the plot. Many of Skel's opinions and interpretations being humorous and slightly facetious, I found the reading light and entertaining; and with the interesting plot I was reluctant to put the book down. Among my reservations, the locality focus is exclusively on Sydney, Australia: the ghost problem arises and is solved there (suburban names abound whether the reader knows about them or not), while the rest of the world is completely ignored. I found some vaguenesses partly due to information delay; for instance, an integral character doesn't appear until two thirds into the novel and we're not given the necessary fact that Skel is a widower until three quarters in. The English grammar is ordinary. Many commas and question marks are omitted, but cost savings in ink are offset because someone forgot to turn off Microsoft's orphan/widow control before printing the book, extending the page count. Two stars out of five.

This is one of those novels I think need to be read at least twice for full appreciation. Given the interest level of the plot and the ghost situation, I'm sure that I and many other readers will do just that.



Science Fiction, Fantasy, Urban Fantasy and Horror

Rachel Aaron

Spirit's War Legend of Eli Monpress 04 Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316198387

Eli Monpress is vain. He's cocky. And he's a thief.

But he's a thief who has just seen his bounty topped and he's not happy about it. The bounty topper, as it turns out, is his best friend, bodyguard, and master swordsman, Josef. Who has been keeping secrets from Eli. Apparently, he's the only prince of a rather feisty country and his mother (a formidable queen who's every bit as driven and stubborn as he is) wants him to come home and do his duty, which means throwing over personal ambitions like proving he's the greatest swordsman who ever lived.

Family drama aside, Eli and Josef have their hands full. The Spirit Court has been usurped by the Council of Thrones and someone calling herself the Immortal Empress is staging a massive invasion. But it's not just politics --- the Immortal Empress has a specific target in mind: Eli Monpress, the greatest thief in the world.

Spirit's End Legend of Eli Monpress 05 Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316198363

Eli Monpress is clever, he's determined, and he's in way over his head.

First rule of thievery: don't be a hero. When Eli broke the rules and saved the Council Kingdoms, he thought he knew the price, but resuming his place as the Shepherdess's favorite isn't as simple as bowing his head. Now that she has her darling back, Benehime is setting in motion a plan that could destroy everything she was created to protect, and even Eli's charm might not be enough to stop her. But Eli Monpress always has a plan, and with disaster rapidly approaching, he's pulling in every favor he can think of to make it work, including the grudging help of the Spirit Court's new Rector, Miranda Lyonette.

But with the world in panic, the demon stirring, and the Lord of Storms back on the hunt, it's going to take more than luck and charm to pull Eli through this time. He's going to have to break a few more rules and work with some old enemies if he's going to survive.

Daniel Abraham

Shadow and Betrayal Long Price Quartet 01, 02 Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765331649

A Shadow in Summer and A Betrayal in Winter

A value-priced omnibus of the first two novels of Daniel Abraham's classic Long Price Quartet--groundbreaking, unique fantasy of rare power and originality. In this omnibus edition of A Shadow in Summer and A Betrayal in Winter, the aggressively expansionist Galt empire has already conquered lands across a huge continent. But the cities of the Khaiem resist Galt's power with the *andat*--creatures of magic with godlike powers. Each *andat* is brought into being by a "poet" who must say the right words and exert the iron will needed to control gods. The industrialized Galt war machine is helpless against the powers of the *andat*...but political intrigue and deep treachery combine to shift the balance of power in a world of ancient empires and immortal magics. One man, Otah Machi, stands at the crossroads of history in these imaginary world fantasies, the fulcrum around which the wheels of epic history rotate through achingly poignant cycles of life and death, love and betrayal. Shadow and Betrayal marks Daniel Abraham as one of today's most brilliantly original young fantasy writers.

The Price of War Long Price Quartet 03, 04 Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765333650

The Second Half of the Long Price Quartet: An Autumn War and The Price of Spring

Otah Machi, caught between ancient wonders and a modern empire, has survived more than most men endure in two lifetimes. In Price of War, an omnibus collection of An Autumn War and The Price of Spring, magic and treacherous politics bring a bitter harvest of violence and tragedy to the world he must defend.

But when all is darkest and the world seems utterly lost, there is yet hope for the salvation of a future yet undiscovered. All depends on Otah, and those with the power to shape it, if they can find the courage to forgive their own trespasses and redeem their lost hopes.

This unforgettable fantasy epic series, the Long Price Quartet, marks Daniel Abraham as a unique voice and one of the most enthralling fantasy writers to emerge in recent years.

Will Adams

Newton's Fire B Paperback \$19.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007424221

June 2016. Another scorching summer sparks wildfires worldwide. Droughts and famine leave millions homeless. Wars in the Middle East, terrorism at home, and a devastating earthquake that rips Jerusalem in two. The world trembles upon the brink of war.

Luke Keating, a young Isaac Newton scholar, finds a trove of long-lost Newton papers. Their elderly owner emails photos of the papers to her niece Rachel at the Bodleian Library, to get an estimate of their value. When wind of the find reaches Luke's American client, the message spreads his shadowy paymasters abroad. Meanwhile in Israel, Avram Kohen, one of the mysterious financiers demands the leveling of Al-Aqsa and The Dome of the Rock. It has been his life's work, and he has amassed a radical private army willing to die for the cause. Now the papers have been found - the time of the Third Temple is upon them. Back in England, the elderly lady who owned the papers is dead after a tragic accident. The papers are stolen and the house is burnt to the ground. Luke has been framed for murder and flees to Oxford to find Rachel and warn her of the danger headed for her. Under threat from all sides, they must find the hidden wisdom of the Newton papers, and prevent all out war engulfing the Middle East which could bring about the End of Days...

A A Aguirre

Bronze Gods Apparatus Infernum 01 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425258194

Danger stalks the city of steam and shadows.

Janus Mikani and Celeste Ritsuko work all hours in the Criminal Investigation Division, keeping citizens safe. He's a charming rogue with an uncanny sixth sense; she's all logic - and the division's first female inspector. Between his instincts and her brains, they collar more criminals than any other partnership in the CID.

Then they're assigned a potentially volatile case in which one misstep could end their careers. At first, the search for a missing heiress seems straightforward, but when the girl is found murdered - her body charred to cinders - Mikani and Ritsuko's *modus operandi* is challenged as never before. It soon becomes clear the bogeyman has stepped out of nightmares to stalk gaslit streets, and it's up to them to hunt him down. There's a madman on the loose, weaving blood and magic in an intricate, lethal ritual that could mean the end of everything...

Kevin J Anderson

Hair Raising Dan Shamble, Zombie P.I 03 Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780758277381

When a serial scalper targets werewolves, zombie P.I. Dan Shamble must lurch through an insane world of voodoo tattoo artists, illicit cockatrice fights and the crazed fans in town for the Worldwide Horror Convention to stop even more fur from flying.

Alex Archer

The Vanishing Tribe Rogue Angel 42 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780373621620

A lost city. A missing tribe. And treasure beyond imagining...

When archaeologist Annja Creed attends an auction in Botswana featuring personal effects of an infamous explorer, she purchases a small and seemingly unremarkable piece of art. It's not until the explorer's son makes a desperate attempt to steal it that Annja uncovers the secret of the painting - or rather, the secret map behind the painting.

The map points to the Lost City of the San tribe, bushmen who had long ago disappeared off the face of the planet and whose city - so legend has it - was once littered with diamonds. But is the map an epic archaeological discovery or a fantastic work of fiction? Compelled to find out, Annja must face not only the perils of the African bush, but a treacherous son determined to take back his father's greatest legacy - no matter what the cost.

Jill Archer

Fiery Edge of Steel Noon Onyx 02 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425257166

Lucifer and his army triumphed at Armageddon, leaving humans and demons living in uncertain peace based on sacrifice and strict laws. It is up to those with mixed demon and human blood, the Host, to prevent society from falling into anarchy.

Noon Onyx is the first female Host in memory to wield the destructive waning magic that is used to maintain order among the demons. Her unique abilities, along with a lack of control and a reluctance to kill, have branded her as an outsider among her peers. Only her powerful lover, Ari Carmine, and a roguish and mysterious Angel, Rafe Sinclair, support her unconventional ways.

When Noon is shipped off to a remote outpost to investigate several unusual disappearances, a task that will most likely involve trying and killing the patron demon of that area, it seems Luck is not on her side. But when the outpost settlers claim that an ancient and evil foe has stepped out of legend to commit the crimes, Noon realizes that she could be facing something much worse than she ever imagined?

Keri Arthur Australian Author

Darkness Unmasked Dark Angels 05 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451237132

Half-werewolf, half-Aedh Risa Jones is beginning to believe that the only way to find the keys she's been searching for and save her friends is by dying. And when Wolfgang Schmidt, the lover of her boss at the vampire council, is found dead, her worst fears are confirmed. With the first portal of hell permanently open, the energies of the dark path are leaching into the world.

Searching for Schmidt's killer and the keys at the same time, Risa and reaper Azriel track a shape-shifting spider spirit capable of changing her form into a seductive woman. But when they finally find the second key, the Aedh Lucian snatches it and disappears.

Risa is intent on finding Lucian and fighting him to the death - for in her mind, she knows that neither can remain while the other lives....

Robert Asprin & Jody Lynn Nye Inspired by

Robert Asprin's Myth-Quoted Myth Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425257012

A CAMPAIGN OF MYTH-INFORMATION

Since it was founded, M.Y.T.H. Inc. has dealt with all manner of vile and evil creatures. But not even a magician of Skeeve's caliber is prepared to face the most duplicitous monsters of all: politicians. Emo Weavil and his cousin Wilmer Weavil-Scuttill have been running for governor of the island of Bokromi - for five years. Their magickal mudslinging (literal and otherwise) strategies continue to postpone the election leaving the realm in a state of leaderless chaos.

Hired to moderate a fair and balanced race between the candidates, Skeeve and Bunny attempt to clean up the dirty politics, only to become targets of the tabloids and paparazzi, who are more interested in innuendo than the facts.

D D Barant

Dead to the World Bloodhound Files 06 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780312545079

Jace's return to Kansas is an instant reminder that there really is no place like home. The tavern is still brimming with losers, practical jokers, and motorcycle chicks. Even the town's only Goth is still wearing eyeliner. But just as Jace is about to click her heels and hightail out of there, she's roped into a brand-new case. Somebody is possessed. And the bodies are piling up.

They call him the Gallowsman. According to legend, he was sentenced to hang - though his crimes still have not been specified. When he was strung up to die, his spirit stuck around waiting for people to hang themselves - so he could steal their bodies. Now, with the undead rising up and going on a rampage, Jace must put her own neck on the line. Can she get the Gallowsman to give up the ghost?

Max Barry

Lexicon Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781594205385

At an exclusive school somewhere outside of Arlington, Virginia, students aren't taught history, geography, or mathematics - at least not in the usual ways. Instead, they are taught to persuade. Here the art of coercion has been raised to a science. Students harness the hidden power of language to manipulate the mind and learn to break down individuals by psychographic markers in order to take control of their thoughts. The very best will graduate as poets: adept wielders of language who belong to a nameless organization that is as influential as it is secretive.

Whip-smart orphan Emily Ruff is making a living running a three-card Monte game on the streets of San Francisco when she attracts the attention of the organization's recruiters. She is flown across the country for the school's strange and rigorous entrance exams, where, once admitted, she will be taught the fundamentals of persuasion by Brontë, Eliot, and Lowell - who have adopted the names of famous poets to conceal their true identities. For in the organization, nothing is more dangerous than revealing who you are: Poets must never expose their feelings lest they be manipulated. Emily becomes the school's most talented prodigy until she makes a catastrophic mistake: She falls in love.

Meanwhile, a seemingly innocent man named Wil Jamieson is brutally ambushed by two strange men in an airport bathroom. Although he has no recollection of anything they claim he's done, it turns out Wil is the key to a secret war between rival factions of poets and is quickly caught in their increasingly deadly crossfire. Pursued relentlessly by people with powers he can barely comprehend and protected by the very man who first attacked him, Wil discovers that everything he thought he knew about his past was fiction. In order to survive, must journey to the toxically decimated town of Broken Hill, Australia, to discover who he is and why an entire town was blown off the map.

As the two narratives converge, the shocking work of the poets is fully revealed, the body count rises, and the world crashes toward a Tower of Babel event which would leave all language meaningless. Max Barry's most spellbinding and ambitious novel yet, *Lexicon* is a brilliant thriller that explores language, power, identity, and our capacity to love - whatever the cost.

Stephen Baxter & Terry Pratchett

The Long War Long Earth 02 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062067777

The Long War by Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter follows the adventures and travails of heroes Joshua Valiente and Lobsang in an exciting continuation of the extraordinary science fiction journey begun in their New York Times bestseller The Long Earth.

A generation after the events of The Long Earth, humankind has spread across the new worlds opened up by 'stepping'. A new America - Valhalla is emerging more than a million steps from Datum - our Earth. Thanks to a bountiful environment, the Valhallan society mirrors the core values and behaviors of colonial America. And Valhalla is growing restless under the controlling long arm of the Datum government.

Soon Joshua, now a married man, is summoned by Lobsang to deal with a building crisis that threatens to plunge the Long Earth into a war unlike any humankind has waged before.

Stephen Baxter

Stone Spring Northland 01 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451464460

Ten thousand years ago, a vast and fertile plain existed that linked the British Isles to Europe. Home to a tribe of simple hunter-gatherers, Northland teems with nature's bounty, but is also subject to its whims.

Fourteen-year-old Ana calls Northland home, but her world is changing. The air is warming, the ice is melting, and the seas are rising. One day Ana meets a traveler from a far-distant city called Jericho - a town that is protected by a wall. And she starts to imagine the impossible....

Jenna Black

Rogue Descendant Nikki Glass 03 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476700083

The third novel in an action-packed urban fantasy series from the acclaimed author of the Morgan Kingsley, Exorcist books - starring a female private eye who discovers that she's an immortal huntress.

No longer the leader of the Olympians, Konstantin has now gone into hiding. Konstantin is vulnerable, and Anderson believes now is the perfect time to destroy his nemesis. He orders private eye Nikki Glass to use her powers to locate Konstantin, and she balks at the idea until a series of attacks leads her to believe that Konstantin is gunning for her and Anderson instead of remaining safely in hiding.

Nikki's search is complicated by Cyrus - Konstantin's son and the new leader of the Olympians - who threatens retribution should his father be killed. The complications mount up as Nikki begins to suspect that Konstantin might not be behind the attacks after all. The only person who hates Konstantin more than Anderson does is Anderson's estranged wife, Emma, who has joined the Olympians. And Nikki knows Emma would be more than happy if Anderson and his people embroil themselves in an all-out war against the Olympians - a war they cannot hope to win.

As Nikki tries to figure out who the true enemy is, she deals with her tumultuous relationship with Jamaal, who struggles to control his death magic. But being loved by a descendant of a death goddess is the least of Nikki's worries.

Alex Bledsoe

Wisp of a Thing Hum and the Shiver 02 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334138

Bledsoe returns to the isolated ridges and hollows of the Smoky Mountains to spin an equally enchanting tale of music and magic older than the hills. Touched by a very public tragedy, musician Rob Quillen comes to Cloud County, Tennessee, in search of a song that might ease his aching heart. All he knows of the mysterious and reclusive Tufa is what he has read on the internet: they are an enigmatic clan of swarthy, black-haired mountain people whose historical roots are lost in myth and controversy. Some people say that when the first white settlers came to the Appalachians centuries ago, they found the Tufa already there. Others hint that Tufa blood brings special gifts.

Rob finds both music and mystery in the mountains. Close-lipped locals guard their secrets, even as Rob gets caught up in a subtle power struggle he can't begin to comprehend. A vacationing wife goes missing, raising suspicions of foul play, and a strange feral girl runs wild in the woods, howling in the night like a lost spirit.

Change is coming to Cloud County, and only the night wind knows what part Rob will play when the last leaf falls from the Widow's Tree - and a timeless curse must be broken at last.

Alexandra Bracken

The Darkest Minds Hardcover \$29.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781423157373

When Ruby woke up on her tenth birthday, something about her had changed. Something alarming enough to make her parents lock her in the garage and call the police. Something that gets her sent to Thurmond, a brutal government "rehabilitation camp". She might have survived the mysterious disease that's killed most of America's children, but she and the others have emerged with something far worse: frightening abilities they cannot control.

Now sixteen, Ruby is one of the dangerous ones.

When the truth comes out, Ruby barely escapes Thurmond with her life. Now she's on the run, desperate to find the one safe haven left for kids like her - East River. She joins a group of kids who escaped their own camp. Liam, their brave leader, is falling hard for Ruby. But no matter how much she aches for him, Ruby can't risk getting close. Not after what happened to her parents.

When they arrive at East River, nothing is as it seems, least of all its mysterious leader. But there are other forces at work, people who will stop at nothing to use Ruby in their fight against the government. Ruby will be faced with a terrible choice, one that may mean giving up her only chance at a life worth living.

Jack Campbell

Guardian Lost Fleet Beyond the Frontier 03 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425260500

Admiral Geary's First Fleet of the Alliance has survived the journey deep into unexplored interstellar space, a voyage that led to the discovery of new alien species, including a new enemy and a possible ally. Now Geary's mission is to ensure the safety of the Midway Star System, which has revolted against the Syndicate Worlds empire - an empire that is on the brink of collapse.

To complicate matters further, Geary also needs to return safely to Alliance space not only with representatives of the Dancers, an alien species, but also with Invincible, a captured warship that could possibly be the most valuable object in human history. Despite the peace treaty that Geary must adhere to at all costs, the Syndicate Worlds regime threatens to make the fleet's journey back grueling and perilous.

And even if Geary escorts Invincible and the Dancers' representatives safely unharmed, the Syndics' attempts to spread dissent and political unrest may have already sown the seeds of the Alliance's destruction...

Orson Scott Card

Earth Afire First Formic War 02 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765329059

One hundred years before Ender's Game, the aliens arrived on Earth with fire and death. This is the story of the First Formic War.

Victor Delgado beat the alien ship to Earth, but just barely. Not soon enough to convince skeptical governments that there was a threat. They didn't believe that until space stations and ships and colonies went up in sudden flame.

And when that happened, only Mazer Rackham and the Mobile Operations Police could move fast enough to meet the threat.

Kylie Chan *Australian Author*

Dark Serpent Celestial Battle 01 Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732294403

Kylie Chan burst into prominence with WHITE TIGER in 2006 and quickly established a huge fanbase. Her series combines martial arts and magic as the story follows the lives of the mysterious John Chen and his partner, Emma Donahue. Now John and Emma's epic story is coming to an end in this final trilogy beginning with DARK SERPENT. John and Emma head to Wales to try and work out who -- or what -- Emma is. But rather than providing a clear path to their long hoped-for marriage the answer could tear them apart forever. Emma will be forced to betray either John, her beloved Xuan Wu, or her past and birthright. To make matters worse, John's celestial home at Wudangshan is under attack from the Demon King. Can John find the Emma he knows and love, and save Wudangshan from demonic destruction?

Michael Cobley

The Ascendant Stars Humanity's Fire 03 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316214032

War erupts in the depths of space...

Battle-ready factions converge above Darien, all with the same objective: to control this newly discovered planet and access the powerful weapons at its heart. Despotism Hegemony forces dominate much of known space and they want this world too, but Darien's inhabitants are determined to fight for their future.

However, key players in this conflict aren't fully in control. Hostile AIs have infiltrated key minds and have an agenda, requiring nothing less than the destruction or subversion of all organic life. And they are near to unleashing their cohorts, a host of twisted machine intelligences caged beneath Darien. Fighting to contain them are Darien's hidden guardians, and their ancient ally the Construct, on a millennia-long mission to protect sentient species. As the war reaches its peak, the AI army is roaring to the surface, to freedom and an orgy of destruction.

Darien is first in line in a machine vs. human war -- for life or the sterile dusts of space.

MaryJanice Davidson

Undead and Unstable Undead 11 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780515151350

Vampire queen Betsy Taylor tries to change the future after a friend returns from the dead.

Betsy's heartbroken over her friend Marc's death, but at least his sacrifice should change the future - her future - for the better. But it's not as if Betsy's next few hundred years will be perfect. After all, her half-sister Laura is the AntiChrist, Laura's mother is Satan, and family gatherings will always be more than a little awkward.

What's really bothering Betsy is that ever since she and Laura returned from visiting her mom in Hell, Laura's been acting increasingly peculiar. Maybe it's Laura's new job offer: as Satan's replacement down under. Unfortunately, the position comes at a damnable price: killing Betsy, her own flesh-and-blood.

Over Betsy's dead body. And for that matter Marc's, too, since he's not quite as buried as everyone thought. Now a war has been waged - one that's going to take sibling rivalry to a whole new level, and a dimension where only one sister can survive.

Ian Douglas

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Twenty years after the fragile truce with the Sh'daar, Koenig is now President of the USNA, and Gray is skipper of the CVS America... soon to be promoted to commander of the entire battle group, Koenig's old position, and one which he might not be ready for. The truce with the alien Sh'daar is unraveling as many predicted, and Humankind still knows little about them, or what they are.

David Drake & 'S M Stirling

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Ian Cameron Esslemont

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In the western sky the bright emerald banner of the Visitor descends like a portent of annihilation. On the continent of Jacuruku, the Thaumaturgs have mounted yet another expedition to tame the neighboring wild jungle. Yet this is no normal wilderness. It is called Himatan, and it is said to be half of the spirit realm and half of the earth. And it is said to be ruled by a powerful entity whom some name the Queen of Witches, and some a goddess: the ancient Ardata.

Saeng grew up knowing only the rule of the magus Thaumaturgs - but it was the voices out of that land's forgotten past that she listened to. And when her rulers mount an invasion of the neighboring jungle, those voices send her and her brother on a desperate mission.

To the south, the desert tribes are united by the arrival of a foreign warleader, a veteran commander in battered ashen mail whom his men call the Grey Ghost. This warleader takes the tribes on a raid like none other, deep into the heart of Thaumaturg lands. Meanwhile word comes to K'azz, and mercenary company the Crimson Guard, of a contract in Jacuruku. And their employer...none other than Ardata herself.

Raymond E Feist

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Raymond E Feist

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In the crime-ridden back alleys of Kronador a rival gang has sprung up to threaten the Upright Mans Mockers. Does the Crawler control the rival gang? Where does his power come from? And does it threaten the peace of the Kingdom? James, personal squire to Prince Arutha of Kronador, but in the underworld known as the thief and trickster Jimmy the Hand, must travel to Kesh in disguise. There, working with William, lieutenant of the princes household guard and son of the magician Pug, and Jazhara, niece to the Keshian lord Hazara-Khan, he must attempt to unmask the mysterious Crawler and rid Kronador of his influence. Who better to catch a thief than a thief? Novella.

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Eric Flint, Mercedes Lackey & Dave Freer

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In an alternate 15th century where magic still is part of life, the Holy Roman Empire rules Europe. Constantinople is under siege by the Venetians and their allies. Hekate, Goddess of Crossroads, presides over the conflict and carnage as alternate visions of civilization collide. And since Constantinople is the crossroad city of east and west, and it is here that Italian captain Benito Valdosta must deal with the powerful magical manifestation of the Weeping Woman, a disguised Hekate, in order to save his daughter and to destroy the fleets of the Chernobog assembling in the Black Sea before they can cut into the soft underbelly of Europe.

With land battle, naval action, cunning assassinations, and heartbreak aplenty - not to mention the ongoing conflict between Lord of the Dead Aidonus and Benito for the love of a woman, civilization is at the crossroads and choices must be made that will bring victory and freedom for centuries to come - or a new Dark Age.

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HELL FROZEN OVER

Madeline Fathom had miraculously landed the crippled *Nebula Storm* on Europa. She joined on that frozen moon of Jupiter the stranded crewmembers of the ill-fated EU vessel *Odin*. The *Nebula Storm*'s reactor was ruined in the landing, the *Odin*'s shuttle can't make the trip back home, and the only vessel that could have made the journey to save them has just been destroyed by a renegade crewman, bad luck, and the remorseless forces of nature.

But Madeline, Helen Sutter, A.J. Baker and the team have one card left to play. All they have to do... is survive lethal radiation, vacuum, and ice as hard as steel while they figure out how to make *Nebula Storm* fly again.

But even as they prepare to make the journey home, Europa has one more discovery waiting for them... a discovery that might be the deadliest trap in the Solar System!

Max Frei

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The *Stranger's Shadow* continues the adventures of Sir Max-- the one-time loser who now heads the Minor Secret Investigative Force--as he hunts down trespassing monsters and investigates the use of illegal magic in the supernatural world of Echo. Joining Max on his adventures are Sir Melifaro, Sir Juffin Hully, Sir Kofa Yox, and a bizarre cast of otherworldly characters. When people begin to die in Echo, Max must travel to the Dark Side of Echo to destroy the Lonely Shadow-- shadows of the dead. But defeating the Lonely Shadow isn't the end--someone has been using the shadows to attack Echo, which will lead the redoubtable Max into a realm of unparalleled danger.

Neil Gaiman

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When otherworldly beings are set loose on the world, threatening the life of a little boy, the extraordinary Hempstock women--Lettie, her mother and her grandmother--summon all of their courage and cleverness to keep him alive, but soon discover that his survival comes with a high--and deadly--price.

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This bewitching and harrowing tale of mystery and survival, memory and magic, makes the impossible all too real...

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There will only be 2,000 copies printed of this limited, numbered edition of *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, each signed by the author, Neil Gaiman. This highly collectible deluxe hardcover, designed and illustrated in full-color by Dave McKean, features a four-color preprinted case, a die-cut silk-bound slipcase, gorgeous endpapers, and text printed on heavy-stock matte paper.

Stella Gemmill

The City Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425264188

In her debut solo novel, Stella Gemmill, coauthor of the conclusion to David Gemmill's *Troy* series, weaves a dark epic fantasy about a war-torn civilization and the immortal emperor who has it clutched in his evil grasp.

The City is ancient, layers upon layers. Once a thriving metropolis, it has sprawled beyond its bounds, inciting endless wars with neighboring tribes and creating a barren wasteland of what was once green and productive.

In the center of the City lives the emperor. Few have ever seen him, but those who have recall a man in his prime, though he should be very old. Some grimly speculate that he is no longer human, if he ever was. A small number have come to the desperate conclusion that the only way to stop the war is to end the emperor's unnaturally long life.

From the mazelike sewers below the City, where the poor struggle to stay alive in the dark, to the blood-soaked fields of battle, where few heroes manage to endure the never-ending siege, the rebels pin their hopes on one man - Shuskara. The emperor's former general, he was betrayed long ago and is believed to be dead. But, under different aliases, he has survived, forsaking his City and hiding from his immortal foe. Now the time has come for him to engage in one final battle to free the City from the creature who dwells at its heart, pulling the strings that keep the land drenched in gore.

Simon R Green

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My name is Drood, Eddie Drood, aka Shaman Bond. For generations my family has protected you ordinary mortals against things that lurk in the darkness, just out of sight, but not at all out of mind.

Unfortunately, I've had a falling out with my near and dear (some of whom were trying to kill me), so my true love and powerful witch Molly Metcalf and I are now in the employ of The Department of the Uncanny. We've been given an Extremely Important Assignment: attend Casino Infernale, an annual event held by the Shadow Bank, financiers of all global supernatural crime. Our mission: rig the game and bring down the Shadow Bank.

But at Casino Infernale, the stakes are high indeed - winner takes all and losers give up their souls.

Deborah Harkness

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A follow-up to the best-selling *A Discovery of Witches* finds Oxford scholar and reluctant witch Dina and vampire geneticist Matthew Clairmont in Elizabethan London, where Dina seeks a magical tutor and Matthew confronts elements from his past at the same time the mystery of Ashmole 782 deepens.

Steven Harper

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In a world riddled with the destruction of men and machines alike, Thaddeus Sharpe takes to the streets of St. Petersburg, geared toward the hunt of his life.

Thaddeus Sharpe's life is dedicated to the hunting and killing of clockworkers. When a mysterious young woman named Sofiya Ekk approaches him with a proposition from a powerful employer, he cannot refuse. A man who calls himself Mr. Griffin seeks Thad's help with mad clockwork scientist Lord Havoc, who has molded a dangerous machine. Mr. Griffin cares little if the evil Lord lives or dies; all he desires is Havoc's invention.

Upon Thad's arrival at Havoc's laboratory, he is met with a chilling discovery. Havoc is not only concealing his precious machine; he has been using a young child by the name of Nikolai for cruel experiments. Locked into a clockwork web of intrigue, Thad must decipher the dangerous truth surrounding Nikolai and the chaos contraption before havoc reigns.

Matthew Harrington

The Golaith Stone Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765333230

Doctor Toby Glycer has effected miracle cures with the use of nanotechnology. But Glycer's controversial nanites are more than just the latest technological advance, they are a new form of life - and they have more uses than just medical. Glycer's nanites also have the potential to make everyone on Earth rich from the wealth of asteroids.

Twenty-five years ago, the Briareus mission took nanomachinery out to divert an Earth-crossing asteroid and bring it back to be mined, only to drop out of contact as soon as it reached its target. The project was shut down and the technology was forcibly suppressed.

Now, a much, much larger asteroid is on a collision course with Earth - and the Briareus nanites may be responsible. While the government scrambles to find a solution, Glycer knows that their only hope of avoiding Armageddon lies in the nanites themselves. On the run, Glycer must track down his old partner, William Connors, and find a way to make contact with their wayward children.

As every parent learns, when you produce a new thinking being, the plans it makes are not necessarily your plans. But with a two-hundred-gigaton asteroid that rivals the rock that felled the dinosaurs hurtling toward Earth, Glycer and Connors don't have time to argue. Will Glycer's nanites be Earth's salvation or destruction?

Charlaine Harris

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After learning the devastating reason why vampire hunk Eric Northman has been cooling on their relationship, clairvoyant waitress Sookie Stackhouse becomes embroiled in a shocking murder that sends all of Bon Temps reeling in the final novel of the best-selling series.

Peter Heller

The Dog Stars Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780307950475

He somehow survived the flu pandemic that killed everyone he knows. Now his wife is gone, his friends are dead, and he lives in the hangar of a small abandoned airport with his dog, Jasper, and a mercurial, gun-toting misanthrope named Bangley.

But when a random transmission beams through the radio of his 1956 Cessna, the voice ignites a hope deep inside him that a better life exists outside their tightly controlled perimeter. Risking everything, he flies past his point of no return and follows its static-broken trail, only to find something that is both better and worse than anything he could ever hope for.

Barb Hendee

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In a small village in the nation of Droevinka, orphaned sisters Celine and Amelie Fawe scrape out a living selling herbal medicines in their apothecary shop. Celine earns additional money by posing as a seer and pretending to read people's futures.

But they exist in a land of great noble houses, all vying for power, and when the sisters refuse the orders of a warlord prince, they must flee and are forced to depend on the warlord prince's brother, Anton, for a temporary haven.

A series of bizarre deaths of pretty young girls is plaguing the village surrounding Prince Anton's castle. He offers Celine and Amelie permanent protection if they can use their skills to find the killer.

With little choice, the sisters enter a world unknown to them - of fine gowns and banquets and advances from powerful men. Their survival depends on catching a murderer who appears to walk through walls and vanish without a trace - and the danger grows with each passing night.

Robin Hobb

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Dragons will fly over Kelsingra once more. The Tarman expedition has at last found Kelsingra, a city filled with ancient treasures. Here, the dragons and their Elderling keepers may discover their full potential, but only if the magic of Kelsingra can be unlocked. Already rumours of the city have floated down the Rain Wild River. Adventurers, pirates and fortune hunters will soon be coming to pillage what they can. Among them, Hest Finbok, determined to claim back his errant wife, Alise. Meanwhile, Selden Vestrit finds himself a prisoner of the ailing Duke of Chalced, who believes him to be some sort of dragon-man whose flesh and blood may work miracle cures. Soon Tintaglia's singer will be sacrificed to keep this vile old tyrant alive. Where is Tintaglia, the greatest of all dragons, when there is such need of her? Attacked, dying of a poisoned wound, can she survive? She holds the memories that will unlock the mysteries of Kelsingra, and the power to defend it, and her own. Without her, all may be lost.

Robin Hobb

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As the malformed, disabled dragons, their keepers, and their supply barge forge their way deeper into uncharted wilderness in search of the ancient city of Kelsingra, human and beast alike discover they are changing in mysterious and dangerous ways.

E B Hudspeth

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Philadelphia, the late 1870s. A city of gas lamps, cobblestone streets, and horse-drawn carriages - and home to the controversial surgeon Dr. Spencer Black. The son of a grave robber, young Dr. Black studies at Philadelphia's esteemed Academy of Medicine, where he develops an unconventional hypothesis: What if the world's most celebrated mythological beasts - mermaids, minotaurs, and satyrs - were in fact the evolutionary ancestors of humankind?

The Resurrectionist offers two extraordinary books in one. The first is a fictional biography of Dr. Spencer Black, from a childhood spent exhuming corpses through his medical training, his travels with carnivals, and the mysterious disappearance at the end of his life. The second book is Black's magnum opus: The Codex Extinct Animalia, a Gray's Anatomy for mythological beasts - dragons, centaurs, Pegasus, Cerberus - all rendered in meticulously detailed anatomical illustrations. You need only look at these images to realize they are the work of a madman. The Resurrectionist tells his story.

Stephen King

Under the Dome Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476735474

On an entirely normal, beautiful fall day in Chester's Mill, Maine, the town is inexplicably and suddenly sealed off from the rest of the world by an invisible force field. Planes crash into it and fall from the sky in flaming wreckage, a gardener's hand is severed as "the dome" comes down on it, people running errands in the neighboring town are divided from their families, and cars explode on impact. No one can fathom what this barrier is, where it came from, and when -- or if -- it will go away.

Dale Barbara, Iraq vet and now a short-order cook, finds himself teamed with a few intrepid citizens -- town newspaper owner Julia Shumway, a physician's assistant at the hospital, a select-woman, and three brave kids. Against them stands Big Jim Rennie, a politician who will stop at nothing - even murder -- to hold the reins of power, and his son, who is keeping a horrible secret in a dark pantry. But their main adversary is the Dome itself. Because time isn't just short. It's running out.

Gini Koch

Alien vs Alien Kitty Katt 06 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756407704

Jeff and Kitty Katt-Martini and the rest of the American Centaurion Diplomatic Corps are still recovering from their introduction to Washington D.C. politics, parties, and conspiracies. So when compromising pictures arrive, no one's too surprised. They're also the least of anyone's worries. Evil androids running amok, birds of all kinds and from all places creating havoc, a Senator trapped in an ever-tightening web of intrigue, and escalating international tensions all seem tough but manageable. But the disappearance of Jeff Martini and Charles Reynolds during the International One World Festival signals more than the usual nastiness and it looks like even ACE can't help them. Then new trouble arrives in old packages and even with the best hackers in the world, beings from near and far, the full might of Earth's military, and the Wonder Twins on their side, Centaurion Division's outmanned and outgunned. Now Kitty's racing against the clock to find not only Jeff and Chuckie, but to keep the peace between Middle Eastern countries, all while searching for the bases of super-soldier operations - to stop them or die trying.

Alien in the House Kitty Katt 07 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756407575

Jeff and Kitty Katt-Martini have learned the ins and outs of Washington politics, not to mention how to prevail in intergalactic war and foil any variety of dangerous conspiracies. So when the newly elected Representative from New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District dies under mysterious circumstances while at the Centaurion Embassy, it's up to Kitty and the rest of the Diplomatic Corps to find out how and why and stop the killer, before the rest of the U.S. House of Representatives become casualties, particularly the replacement Representative for New Mexico's 2nd District - Jeff Martini.

Dean Koontz

Deeply Odd Odd Thomas Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780553807738

The pistol appeared in his hand the way a dove appears in the hand of a good magician, as if it materialized out of thin air. "You think I won't do it right here in the open. But you'd be surprised. . . . You'll drop before you get the breath to scream."

The truck driver is decked out like a rhinestone cowboy, only instead of a guitar he's slinging a gun - and Odd Thomas is on the wrong end of the barrel. Though he narrowly dodges a bullet, Odd can't outrun the shocking vision burned into his mind . . . or the destiny that will drive him into a harrowing showdown with absolute evil.

DEEPLY ODD

How do you make sure a crime that hasn't happened yet, never does? That's the critical question facing Odd Thomas, the young man with a unique ability to commune with restless spirits and help them find justice and peace. But this time, it's the living who desperately need Odd on their side. Three helpless innocents will be brutally executed unless Odd can intervene in time. Who the potential victims are and where they can be found remain a mystery. The only thing Odd knows for sure is who the killer will be: the homicidal stranger who tried to shoot him dead in a small-town parking lot.

With the ghost of Alfred Hitchcock riding shotgun and a network of unlikely allies providing help along the way, Odd embarks on an interstate game of cat and mouse with his sinister quarry. He will soon learn that his adversary possesses abilities that may surpass his own and operates in service to infinitely more formidable foes, with murder a mere prelude to much deeper designs. Traveling across a landscape haunted by portents of impending catastrophe, Odd will do what he must and go where his path leads him, drawing ever closer to the dark heart of his long journey - and, perhaps, to the bright light beyond.

Mercedes Lackey Editor

Elemental Magic Elemental Masters A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756407872

All-New Tales of the Elemental Masters

Among Mercedes Lackey's many novels, few are as critically acclaimed and beloved as those about the Elemental Masters. The novels in this series are loosely based on classic fairy tales, and take place in a fantasy version of turn-of-the-century London, where magic is real and Elemental Masters control the powers of Fire, Water, Air, and Earth. Now other authors join Mercedes Lackey to add their own special touches to this delightful alternate history, in a world where magic is always just around the corner...

Mercedes Lackey

Steadfast Elemental Masters Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756408015

The new novel in Mercedes Lackey's bestselling series of an alternative Edwardian Britain, where magic is real - and Elemental Masters are in control.

Lionel Hawkins is a magician whose act is only partially sleight of hand. The rest is real magic. He's an Elemental Magician with the power to persuade the Elementals of Air to help him create amazing illusions. It doesn't take long before his assistant, acrobat Katie Langford, notices that he's no ordinary magician - and for Lionel to discover that she's no ordinary acrobat, but rather an untrained and unawakened Fire Magician. She's also on the run from her murderous and vengeful brute of a husband. But can she harness her magic in time to stop her husband from achieving his deadly goal?

Mark Lawrence

King of Thorns Broken Empire 02 B Paperback \$17.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780007439027

To reach greatness you must step on bodies, and many brothers lie trodden in my wake. I've walked from pawn to player and I'll win this game of ours, though the cost of it may drown the world in blood... The land burns with the fires of a hundred battles as lords and petty kings fight for the Broken Empire. The long road to avenge the slaughter of his mother and brother has shown Prince Honourous Jorg Ancrath the hidden hands behind this endless war. He saw the game and vowed to sweep the board. First, though, he must gather his own pieces, learn the rules of play, and discover how to break them. A six nation army, twenty thousand strong, marches toward Jorg's gates, led by a champion beloved of the people. Every decent man prays this shining hero will unite the empire and heal its wounds. Every omen says he will. Every good king knows to bend the knee in the face of overwhelming odds, if only to save their people and their lands. But King Jorg is not a good king. Faced by an enemy many times his strength Jorg knows that he cannot win a fair fight. But playing fair was never part of Jorg's game plan.

Duncan Lay Australian Author

Valley of Shields Empire of Bones 02 Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732294199

Cast out from his homeland, Sendatsu has used his sword-fighting talents to survive in the foreign land of the Vales. With the assistance of Rhiannon - the first human to use magic in hundreds of years - Sendatsu has helped Huw and the Velsh defeat an invading army. Better still, Sendatsu now has the key to reclaim his children. It will mean a return to Dokuzen - a city where deceit runs deep and Sendatsu expects an unwelcome reception. How will Sendatsu and his unlikely allies, Huw and Rhiannon, know who to trust when they can barely trust each other? And when Dokuzen comes under fierce attack, Sendatsu's fight to survive will need to be more desperate than ever. Especially when this attack reveals who the real enemy is...

Stephen Leigh

Assassins' Dawn Hoorka 01, 02, 03 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756408466

Neweden is a world whose gods are death and fate, and it's here that the Hoorka have arisen: a guild of assassins, whose single law is that the victim must always retain a tiny but finite chance of escape. If the victim can survive until dawn, they may go free. But the rich and powerful don't care to have their will thwarted, and so the Hoorka must deal with the consequences of their own ethics. Gyll, the leader of the Hoorka, also has dreams of taking the guild offworld into the growing society of the Alliance, which is trying to reconstruct a shattered, worlds-spanning empire. Is that dream a genuine possibility, or will exposure to other cultures doom the Hoorka entirely? Gyll must confront internal struggles within his own people, the dangerous politics of Neweden, and the twinned threat and promise of the Alliance. The Hag of Death dances around them, mockingly. Can the Hoorka survive to see the dawn of their own success, an Assassins' Dawn?

The Assassin's Dawn series encompasses Stephen Leigh's first three novels: *Slow to Fall Down*, *Dance of the Hag*, and *A Quiet of Stone*.

Anne Lyle

The Merchant of Dreams Night's Masque 02 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780857662781

Exiled from the court of Queen Elizabeth for accusing a powerful nobleman of treason, swordsman-turned-spy Mal Catlyn has been living in France with his young valet Coby Hendricks for the past year.

But Mal harbours a darker secret: he and his twin brother share a soul that once belonged to a skrayling, one of the mystical creatures from the New World. When Mal's dream about a skrayling shipwreck in the Mediterranean proves reality, it sets him on a path to the beautiful, treacherous city of Venice - and a conflict of loyalties that will place him and his friends in greater danger than ever.

Prince of Lies Night's Masque 03 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780857662811

Swordsman-turned-spy Mal Catlyn has vowed to expel the guisers - power-hungry skraylings reborn as humans - from England. However his first problem is to find out who they are. The only guiser whose identity he knows for certain is Prince Henry, Queen Elizabeth's youngest grandson, and although the skrayling soul Jathekkil who inhabits the young prince's body is Mal's oldest enemy, still he balks at treason and child murder. Enlisting the aid of his old friend and fellow spy Ned Faulkner, Mal eventually identifies his first adult guiser: none other than Thomas Walsingham, distant cousin of the former spymaster and himself a part-time spy. Mal and his allies kidnap Walsingham from his home, making it look like the work of anti-skrayling fanatics, and take him in secret to the Tower of London.

Unfortunately the information they get out of Walsingham is useless, and worse still the guisers discover Mal's plot and take their revenge. Ned and his lover Gabriel are arrested on trumped-up charges of sedition, and Mal's family home in Derbyshire is burnt to the ground - nearly killing his wife Coby, their adopted son Kit and Mal's brother Sandy.

Undaunted, Mal rescues his friends from prison and puts them on a boat to France. Thinking that his family will be safer close to court where he can keep an eye on them, he secures his wife a position as lady-in-waiting to the Princess of Wales. However the dull routine of court is soon interrupted by the arrival of an Italian castrato, Bartolomeo, whom Mal recognises as his former lover Olivia, a Venetian guiser. Exiled from her beloved republic, Olivia seems to be throwing her lot in with the English guisers - but will a being of her experience and power be content to serve a stripling like Jathekkil?

Rivalry amongst the guisers comes to a head when Queen Elizabeth dies and her son Robert is shot by an assassin during his coronation procession. With both of Robert's heirs still children, it is left to his brother Prince Arthur to attempt to take the reins of power, even though this draws comparisons with the hated Richard III. Meanwhile Mal and his allies discover that the guisers' plans may be more ambitious than they ever suspected: the creation of a whole army of guisers with which to take control of the country. And one of their newest recruits is Mal's own son.

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Michael Logan

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As the nation descends into chaos, can they pool their resources, unlock a cure, and save the world?

Three losers.

Overwhelming odds.

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Outcast due to their ability to manipulate time, shunned by the mortal and immortal worlds alike, a Traveller's life is anything but easy.

Peter Faa is a member of the Watch tracking down a murderer, and unfortunately, all clues seem to point toward his own estranged family of Travellers. Any of his cousins could be guilty, but which one? They're all experts in the art of stealing time...

After surviving a lightning strike, Kiya Mortenson is determined to get just one thing in her life right. And if that means taking a job as nanny to five pugs on a campsite in the Oregon wilderness, then so be it. It doesn't hurt that the job comes with some spectacular male eye candy, including her new boss's gorgeous grandson. If only she didn't keep having this strange sense of déjà vu...

When Peter discovers his own family is stealing time from Kiya, all bets are off. While she may drive him crazy at times, it's clear that it's not just lightning that's creating some serious sparks between them. And he's not going to let secrets, lies, or a devious murderer keep Kiya from where she belongs: at his side.

Ken MacLeod

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A bishop is dead. As Detective Inspector Adam Ferguson picks through the rubble of the tiny church, he discovers that it was deliberately bombed. That it's a terrorist act is soon beyond doubt. It's been a long time since anyone saw anything like this. Terrorism is history ...After the Middle East wars and the rising sea levels - after Armageddon and the Flood - came the Great Rejection. The first Enlightenment separated church from state. The Second Enlightenment has separated religion from politics. In this enlightened age there's no persecution, but the millions who still believe and worship are a marginal and mistrusted minority. Now someone is killing them. At first, suspicion falls on atheists more militant than the secular authorities. But when the target list expands to include the godless, it becomes evident that something very old has risen from the ashes. Old and very, very dangerous ...

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Imagine a near-future city, say London, where medical science has advanced beyond our own and a single-dose pill has been developed that, taken when pregnant, eradicates many common genetic defects from an unborn child.

Hope Morrison, mother of a hyperactive four-year-old, is expecting her second child. She refuses to take The Fix, as the pill is known. This divides her family and friends and puts her and her husband in danger of imprisonment or worse. Is her decision a private matter of individual choice, or is it tantamount to willful neglect of her unborn child?

A plausible and original novel with sinister echoes of 1984 and Brave New World.

Kelly McCullough

Crossed Blades Fallen Blade 03 A Paperback \$12.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781937007843

For six years, former temple assassin Aral Kingslayer has been living as a jack of the shadow trades, picking up odd jobs on the wrong side of the law. But the past is never dead, and Aral's has finally caught up to him in the beautiful, dangerous form of Jax Seldansbane - a fellow Blade and Aral's onetime fiance.

Jax claims that the forces that destroyed everything Aral once held dear are on the move again, and she needs his help to stop them. But Aral has a new life now, with a fresh identity and new responsibilities. And while he isn't keen on letting the past back in, the former assassin soon finds himself involved in a war that will leave him with no way out and no idea who to trust.

Blade Reforged Fallen Blade 04 A Paperback \$12.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780425262320

After the fall of the goddess of justice, temple assassin Aral Kingslayer lost his purpose in life and turned to the bottle. That might have been the end of him if luck hadn't given him a few people to help him get back on his feet?notably the irresistible Baroness Maylien Dan Marchon, who once sought his aid in claiming the throne that's rightfully hers. Reluctant to resume the role of an assassin, he turned her down.

But now Aral has learned that one of the few people willing to help him in his darkest days has been imprisoned by Maylien's uncle, King Thauvik. Aral knows he can't let an old friend die, but the alternative is to return to the life he left years ago. It was the death of Thauvik's half brother that earned Aral the name Kingslayer, and now he is thrust into a war that will see no end until he lives up to his name?

Richelle Mead

Gameboard of the Gods Age of X 01 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780525953685

Richelle Mead, the #1 New York Times, USA Today, and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of the Vampire Academy and Bloodlines YA series--whose books have sold more than one million copies in hardcover--debuts on the Dutton list with Gameboard of the Gods, the first novel in her Age of X series. In a futuristic world nearly destroyed by religious extremists, Justin March lives in exile after failing in his job as an investigator of religious groups and supernatural claims. But Justin is given a second chance when Mae Koskinen comes to bring him back to the Republic of United North America (RUNA). Raised in an aristocratic caste, Mae is now a member of the military's most elite and terrifying tier, a soldier with enhanced reflexes and skills. When Justin and Mae are assigned to work together to solve a string of ritualistic murders, they soon realize that their discoveries have exposed them to terrible danger. As their investigation races forward, unknown enemies and powers greater than they can imagine are gathering in the shadows, ready to reclaim the world in which humans are merely game pieces on their board. Gameboard of the Gods, the first installment of Richelle Mead's Age of X series, will have all the elements that have made her YA VampireAcademy and Bloodlines series such megasuccesses: sexy, irresistible characters; romantic and mythological intrigue; and relentless action and suspense

L E Modesitt Jr

Antigone Fire Imager Portfolio 06 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765334572

Bhayar's ambition is to unite all of Solidar. Joined by his pregnant wife Vaelora, who is also Bhayar's sister, Quaeryt leads an army and a handful of imagers deeper into the hostile lands once held by the tyrannical Rex Kharst, facing stiff-necked High Holders, attacks by land and sea - including airborne fire launched by hostile imagers from the land of Antiago - and a mysterious order of powerful women who seem to recognize the great destiny that awaits Quareyt and Vaelora, as well as the cost of achieving it.

Elizabeth Moon

Limits of Power Paladin's Legacy 04 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345533067

Elizabeth Moon is back with the fourth adventure in her bestselling fantasy epic. Moon brilliantly weaves a colorful tapestry of action, betrayal, love, and magic set in a richly imagined world that stands alongside those of such fantasy masters as George R. R. Martin and Robin Hobb.

The unthinkable has occurred in the kingdom of Lyonya. The queen of the Elves - known as the Lady - is dead, murdered by former elves twisted by dark powers. Now the Lady's half-elfen grandson must heal the mistrust between elf and human before their enemies strike again. Yet as he struggles to make ready for an attack, an even greater threat looms across the Eight Kingdoms.

Throughout the north, magic is reappearing after centuries of absence, emerging without warning in family after family - rich and poor alike. In some areas, the religious strictures against magery remain in place, and fanatical followers are stamping out magery by killing whoever displays the merest sign of it - even children. And as unrest spreads, one very determined traitor works to undo any effort at peace - no matter how many lives it costs. With the future hanging in the balance, it is only the dedication of a few resolute heroes who can turn the tides . . . if they can survive.

Jamil Nasir

Tunnel Out of Death Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765306111

Heath Ransom, former police psychic turned machine-enhanced "endovoyant" private investigator, is hired to find the consciousness of the rich and comatose Margaret Biel and return it to her body. Tracking her through the etheric world, he comes upon a strange and terrifying object that appears to be a tear in the very fabric of reality. He falls into it - and into an astonishing metaphysical shadow-play.

For Margaret is a pawn in a war between secret, ruthless government agencies and a nonhuman entity known only as "Amphibian". Their battlefield is a multi-level reality unlike anything humankind has ever imagined. When Heath learns to move back and forth between two different versions of his life, and begins to realize that everyone around him may be a super-realistic android, that is only the beginning of a wholesale deconstruction of reality that threatens more than his sanity....

Larry Niven

The Golaith Stone Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765333230

Doctor Toby Glycer has effected miracle cures with the use of nanotechnology. But Glycer's controversial nanites are more than just the latest technological advance, they are a new form of life - and they have more uses than just medical. Glycer's nanites also have the potential to make everyone on Earth rich from the wealth of asteroids.

Twenty-five years ago, the Briareus mission took nanomachinery out to divert an Earth-crossing asteroid and bring it back to be mined, only to drop out of contact as soon as it reached its target. The project was shut down and the technology was forcibly suppressed.

Now, a much, much larger asteroid is on a collision course with Earth - and the Briareus nanites may be responsible. While the government scrambles to find a solution, Glycer knows that their only hope of avoiding Armageddon lies in the nanites themselves. On the run, Glycer must track down his old partner, William Connors, and find a way to make contact with their wayward children.

As every parent learns, when you produce a new thinking being, the plans it makes are not necessarily your plans. But with a two-hundred-gigaton asteroid that rivals the rock that felled the dinosaurs hurtling toward Earth, Glycer and Connors don't have time to argue. Will Glycer's nanites be Earth's salvation or destruction?

James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge

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As coordinated attacks by animals against humans increase and escalate, young biologist Jackson Oz and ecologist Chloe Tousignant warn world leaders that soon there will be nowhere left for humans.

Brett Patton

Mecha Rogue Armor Wars 02 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451464903

When you don't know which side to trust, go rogue. Matt Lowell is the hottest new recruit in the Universal Union's select group of pilots. Their job - control the supremely powerful biochemical robotic avatars known as Mecha. Now, the Prime of Universal Union herself has offered him an unprecedented opportunity: return to Earth to train a new elite force for a covert mission that's imperative to the future of the Union.

When he and his team embark on their mission - on a border world that may be a target for the anarchical Corsairs - Matt finds that everything is not as it seems. The world is home to a dark secret that underlies the very foundation of the Union itself, and suddenly Matt doesn't know which side he and his mighty Mecha should be fighting for - or against.

Nicole Peeler Australian Author

Tempest Reborn Jane True 06 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780316128100

Defying The Powers That Be to save her lover, Jane and her band of misfits embark on a dangerous adventure, armed with lots of snacks, which will require a great sacrifice in order to receive a great reward.

Cherie Priest

The Inexplicables Clockwork Century 05 Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765329479

Rector "Wreck'em" Sherman was orphaned as a toddler in the Blight of 1863, but that was years ago. Wreck has grown up, and on his eighteenth birthday, he'll be cast out of the orphanage. And Wreck's problems aren't merely about finding a home. He's been quietly breaking the cardinal rule of any good drug dealer and dipping into his own supply of the sap he sells. He's also pretty sure he's being haunted by the ghost of a kid he used to know - Zeke Wilkes, who almost certainly died six months ago. Zeke would have every reason to pester Wreck, since Wreck got him inside the walled city of Seattle in the first place, and that was probably what killed him. Maybe it's only a guilty conscience, but Wreck can't take it anymore, so he sneaks over the wall.

The walled-off wasteland of Seattle is every bit as bad as he'd heard, chock-full of the hungry undead and utterly choked by the poisonous, inescapable yellow gas. And then there's the monster. Rector's pretty certain that whatever attacked him was not at all human - and not a rotter, either. Arms far too long. Posture all strange. Eyes all wild and faintly glowing gold and known to the locals as simply "The Inexplicables."

In the process of tracking down these creatures, Rector comes across another incursion through the wall - just as bizarre but entirely attributable to human greed. It seems some outsiders have decided there's gold to be found in the city and they're willing to do whatever it takes to get a piece of the pie unless Rector and his posse have anything to do with it.

Bee Ridgway

River of No Return Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780525953869

In Bee Ridgway's wonderfully imaginative debut novel, a man and a woman travel through time in a quest to bring down a secret society that controls the past and, thus, the future.

"You are now a member of the Guild. There is no return." Two hundred years after he was about to die on a Napoleonic battlefield, Nick Falcott, soldier and aristocrat, wakes up in a hospital bed in modern London. The Guild, an entity that controls time travel, showers him with life's advantages. But Nick yearns for home and for one brown-eyed girl, lost now down the centuries. Then the Guild asks him to break its own rule. It needs Nick to go back to 1815 to fight the Guild's enemies and to find something called the Talisman.

In 1815, Julia Percy mourns the death of her beloved grandfather, an earl who could play with time. On his deathbed he whispers in her ear: "Pretend!" Pretend what? When Nick returns home as if from the dead, older than he should be and battle scarred, Julia begins to suspect that her very life depends upon the secrets Grandfather never told her. Soon enough Julia and Nick are caught up in an adventure that stretches up and down the river of time. As their knowledge of the Guild and their feelings for each other grow, the fate of the future itself is hanging in the balance.

Gregg Rosenblum

Revolution 19 Hardcover \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062125958

At first we called it system-wide malfunctions when the robots stopped fighting at exactly 2:15PM Greenwich Mean Time, August 17, 2071. They had been designed by humans to fight our wars, but for twenty-two hours the battlefields were silent. We called it a miracle and the beginning of a new peace. Then when the bots began killing again, now targeting their human commanders, we shook our heads and called it fatal programming errors. When, a day later, the skies over cities on six continents grew dark with warships, we began to understand. And when the bombs rained down and then legions of bot footsoldiers marched into the burning ruins, killing any humans who resisted and dragging away the rest of us, we finally called it what it was: Revolution.

Kevin, Nick, and Cass lived with their parents in a secret human community outside the bounds of robot-controlled society, until the day their presence was detected and the entire village was wiped out. Now, the three siblings are determined to discover whether there are any survivors who were taken prisoner by the machines. To do so they must venture into the heart of the robots city, where humans live under the regimented command of the machines, and where one misstep could be their last.

Created in conjunction with Alloy and award-winning writer/directors Howard Gordon and James Wong, REVOLUTION 19 is an action-filled epic...and an entertaining and cinematic thriller unlike anything else.

Deborah J Ross

The Seven-Petaled Shield Seven-Petaled Shield 01 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780756406219

Eons ago, a great king used a magical device -the Seven-Petaled Shield - to defeat the forces of primal chaos, but now few remember that secret knowledge. When an ambitious emperor conquers the city that safeguards the Shield, the newly-widowed young Queen, guardian of the heart-stone of the Shield, flees for her life, along with her adolescent son. As one land after another falls to the empire, they become separated and her son fears the emperor has executed his mother. Consumed with grief and vengeance, he transforms himself into the agent of chaos, a ravaging destroyer who threatens all the living world. The only ones standing in the way of annihilation are the mother he thinks is dead, a dispossessed enemy prince, a demented prophet, and the nomadic horsewoman whose love alone can heal the heart of the heir to the magical Shield.

Lilith Saintcrow

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Emma Bannon, Sorceress Prime in service to Queen Victrix, has a mission--to find the doctor who has created a powerful new weapon--and her friend, the mentath Archibald Clare, is only too happy to help.

John Scalzi

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Following the events of *The Last Colony*, John Scalzi tells the story of the fight to maintain the unity of the human race.

The people of Earth now know that the human Colonial Union has kept them ignorant of the dangerous universe around them. For generations the CU had defended humanity against hostile aliens, deliberately keeping Earth an ignorant backwater and a source of military recruits. Now the CU's secrets are known to all. Other alien races have come on the scene and formed a new alliance - an alliance against the Colonial Union. And they've invited the people of Earth to join them. For a shaken and betrayed Earth, the choice isn't obvious or easy.

Against such possibilities, managing the survival of the Colonial Union won't be easy, either. It will take diplomatic finesse, political cunning, and a brilliant "B Team", centered on the resourceful Lieutenant Harry Wilson, that can be deployed to deal with the unpredictable and unexpected things the universe throws at you when you're struggling to preserve the unity of the human race.

Simon Scarrow

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In *The Gladiator*, Macro and Cato are returning to Rome from a harrowing campaign against the Parthians when their transport ship is almost capsized by a freak tidal wave. They barely make it to the port of Matala in Crete where they are stunned to find a devastated town. An earthquake has struck the island, destroying its cities and killing thousands. In the chaotic aftermath, large bands of the island's slaves begin to revolt and local bandits, taking advantage of the slave rebellion, urge the Cretans to overthrow the Roman administration. With many of the island's troops either killed or wounded during the earthquake, the governor of the province calls on Macro and Cato for help. Can they move swiftly enough to counter the rebellion before it sweeps the Romans from the island?

A master of his craft, Simon Scarrow combines stunning historical detail with riveting battles and rich characters to bring the Roman Empire to life as never before.

Ken Scholes

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Who is the Crimson Empress, and what does her conquest of the Named Lands really mean? Who holds the keys to the Moon Wizard's Tower?

The plots within plots are expanding as the characters seek their way out of the maze of intrigue. The world is expanding as they discover lands beyond their previous carefully controlled knowledge. Hidden truths reveal even deeper truths, and nothing is as it seemed to be.

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A new adult novel from Michael Scott and Colette Freedman...

The Hallows. Ancient artifacts imbued with a primal and deadly power. But are they protectors of this world, or the keys to its destruction?

A gruesome murder in London reveals a sinister plot to uncover a two-thousand-year-old secret.

For decades, the Keepers guarded these Hallows, keeping them safe and hidden and apart from each other. But now the Keepers are being brutally murdered, their prizes stolen, the ancient objects bathed in their blood.

Now, only a few remain.

With her dying breath, one of the Keepers convinces Sarah Miller, a practical stranger, to deliver her Hallow - a broken sword with devastating powers - to her American nephew, Owen.

The duo quickly become suspects in a series of murders as they are chased by both the police and the sadistic Dark Man and his nubile mistress.

As Sarah and Owen search for the surviving Keepers, they unravel the deadly secret the Keepers were charged to protect. The mystery leads Sarah and Owen on a cat-and-mouse chase through England and Wales, and history itself, as they discover that the sword may be the only thing standing between the world and a horror beyond imagining.

Wen Spencer

Eight Million Gods 01 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451638981

First entry in a new urban fantasy saga by the creator of the popular Tinker contemporary fantasy/SF series. A young American expat writer in Japan suffering from OCD tries to figure out if she is crazy or not while solving a murder that may be part of a war among Japanese deities.

A contemporary fantasy of mystery and death as American expats battle Japanese gods and monsters to retrieve an ancient artifact that can destroy the world.

On Saturday afternoon, Nikki Delany thought, "George Wilson, in the kitchen, with a blender." By dinner, she had killed George and posted his gory murder to her blog. The next day, she put on her mourning clothes and went out to meet her best friend for lunch to discuss finding a replacement for her love interest.

Nikki is a horror novelist. Her choice of career is dictated by an Obsessive Compulsive Disorder that forces her to write stories of death and destruction. She can't control it, doesn't understand it, but can use it to make money anywhere in the world. Currently "anywhere" is in Japan, hiding from her mother who sees Nikki's OCD as proof she's mentally unstable. Nikki's fragile peace starts to fall apart when the police arrest her for the murder of an American expatriate. Someone killed him with a blender.

Reality starts to unravel around Nikki. She's attacked by a raccoon in a business suit. After a series of blackouts, she's accompanied by a boy that no one else can see, a boy who claims to be a god. Is she really being pursued by Japanese myths - or is she simply going insane?

What Nikki does know for sure is that the bodies are piling up, her mother has arrived in Japan to lock her up for the rest of her life -and her novels always end with everyone dead.

Ryk Spoor

Phoenix Rising 01 Trade Paperback \$24.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781451638417

A breakout new fantasy epic filled with strong world-building, engaging characters, and wondrous adventure.

Kyri: a highborn young woman whose life is shattered by the murder of her kin. But even as Kyri flees her beloved land Evanwyl, she knows that she is her family's only hope for justice, and Evanwyl's only chance to escape a growing shadow of corruption and destruction.

Now Kyri must venture across Zarathan, a world on the brink of a long foretold Chaos War. It is a struggle that will rend the foundations of existence and may usher in a long age of darkness - that is, if Kyri and her companions do not succeed in holding back the tide of evil that is rising. Those companions include valiant swordsman Tobimar Silverun, Prince of Skysand, exiled on the turn of a card and a prophecy, who is now seeking his people's lost homeland; and Poplock Duckweed, an unlikely hero whose diminutive size is as much weapon as it is a weakness.

Kyri's quest is as simple as it is profound: find a legendary, ancient weapon smith, take up the sword and armor of a new order of warrior-defenders, and bring the power of justice and vengeance to the evil and corruption that has darkened her native land.

S M Stirling

Shadows of Falling Night Shadowspawn 03 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451464514

Near-purebred home nocturnus Adrian Breze and his human mate, Ellen, thought they had dealt with his twin sister, Adrienne. In fact, they thought she was dead. But she survived and now leads a faction of the Shadowspawn--the ancient, shape-shifting, blood-drinking breed who secretly control the world--that wants to leave just enough of the human race alive to satisfy their hunger and serve their needs. She has nothing but hatred and contempt for her brother, who remains on the side of humanity, fighting with the Brotherhood against the Shadowspawn. To defeat him, she has suborned his mentor--the greatest warrior of the Brotherhood. The man thinks he's bringing a weapon to the Council of Shadows that will wipe out the Shadowspawn's leaders. In truth, his actions will make Adrienne demon-goddess of the world...unless Adrian and Ellen can turn him back in time.

K J Taylor Australian Author

The Shadowed Throne Risen Sun 02 Trade Paperback \$29.99 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780732294236

Laela the half-breed raised in the South is now the Queen of the North. The seemingly invincible King Arenadd Taranisaii and his partner, the dark griffin Skandar, are missing. The Northerners blame Laela for Arenadd's disappearance, but she knows the truth. With only her griffin partner Oeka to help her rule, Laela struggles to maintain power and tensions mount with Arenadd's cousin, Saeddryn, who believes she is the rightful ruler. Laela is forced into a desperate fight to stay queen as the entire North is plunged into a brutal civil war. To win, she will need the help of her new friend, the odd shapeshifter Kullervo, and a surprising griffin ally from the past. But the true test of Laela's strength will come when the deadly Shadow that Walks returns.

Ian Tregillis

Necessary Evil Milkweed 03 Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780765321527

12 May 1940. Westminster, London, England: the early days of World War II. Again. Raybould Marsh, one of "our" Britain's best spies, has travelled to another Earth in a desperate attempt to save at least one timeline from the Cthulhu-like monsters who have been observing our species from space and have already destroyed Marsh's timeline. In order to accomplish this, he must remove all traces of the supermen that were created by the Nazi war machine and caused the specters from outer space to notice our planet in the first place. His biggest challenge is the mad seer Greta, one of the most powerful of the Nazi creations, who has sent a version of herself to this timeline to thwart Marsh. Why would she stand in his way? Because she has seen that in all the timelines she dies and she is determined to stop that from happening, even if it means destroying most of humanity in the process. And Marsh is the only man who can stop her. Necessary Evil is the stunning conclusion to Ian Tregillis's Milkweed series,

Lynn Viehl

Nightbound Lords of the Darkyn 03 A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780451239815

Beumaris of York has many secrets. No human can know that he's an immortal Darkyn assigned to Knight's Realm, the Kyn stronghold disguised as a medieval theme park. And none of his brethren can discover that he's a half-breed, rescued from slavery as a child. Lately Beau has been yearning for action - and he's about to find it with his new mission.

Brilliant archaeologist Dr. Alys Stuart is infamous for her extraordinary theories - especially those concerning the mysterious Knights Templar - and she is unaware that her research is funded by the Kyn coffers. When the Kyn sends a vexingly good-looking man to assist - and protect - her, she doesn't expect the surge of attraction she feels for him.

When a powerful Templar artifact surfaces, Alys and Beau must trust each other enough to stop mankind's greed for immortality from sparking a war between mortals and Kyn that will destroy the world.

David Weber

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Helene Wecker

The Golem and the Jinni Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062110831

In *The Golem and the Jinni*, a chance meeting between mythical beings takes readers on a dazzling journey through cultures in turn-of-the-century New York.

Chava is a golem, a creature made of clay, brought to life to by a disgraced rabbi who dabbles in dark Kabbalistic magic and dies at sea on the voyage from Poland. Chava is unmoored and adrift as the ship arrives in New York harbor in 1899.

Ahmad is a jinni, a being of fire born in the ancient Syrian desert, trapped in an old copper flask, and released in New York City, though still not entirely free

Ahmad and Chava become unlikely friends and soul mates with a mystical connection. Marvelous and compulsively readable, Helene Wecker's debut novel *The Golem and the Jinni* weaves strands of Yiddish and Middle Eastern literature, historical fiction and magical fable, into a wondrously inventive and unforgettable tale.

Michelle Sagara West

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Recently-deceased teen Nathan awakens to discover he is present in the world, but unable to interact with anything around him until he meets his girlfriend by his own graveside.

S M Wheller

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The unhappy child of two powerful parents who despise each other, young Lilly turns to the ocean to find solace, which she finds in the form of the eloquent and intelligent sea monster Octavius, a kraken. In Octavius's many arms, Lilly learns of friendship, loyalty, and family. When Octavius, forbidden by Lilly to harm humans, is captured by seafaring traders and sold to a circus, Lilly becomes his only hope for salvation. Desperate to find him, she strikes a bargain with a witch that carries a shocking price.

Her journey to win Octavius's freedom is difficult. The circus master wants a Coat of Illusions; the Coat tailor wants her undead husband back from a witch; the witch wants her skin back from two bandits; the bandits just want some company, but they might kill her first. Lilly's quest tests her resolve, tries her patience, and leaves her transformed in every way.

A powerfully written debut from a young fantasy author, *Sea Change* is an exhilarating tale of adventure, resilience, and selflessness in the name of friendship.

Mary Wine

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Airship Captain Bion Donkova has devoted his life to enhancing his navigational powers. When he discovers Sophia Stevenson has inadvertently received the gift of every captain's dreams - the rare and powerful root crystal - he is just about ready to throw her overboard. Sophia's not so enchanted with her newfound powers - especially when she becomes the target of a corrupt airship deadset on using her powers for evil. When Sophia goes missing, Captain Bion drops his grudge and thunders to her rescue. Once the two are free of danger, it doesn't take long before old grudges return, tempers flare, and red-hot passion ignites.

Rick Yancey

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Now, it's the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them. The beings who only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see. Who have scattered Earth's last survivors. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan Walker. Beguiling and mysterious, Evan Walker may be Cassie's only hope for rescuing her brother--or even saving herself. But Cassie must choose: between trust and despair, between defiance and surrender, between life and death. To give up or to get up.

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Ken MacLeod

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In the last years of the Forerunner empire, chaos rules. The Flood--a horrifying shape-changing parasite--has arrived in force, aided by unexpected allies. Internal strife within the ecumene has desperately weakened Forerunner defenses. Too little, too late, the legal rate of Juridicals is only now investigating possible crimes by the Master Builder and others. Evidence-gathering agents known collectively as Catalog have been dispatched to collect testimony from the Librarian and both Didacts: the Ur-Didact, treacherously abandoned in a Flood-infested system, and the Bornstellar Didact, who accompanies the Librarian as she preserves specimens against the dire possibility of Halo extermination. Facing the imminent collapse of their civilization, the Librarian and the Ur-Didact reveal what they know about the relationship between the long-vanished Precursors and the Flood. The Precursors created many technological species, including humanity and the Forerunners. But the roots of the Flood may be found in an act of enormous barbarity, carried out beyond our galaxy ten million years before...Because of that barbarism, a greater evil looms. Only the Ur-Didact and the Librarian--husband and wife pushed into desperate conflict--hold the keys to a solution. Facing the consequences of a mythic tragedy, one of them must now commit the greatest atrocity of all time--to prevent an insane evil from dominating the entire universe.

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Kitai Raige has always wanted to prove that he has what it takes to live up to his illustrious name. Now, all too soon, he gets his chance. With his father's life on the line, Kitai must venture out into the strange, hostile terrain of a new world that seems eerily familiar: Earth.

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After their exodus from Earth, the last humans settled a remote planet: Nova Prime.

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The official miscellany, celebrating 50 years of Doctor Who.

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Where is the Doctor? The time travelling Time Lord could be anywhere in time and space in these incredibly detailed intergalactic images. Search through the Cybermen, dig through the Daleks and ogle the Ood to find the Doctor and his friends! Doctor Who returns to BBC One with a new series in Autumn 2012 and Spring 2013, building up to the show's 50th anniversary in November 2013.

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Justin Richards

When the Doctor arrives in the 19th-century village of Klimtenburg, he discovers the residents suffering from some kind of plague - a 'wasting disease'. The victims face a horrible death - but what's worse, the dead seem to be leaving their graves. The Plague Warriors have returned.

The Doctor is confident he knows what's really happening; he understands where the dead go, and he's sure the Plague Warriors are just a myth. But as some of the Doctor's oldest and most terrible enemies start to awaken he realises that maybe - just maybe - he's misjudged the situation.

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Nicholas Briggs

Sunlight 349 is one of countless Dalek Foundation worlds, planets created to house billions suffering from economic hardship. The Doctor arrives at Sunlight 349, suspicious of any world where the Daleks are apparently a force for good - and determined to find out the truth. The Doctor knows they have a far more sinister plan - but how can he convince those who have lived under the benevolence of the Daleks for a generation? But convince them he must, and soon. For on another Foundation planet, archaeologists have unearthed the most dangerous technology in the universe...

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It is the day after John F. Kennedy's assassination and the faces of the dead are everywhere. PC Reg Cranfield sees his deceased father in the mists along Totter's Lane. Reporter Mae Callon sees her late grandmother in a coffee stain on her desk. FBI Special Agent Warren Skeet finds his long-dead partner staring back at him from raindrops on a window pane. Then the faces begin to talk, and scream... and push through into our world. As the alien Shroud begins to feast on the grief of a world in mourning, can the Doctor dig deep enough into his own sorrow to save mankind?

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The world is on the brink of crisis. As fuel runs short, society begins to break down. One man seems to have the answer. But is it too good to be true?

The Doctor arrives at an old oil refinery near the South Pole, concerned by claims about this new form of energy. He soon discovers something huge and terrifying is stalking the refinery. It brings death and destruction in its wake.

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Alastair Reynolds

One of science fiction's most acclaimed authors delivers a spectacular original novel in the Doctor Who universe featuring the Third Doctor, as played by Jon Pertwee.

Game of Thrones: Song of Ice and Fire

Feast of Ice and Fire: The Official Companion Cookbook Hardcover \$49.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345534491

George R R Martin (Introduction by), Chelsea Monroe-Cassel & Sariann Lehrer

Ever wonder what it's like to attend a feast at Winterfell? Wish you could split a lemon cake with Sansa Stark, scarf down a pork pie with the Night's Watch, or indulge in honeyfingers with Daenerys Targaryen? George R. R. Martin's bestselling saga *A Song of Ice and Fire* and the runaway hit HBO series *Game of Thrones* are renowned for bringing Westeros's sights and sounds to vivid life. But one important ingredient has always been missing: the mouthwatering dishes that form the backdrop of this extraordinary world. Now, fresh out of the series that redefined fantasy, comes the cookbook that may just redefine dinner . . . and lunch, and breakfast.

A passion project from superfans and amateur chefs Chelsea Monroe-Cassel and Sariann Lehrer - and endorsed by George R. R. Martin himself - *A Feast of Ice and Fire* lovingly replicates a stunning range of cuisines from across the Seven Kingdoms and beyond. From the sumptuous delicacies enjoyed in the halls of power at King's Landing, to the warm and smoky comfort foods of the frozen North, to the rich, exotic fare of the mysterious lands east of Westeros, there's a flavor for every palate, and a treat for every chef.

These easy-to-follow recipes have been refined for modern cooking techniques, but adventurous eaters can also attempt the authentic medieval meals that inspired them. The authors have also suggested substitutions for some of the more fantastical ingredients, so you won't have to stock your kitchen with camel, live doves, or dragon eggs to create meals fit for a king (or a khaleesi). In all, *A Feast of Ice and Fire* contains more than 100 recipes, divided by region:

The Wall: Rack of Lamb and Herbs; Pork Pie; Mutton in Onion-Ale Broth; Mulled Wine; Pease Porridge

The North: Beef and Bacon Pie; Honeyed Chicken; Aurochs with Roasted Leeks; Baked Apples

The South: Cream Swans; Trout Wrapped in Bacon; Stewed Rabbit; Sister's Stew; Blueberry Tarts

King's Landing: Lemon Cakes; Quails Drowned in Butter; Almond Crusted Trout; Bowls of Brown; Iced Milk with Honey

Dorne: Stuffed Grape Leaves; Duck with Lemons; Chickpea Paste

Across the Narrow Sea: Biscuits and Bacon; Tyroshi Honeyfingers; Wintercakes; Honey-Spiced Locusts

There's even a guide to dining and entertaining in the style of the Seven Kingdoms. Exhaustively researched and reverently detailed, accompanied by passages from all five books in the series and full-color photographs guaranteed to whet your appetite, this is the companion to the blockbuster phenomenon that millions of stomachs have been growling for. And remember, winter is coming, so don't be afraid to put on a few pounds.

Includes a Foreword by George R. R. Martin

Superman

Man of Steel A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781781165997

Greg Cox

Superman is back - the official movie novelization!

The film, from director Zack Snyder, stars Henry Cavill (*The Tudors*) as Superman/Clark Kent, three-time Oscar nominee Amy Adams (*The Fighter*) as Daily Planet journalist Lois Lane, and Oscar nominee Laurence Fishburne (*What's Love Got to Do with It*) as her editor-in-chief, Perry White. Starring as Clark Kent's adoptive parents, Martha and Jonathan Kent, are Oscar® nominee Diane Lane (*Unfaithful*) and Academy Award® winner Kevin Costner (*Dances with Wolves*).

Squaring off against the superhero are two other surviving Kryptonians, the villainous General Zod, played by Oscar® nominee Michael Shannon (*Revolutionary Road*), and Faora, Zod's evil partner, played by Antje Traue. Also from Superman's native Krypton are Lara Lor-Van, Superman's mother, played by Ayelet Zurer, and Superman's father, Jor-El, portrayed by Academy Award® winner Russell Crowe (*Gladiator*).

Star Trek

Star Trek Into Darkness Trade Paperback \$19.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476716480

Alan Dean Foster

Months after the dramatic events seen in the 2009 blockbuster film *Star Trek*, the crew of the U.S.S. *Enterprise* - including Captain James T. Kirk, First Officer Spock, Doctor Leonard McCoy, Lieutenant Nyota Uhura, Chief Engineer Montgomery Scott, Lieutenant Hikaru Sulu, and Ensign Pavel Chekov - is called back home. But an unstoppable force of terror from within their own organization has declared all-out war on Starfleet and everything it stands for, leaving Earth in a state of crisis. Now with a personal score to settle as a result, Kirk must lead a covert manhunt to a war-zone world to capture a one-man weapon of mass destruction. As these valiant heroes are propelled into an epic chess game of life and death, love will be challenged, friendships will be torn apart, and sacrifices must be made for the only family Captain Kirk has left: his crew.

The Folded World (Original Series) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476702827

Jeff Mariotte

An original novel set in the universe of *Star Trek: The Original Series*!

En route to a diplomatic mission, the *Enterprise* receives a distress call from the USS *McRaven*. As the *Enterprise* approaches the area where the *McRaven* appears to be, the crew encounters an anomaly unlike anything they've ever experienced. Space itself seems inconsistent - warping, changing appearance. But during the brief periods of calm, they locate the *McRaven* - along with other ships of various origins, all tightly surrounding and being held in place by an enormous unidentified vessel....

The Shocks of Adversity (Original Series) A Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781476722405

William Leisner

Located far beyond the boundaries of explored space, the Goeg Domain is a political union of dozens of planets and races. When the U.S.S. *Enterprise* arrives in its territory to investigate an interstellar phenomenon, Commander Laspas of the Domain Defense Corps is at first guarded, then fascinated to discover the existence of an alliance of worlds much like his own, and finds a kindred spirit in Captain James T. Kirk. And when the *Enterprise* is attacked by the Domain's enemies, crippling the starship's warp capability and leaving its crew facing the prospect of a slow, months-long journey home, the Goeg leader volunteers the help of his own ship, offering to combine the resources of both vessels to bring the *Enterprise* to a nearby Domain facility to make the necessary repairs.

But what at first seems to be an act of peace and friendship soon turns out to be a devil's bargain, as Kirk and the *Enterprise* crew learn that there are perhaps more differences than similarities between the Federation and the Domain. When the Goeg's adversaries strike again, the *Enterprise* is drawn deeper and inexorably into the conflict, and Kirk begins to realize that they may have allied themselves with the wrong side....

Star Wars

Into the Void (Dawn of the Jedi) Hardcover \$34.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780345541932

Tim Lebbon

On the planet Tython, the ancient Jedi order was founded. And at the feet of its wise Masters, Lanoree Brock learned the mysteries and methods of the Force and found her calling as one of its most powerful disciples. But as strongly as the Force flowed within Lanoree and her parents, it remained absent in her brother, who grew to despise and shun the Jedi, and whose training in its ancient ways ended in tragedy.

Now, from her solitary life as a Ranger keeping order across the galaxy, Lanoree has been summoned by the Jedi Council on a matter of utmost urgency. The leader of a fanatical cult, obsessed with traveling beyond the reaches of known space, is bent on opening a cosmic gateway using dreaded dark matter as the key risking a cataclysmic reaction that will consume the entire star system. But more shocking to Lanoree than even the prospect of total galactic annihilation, is the decision of her Jedi Masters to task her with the mission of preventing it. Until a staggering revelation makes clear why she was chosen: The brilliant, dangerous madman she must track down and stop at any cost is the brother whose death she has long grieved and whose life she must now fear.

Includes a special, full-color excerpt from the Dark Horse comic *Star Wars: Dawn of the Jedi* and an original *Dawn of the Jedi* short story by John Ostrander!

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Christie Golden

The toppling of ruthless Natasi Daala has left a political vacuum on Coruscant and ignited a power struggle between opposing factions racing to claim control of the Galactic Alliance. Surrounded by hidden agendas, treacherous conspiracies, and covert Sith agents, the Jedi Order must keep the government from collapsing into anarchy - while facing the combined threats of the resurgent Lost Sith Tribe, a deposed dictator bent on vengeance, and the enduring menace of Abeloth, the profoundly evil entity hungry to become a god.

Walking Dead

The Road to Woodbury (Walking Dead 02) Trade Paperback \$22.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781250028884

Jay R Bonansinga & Robert Kirkman

The zombie plague unleashes its horrors on the suburbs of Atlanta without warning, pitting the living against the dead. Caught in the mass exodus, Lilly Caul struggles to survive in a series of ragtag encampments and improvised shelters. But the Walkers are multiplying. Dogged by their feral hunger for flesh and crippled by fear, Lilly relies on the protection of good Samaritans by seeking refuge in a walled-in town once known as Woodbury, Georgia.

At first, Woodbury seems like a perfect sanctuary. Squatters barter services for food, people have roofs over their heads, and the barricade expands, growing stronger every day. Best of all, a mysterious self-proclaimed leader named Philip Blake keeps the citizens in line. But Lilly begins to suspect that all is not as it seems. . . . Blake, who has recently begun to call himself The Governor, has disturbing ideas about law and order.

Ultimately, Lilly and a band of rebels open up a Pandora's box of mayhem and destruction when they challenge The Governor's reign . . . and the road to Woodbury becomes the highway to hell in this riveting follow-up to Robert Kirkman and Jay Bonansinga's New York Times bestselling *The Walking Dead: Rise of the Governor*.

Zombie Survival Guide

World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War Paperback \$14.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780770437404

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Max Brooks

Now a major motion picture.

The *Zombie War* came unthinkable close to eradicating humanity. Max Brooks, driven by the urgency of preserving the acid-etched first-hand experiences of the survivors from those apocalyptic years, traveled across the United States of America and throughout the world, from decimated cities that once teemed with upwards of thirty million souls to the most remote and inhospitable areas of the planet. He recorded the testimony of men, women, and sometimes children who came face-to-face with the living, or at least the undead, hell of that dreadful time. *World War Z* is the result. Never before have we had access to a document that so powerfully conveys the depth of fear and horror, and also the ineradicable spirit of resistance, that gripped human society through the plague years.

Ranging from the now infamous village of New Dachang in the United Federation of China, where the epidemiological trail began with the twelve-year-old Patient Zero, to the unnamed northern forests where untold numbers sought a terrible and temporary refuge in the cold, to the United States of Southern Africa, where the Redeker Plan provided hope for humanity at an unspeakable price, to the west-of-the-Rockies redoubt where the North American tide finally started to turn, this invaluable chronicle reflects the full scope and duration of the *Zombie War*.

Most of all, the book captures with haunting immediacy the human dimension of this epochal event. Facing the often raw and vivid nature of these personal accounts requires a degree of courage on the part of the reader, but the effort is invaluable because, as Mr. Brooks says in his introduction, "By excluding the human factor, aren't we risking the kind of personal detachment from history that may, heaven forbid, lead us one day to repeat it? And in the end, isn't the human factor the only true difference between us and the enemy we now refer to as the living dead?"

Note: Some of the numerical and factual material contained in this edition was previously published under the auspices of the United Nations Postwar Commission.

Eyewitness reports from the first truly global war

"I found 'Patient Zero' behind the locked door of an abandoned apartment across town. . . . His wrists and feet were bound with plastic packing twine. Although he'd rubbed off the skin around his bonds, there was no blood. There was also no blood on his other wounds. . . . He was writhing like an animal; a gag muffled his growls. At first the villagers tried to hold me back. They warned me not to touch him, that he was 'cursed.' I shrugged them off and reached for my mask and gloves. The boy's skin was . . . cold and gray . . . I could find neither his heartbeat nor his pulse. - Dr. Kwang Jingshu, Greater Chongqing, United Federation of China

'Shock and Awe'? Perfect name. . . . But what if the enemy can't be shocked and awed? Not just won't, but biologically can't! That's what happened that day outside New York City, that's the failure that almost lost us the whole damn war. The fact that we couldn't shock and awe Zack boomeranged right back in our faces and actually allowed Zack to shock and awe us! They're not afraid! No matter what we do, no matter how many we kill, they will never, ever be afraid! - Todd Wainio, former U.S. Army infantryman and veteran of the Battle of Yonkers

Two hundred million zombies. Who can even visualize that type of number, let alone combat it? . . . For the first time in history, we faced an enemy that was actively waging total war. They had no limits of endurance. They would never negotiate, never surrender. They would fight until the very end because, unlike us, every single one of them, every second of every day, was devoted to consuming all life on Earth. - General Travis D'Ambrosia, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

Other Books

Neil Gaiman 7 Adam Rex (Illustrator)

Chu's Day Hardcover \$19.95 www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780062017819

A sniffly little panda worries that his enormous sneezes will be disruptive when his mother takes him to a dusty library and his father takes him to a diner where other customers use plenty of pepper.

Chu is a little panda with a big sneeze.

When Chu sneezes, bad things happen.

Will Chu sneeze today?

John Haywood

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What to look for in a good Viking leader

How to behave at a feast

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J R R Tolkien & Christopher Tolkien

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The Fall of Arthur, the only venture by J.R.R. Tolkien into the legends of Arthur King of Britain, may well be regarded as his finest and most skillful achievement in the use of the Old English alliterative metre, in which he brought to his transforming perceptions of the old narratives a pervasive sense of the grave and fateful nature of all that is told: of Arthur's expedition overseas into distant heathen lands, of Guinevere's flight from Camelot, of the great sea-battle on Arthur's return to Britain, in the portrait of the traitor Mordred, in the tormented doubts of Lancelot in his French castle.

Unhappily, The Fall of Arthur was one of several long narrative poems that he abandoned in that period. In this case he evidently began it in the earlier nineteen-thirties, and it was sufficiently advanced for him to send it to a very perceptive friend who read it with great enthusiasm at the end of 1934 and urgently pressed him 'You simply must finish it!' But in vain: he abandoned it, at some date unknown, though there is some evidence that it may have been in 1937, the year of the publication of The Hobbit and the first stirrings of The Lord of the Rings. Years later, in a letter of 1955, he said that 'he hoped to finish a long poem on The Fall of Arthur'; but that day never came.

Associated with the text of the poem, however, are many manuscript pages: a great quantity of drafting and experimentation in verse, in which the strange evolution of the poem's structure is revealed, together with narrative synopses and very significant if tantalising notes. In these latter can be discerned clear if mysterious associations of the Arthurian conclusion with The Silmarillion, and the bitter ending of the love of Lancelot and Guinevere, which was never written.



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